



# BW-VG500 Serials

High Precision Digital  
Dynamic Inclination Sensor

Technical Manual



## Introduction

The BW-VG500 Dynamic Inclination Sensor is a high precision inclinometer that measures the attitude parameters (roll and pitch) of the motion carrier. The attitude deviation is estimated by a 6-state Kalman filter with appropriate gain and is suitable for tilt measurement in motion or vibration.

The BW-VG500 uses high-quality and reliable MEMS accelerometers and gyroscopes, and guarantees measurement accuracy through algorithms. At the same time, the seal design and strict process ensure that the product can accurately measure the roll angle and pitch angle of the carrier under harsh environment. Through various compensations such as nonlinear compensation, quadrature compensation, temperature compensation and drift compensation, the error caused by interference can be greatly eliminated, and the product precision level can be improved. The BW-VG500 has a digital interface that can be easily integrated into the user's system.

## Features

- Nonlinear compensation, quadrature compensation
- Dynamic static measurement
- Special offset tracking algorithm eliminates the drift
- Gyro drift compensation
- RS232/RS485/TTL/CAN interface output for optional
- Operating temperature: -40°C~+85°C
- High performance Kalman filter algorithm
- Small size: L103.8 × W55.4 × H26(mm)

## Applications

- Underwater unmanned boat
- Fan tower sloshing monitoring
- Platform stability
- Large ships
- Photoelectric pod
- Unmanned driving
- Automatic artillery
- Unmanned aerial vehicle

## Specifications

### Electrical Specifications

|                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Power supply          | 9-35V DC       |
| Operating current     | 30mA (Max40mA) |
| Operating temperature | -40°C~85°C     |
| Store temperature     | -55°C~100°C    |

### Performance Specifications

|                               |                              |                                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Attitude parameter            | Dynamic accuracy             | 0.1°                             |
|                               | Static accuracy              | 0.01°                            |
|                               | Resolution                   | 0.01°                            |
|                               | Tilt range                   | Pitch ± 90°, Roll ±180°          |
| Physical characteristics      | Size                         | L103.8× W55.4× H26 (mm)          |
|                               | Weight (including cable)     | 280g                             |
|                               | Weight (including package)   | 360g                             |
| Interface characteristics     | Start delay                  | <50ms                            |
|                               | Maximum output frequency     | 100Hz                            |
|                               | Serial communication rate    | 2400 to 115200 baud rate         |
|                               | Digital output format        | Binary high performance protocol |
| MTBF                          | ≥90000 hours/time            |                                  |
| Electromagnetic compatibility | According to GBT17626        |                                  |
| Insulation resistance         | ≥100 MΩ                      |                                  |
| Impact resistance             | 2000g, 0.5ms, 3 times / axis |                                  |

**Resolution:** The measured minimum change value that the sensor can detect and resolve within the measurement range.

**Accuracy:** The error between the actual angle and the Root mean square(RMS) of the measured angle of the sensor (≥16 times).



