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	Dip Meter	LevelScout	KISS	DataNode	DataGateway
What is it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A device used to manually measure the water level in wells and boreholes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• High-quality Water Level Logger for groundwater monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Keep It Simple Sensing (KISS): An entry level telemetry system for measuring water level.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Turns any sensor into a wireless unit (SDI-12, Modbus, Pulse)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A cellular telemetry solution designed, developed and manufactured by Van Walt in the UK.• Designed for networks with multi-sensor requirements: (e.g. water level, pH, EC, redox, temperature, rainfall, water flow, soil moisture, turbidity, and other water quality parameters)
How do you use it?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A probe on a tape is manually lowered into the well or borehole with audio/visual signals when it touches water	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LevelSCOUT is deployed typically on dyneema within the monitoring location, with a corresponding BaroSCOUT above ground for atmospheric compensation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A cabled sensor is deployed in the monitoring location with the KISS unit above ground for 15-minute measurements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A cabled sensor is deployed in the monitoring location, and configured to take measurements by the DataNode	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interfaces with the vanwaltDataNodes• Ideal for distributed environmental monitoring networks with single or multiple parameters
Where is my data?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data is manually recorded from the tape markings when the probe indicates it is in water. Normally the measurement is ToW.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stored on the logger - 100,000 records. • Downloaded manually via cable to laptop.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data is sent every 24hours to the vanwaltCONNECT server for visualisation and download.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data is stored on the DataNode for download via a radio dongle to a laptop. • DataNodes can be configured to work with a DataGateway for full telemetry.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All data is sent to the vanwaltCONNECT server in near real-time for acesss, alarming, visualisation and download.
Typical Accuracy	•+/- 0.5cm (depends on tape resolution)	•+/- 0.05% (Full Scale)	•+/- 0.05% (Full Scale)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sensor dependent with multiple sensor options available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sensor dependent with multiple sensor options available
Advantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inexpensive and quick solution for water level measurement• Easy to use• Used to validate digital sensors on installation for datum calculation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accurate, reliable and lasts a lifetime• 3-year warranty• Replaceable battery• Can be converted to Telemetry• High frequency of logging (up to 0.8s/reading)• Free software for setup, data download and compensation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Easy to deploy• Uses vented sensor up to 100m, meaning no atmospheric compensation required• Datum calculation can be setup and amended online• Alarms for water level thresholds• Designed for 2 year life (battery/SIM/data/warranty).• Service option to recondition and redeploy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Powered by two user replaceable AA batteries• External power option available for high power sensors• Multiple sensors can be associated with 1 DataNode• Robust Construction: Housed in a heavy-duty, IP68-rated aluminium enclosure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Compact solution with a front mounted solar panel for low maintenance and discreet installations• Acts as a central hub capable of receiving data from up to 32 DataNodes.• Robust Construction: Housed in a heavy-duty, IP68-rated aluminium enclosure.• Secure Data Storage: Utilises non-volatile, encrypted memory to ensure reliable and secure data retention.
Disadvantages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prone to human error• Can be a large unit depending on depth required• Single point in time measurement can miss trends	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires BaroSCOUT for atmospheric compensation• Requires manual download via cable	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires connectivity to a Cell tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires a Windows laptop for manual download and configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Requires “line of sight” between vanwaltDataNode and vanwaltDataGateway• DataRelay option to extend range.
Cost Profile	£	££	££	££	£££
Configurations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple sizes available as standard (3-100m).• Custom sizes available on request	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple water fluctuation ranges available (10 - 200 MH2O)• Standard 216 SS construction with titanium option	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple water ranges available (3-200 MH2O)• Standard 216 SS construction with titanium options• Conductivity option available• Narrow diameter 16mm option	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring frequency• MiniNode available for tight enclosures (e.g. within well-head).• Custom lengths available	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring frequency and upload configurable to suit monitoring requirements• Utilises LTE-M with 2G as fall back, with Satellite option