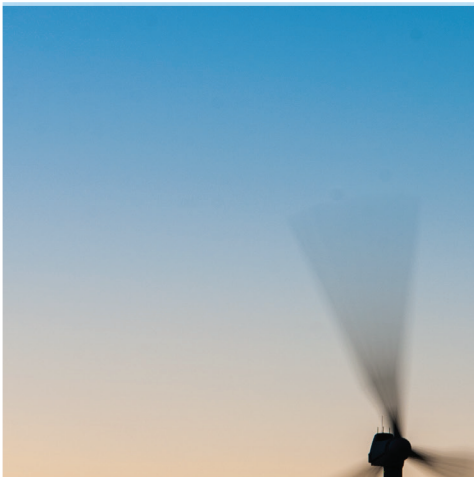




# G5DFR

Fully Featured  
Digital Fault Recorder



# BlackBox DFR

## Designed for Your Needs

The BlackBox DFR, a fully featured digital fault recorder embedded with PQZIP technology, is a distributed multi-functional data acquisition device that continuously records all waveform signals at a sampling rate of 1,024 Sample/Cycle. The continuous waveform recording makes the BlackBox DFR ideal for monitoring, protecting, operating, power quality, synchro phasors and load profiles. The BlackBox DFR modular design allows to expand the system to almost any application in order to offer a cost effective performance. When coupled with Elspec PQSCADA Sapphire - a multi-vendors support power management software- the BlackBox DFR provides a powerful platform for acquisition, analysis and report of data from power system substations.



## Multi-Functional

- Digital Fault Recorder (DFR)
- Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU)
- Power Quality Monitoring (PQM)
- Sequence of Event Recording (SER)
- Dynamic System Monitoring (DSM)
- Impedance based Fault Location (IbFL)
- Energy Billing Measurement (EBM)

## Features

- 24-Bit Continuous acquisition at 1,024 sample per cycle[50/60Hz]
- Modular Design
- Centralized and decentralized architecture
- Supreme synchronization <0.1  $\mu$ sec on any channel
- 7" touch LCD Display
- Comprehensive web interface
- Scalable architecture
- Complies with IEC 61850 MMS, GOOSE messaging and sample value

### Elspec's Unique Technology

#### PQZIP Compression Technology

The PQZIP Patent compression algorithm enables the DFR to store continuously waveform signals over a long period of time, whether or not an event of interest was identified. This technology is unique to Elspec and ensures precise and accurate characterization of electrical system dynamics.

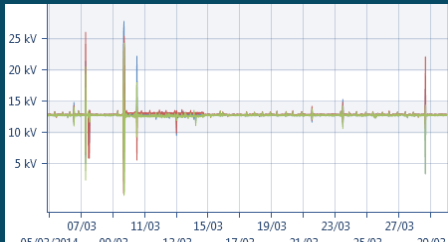
#### PQZIP Compression features:

- ✓ Continuous waveform recording
- ✓ Supreme Trend Resolution
- ✓ Extended Harmonic Recording
- ✓ Threshold free setup
- ✓ Easy deployment

Parameter	Resolution
Waveform	20 $\mu$ sec
RMS	1/2 Cycle
THD	1/2 Cycle
TDD	1/2 Cycle
Unbalance	1/2 Cycle
K Factor	1/2 Cycle
Crest Factor	1/2 Cycle
Powers	1 Cycle
Harmonics	1 Cycle
Frequency	1 Cycle

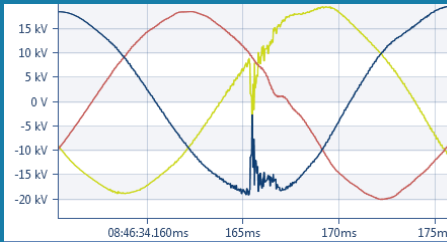
# Accurate Results

## Continuous High Speed Recording



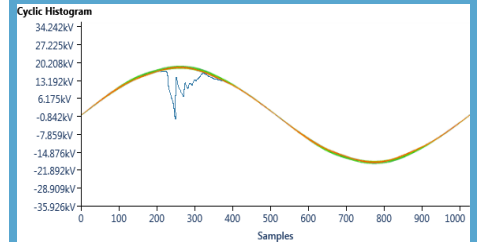
The BlackBox G5DFR measures and records 10,000 power parameters continuously at ½ cycle resolution.

