

# **TK RECON™ Series Guidance System**

## **Operator's Manual**



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# Overview



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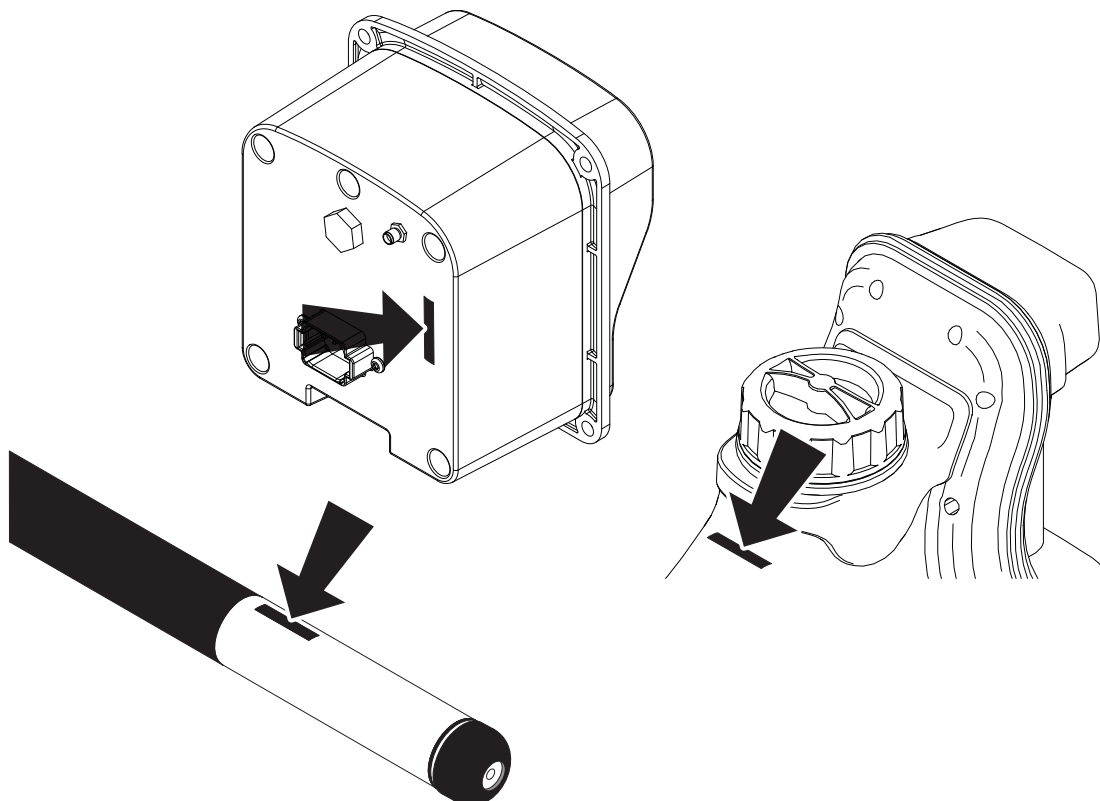
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## Serial Number Location

Record serial numbers and date of purchase in spaces provided. Serial numbers are located as shown and displayed briefly in lower left corner of tracker and display screens when units are first powered up.



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Item	
date of purchase:	
tracker serial number:	
display serial number:	
beacon model and serial number:	
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beacon model and serial number:	

## System Components



### TK RECON Tracker

Tracker	Available Transmitter Frequencies	Telemetry Radio
TK RECON1™	29kHz	Long Range
TK RECON2™	29kHz, 12kHz	Long Range
TK RECON4™	29kHz, 12kHz, 20kHz, 1.5kHz	Long Range

### Beacons

Transmitter	Available Transmitter Frequencies	Pitch Resolution	Output Power
15T1	29kHz	0.1%	Low
15T3	29kHz, 20kHz, 12kHz	0.1%	Configurable
17T1	29kHz	1%	Low
17T4	29kHz, 20kHz, 12kHz, 1.5kHz	1%	Configurable
17T1H	29kHz	1%	High
17T4G	29kHz, 20kHz, 12kHz, 1.5kHz	0.1%	Configurable
19T3	29kHz, 20kHz, 12kHz	0.1%	Configurable

TK RECON Trackers are compatible with Subsite® Electronics TX, 86B and 88B Series beacons. However, for best performance, use T Series beacons.

### TD RECON™/COMMANDER™ 7 Remote Display

Remote Display	Mounting Options
TD RECON™	In dash
TDR RECON™/COMMANDER™ 7	On-dash, magnetic

## Intended Use

The TK RECON Series guidance system is intended to be used in horizontal directional drilling applications. The system consists of a TK RECON tracker, either a TD RECON™ display or a COMMANDER™ 7 display, and a T Series beacon transmitter. The system provides the location of the transmitter to a depth of 110' (33.53 m). The system provides projected depth information and offers a Drill-To guidance mode. The system can track critical grade bores when using a grade beacon.

The system is designed for operation in temperatures typically experienced in earth moving and construction work environments. Use in any other way is considered contrary to the intended use. The TK RECON Series guidance system should be operated only by persons familiar with its particular characteristics and acquainted with the relevant safety procedures. The system should be serviced only by Subsite® Electronics repair centers.

## FCC Statement - Internal Transmitter

### TK RECON Series Tracker

Contains FCC ID: MCQ-XB900HP  
Contains FCC ID: QOQWT41  
Contains IC: 1846A-XB900HP  
Contains IC: 5213A-BGTWT41

### TK RECON Series Display

Contains FCC ID: MCQ-XB900HP  
Contains FCC ID: QOQWT41  
Contains IC: 1846A-XB900HP  
Contains IC 5213A-BGTWT41

### COMMANDER™ 7 Display

Contains FCC ID: MCQ-XB900HP  
Contains FCC ID: QOQWT12  
Contains IC: 1846A-XB900HP  
Contains IC: 5123A-BGTWT12A

### T Series Beacon

Contains FCC ID: T7V1315  
Contains IC: 216Q-1315

## U.S.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by **The Charles Machine Works, Inc.** could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

## Canada

This device complies with Industry Canada *license-exempt* RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et (2) l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.

Other compliance statements and marks may be viewed on the TK and TD RECON or COMMANDER™ 7 screens by selecting the **System>About** menu item.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



## RF Exposure Statement

In order to comply with RF exposure requirements during normal operation, this device must be held in front of the body horizontally. The antenna must be vertical in line with the body with at least 8" (200 mm) separation distance from the body.

**Note:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

This device complies with Health Canada's Safety Code. The installer of this device should ensure that RF radiation is not emitted in excess of the Health Canada's requirement. Information can be obtained at [http://hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-sem/pub/radiation/radio\\_guide-lignes\\_direct-eng.php](http://hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-sem/pub/radiation/radio_guide-lignes_direct-eng.php).

## About This Manual

This manual contains information for the proper use of this equipment. Cross references such as "See page 50" will direct you to detailed procedures.

### Bulleted Lists

Bulleted lists provide helpful or important information or contain procedures that do not have to be performed in a specific order.

### Numbered Lists

Numbered lists contain illustration callouts or list steps that must be performed in order.

# Foreword



This manual is an important part of your equipment. It provides safety information and operation instructions to help you use and maintain your Subsite® Electronics equipment.

Read this manual before using your equipment. Keep it with the equipment at all times for future reference. If you sell your equipment, be sure to give this manual to the new owner.

If you need a replacement copy, contact your Ditch Witch® dealer. If you need assistance in locating a dealer, visit our website at **www.subsite.com**, email [info@subsite.com](mailto:info@subsite.com) or write to the following address:

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Attn: Product Support  
1950 W. Fir  
Perry, OK 73077  
USA

The descriptions and specifications in this manual are subject to change without notice. Subsite Electronics reserves the right to improve equipment. Some product improvements may have taken place after this manual was published. For the latest information on Subsite Electronics equipment, see your Ditch Witch dealer.

Thank you for buying and using Subsite Electronics equipment.



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## Guidelines

Follow these guidelines before operating any jobsite equipment:


- Complete proper training and read operator's manual before using equipment.
- Mark proposed path with white paint and have underground utilities located before working. In the US or Canada, call 811 (US) or 888-258-0808 (US and Canada). Also contact any local utilities that do not participate in the One-Call service. In countries that do not have a One-Call service, contact all utility companies to have underground utilities located.
- Classify jobsite based on its hazards and use correct tools and machinery, safety equipment, and work methods for jobsite.
- Mark jobsite clearly and keep spectators away.
- Wear personal protective equipment.
- Review jobsite hazards, safety and emergency procedures, and individual responsibilities with all personnel before work begins.
- Replace missing or damaged safety signs.
- Use equipment carefully. Stop operation and investigate anything that does not look or feel right.
- Contact your equipment dealer if you have any question about operation, maintenance, or equipment use.


## **Safety Alert Classifications**


These classifications and the icons defined on the following pages work together to alert you to situations which could be harmful to you, jobsite bystanders or your equipment. When you see these words and icons in the book or on the unit, carefully read and follow all instructions. **YOUR SAFETY IS AT STAKE.**



Watch for the three safety alert levels: **DANGER**, **WARNING** and **CAUTION**. Learn what each level means.

 **DANGER** indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury. This signal word is to be limited to the most extreme situations.

 **WARNING** indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

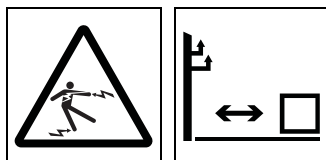
 **CAUTION** indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

Watch for two other words: **NOTICE** and **IMPORTANT**.

**NOTICE** indicates information considered important, but not hazard-related (e.g., messages relating to property damage).

**IMPORTANT** can help you do a better job or make your job easier in some way.

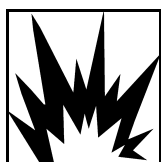
## Safety Alerts



**⚠ DANGER** Electric shock will cause death or serious injury. Stay away.



**⚠ WARNING** Jobsite hazards could cause death or serious injury. Use correct equipment and work methods. Use and maintain proper safety equipment. 274-050; 274-724 (2P)



**⚠ WARNING** Explosion possible. Serious injury or equipment damage could occur. Follow directions carefully.



**⚠ WARNING** Read operator's manual. Know how to use all controls. Your safety is at stake. 273-475



**⚠ WARNING** Moving traffic - hazardous situation. Death or serious injury could result. Avoid moving vehicles, wear high visibility clothing, post appropriate warning signs.



**⚠ WARNING** Potential radio frequency (RF) hazard. Operating this device within 8" (200 mm) of your body may cause RF exposure levels to exceed FCC RF exposure limits and should be avoided.