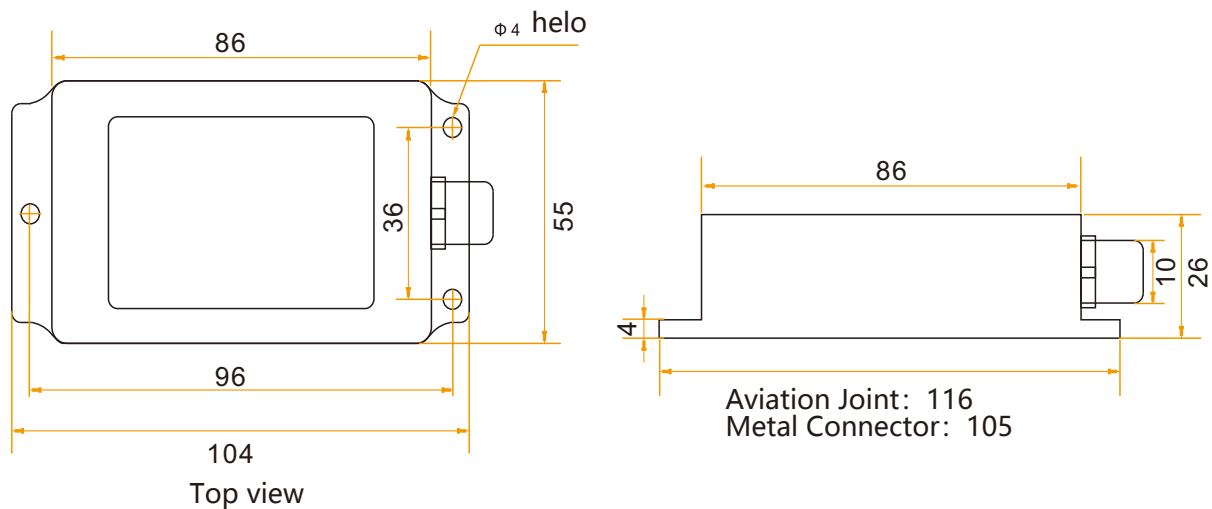
## Mechanical Characteristic

|                  |                                         |
|------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Connector        | Aviation joint (standard cable is 1.5m) |
| Protection level | IP67                                    |
| Shell material   | Magnesium alloy anodizing               |
| Installation     | Four M4 screws                          |



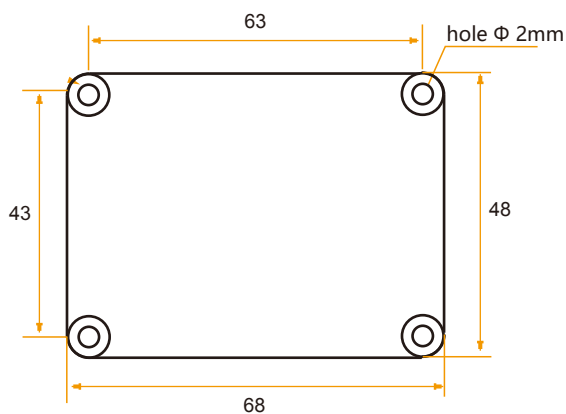
## Package size

Product Size: L103.8 × W55.4 × H26 (mm)



## Bare plate product size

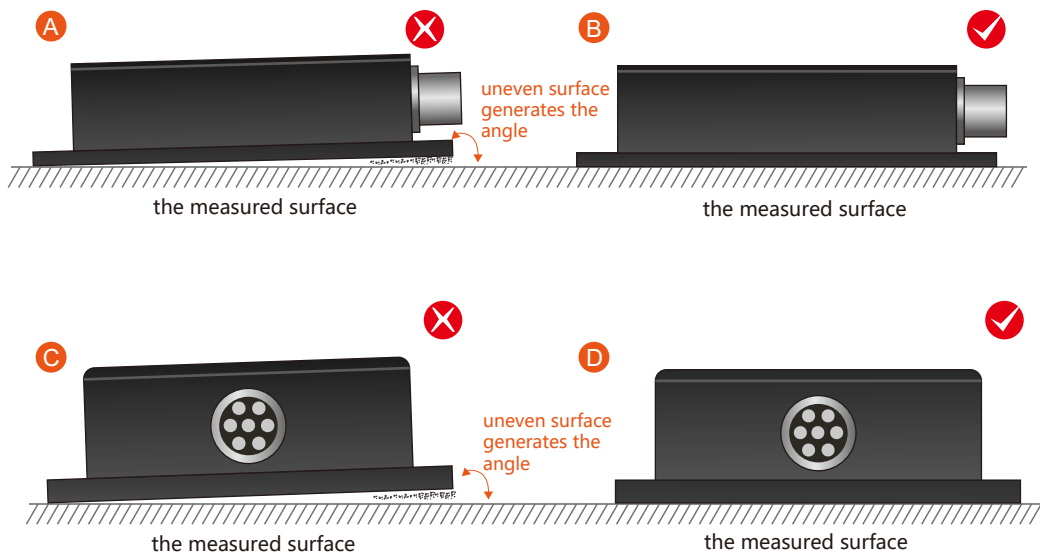
Product Size: L68\*W48\*H12 (mm) , ±1mm error for length and width dimensions, please refer to actual size