## Continuous Waveforms Recording



- Continuously samples & records waveform signals at 1,024 S/C
- Threshold free setup
- 24 bit converter yield superior accuracy
- Waveform resolution
- Waveform capture of up-to 8kV<sub>PK</sub>

## Cyclic Histogram

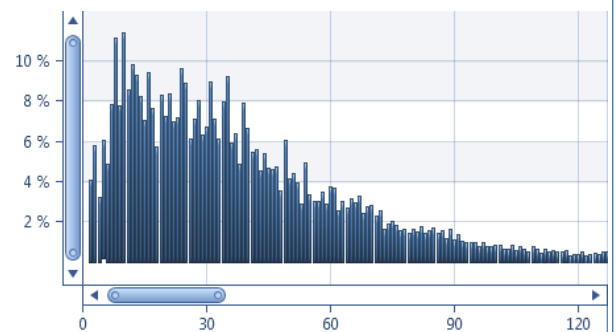


Shows overlaid voltage waveform cycles for a selected time range and deviation from the expected ideal waveform by overlaying Millions of waveforms cycles.

## Harmonics & Inter-harmonics Analysis

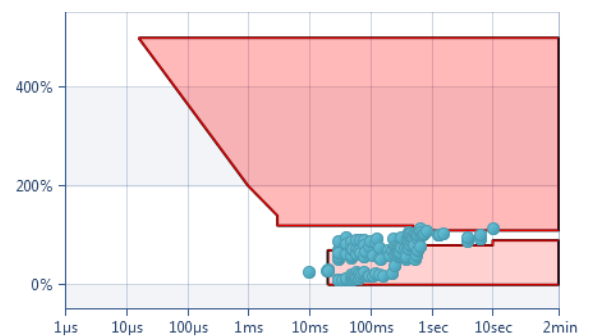
The BlackBox has two FFT engines for harmonics analysis:

- Cycle by Cycle: performs FFT at 1 cycle resolution for extended bandwidth. This engine provides 512 harmonics order at 50Hz/60Hz resolution.
- 10/12 Cycles: performs FFT at 10/12 cycles resolution for extended resolution and sub-grouping calculation. This engine provides the magnitude and angle of 1,024 spectrum components at 5Hz resolution.



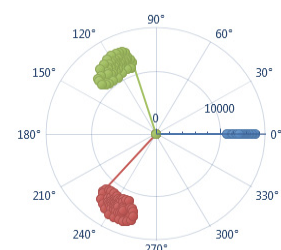
## Comprehensive Event Mechanism

The BlackBox G5 DFR is designed to detect any event occurring on your system. The event mechanism allows to configure events on any measured parameter (more than 10,000) and/or I/O ports. The event mechanism supports out-of-limit events, rate of changed limits and short transient as well as notches events on the waveform. As the BlackBox G5DFR records the waveform signals continuously, the event configuration will not trigger the recording but stores summary logs including start and end time, duration, severity and magnitude of the event. All events can be displayed in a tabular or scatter charts as CBEMA/ITIC.



## Phasor Analysis

Phase angle between voltage and current channels are logged continuously at 1 cycle resolution. The Phasor chart displays the phase angled over time.



# Discover

## Outstanding Features

### Web Interface

The BlackBox G5DFR is equipped with a fully web server using HTML5 web technology. It allows interfacing with any web-enabled device using most web browsers. Access to the web interface is secured with a user name and password. The web interface is used for the configuration and monitoring. The BlackBox G5DFR web interface includes 2 main modules:

- Overview: Shows at a glance a full status of measurements and system statuses
- Investigation: The Investigation module shows graphs of trends, histograms, events lists, summary tables, and statistical summaries of all stored parameters. It allows the user to analyze voltage sags/dips, swells, interruptions, and any other incident. Each investigation includes multiple charts.



### LCD

The BlackBox G5DFR is equipped with a 7" high resolution touch screen display along with led backlight and 1.100 000 colors.