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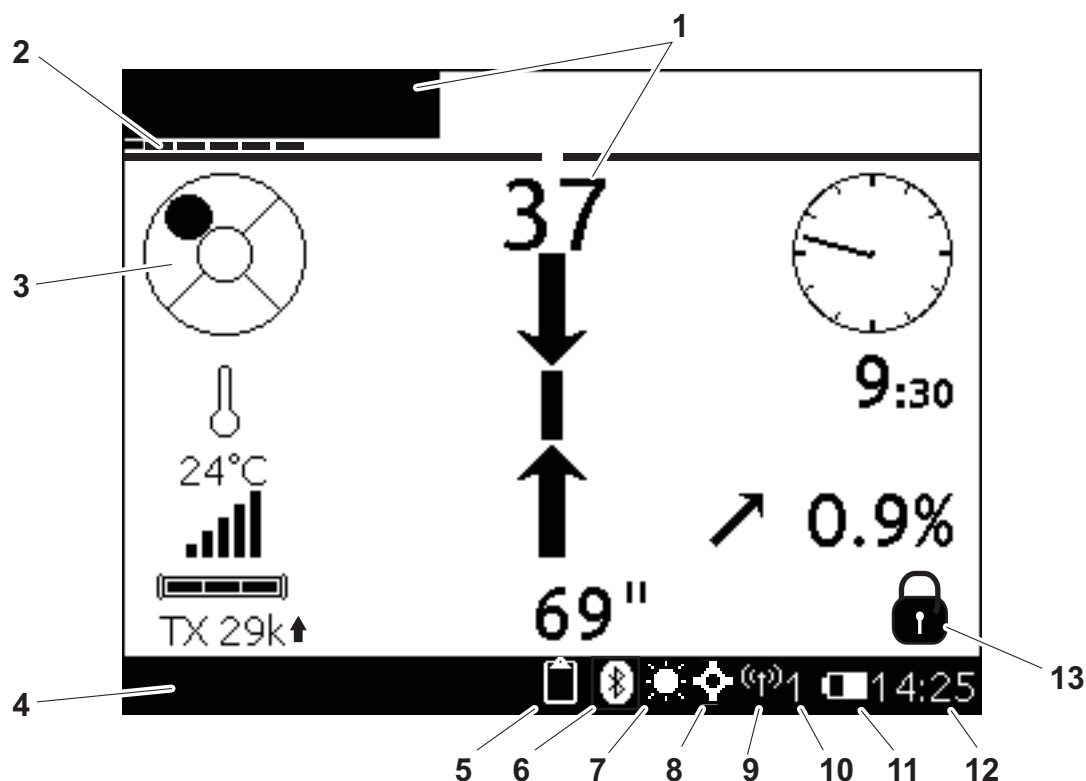
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## TK RECON1, TK RECON2, TK RECON4

### Tracker Status Icons



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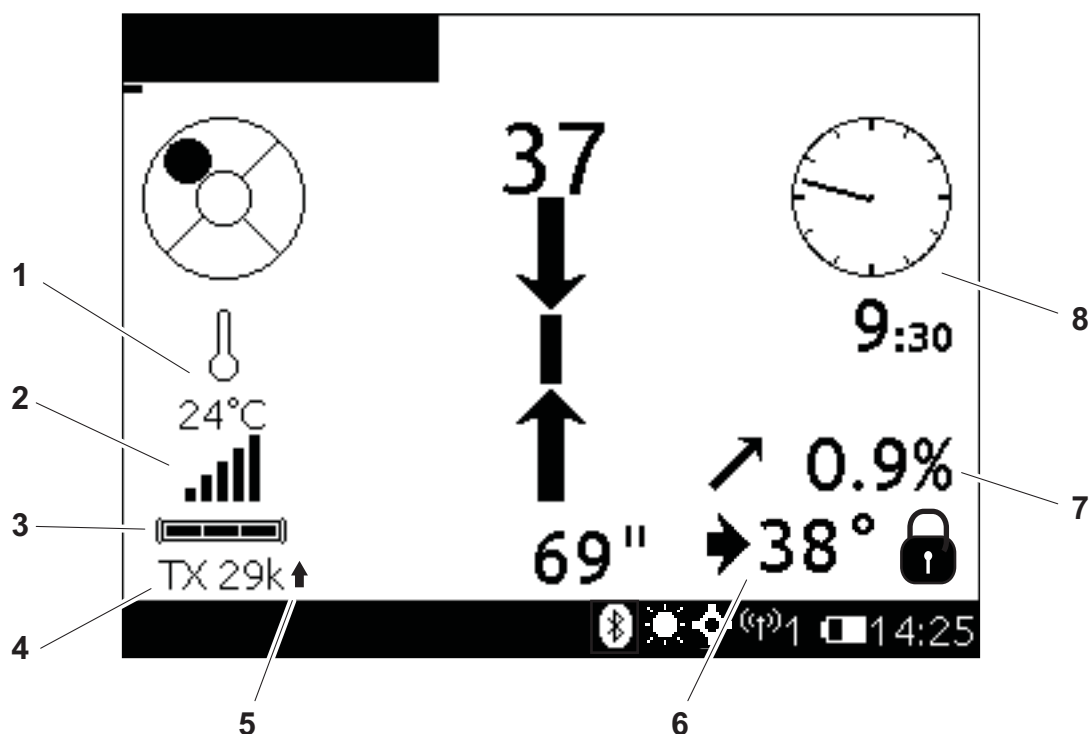
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| 1. Signal bar/number               | 8. GPS active indicator        |
| 2. Fine gain/Course gain           | 9. Telemetry indicator         |
| 3. Bubble level                    | 10. Telemetry channel          |
| 4. Message display                 | 11. Tracker battery indicator  |
| 5. Logging indicator               | 12. Clock                      |
| 6. Bluetooth® connection indicator | 13. DrillLok® status indicator |
| 7. Backlight indicator             |                                |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Signal strength</b>	Shows signal strength in both bar and numerical form.	

Item	Description	Notes
2. <b>Fine gain</b>	Shows fine gain as a 10-segment bar.	Press up arrow or down arrow to adjust signal gain.
<b>Course gain</b>	Shows course gain as a 2-segment bar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One bar displayed indicates shallow mode.</li> <li>Two bars displayed indicates deep mode.</li> </ul>	To change from shallow mode to deep mode, adjust fine gain.
3. <b>Bubble level</b>	Indicates horizontal and vertical tilt of tracker.	
4. <b>Message display</b>	Displays information such as software version, logging status, beacon temperature warning, and low battery alert.	
5. <b>Logging indicator</b>	Lights when logging function is active.	
6. <b>Bluetooth® connection indicator</b>	Lights when Bluetooth connection is established.	
7. <b>Backlight indicator</b>	Lights when backlight is on.	To improve battery life, turn off the backlight. See "Settings Menu" on page 23.
8. <b>GPS active indicator</b>	Lights when tracker is connected to a GPS device via Bluetooth wireless technology.	
9. <b>Telemetry indicator</b>	Indicates tracker is transmitting signal.	
10. <b>Telemetry channel</b>	Displays telemetry channel selection.	
11. <b>Tracker battery indicator</b>	Indicates amount of battery power remaining for the tracker.	
12. <b>Clock</b>	Displays time.	To set time, see "System Menu" on page 24.
13. <b>DrillLok® status indicator</b>	Displays DrillLok status of connected TD RECON or COMMANDER™ 7 display and associated drill.  If lock icon is displayed, thrust and rotation are disabled.	If equipped. See "DrillLok®" on page 48.



## Beacon Status Icons



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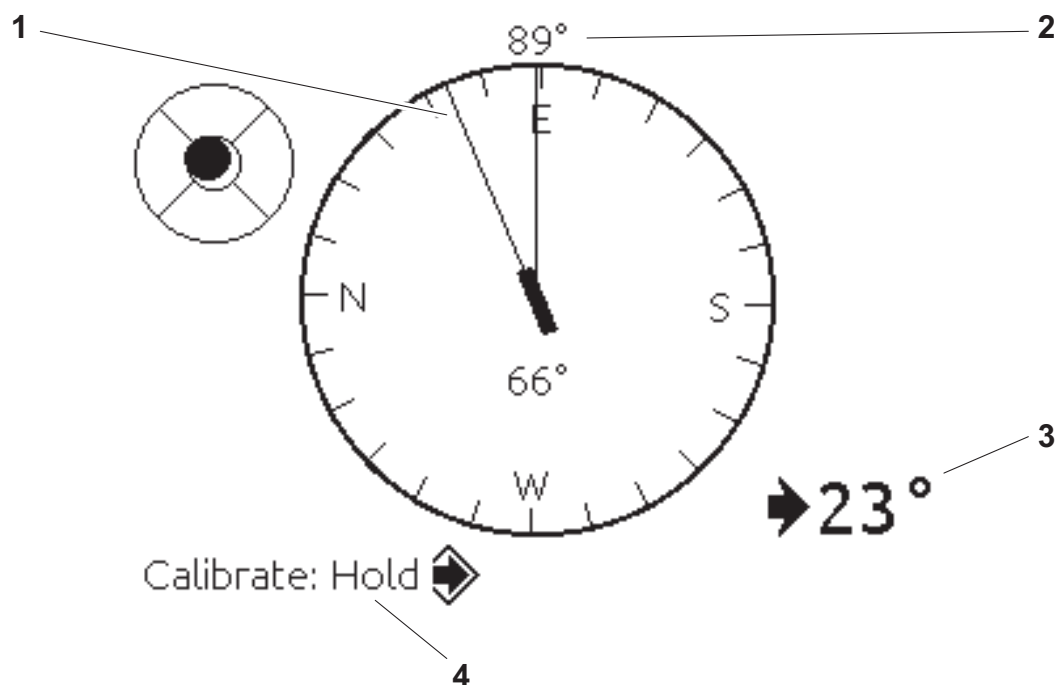
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| 2. Beacon signal indicators     | 6. Steering correction indicator |
| 3. Beacon battery indicator     | 7. Beacon pitch indicator        |
| 4. Beacon frequency indicator   | 8. Beacon roll indicator         |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Beacon temperature indicator</b>	<p>Displays beacon temperature. Operating temperature is between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-04°F (-20°C) and 221°F (105°C) for T Series beacons.</li> <li>-04°F (-20°C) and 176°F (80°C) for TX/86/88 Series beacons.</li> </ul> <p>Icon darkens as temperature rises and temperature is displayed numerically below the icon.</p>	<p><b>IMPORTANT:</b> An audible warning is activated when beacon temperature is above 156°F (68°C).</p>

Item	Description	Notes
2. <b>Beacon signal indicators</b>	Shows strength of beacon signal received by tracker.	
3. <b>Beacon battery life indicator</b>	Graphically indicates battery life remaining.	
4. <b>Beacon frequency indicator</b>	Displays active beacon frequency.	
5. <b>Beacon mode indicator</b>	Up or down arrow indicates if beacon is active in Up mode or Down mode. "?" indicates beacon mode is not known and beacon depth readings could be inaccurate.	See "Program Beacon" on page 44 and "Select Beacon Mode" on page 45.
6. <b>Steering correction indicator</b>	Shows beacon angle and steering direction when a depth is taken and sent to the display.	See "Steering Correction" on page 52.
7. <b>Beacon pitch indicator</b>	Indicates beacon pitch in percent grade or degrees.	
8. <b>Beacon roll indicator</b>	Indicates beacon roll position in degrees, minutes or hours.	



