

**MAJOR CHARACTERISTICS OF SEISMIC
DIGITAL FIELD RECORDER: DYNAMIC RANGE, BURST-OUT
CAPABILITY, DIGITALLY CONTROLLED GAIN, AND SMOOTHED PLAYBACK**

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