### Communication

The BlackBox G5DFR rear panel is equipped with

- 2 SFP Ethernet ports for communication to either two separate networks or for redundant communications. The SFP is a hot-swappable input/output device allowing multiple options of connectivity.
- 2 USB ports extend the DFR wireless communication capabilities by connecting standard USB communication sticks.
- 1 serial RS232 port

Additional Ethernet, serial and USB ports can be added to the front panel for use by field technicians.

4x  
USB

2x  
SFP

2x  
Serial

### Power Quality

The BlackBox G5DFR provides a comprehensive power quality module; that fully complies with IEC 61000-4-30 class A, for analysis and presentation. Power quality measurements available include:

- Harmonics recording: Complies with IEC 61000-4-7, the harmonic recording is available for all 32 virtual channels. 100 harmonics and 100 inter-harmonics subgroup quantities per channels can be recorded at a resolution of 10/12 cycles, 150/180 cycles, 1min and 10min continuously.
- PQ Events: Complies with IEC 61000-4-30 Class A. The power quality module can detect voltage sags (dips), swells, interruptions, and rapid voltage changes for all 32 virtual channels. The PQ module includes event aggregation for poly-phase system support.
- Flicker recording: Complies with IEC 61000-4-15.

All power quality parameters are continuously logged-in at ½ cycles, 150/180 cycles, 10min and 2 hours resolution for up-to 1 year.

10k  
parameters

1k  
samples

512  
harmonics

### Energy Meter

The BlackBox G5DFR is equipped with a high precision 4 quadrat energy meter with 0.1% accuracy in power & energy.

### Fault Location

The BlackBox G5DFR is equipped with a one and two-terminal impedance-based distance to fault calculation algorithm.

The accurate results increase the network reliability and availability by:

- Reducing aerial patrol costs
- Preventing reoccurring faults
- Reducing power quality impact of 'preventable faults'
- Reducing cost of regulatory fines due to power outage

Detect faults:

- Three-phase short circuit
- Two-phase short circuit
- Two-phase short circuit to ground
- Single-phase short circuit to ground
- Single-phase open wire

## PMU

- Complies with the most updated standard for synchro-phasor measurements of power systems IEEE C37.118-2011, including the amendment IEEE C37.118.1a-2014
- Two independent synchrophasor data streams enable to report a synchrophasor data with two different report-rates and/or different performance classes (P/M) and/or data type simultaneously.
- Ultra-fast report rate for both P & M classes.

Performance Class	Max report rate for 50Hz	Max report rate for 60Hz
P	200/sec	240/sec
M	100/sec	120/sec