## Magnetic Compass Display

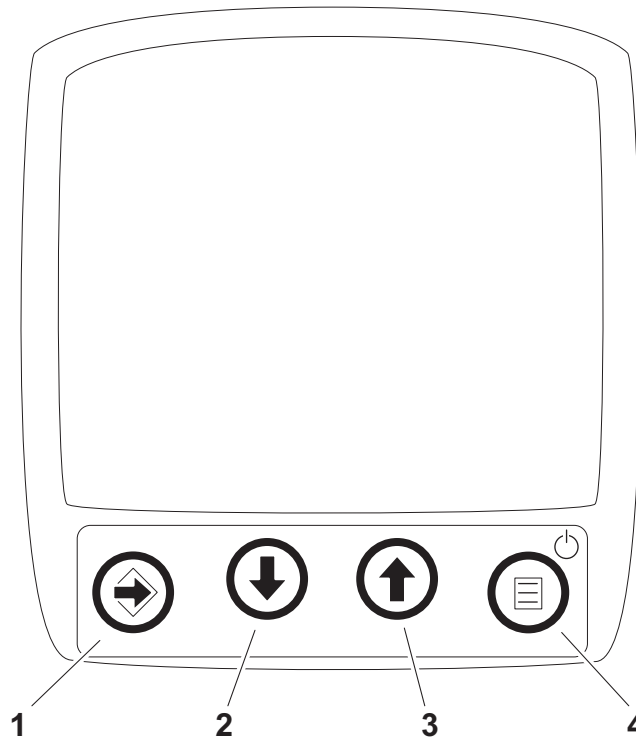


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| 1. Heading of beacon  | 3. Angle between tracker and beacon |
| 2. Heading of tracker | 4. Calibrate compass icon           |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Heading of beacon</b>	Displays the heading of the beacon as determined by the heading of the tracker combined with the relative angle between the tracker and the beacon.	
2. <b>Heading of tracker</b>	Displays the heading of the tracker measured by the magnetic compass.	
3. <b>Angle between tracker and beacon</b>	Displays the relative angle between the tracker and the beacon and the steering correction direction.	
4. <b>Calibrate Compass Icon</b>	Compass may need to be recalibrated occasionally for accurate results.	See "Calibrate Compass" on page 64.

## Buttons









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| 1. Select/Send | 3. Up         |
| 2. Down        | 4. Power/Menu |






Item	Description	Notes
<b>1. Select/Send</b>	In Menu Mode, press to select item shown on screen.  In Tracking Mode, press to send depth to remote display.	
<b>2. Down</b>	In Menu Mode, press to move selection down.  In Tracking Mode, press to decrease signal gain.	
<b>3. Up</b>	In Menu Mode, press to move selection up.  In Tracking Mode, press to increase signal gain.	
<b>4. Power/Menu</b>	To turn unit on, press once. To turn unit off, press for 2 seconds.  To access menu or return to a previous menu, press less than 2 seconds.	

## Menus








### Beacon Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>Calibrate Depth</b>	Sets built-in adjustment of tracker-to-beacon communication to provide accurate depth measurements.
 <b>Frequency</b>	Sets tracker receiving frequency. Available settings: T/TX1.5K, T/TX12K, T/TX20K, T/TX29K, 86B 12K, 86B 29K.
 <b>Calibrate Roll</b>	Sets roll position for beacon equivalent to bit pointing up (12 o'clock, 0 minutes, 0°).
 <b>Calibrate Pitch</b>	Sets 0.0% pitch position for grade beacon (1.0% limit).
 <b>Configuration</b>	Shows T Series beacon Bluetooth devices available for connection. After connection, shows beacon data. Sets the operating modes of configurable beacons.
 <b>Arrow Lock</b>	Adjusts the range at which the locate arrows lock onto the beacon signal. Select the default setting for shallow bores, use Wide for deep bores, and Widest for extreme cases.

### Wireless Menu







Description	Notes
 <b>Telemetry</b>	Selects or disables telemetry mode. Available settings: Off, Bluetooth, Long Range
 <b>Channel</b>	Sets telemetry channel when using Long Range radio for telemetry. Available settings: 1 (default) through 8  <b>Note:</b> The number of available channels will vary based on region or country configuration.
 <b>Bluetooth®</b>	Scans for and manages Bluetooth device connections.
 <b>DrillLok®</b>	Enables or disables thrust and rotation of drilling unit. Available settings: Disable Rig (default), Enable Rig
 <b>DrillLok Base</b>	Selects base station code for DrillLok feature corresponding to code on TD RECON or COMMANDER™ 7 display or RECON CAN Bridge.

## Settings Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>Language</b>	Selects user interface language.
 <b>Units</b>	Selects the units for displaying temperature, distance, pitch and roll.
 <b>Backlight</b>	Selects backlight setting. Available settings: Off, On, or Auto.  <b>Note:</b> To save battery life, operate with backlight off when possible.
 <b>Clock</b>	Sets the system time.
 <b>Volume</b>	Controls volume of the signal audio volume level. Available settings: Mute, Low, High (default).  <b>IMPORTANT:</b> Beacon temperature warning is always audible.
 <b>Auto Power Off</b>	Enables or disables a five-minute inactivity shutdown. Available settings: Enabled (default), Disabled.
 <b>Compass Display</b>	Enables or disables beacon orientation display and steering correction on the walk-over screen.  If disabled, steering correction will not be sent to machine display. Available settings: Enabled, Disabled (default).









## Logging Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>Logging Mode</b>	Selects or disables the logging mode. Available settings: Disable, Manual, Auto-Log
 <b>New Log</b>	Creates a new log file.
 <b>Log Manager</b>	Manages log files. Available settings: select, view, send, send as 750, or delete.
 <b>TMS Plus</b>	Connects to TMS Plus software.
 <b>Delete All Logs</b>	Deletes all log files stored on the tracker.
 <b>Delete Last Pipe</b>	Deletes the last point information from the current log file.



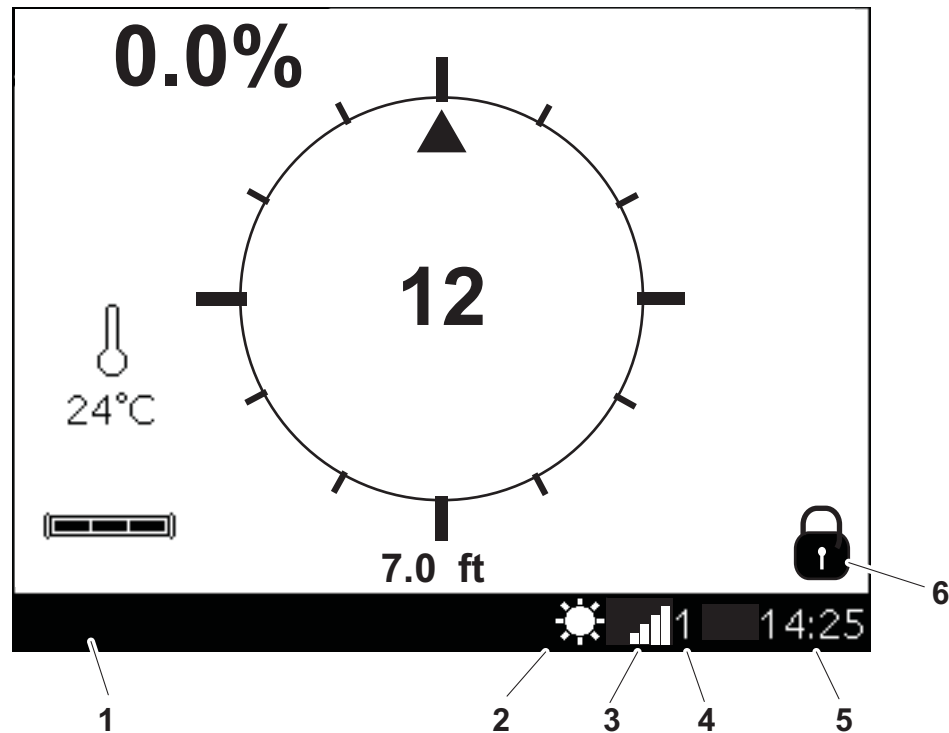
**System Menu**

Description	Notes
 <b>About</b>	Lists hardware and software versions, serial number, and copyright information.
 <b>Diagnostics</b>	Displays troubleshooting and diagnostic options.
 <b>Software Update</b>	Launches a software update.
 <b>Clock</b>	Sets the system date and time.
 <b>Analyzer</b>	Launches the Bore Path Analyzer.
 <b>Compass</b>	Displays magnetic heading of the tracker and beacon.

## TD RECON, TDR RECON

**NOTICE:** The TD RECON is installed on and wired into a drilling unit at the factory or Ditch Witch® dealer. If issues with the installation arise, contact your Ditch Witch dealer.

### Display Status Icons



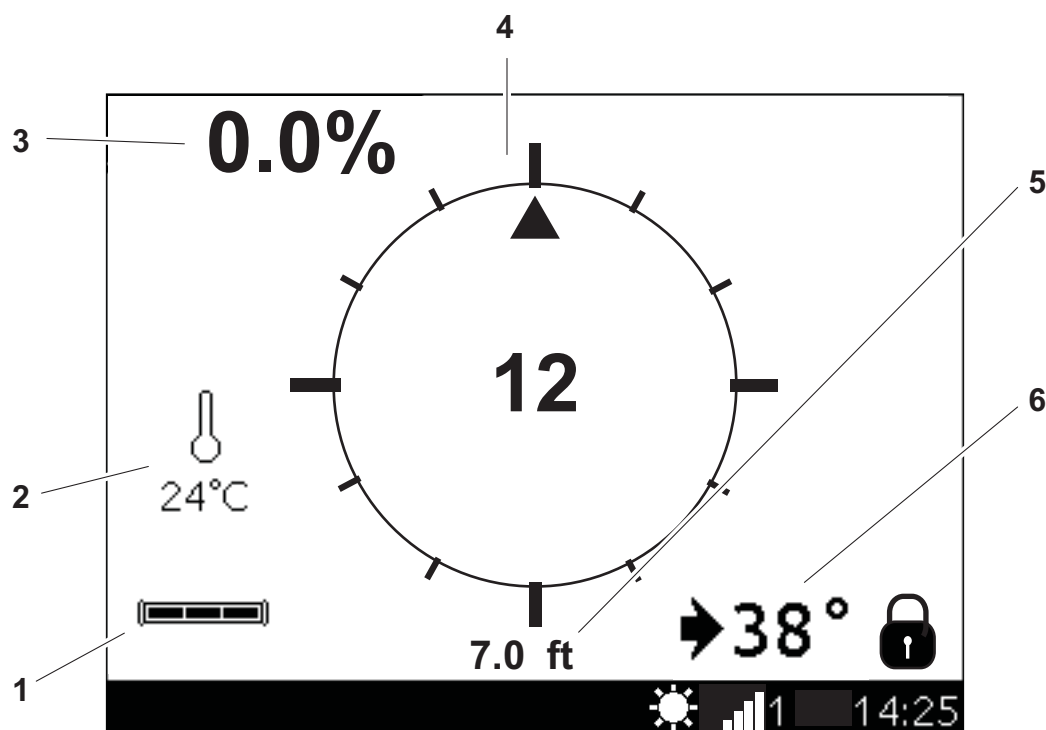
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|------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Message display     | 4. Telemetry channel          |
| 2. Backlight indicator | 5. Clock                      |
| 3. Tracker signal      | 6. DrillLok® status indicator |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Message display</b>	Displays information such as software version, logging status, beacon temperature warning, and low battery alert.	
2. <b>Backlight indicator</b>	Shows if backlight is on.	See "Settings Menu" on page 31.
3. <b>Telemetry signal strength</b>	Indicates strength of tracker telemetry signal received by display.	White bars indicate good reception; hollow or black bars indicate poor reception.