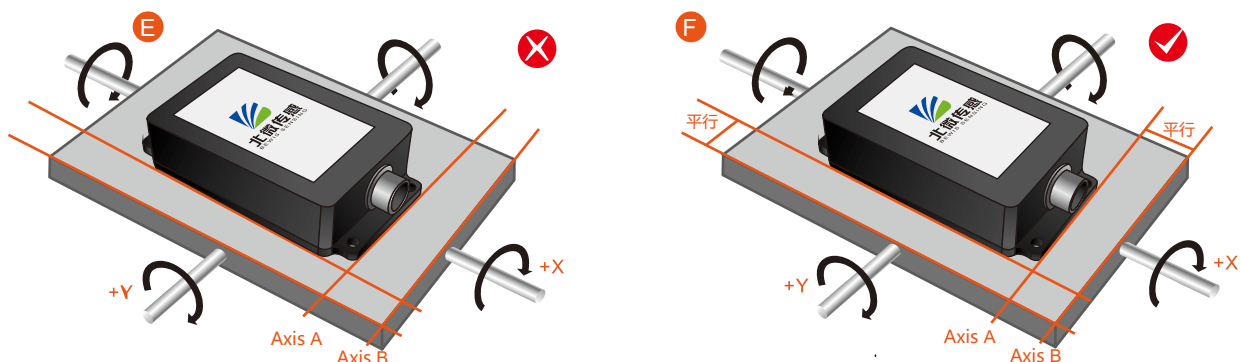
## Installation direction

The correct installation method can avoid measurement error. The following points should be made when installing the sensor:

First of all, to ensure that the sensor mounting surface and the measured surface completely close, the measured surface should be as horizontal as possible, can not have the angle shown in Figure A and Figure C, the correct installation is shown in Figure B and Figure D.



Secondly, the bottom cable of the sensor and the axis of the measured object shouldn't generate the angle shown in E. When installing, the bottom cable of the sensor should be kept parallel or orthogonal to the rotation axis of the measured object. This product can be installed horizontally or vertically (vertical installation requires customization). The correct installation method is shown in Figure F.

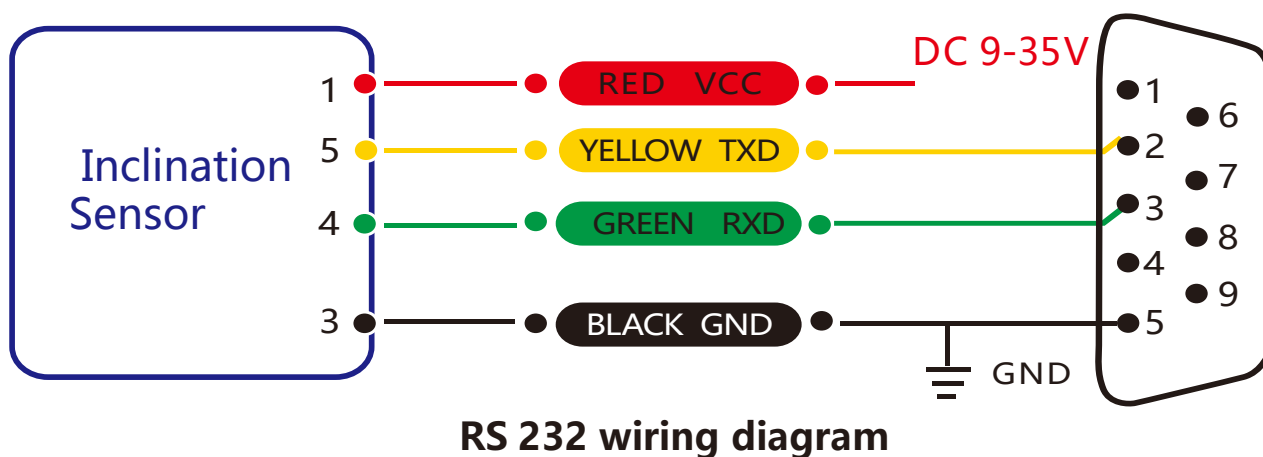
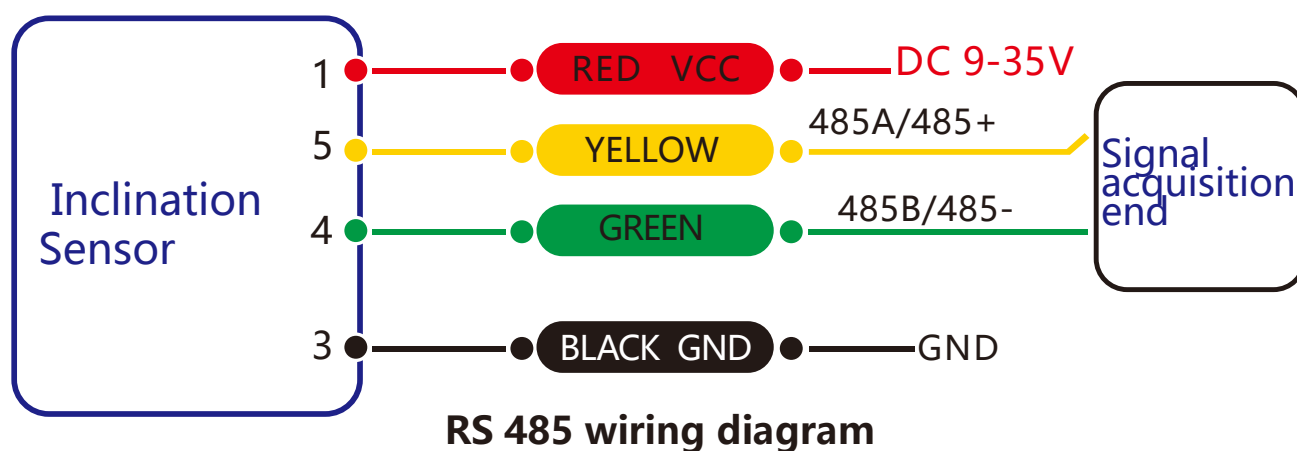