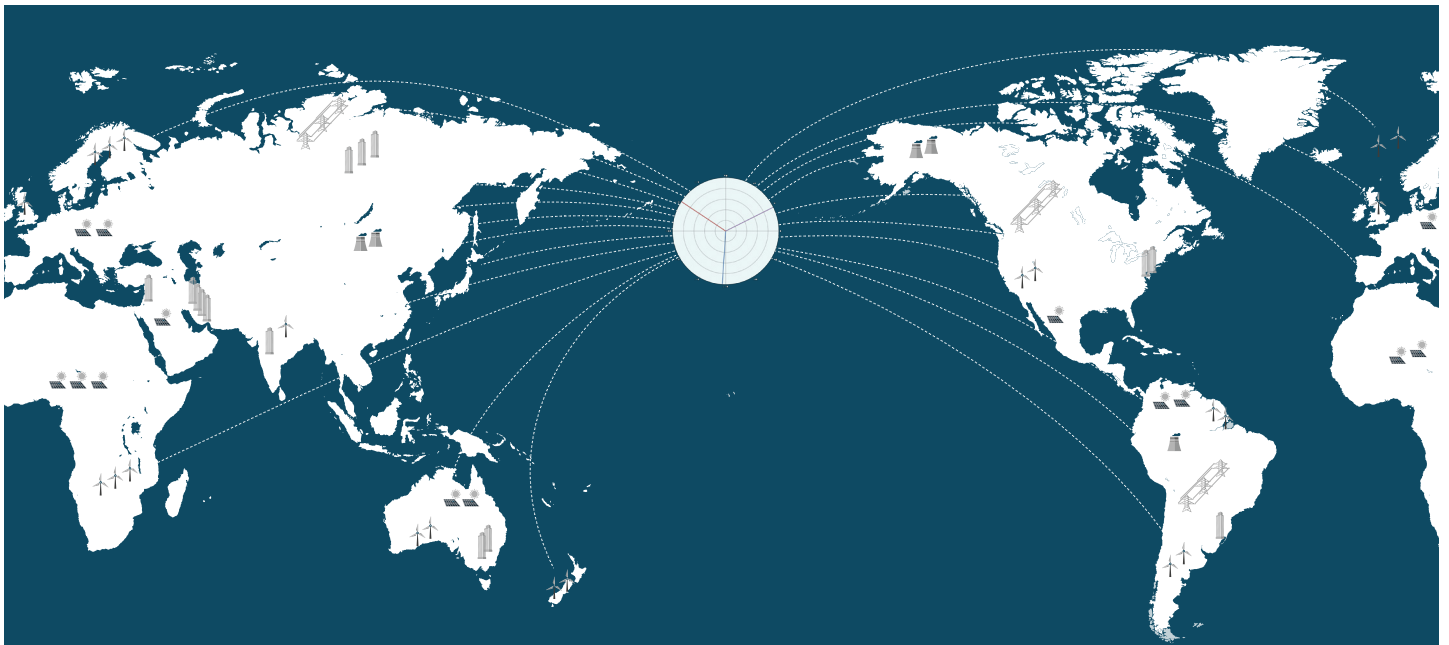
- Phasor measurement reporting function for up to 32 phasors on each data stream.
- Streaming of any of the 10,000 calculated analog data parameters is available via the PMU protocol, eliminating the need to calculate power parameter in the PDC or anywhere else.
- Analog data streaming also include streaming of milli-Amp input signals for control purposes. There is no need to use any other means to transfer transducer's signals
- Support for simultaneous synchrophasor data stream over TCP/IP and UDP/IP. It can be configured for unicast or multicast, enabling a better design of WAMS communication and suitable for WAMS with several utilities or applications involved.

## Time Synchronization

The BLACKBox DFR's synchronization algorithm is based on several sources with an automatic hierarchy for the preferred source availability (accuracy based hierarchy). The main time source serves as the primary/external time synchronization source while the alternative time sources are used as the secondary time source in case the primary source fails. The Table below outlines the accuracy of the BLACKBOX G5DFR's individual time sources.

Time Source	Accuracy
Internal Clock	$\pm 10\text{ppm}$
NTP	100 $\mu\text{sec}$
GPS/IRIG B	0.5 $\mu\text{sec}$
DSP Sync	0.1 $\mu\text{sec}$

Standard synchronization methods such as GPS, IRIG-B, NTP, etc., synchronize the time stamp of the signal. However in a power quality application in general, and especially in continuous waveform recordings, the sampling frequency between devices must be synchronized as well. Elspec's propriety time synchronization algorithm is a cost effective, high performance technology, which is able to achieving a simultaneous synchronized sampling from hundreds of channels in a decentralized redundant architecture. Each individual BLACKBOX G5DFR acts as a Sync Master, and therefore can be used as a time reference to other units at a time accuracy of 50-100nsec.



# PQSCADA Sapphire

Accurate Data Anywhere, Anytime

PQSCADA Sapphire is a comprehensive, yet easy to use, analysis and engineering software designed to manage and monitor power quality analyzers, digital fault recorders, revenues meters and other IED. The PQSCADA Sapphire Express edition is complimentary with all Elspec devices.

**Power Quality**

**Investigation**

**Overview**

**Statistics**

**Trend**

**Phasors**

**Cyclic Histogram**

## Features

- Easily read COMTRADE, PQDIF & PQZIP files
- Comprehensive power quality module
- Geographical map view\*
- Automatic power quality report for EN50160, IEEE1159, FOL, GOST.
- Configurable report module to design your own report template
- Power quality grid line code configuration
- Export to Excel, word, JPG & PDF
- API to Matlab for advanced post processing analysis\*
- Export data to COMTRADE, PQDIF, Excel & CSV
- Multiple Site investigation