Item	Description	Notes
4. <b>Telemetry channel</b>	Displays telemetry channel selection.	
5. <b>Clock</b>	Displays time.	
6. <b>DrillLok® status indicator</b>	Displays DrillLok status of connected TD RECON display and associated drill.  If lock icon is displayed, thrust and rotation are disabled.	See "DrillLok®" on page 48.



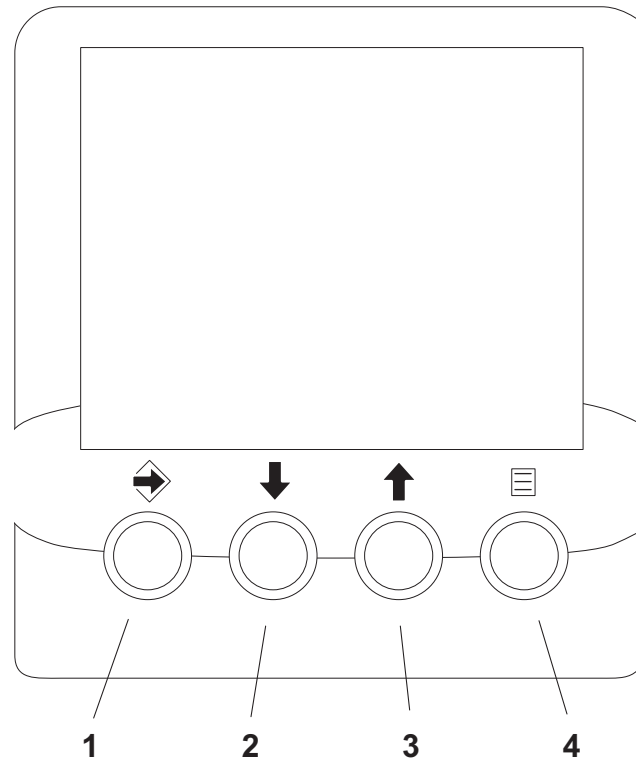
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1. Beacon battery indicator
2. Beacon temperature indicator
3. Beacon pitch indicator
4. Beacon roll indicator
5. Beacon depth indicator
6. Steering correction indicator

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Beacon battery indicator</b>	Graphically indicates battery life remaining.	
2. <b>Beacon temperature indicator</b>	Displays beacon temperature.  Icon darkens as temperature rises and temperature is displayed numerically below the icon.	
3. <b>Beacon pitch indicator</b>	Displays pitch of beacon in percent grade or degrees.  The arrow behind the value indicates whether pitch is positive or negative.	
4. <b>Beacon roll indicator</b>	Graphically and numerically indicates beacon's roll position.	

Item	Description	Notes
5. <b>Beacon depth indicator</b>	Displays beacon's depth.	
6. <b>Steering correction indicator</b>	Displays beacon angle relative to tracker and suggested steering direction to correct angle and direction.  Displayed when a depth is taken and sent to the display.	See "Steering Correction" on page 52.

## Buttons



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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. Select/Send | 3. Up         |
| 2. Down        | 4. Power/Menu |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Select/Send</b>	Press to select item shown on screen.  <b>When connected to TMS Plus:</b> Press to send data for current pipe to TMS Plus.	
2. <b>Down</b>	In Tracking Mode, press to delete the last stored pipe information.  In Menu Mode, press to move selection down.	
3. <b>Up</b>	In Tracking Mode, press to recall the last stored pipe information or to query the next pipe data from TMS Plus.  In Menu Mode, press to move selection up.	

Item	Description	Notes
4. Power/Menu	To turn on, press once. To turn off, press for 2 seconds.  Press button less than 2 seconds to access menu. Press at any time to return to previous menu.	




## Menus

### Logging Menu



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 <b>Logging Mode</b>	Selects or disables the logging mode. Available settings: Disable, Manual, Auto-Log
 <b>New Log</b>	Creates a new log file.
 <b>Log Manager</b>	Manages log files. Available settings: Select, Send, Send as 750, or Delete
 <b>TMS Plus</b>	Accesses TMS Plus tracking software. Available options: Download All, Connect.
 <b>Delete All Logs</b>	Deletes all log files stored on the tracker.
 <b>Delete Last Pipe</b>	Deletes the last point information from the current log file.




### Wireless Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>Channel</b>	Sets telemetry channel. Available settings: 1 (default) through 8.  <b>Note:</b> The number of available channels will vary based on region or country configuration.
 <b>Bluetooth</b>	Scans for and manages Bluetooth device connections.
 <b>DrillLok® Remote</b>	Selects remote device code for DrillLok feature corresponding to code on TK RECON.





### Settings Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>Language</b>	Controls user interface language.
 <b>Units</b>	Selects the units for displaying temperature, distance, pitch and roll.



Description	Notes
 <b>Backlight</b>	Selects backlight setting. Available settings: Off, On, or Auto  <b>Note:</b> To save battery life, operate with backlight off when possible.

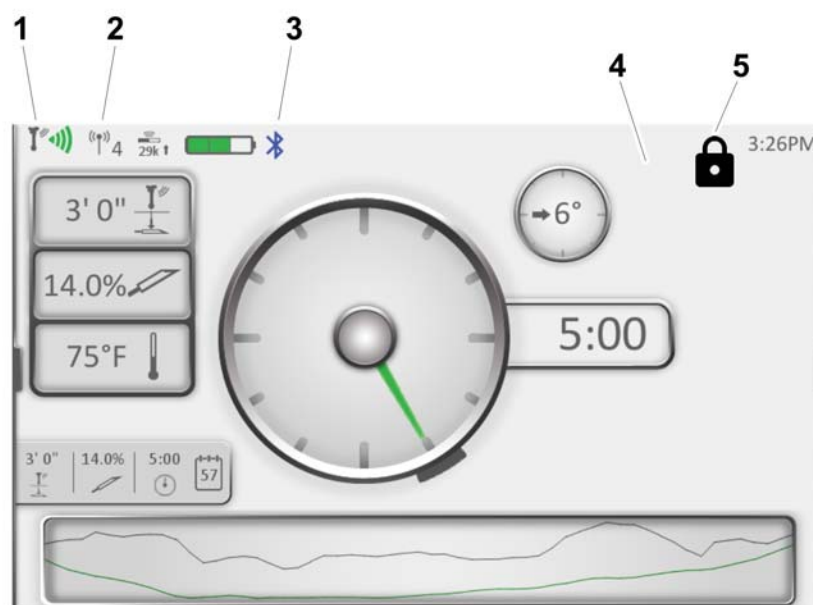
## System Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>About</b>	Lists hardware and software versions, serial number, and copyright information.
 <b>Diagnostic</b>	Displays troubleshooting and diagnostic options.
 <b>Software Update</b>	Launches a software update. Options: Continue, Cancel.
 <b>Clock</b>	Sets the system time.

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**NOTICE:** The COMMANDER™ 7 is installed on and wired into a drilling unit at the factory or Ditch Witch® dealer. If issues with the installation arise, contact your Ditch Witch dealer.

### Display Status Icons



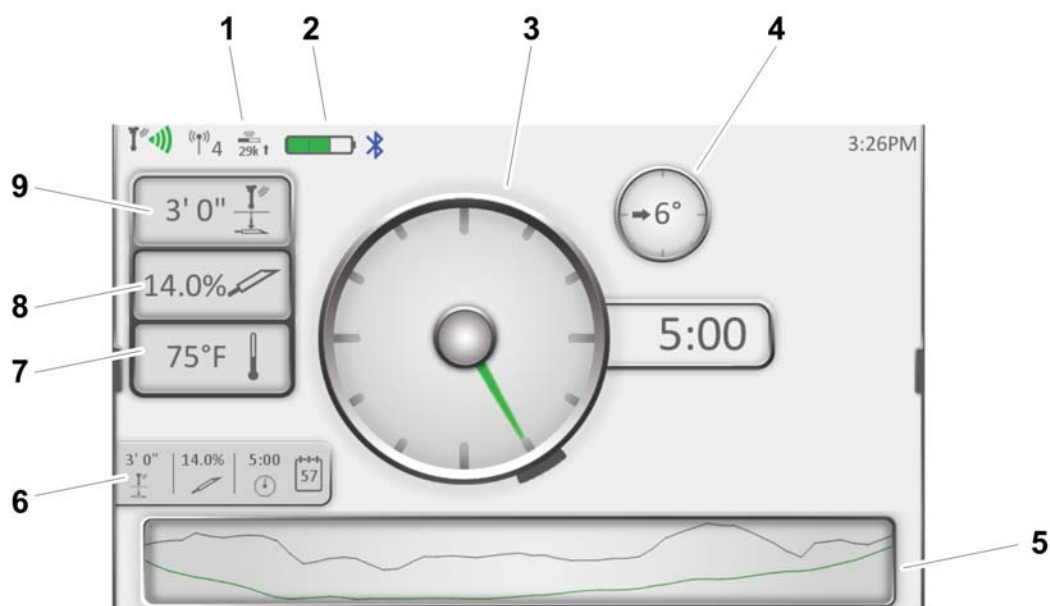
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| 1. Telemetry signal strength | 4. Message display            |
| 2. Telemetry channel         | 5. DrillLok® status indicator |
| 3. Bluetooth status icon     |                               |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Telemetry signal strength</b>	Indicates strength of tracker telemetry signal received by display.	
2. <b>Telemetry channel</b>	Displays telemetry channel selection.	
3. <b>Bluetooth status icon</b>	Indicates whether the display is connected to a computer or mobile device via Bluetooth.	