Finally, the installation surface of the sensor must be fixed with the measured surface tightly and smoothly, to avoid measurement error that may be caused by the acceleration and vibration.

## Electrical connections

### Electrical interfaces

| Cable color<br>&<br>function | RED             | BLUE | BLACK | GREEN          | YELLOW         |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------|-------|----------------|----------------|
|                              | 1               | 2    | 3     | 4              | 5              |
|                              | VCC<br>DC 9-35V | NC   | GND   | RXD<br>(B, D-) | TXD<br>(A, D+) |



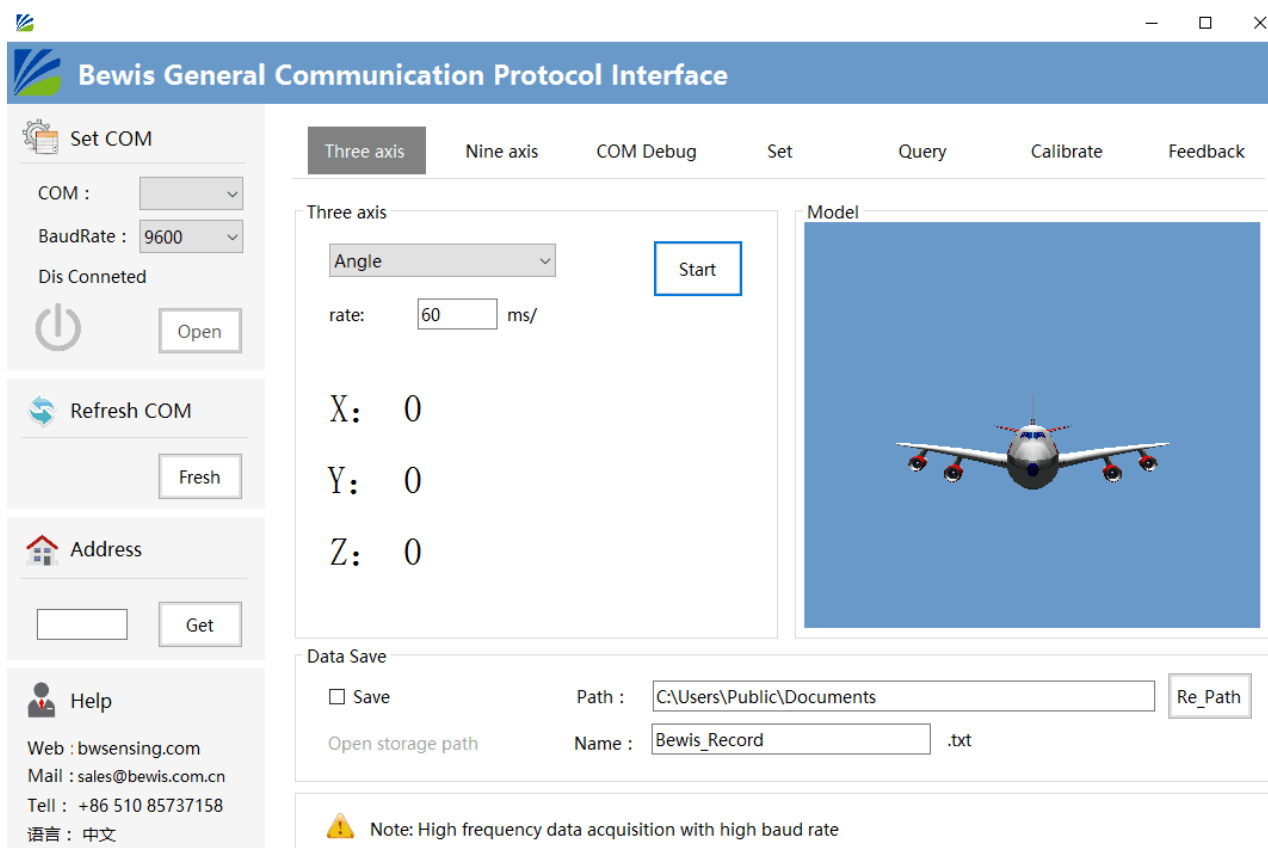
## Debug software

Users can directly download serial assistant on official website (Supports-Download). You can also use more convenient and intuitive PC software.

BW-VG500 supporting serial debugging software can be connected to the inclinometer on the computer for angle display. The software debugging interface is as shown in the figure below. Using the debug software, it can conveniently display the current X-direction tilt angle, and you can also modify and set other parameters by yourself.

### Software use steps:

- ① Connect the serial port hardware of the inclinometer correctly and connect the power supply.
- ② Select the correct device model (select azimuth series).
- ③ Select the computer serial port and baud rate and click to connect to the serial port.
- ④ Click Start and the tilt angle of the inclinometer in the X and Y directions will be displayed on the screen.



## Protocol

**1 Data Frame Format:** (8 data bits, 1 stop bit, No parity check, default baud rate 9600)

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(0byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  |                         |                         |                    |                 |                     |

**Data Format:** Hexadecimal

**Identifier:** Fixed to 77

**Frame Length:** Length from Frame Length to Checksum (included)

**Address Code:** Address of acquiring module, default 0x00

**Data:** Content and length variable according to Command

**Checksum:** Sum of Frame Length, Address Code, Command and Data. (Please pay attention that when the command or data changes, the checksum will change. )

## 2 Command Format:

**2.1 Read PITCH angle Command: 77 04 00 01 05**

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(0byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x04                    |                         | 0x01               |                 | 0x05                |

**Command response:**

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(3byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x07                    |                         | 0x81               | SXXX.YY         |                     |

**Note:**The data field is a 3-byte return angle value, which is a compressed BCD code, S is a sign bit (0 positive, 1 negative) XXX is a three-digit integer value, and YY is a two-digit decimal value. The other axis data is the same. For example, 102770 means -27.70 degrees.

**2.2 Read ROLL angle Command: 77 04 00 02 06**

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(0byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x04                    |                         | 0x02               |                 | 0x06                |

**Command response:**

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(3byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x07                    |                         | 0x82               | SXXX.YY         |                     |