**The BlackBox**

**GOST**

**NRS048**

**FOL**

**EN50160**

EN 50160:2010	Parameter	Result
5.2.1	Power frequency	Pass
5.2.2	Supply voltage variation	Pass
5.2.3.2	Flicker severity	Pass
5.2.4	Supply voltage unbalance	Pass
5.2.5	Harmonic voltage	Pass
5.2.5	Total harmonic distortion	Pass

EN50160:2010	Event type	Number of events
5.3.1	Short Interruptions of the supply voltage	0
5.3.1	Long Interruptions of the supply voltage	0
5.3.2	Supply voltage dip	20
5.3.2	Supply voltage swell	19
5.3.3	Transient overvoltages	100

\* Available on the Enterprise & Professional versions only



# Flexible Architecture

The system architecture of the BlackBox G5DFR enables the concentration and the monitoring of a large array of analog and binary channels as well as controlled and processed signals. The G5 DFR is a ½ 19" rack mount device that include 1 CPU module, 1 PSU module and 1 data acquisition unit. The data acquisition unit is assembled out of 5 data acquisition cards performing the following functions:

- Connection to the input/output signals
- Filtering and isolation
- Analog/digital conversion
- Synchronized sampling for all channels

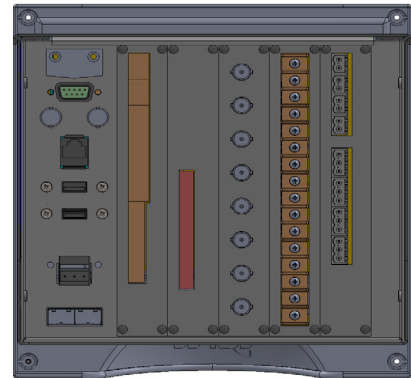
The Data acquisition cards are divided into two main groups:

- Analog cards – each device can be mounted with up to 2 analog cards. The analog card measures fast analog channels (voltage and currents) at various ranges and sampling rate. Based on the waveform raw data capture by those cards, the CPU calculates displays and stores 10,000 different power parameters. Each analog card can hold up to 8 analog channels
- Auxiliary cards – the auxiliary cards extend the G5DFR capabilities by adding various I/O signals such as digital I/O, process signals I/O 4-20mA and relays output. The auxiliary cards are continuously sampled and stored at 128 samples/cycle.

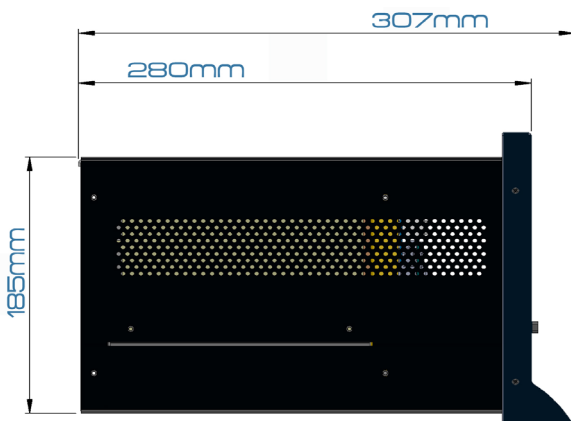
General View with Connectors



Back View



Side View with Measurements



Front View with Measurements





# Specifications

Basic Unit		
<b>Data Acquisition</b>		
Recording Period		1 Week
		1 month
		1 year
Analog Channels Sampling Rate		256 Samples/Cycle
		512 Samples/Cycle
		1,024 Samples/Cycle
Digital & Aux. Channels Sampling Rate		128 Samples/Cycle
<b>Mechanical</b>		
Dimensions [W X H X D]		21.5 x 22.1 x 29.1 cm (8.48" x 8.7" x 11.45")
<b>Frequency</b>		
Fundamental Frequency		37 – 70Hz
Frequency Resolution		1mHz
Frequency Accuracy		±1mHz
Type of Analog to Digital Converter		24 Bit
<b>PMU</b>		
Applicable Standard		IEEE C37.118 – 2011
M Class transmission Max. rate		100/sec for 50Hz, 120/sec for 60Hz
P Class Transmission rate		200/sec for 50Hz, 240/sec for 60Hz
<b>Communication</b>		
Rear Panel	SFP Ports (100/1,000MB/s)	2
	Serial Ports	1
	USB PORTS	2
	PPS	1
Front Panel	USB PORTS	2
	Ethernet Port (10/100MB/s)	1
	USB Port	2
	Serial	1
<b>Communication Protocols</b>		
IEC 61850		MMS, GOOSE, Sample Value
MODBUS		TCP/IP, RTU
<b>Power Supply</b>		
Main		100-260 VAC @50/60 Hz or 100-300 VDC
Aux.		24VDC
<b>Time</b>		
Internal Real Time Clock		20 <sub>PPM</sub>
GPS		0.5μsec
IRIG B		0.5 μsec
NTP		100 μsec
<b>Environmental Conditions</b>		
Operation Temperature		-20°C to 70°C (-4°F to 158°F)
Storage Temperature		- 40°C to 85°C (-40°F to 185°F)
<b>Human Machine Interface</b>		
Built in 7" 1MP LCD. Additional comprehensive web server for local and remote real-time monitoring, historical data analysis and control.		