Item	Description	Notes
4. <b>Message display</b>	Displays information such as software version, logging status, and beacon temperature warning.	
5. <b>DrillLok® status indicator</b>	Displays DrillLok status of connected TD RECON display and associated drill.  If lock icon is displayed, thrust and rotation are disabled.	See "DrillLok®" on page 48.

## Beacon Status Icons



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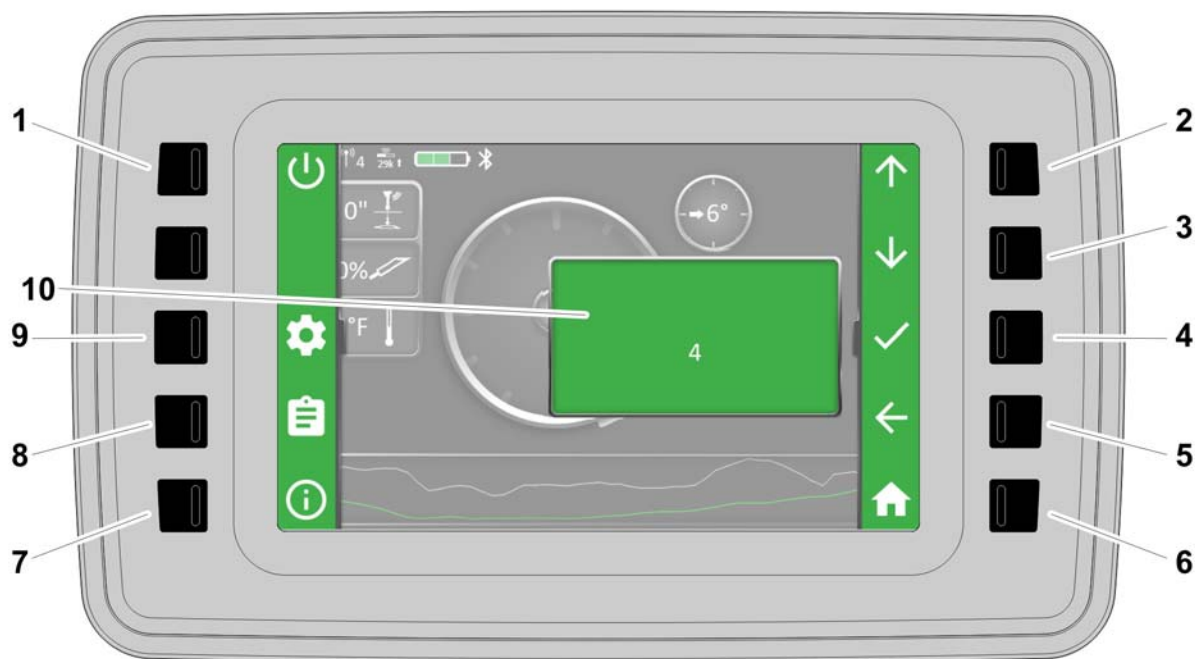
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| 1. Beacon mode indicator         | 6. Logged pipe banner           |
| 2. Beacon battery indicator      | 7. Beacon temperature indicator |
| 3. Beacon roll indicator         | 8. Beacon pitch indicator       |
| 4. Steering correction indicator | 9. Beacon depth indicator       |
| 5. As-built profile view         |                                 |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Beacon mode indicator</b>	Indicates beacon mode.	<b>IMPORTANT:</b> See "Select Beacon Mode (Multi-Frequency Beacons)" on page 45.
2. <b>Beacon battery indicator</b>	Graphically indicates battery life remaining.	
3. <b>Beacon roll indicator</b>	Graphically and numerically indicates beacon's roll position.	

Item	Description	Notes
<b>4. Steering correction indicator</b>	<p>Displays beacon angle relative to tracker and suggested steering direction to correct angle and direction.</p> <p>Displayed when a depth is taken and sent to the display.</p>	See "Steering Correction" on page 52.
<b>5. As-built profile view</b>	<p>Displays profile view of bore.</p> <p>The top line references the terrain. The bottom line references the bore.</p>	On certain Ditch Witch® machines, engine information will be displayed in addition to the as-built profile view.
<b>6. Logged pipe banner</b>	<p>Auto-Log mode: Indicates that a depth has been sent to the display by the tracker. Banner slides out to show the logged data.</p> <p>Manual log mode: Icon appears to allow the user to log a depth once taken by the tracker if desired.</p>	Logged data shown: depth, pitch, roll, and number of last logged pipe.
<b>7. Beacon temperature indicator</b>	<p>Displays beacon temperature.</p> <p>Temperature is displayed numerically beside the icon and turns red when beacon overheats.</p>	
<b>8. Beacon pitch indicator</b>	<p>Displays pitch of beacon in percent grade or degrees.</p> <p>Icon indicates whether pitch is positive or negative. Pitch is positive when icon is sloped upward and negative when icon is sloped downward.</p>	
<b>9. Beacon depth indicator</b>	Displays beacon's depth.	

## Buttons

**IMPORTANT:** Press any button for less than two seconds to access menu screen.



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|----------------|------------------|
| 1. Power/Menu  | 6. Home          |
| 2. Up          | 7. System Menu   |
| 3. Down        | 8. Logging Menu  |
| 4. Select/Send | 9. Settings Menu |
| 5. Back        |                  |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Power/Menu</b>	To turn on, press any button for two seconds. To turn off, press and follow on-screen commands.	
2. <b>Up</b>	Press to move selection up.	
3. <b>Down</b>	Press to move selection down.	
4. <b>Select</b>	Press to select item shown on screen.	
5. <b>Back</b>	Press to return to previous screen.	
6. <b>Home</b>	Press to return to operational screen.	






Item	Description	Notes
7. <b>System Menu</b>	Press to access System Menu.	See "System Menu" on page 24.
8. <b>Logging Menu</b>	Press to access Logging Menu.	See "Logging Menu" on page 23.
9. <b>Settings Menu</b>	Press to access Settings Menu.	See "Settings Menu" on page 23.

## Menus









### System Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>About</b>	Lists hardware and software versions, serial number, and copyright information.
 <b>Diagnostics</b>	Displays troubleshooting and diagnostic options.
 <b>Clock</b>	Sets the system time.
 <b>Operator's Manual</b>	Displays QR code to link to current operator's manual.

### Logging Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>Logging Mode</b>	Selects or disables the logging mode. Available settings: Disable, Manual (default), Auto-Log
 <b>New Log</b>	Creates a new log file.
 <b>Log Manager</b>	Views, opens, or deletes individual log files.
 <b>Delete All Logs</b>	Deletes all log files stored on the tracker. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> After selected, this command cannot be undone.
 <b>Delete Last Pipe</b>	Deletes the last point information from the current log file. <b>IMPORTANT:</b> After selected, this command cannot be undone.

## Settings Menu

Description	Notes
 <b>Channel</b>	Sets telemetry channel.  <b>IMPORTANT:</b> The number of available channels will vary based on region or country configuration.
 <b>DrillLok® Remote</b>	Selects remote device code for DrillLok feature corresponding to code on TK RECON.  <b>NOTICE:</b> Code is the last four digits of the paired tracker serial number.
 <b>Brightness</b>	Selects the brightness of the display screen.
 <b>Display Mode</b>	Selects the display mode. Available settings: Day (default) and Night
 <b>Units</b>	Selects the units for displaying temperature, distance, pitch and roll.
 <b>Drill-To Mode</b>	Selects the view when in drill-to mode. Available settings: Advanced (default) and Classic  See “Drill-To Location Mode” on page 53.
 <b>Depth View</b>	Selects the time intervals between when depth information is displayed. Available settings: 30 (default), 60, 90, 120 seconds, and Always On
 <b>Language</b>	Controls user interface language.







# System Operation

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## Electric Jobsite Precautions

Any time you track a bore within 10' (3m) of an underground electric line, you must wear protective boots with high tops that meet the electric hazard protection requirements of ASTM F2413 or ASTM F1117 when tested at 14,000 volts. Tuck legs of pants completely inside boots.

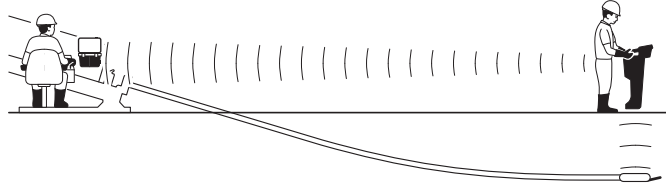
If working around higher voltage, use boots with appropriately higher ratings.

Wait for drilling to stop before approaching bore path to track progress.

**NOTICE:** The electric strike system on the drilling unit does not prevent electric strikes or detect strikes before they occur. **If alarms are activated, a strike has already occurred** and equipment is electrified.

## Tracking Overview

The TK RECON Series Guidance System is designed to function with horizontal directional drilling units. The system is composed of three components: beacon transmitter, tracking unit, and display unit.

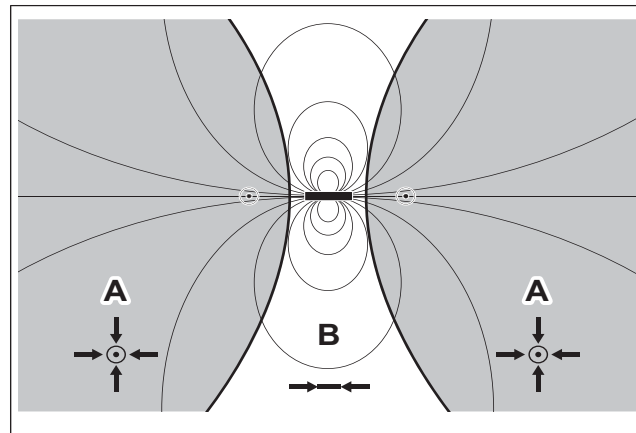


T Series beacons transmit roll angle, beacon temperature, beacon battery status, and pitch information and perform best in approved tool housings.

TK RECON trackers detect beacon transmission and relay data to TD RECON or COMMANDER™ 7 displays onboard the drilling unit. The tracking data can be logged and transferred to tracking software.

T Series beacons emit a dipole magnetic field that can be used multiple ways to determine beacon position. The beacon is always located at peak signal strength between two null points (also known as ghost signals). The peak signal strength region (B) is located directly over the beacon. The two null point regions (A) are located in front of and behind the beacon.