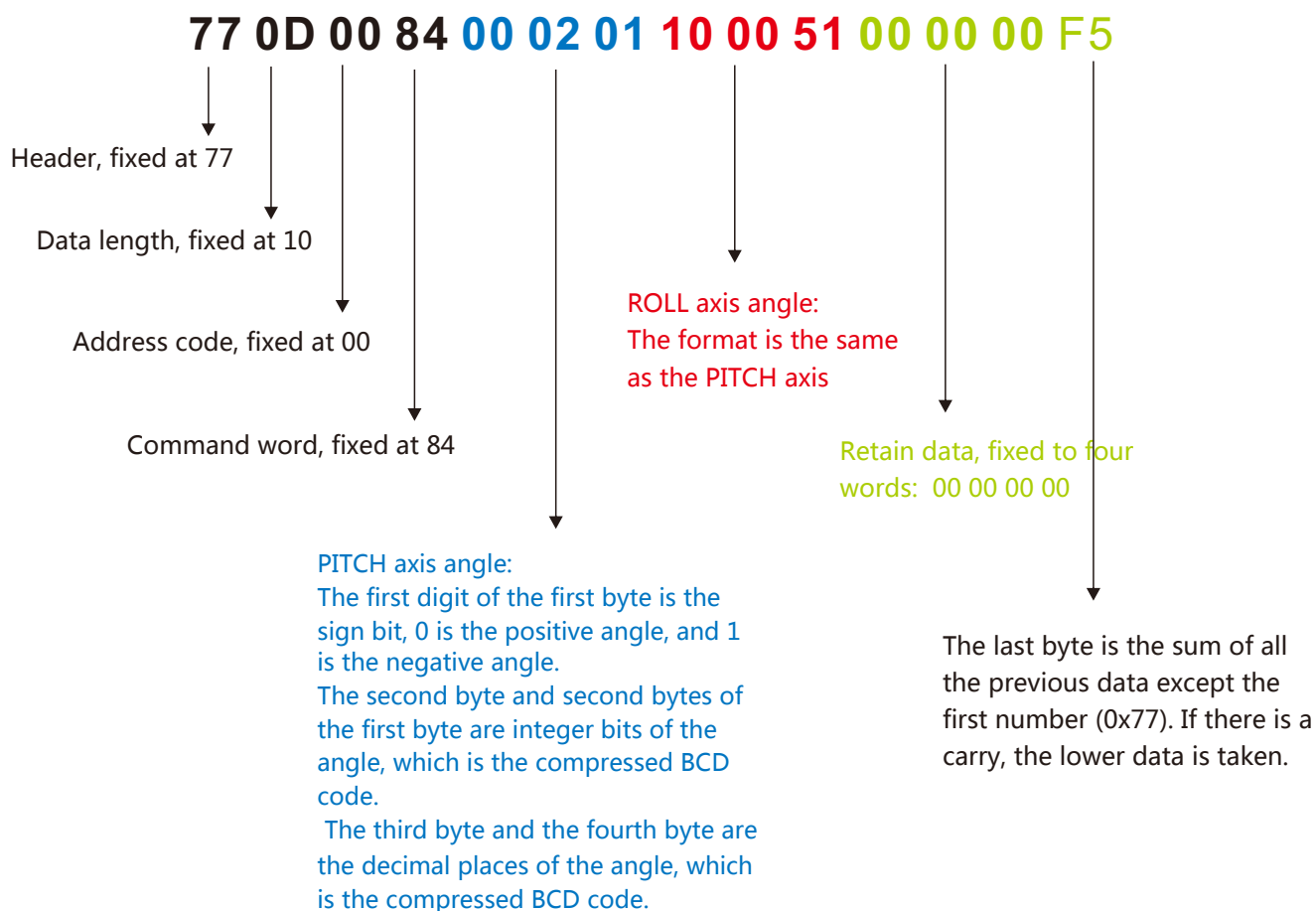
### 2.3 Read Heading azimuth angle Command: 77 04 00 04 08

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (0byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x04                 |                      | 0x04            |              |                  |

#### Command response:

| Identifier (1byte) | Frame Length (1byte) | Address Code (1byte) | Command (1byte) | Data (3byte) | Checksum (1byte) |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|
| 0x77               | 0x0D                 |                      | 0x84            | 3 SXXX.YY    |                  |

**PITCH: +2.01°, ROLL: -0.51°**



## 2.4 Set baud rate

Command: 77 05 00 0B 02 12(Set the baud rate to 9600)

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x05                    |                         | 0x0B               | XX              |                     |

### Command response:

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x05                    |                         | x8B                |                 |                     |

**Note:** 00:2400,01:4800,02:9600,03:19200,04:115200,05:38400,6:57600. If the baud rate is set to 19200, Each time the communication baud rate is changed successfully, the response command is sent back at the original baud rate, and then the device communication baud rate is immediately changed.

Note: If high frequency output is required, set the baud rate to 115200.