# Ordering Options

## 1. Software Features

- Modbus interface
- IEC 61850 – MMS, GOOSE, Sample Values
- Phasor Measurement Unit (PMU)

## 2. Front Panel communication ports:

- 2xUSB
- 1xSerial
- 1xLAN

## 3. Analog Cards: up to 2 cards per unit

### 3.1. Analog Cards: 4V/4I (50A)

Voltage full range scale	500V/1,500V/8000V
Voltage accuracy	0.1% from Nominal
Current sensor type	CT/ Hall Effect
Capacity	50A (for 5sec)
Thermal withstand	10A continuous
Current accuracy	0.1% from Nominal
Current full scale	5A

### 3.2. Analog Cards: 4V/4I (100A)

Voltage full range scale	500V/1,500V/8000V
Voltage accuracy	0.1% from Nominal
Current sensor type	CT/ Hall Effect/Shunt
Capacity	100A (for 5sec)
Thermal withstand	10A continuous
Current accuracy	0.1% from Nominal
Current full scale	5A

### 3.3. Analog Cards: 8I (50A)

Current sensor type	CT/Hall Effect
Capacity (for 5 sec.)	50A
Thermal withstand	10A continuous
Current accuracy	0.1% from Nominal
Current full scale	5A

### 3.4. Analog Cards: 8I (100A)

Current sensor type	Hall Effect
Capacity (for 5 sec.)	100A
Thermal withstand	10A continuous
Current accuracy	0.1% from Nominal
Current full scale	5A

### 3.5. Analog Cards: 8V

Voltage full range scale	500V/1,500V/8000V
Current accuracy	0.1% from Nominal

### 3.6. Analog Cards: 4LV 4V

Number of high voltage channels	4
Voltage range full scale (V)	500V/1,500V/8000V
Current accuracy	0.1% from Nominal
Number of low voltage channels	4
Voltage range full scale (LV)	+/- 10V
Accuracy	0.1% from Nominal

## 4. Auxiliary Cards: Up to 5 cards per unit

### 4.1. Digital Input

Number of channels	32		
Range	48 VDC ( $\pm 20\%$ )	115 VDC ( $\pm 20\%$ )	230 VDC ( $\pm 20\%$ )
Activation treshold	24 VDC	92 VDC	176 VDC
Undefined range	5-24 VDC	5-92 VDC	5-176 VDC

### 4.2 Digital Output

Number of channels	16
Range	115 VDC ( $\pm 20\%$ )
Activation treshold	92 VDC
Undefined range	5-92 VDC

### 4.3 Relay Output

Number of contacts	8
Contact arrangement	1 form C (CO)
Rated voltage	250VAC
Max. switching voltage	400VAC
Rated current	16A
Limiting continuous current	16A
Max. 4sec, duty factor 10%	30A
Breaking capacity max	4,000VA
Operate/release time max., DC coil	8/6ms

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Since 1988 Elspec has developed, manufactured and marketed proven power quality solutions far exceeding our clients' needs and expectations. Our innovations not only simplify the understanding of the quality of power itself, but are also highly compatible, making it suitable for any business and/or application. Elspec's international team of professionals with extensive experience in electrical engineering, are ready to provide a tailor-made strategy that will enable a sustainable and efficient use of your electrical energy.



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