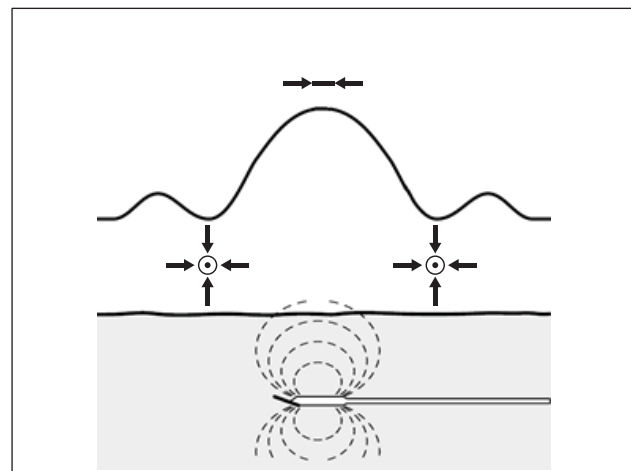
If the TK RECON tracker is in one of the null point regions, the null point icon (A) will be displayed with fore/aft and/or left/right arrow showing the direction to move the tracker to the null point.



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If the tracker is in the peak signal strength region, the beacon icon (B) will be displayed as well as a fore/aft arrow to guide the tracker over the plane perpendicular to the beacon axis.

When the beacon has been correctly located, the depth reading is displayed.



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## Setup

**WARNING**

Potential radio frequency (RF) hazard. Operating this device within 8" (200 mm) of your body may cause RF exposure levels to exceed FCC RF exposure limits and should be avoided.

To help avoid injury, this device must not be co-located with any other radio transmitter.

### Analyze Bore Path (TK RECON2 and TK RECON4)

The Bore Path Analyzer analyzes active interference (noise) along the bore path and recommends frequencies that will ensure the best communication for accurate depth and location. Active interference is any magnetic field generated by a source other than the beacon, such as power lines, traffic loops, cable TV, and phone lines that decreases the communication range of the tracker. This feature does not analyze passive interference (fences, metal pipe, and vehicles), which distorts the signal and shape of the beacon dipole field, and thus distorts location and depth.

1. Ensure that no active beacons are operating in the area.
2. Place the TK RECON tracker at the position where the bore will be started.
3. Navigate to **System>Analyzer**
4. To clear any previous readings, press and hold the **Select/Send** button.
5. Press the **Select/Send** button. Tracker will analyze frequency noise at that position.
6. Move tracker to next position along the intended bore path.
7. Repeat steps 3 and 4 until a full noise plot is recorded.
8. At the end of the bore path, press the **Menu** button to display the recommended beacon frequency.

### Program Beacon (Multi-Frequency Beacons)

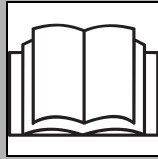
1. On the TK RECON tracker, navigate to **Beacon>Configuration**.
2. Scan for available devices, then select a beacon to connect. Once connected, view the beacon information screen, noting the settings for UP mode and DOWN mode.
3. Select **Set Modes** and follow prompts to program frequency and power level for UP and DOWN modes.

### Activate Beacon

Activate beacon by tightening battery cap and rolling it clockwise two times.

Beacon will deactivate (sleep) after 20 minutes of inactivity. To force deactivation, set the beacon to the 5 o'clock roll position and wait 5 minutes.

## Select Beacon Mode (Multi-Frequency Beacons)

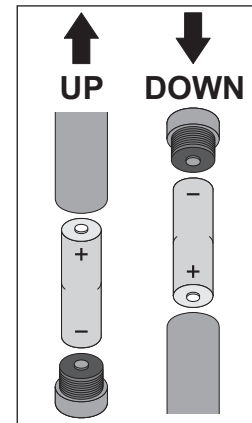


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**To help avoid injury**, learn to monitor the beacon mode indicator (see page 20). If the tracker is unsure of the beacon mode, a "?" will be displayed to warn the operator that depth shown could be inaccurate.

15T3 and 19T3 beacons are capable of transmitting multiple frequency/power level combinations (modes). Only two modes can be stored to the beacon at one time: UP and DOWN.

1. Unscrew cap.
2. Check for and correct the following conditions:
  - dirty or damaged threads.
  - missing, dirty or worn foam washer on battery cap and bottom of battery chamber.
  - missing, worn or damaged springs.
  - missing, damaged or dirty o-ring. Clean or replace as needed.
3. Insert, positive end first, one Power Stick battery (p/n 222-1369) or one Electrochem CC 3.67 V Lithium.
  - **To select DOWN mode**, hold beacon vertical to the ground with the end slot pointed toward the ground.
  - **To select UP mode**, hold beacon vertical to the ground with the end slot pointing toward the sky.
4. Install battery. Keep beacon steady while hand tightening cap firmly. Use tracker to confirm beacon is functioning.



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**IMPORTANT:** For maximum performance, use only Power Stick battery (p/n 222-1369) or Electrochem CC 3.67 V Lithium batteries. Standard "C" cell alkaline batteries can cause intermittent operation and beacon signal errors.

### To switch mode while drilling:

1. Allow beacon to go to sleep.
2. Rotate beacon within a minute of it going to sleep to switch mode.
3. If beacon is rotated after it has been asleep longer than a minute, the mode will not change.
4. Change and verify frequency on the tracker.

## Install Beacon into Tool Housing

1. Install beacon into tool housing. See beacon operation sheet for more information.
2. Check for proper beacon alignment by rolling housing on the ground and watching for corresponding roll positions on tracker display.

## Calibrate Tracker to Beacon

**IMPORTANT:** Ensure no metal objects including drilling unit and drill pipe are within 20' (6 m) of tracker and toolhead.

### Manual Method

Single frequency beacons have one-way communication with the tracker. To accurately scale depth, calibrate the tracker to the beacon.

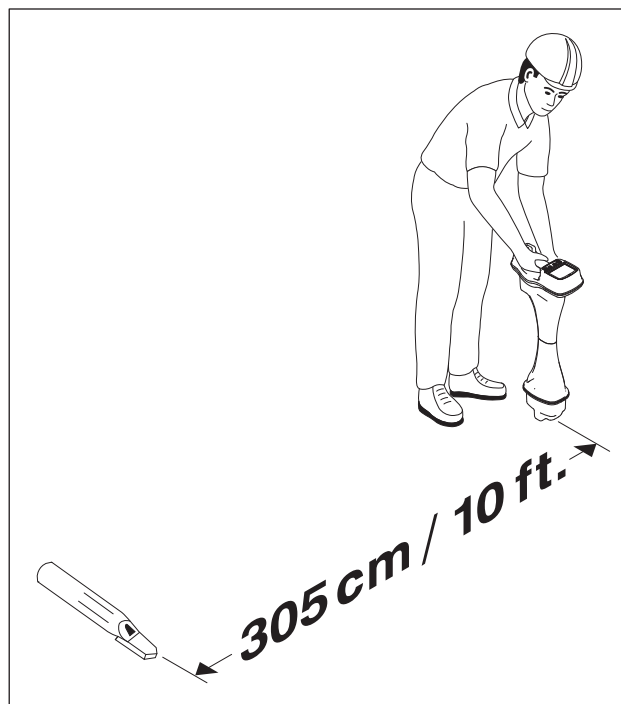
1. Activate beacon and place on ground exactly 10 ft (305 cm) from tracker, as shown.
2. Position tracker parallel to center of beacon.
3. Select **Beacon>Calibrate Depth** and follow prompts.

**IMPORTANT:** If using a multi-frequency beacon, calibrate each frequency separately.

### Bluetooth Method

Multiple frequency beacons utilize Bluetooth radios for two-way communication with the tracker. Once the tracker is paired to the beacon, calibration takes place automatically. To pair the tracker with the beacon:

1. Activate the beacon.
2. On the tracker, go to **Wireless>Bluetooth**. Select the correct **TX\_0000** beacon to create a connection.
3. Select **Beacon>Calibrate Depth** and follow prompts. This step will calibrate both UP and DOWN modes.



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## **Roll and Pitch Calibration**

Roll calibration is only necessary if using a T Series beacon in a non-standard housing. To calibrate roll, install beacon into housing, navigate TK RECON tracker to **Beacon>Calibrate Roll** and follow prompts.

Pitch calibration is only necessary when using a grade beacon. To calibrate pitch, install beacon into housing and level housing to 0%. On the tracker, check the beacon pitch reading. If the reading is a value other than zero, navigate to **Beacon>Calibrate Pitch** and follow prompts until the tracker shows a pitch value of 0%.

## **Test Beacon Operation**

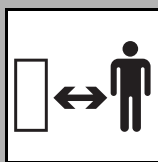
Step approximately 15' (4.57 m) from beacon. Turn on tracker, select frequency, check beacon mode, and adjust gain so that signal strength is approximately 50%.

- Roll beacon and look at display for corresponding roll positions.
- Tilt beacon and look at display for corresponding pitch positions.
- Check beacon battery status and temperature.





## Activate DrillLok



Rotating shaft will cause death or serious injury. Stay away.

**To help avoid injury**, do not stand or walk over the bore path while drill string is moving during drilling and backreaming.

TK RECON tracker and TD RECON or COMMANDER™ 7 display units that support the DrillLok feature are capable of bi-directional communication between the tracker and display.

### DrillLok®

The DrillLok system allows the tracker operator to disable hydraulic thrust and rotation power to a compatible Ditch Witch® drilling unit within 16 seconds. **This mode will not stop thrust and rotation immediately.**

The status of the drilling unit is relayed back to the tracker so the tracker operator has confirmation of the drilling unit state. When the drilling unit is disabled by the tracker operator, green DrillLok strobe on the drilling unit will light and thrust and rotation will be disabled within 16 seconds.

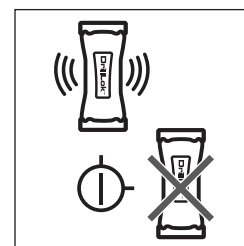
#### IMPORTANT:

- If thrust and rotation do not work, check to see if green DrillLok strobe on drilling unit is on. If it is, the tracker user has selected to disable thrust and rotation. If the drilling unit cannot be enabled, install DrillLok key on drilling unit and turn to the deactivated position to override the DrillLok system. Strobe light will go off and thrust and rotation will function.
- The tracker operator cannot stop thrust and rotation from the tracker with the DrillLok key installed in drilling unit and turned to the Disable position.
- See the drilling unit operator's manual for more information.