## 2.5 Set address

Command: 77 05 00 0F 01 15(Set the module address from 00 to 01)

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x05                    |                         | 0x0F               | XX Address      |                     |

### Command response:

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x05                    | XX                      | 0x0F               | YY              |                     |

## 2.6 Query address

Command: 77 04 00 1F 23

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(0byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x04                    | 00                      | 0x1F               |                 | 0x23                |

### Command response:

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x05                    | XX                      | 0x1F               | XX              |                     |

**Note:** The default address of the sensor is 0x00. When the query address command is sent, the returned data field is the hexadecimal device address.

## 2.7 Set the automatic output frequency      send command: 77 05 00 0C 00 11

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(0 byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x05                    |                         | 0x0C               | XX               |                     |

### Command response:

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x05                    |                         | 0x8C               | 0x00            |                     |

The data field XX sent is the automatic output frequency option.:

- 00 indicates the answer mode
- 01 means 5Hz automatic output triaxial angle
- 02 means 10Hz automatic output triaxial angle
- 03 means 20Hz automatic output triaxial angle
- 04 means 25Hz automatic output triaxial angle
- 05 means 50Hz automatic output triaxial angle
- 06 means 100Hz automatic output triaxial angle

When the automatic output frequency setting is high, the baud rate needs to be set to a high baud rate.

## 2.8 Save setting      Command: 77 04 00 0A 0E

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(0 byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x04                    |                         | 0x0A               |                  |                     |

### Command response:

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x05                    |                         | 0x8A               | 0x00            |                     |

## 2.9 Query filter parameters

send command: 77 04 00 81 85

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(0 byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x04                    |                         | 0x81               | -                |                     |

### Command response:

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x08                    |                         | 0x81               | SXXX,YYYYY      |                     |

Note: The data field contains four bytes, which is a compressed BCD code in the format SX XX YY YY, S is a sign bit (0 positive, 1 negative), X is a three-digit integer bit, and YY is a decimal place, for example, the return command: 77 08 00 81 00 01 01 80 0B, the corresponding parameter is 1.018.

## 2.10 Set filter parameters Command: 77 08 00 80 00 01 01 80 0A

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(0 byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x08                    |                         | 0x80               |                  |                     |

### Command response:

| Identifier<br>(1byte) | Frame Length<br>(1byte) | Address Code<br>(1byte) | Command<br>(1byte) | Data<br>(1byte) | Checksum<br>(1byte) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 0x77                  | 0x08                    |                         | 0x80               |                 |                     |

Note: The data field contains four bytes, which is a compressed BCD code. The parameter range is 1-1.5 (excluding 1 and 1.5). If the parameter is changed to 1.001, the complete command is 77 08 00 80 00 01 00 01 8A, the successful setting will automatically return to the same instruction and will be saved automatically.

## Ordering Information

| Product number | Way of communication | Package condition           |
|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| BW-VG500-232   | RS232                | IP67 Package/Aviation Joint |
| BW-VG500-485   | RS485                | IP67 Package/Aviation Joint |
| BW-VG500-TTL   | TTL                  | IP67 Package/Aviation Joint |

## Executive standard

- Enterprise Quality System Standard: ISO9001:2008 Standard (Certificate No.:10114Q16846ROS)
- CE certification (certificate number: 3854210814)
- ROHS (certificate number: SO81426003)
- GB/T 191 SJ 20873-2003 General specifications for tiltmeters and spirit levels
- GBT 18459-2001 sensor main static performance index calculation method
- JF 1059-1999 Evaluation and Expression of Measurement Uncertainty
- GBT 14412-2005 mechanical vibration and shock mechanical installation of accelerometer
- General requirements for GJB 450A-2004 equipment reliability
- Quality control of key parts and important parts of GJB 909A
- GJB 899 Reliability Qualification and Acceptance Test
- GJB 150-3A high temperature test
- GJB 150-4A low temperature test
- GJB 150-8A rain test
- GJB 150-12A dust test
- GJB 150-16A vibration test
- GJB 150-18A impact test
- GJB 150-23A Tilt and Swing Test
- GB/T 17626-3A RF electromagnetic radiation immunity test
- GB/T 17626-5A surge (hit) impulse immunity test
- GB/T 17626-8A power frequency magnetic field immunity test
- GB/T 17626-11A voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage changes immunity

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