## Operation


**IMPORTANT:** Steps 1-5 are completed only once for each system.

1. Turn on drilling unit, display, and tracker.
  2. On tracker, navigate to **System>About**. Note code. (The code is the last four digits of the tracker serial number.)
  3. On display, navigate to **Wireless>DrillLok® Remote**. Enter code from tracker using the **Up** and **Down** arrows for each digit. Press **Select/Send** to save the desired number for each digit.
  4. On display, navigate to **System>About**. Note code. (The code is the last four digits of the display serial number.)
  5. On tracker, navigate to **Wireless>DrillLok Base**. Enter code from display using the **Up** and **Down** arrows for each digit. Press **Select/Send** to save the desired number for each digit.
  6. Turn DrillLok key to activated position.
  7. Remove DrillLok key from drilling unit and keep in tracker operator's possession.
  8. Ensure tracker and display are on the same telemetry channel and are communicating.
  9. On tracker, navigate to **Wireless>DrillLok** and select **Enable**.
  10. Drill and track bore until drill head enters target pit or exits ground.
  11. On tracker, navigate to **Wireless>DrillLok** and select **Disable**. After 8-16 seconds, green DrillLok strobe on drilling unit will come on and hydraulic power to thrust and rotation will be disabled. The drilling unit status will be updated on the tracker screen to the locked icon.
  12. If locked icon appears on tracker, change downhole tools.
  13. Navigate to **Wireless>DrillLok** and select **Enable**. After 8-16 seconds, the DrillLok light on the drilling unit will go off, the status icon on the tracker will be updated, and thrust and rotation will function.
- If you are not tracking backreamer's path**, install DrillLok key on drilling unit and turn to the Override position to override DrillLok system. The DrillLok light on the drilling unit will go off and thrust and rotation will function.



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## DrillLok Status Icons

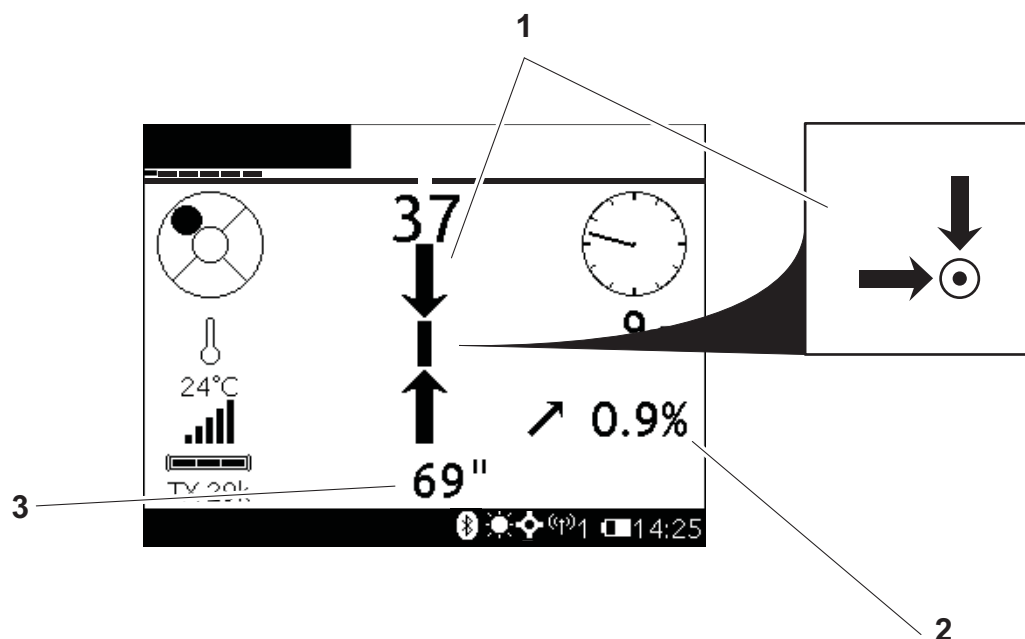
Item	Description
	The drilling unit thrust and rotation are locked out. The hydraulic thrust and rotation power is disabled and the green DrillLok strobe light on the drilling unit is flashing.

**IMPORTANT:** If communication is interrupted between tracker and display, drilling unit will remain at its previous state.

## Locate

The tracker has two modes: walkover location and drill-to. Use walkover location to find the position of the beacon. Once the tracker is in or near the beacon plane, view the depth, pitch, and roll position. In drill-to mode, the tracker is placed along the intended bore path and provides steering corrections for the drilling unit operator to drill that path.

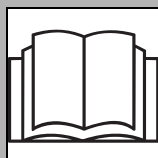
### Walkover Location



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1. Locate arrows
2. Beacon pitch
3. Beacon depth

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Locate arrows</b>	Indicates direction to move tracker to find location of beacon or beacon null point.	For more information, see page 51.
2. <b>Beacon pitch</b>	Displays pitch of beacon in percent grade or degrees.	
3. <b>Beacon Depth</b>	Displays depth of beacon when beacon is properly located.	



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**To help avoid injury**, do not stand or walk over the bore path while drill string is moving (during drilling and backreaming).

**NOTICE:** High temperature is the primary cause of beacon failure. Monitor beacon temperature carefully.

- **If temperature goes above 160°F (70°C)**, stop drilling, pull back 3' (.9 m), and pump fluid into hole until beacon cools.
- Operating beacon at temperatures above 221°F (105°C) for T Series beacons and 176°F (80°C) for TX/86/88 Series beacons will cause beacon overheating and failure and will void beacon warranty. Monitor beacon temperature carefully.
- Operating fluid-assisted drilling system without proper fluid flow will cause overheating and damage to beacon and tool head.



## Peak Location

1. Walk bore path with bottom of tracker parallel to beacon. Do not hold tracker at right angle to beacon.
2. Move until beacon icon is shown and both fore/aft arrows are shown. Sweep tracker from side to side and use signal strength display to find lateral location of beacon. The beacon is located at the point where the signal strength number is the highest and the bar graph indicator is highest.
3. Step back until null point icon is shown and sweep tracker side to side until both left/right arrows are on.
4. Move forward until beacon icon is shown and both fore/aft arrows are lit.
5. Press the **Select/Send** button to log depth estimate. Mark location.

## Null Point Location

1. Starting from behind the beacon, walk until the null point icon is displayed. Follow arrows and minimize signal strength to find and mark the null point.
2. Walk forward through the beacon region and into the opposite null point region. Find and mark the null point.
3. Walk backwards along the line connecting the two null points until the beacon icon is displayed and fore/aft arrows are lit.
4. Press the **Select/Send** button to log depth estimate. Mark location.

## Steering Correction

The tracker has the ability to measure the angle of the beacon in relation to the tracker to provide a suggested steering correction angle and direction.

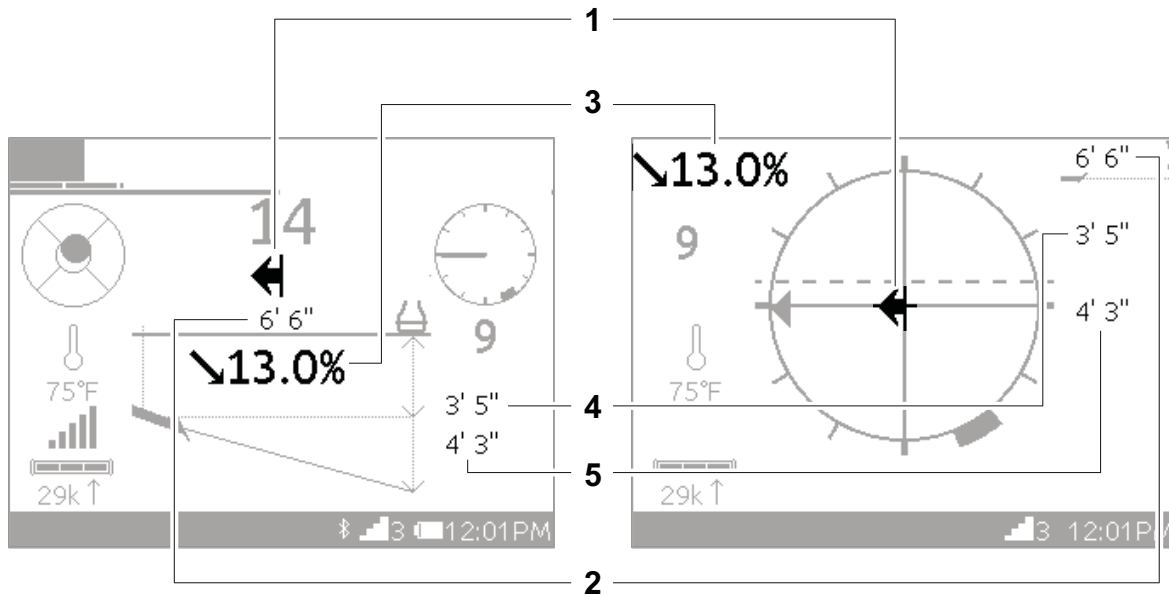
### To display steering correction:

1. Ensure tracker is directly over beacon.
2. Point tracker away from drilling unit.
3. Rotate tracker to point in the direction of the desired correction.
4. Angle will be displayed on the tracker screen and the beacon will be rotated when:
  - both the fore and aft arrows are locked
  - and **Compass Display** is enabled

**IMPORTANT:** Beacon angle and steering direction will only be sent to display when depth is taken. See "Select/Send" on page 21.

## Drill-To Location Mode

### TD RECON

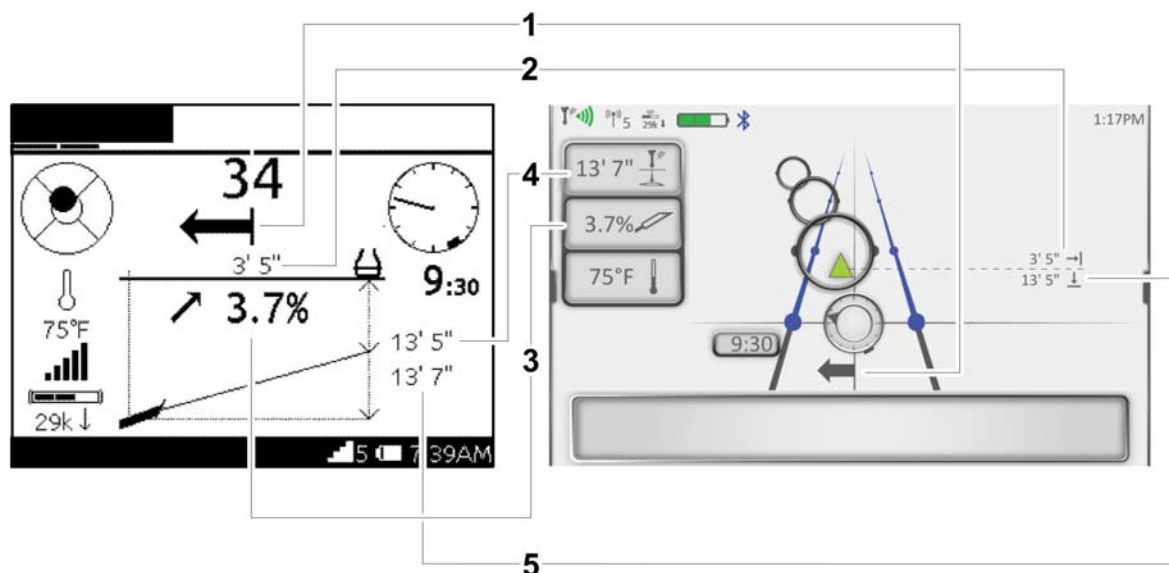


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1. Steering arrow
2. Horizontal distance
3. Beacon pitch
4. Approximate current depth
5. Approximate projected depth

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Steering arrow</b>	Indicates which direction the operator needs to move to correctly align with the tracker.	If the tool head is directly in line with the tracker, the arrow will become a diamond.
2. <b>Horizontal distance</b>	Displays horizontal distance from the tracker antenna to a point directly above the beacon.	
3. <b>Beacon pitch</b>	Displays pitch of beacon in percent grade or degrees. The orientation of the arrow indicates whether the pitch is positive or negative.	
4. <b>Approximate current depth</b>	Displays current depth of the beacon from the tracker antenna assuming flat terrain.	
5. <b>Approximate projected depth</b>	Displays projected depth directly below the tracker antenna assuming the beacon proceeds at its current pitch reading.	

## COMMANDER™ 7 (Advanced View\*)



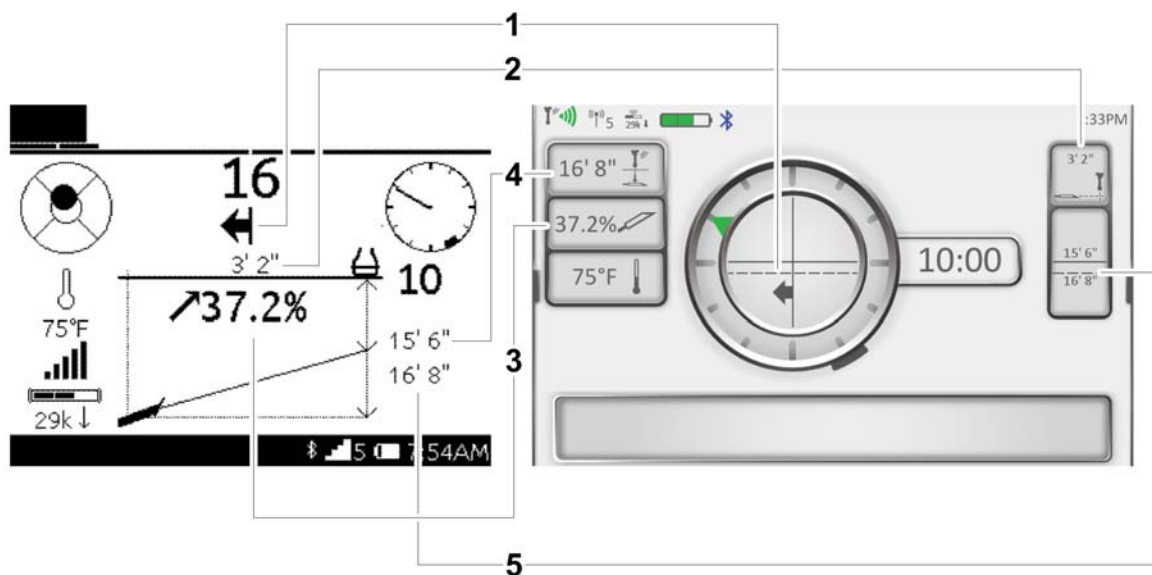
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| 1. Steering arrow      | 4. Approximate current depth   |
| 2. Horizontal distance | 5. Approximate projected depth |
| 3. Beacon pitch        |                                |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Steering arrow</b>	Indicates which direction the operator needs to move to correctly align with the tracker.	If the tool head is directly in line with the tracker, the arrow will become a diamond.
2. <b>Horizontal distance</b>	Displays horizontal distance from the tracker antenna to a point directly above the beacon.	
3. <b>Beacon pitch</b>	Displays pitch of beacon in percent grade or degrees. The orientation of the arrow and drill icon indicate whether the pitch is positive or negative.	
4. <b>Approximate current depth</b>	Displays current depth of the beacon from the tracker antenna assuming flat terrain.	
5. <b>Approximate projected depth</b>	Displays projected depth directly below the tracker antenna assuming the beacon proceeds at its current pitch reading.	

\*Default. To change view, see "Drill-To Mode" on page 39.

**COMMANDER™ 7 (Classic View\*)**



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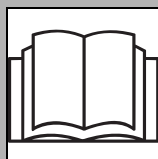
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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Steering arrow      | 4. Approximate current depth   |
| 2. Horizontal distance | 5. Approximate projected depth |
| 3. Beacon pitch        |                                |

Item	Description	Notes
1. <b>Steering arrow</b>	Indicates which direction the operator needs to move to correctly align with the tracker.	If the tool head is directly in line with the tracker, the arrow will become a diamond.
2. <b>Horizontal distance</b>	Displays horizontal distance from the tracker antenna to a point directly above the beacon.	
3. <b>Beacon pitch</b>	Displays pitch of beacon in percent grade or degrees. The orientation of the arrow and drill icon indicate whether the pitch is positive or negative.	
4. <b>Approximate current depth</b>	Displays current depth of the beacon from the tracker antenna assuming flat terrain.	
5. <b>Approximate projected depth</b>	Displays projected depth directly below the tracker antenna assuming the beacon proceeds at its current pitch reading.	

\*Optional. To change view, see "Drill-To Mode" on page 39.



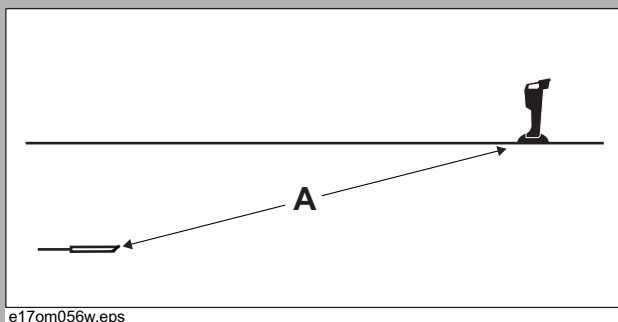
## Procedure



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### To help avoid injury:

- If location and depth are critical, confirm by hand-digging.
- Do not stand or walk over the bore path while drill string is moving (during drilling and backreaming).
- If the distance between the tracker and the beacon is greater than 35' (11.7 m), tracker will only display a radial distance estimate (A) and steering correction arrow instead of distance, pitch and depth estimates.



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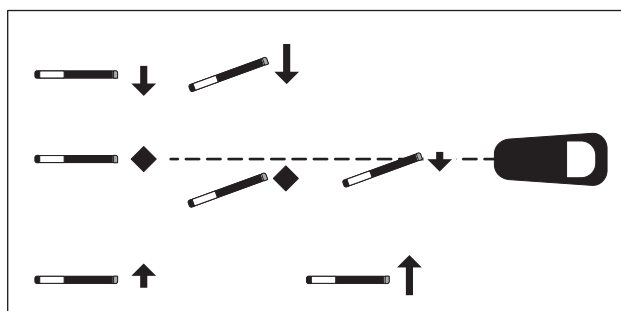
1. Place tracker in tracker stand along intended bore path with the battery caps facing toward the drilling unit. Use the bubble level to ensure tracker is positioned correctly.
2. Drill as usual. Use the TD RECON or COMMANDER™ 7 display to monitor steering arrows, current depth, horizontal distance, and projected depth.

### IMPORTANT:

- Verify beacon location using walkover mode in critical situations, as accuracy decreases with distance.
- The tracker must be kept in front of the beacon and above the beacon. The beacon must be projecting below the tracker to give correct results.
- Doubleclick the **Select/Send** button to switch between walkover and drill-to modes.

## Steer

The steering arrow displays the correction required to guide the beacon back to the bore path defined by the tracker's location and orientation.



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## Displayed Information

Beacons send a variety of information to tracker. All Subsite® Electronics beacons send pitch, roll, temperature and battery information.

### Roll

Beacon roll information is useful in determining the direction that the drilling tool will tend to travel when pushed without rotation. The following chart shows typical tool face roll indications for directional drilling.

When beacon roll shows . . .	Drilling tool will move . . .
1 or 2 o'clock	up and right
3 o'clock	right
4 or 5 o'clock	down and right
6 o'clock	down
7 or 8 o'clock	down and left
9 o'clock	left
10 or 11 o'clock	up and left
12 o'clock	up



### Depth

All tracking and locating systems are subject to interference. To quickly check for interference, raise tracker 1' (0.3 m) and make second depth estimate. If the difference between the two estimates is not 1' (0.3 m), there is interference.

## Pitch

Tracker shows pitch (% grade) when used with beacons that provide this information (see specific beacon literature).

Pitch shows beacon grade in percentages from down arrow 99% (45 degrees down) to up arrow 99% (45 degrees up). Tracker displays this information to the left of roll display.

Grade beacons will send pitch in 0.1% increments from 1-45% and in 1% increments from 45-90%.

The chart below shows information relevant to drill pipe 10 ft (3 m) in length.

% of grade	Rise/drop US (metric)	% of grade	Rise/drop US (metric)	% of grade	Rise/drop US (metric)
1	1" (25 mm)	12	1' 2" (356 mm)	45	4' 1" (1.24 m)
2	2" (51 mm)	14	1' 5" (432 mm)	50	4' 6" (1.37 m)
3	4" (102 mm)	16	1' 7" (483 mm)	55	4' 10" (1.47 m)
4	5" (127 mm)	18	1' 9" (533 mm)	60	5' 2" (1.57 m)
5	6" (152 mm)	20	2' (610 mm)	65	5' 5" (1.65 m)
6	7" (178 mm)	24	2' 4" (711 mm)	70	5' 9" (1.75 m)
7	8" (203 mm)	28	2' 8" (813 mm)	75	6' (1.83 m)
8	10" (254 mm)	32	3' 1" (940 mm)	80	6' 3" (1.91 m)
9	11" (279 mm)	36	3' 5" (1.04 m)	90	6' 8" (2.03 m)
10	1' (305 mm)	40	3' 9" (1.14 m)	99	7' (2.13 m)

## Finish Locating

When location is complete, remove beacon from tool housing before mud in beacon chamber hardens and seizes beacon into housing.

1. Remove beacon from tool housing.

**IMPORTANT:** If beacon will not come out, **do not use force**. Try soaking housing in water until dried mud inside housing softens. If beacon still will not come out, contact your equipment dealer for advice.

2. Clean beacon and remove battery.
3. Wash and lubricate tool housing.



## Log Data

Tracking data can be saved to a file on the tracker or the display and transferred directly to a personal computer with TSR or TMS PLUS software.

1. Select file to save data:

To create a new log file, navigate to **Logging>New Log**.

To add data to an existing log file, navigate to **Logging>Log Manager**.

**Note:** All data will be stored to the selected log file until another log file is selected or until logging is disabled.

2. Log data along bore path using Auto-Log or Manual log.

	TK RECON	TD RECON	COMMANDER™ 7
Auto-Log	Pipe is logged when the <b>Select/Send</b> button is pressed to send depth to display.	Pipe is logged when depth is received from tracker. No user action is required.	Pipe is logged when depth is received from tracker. No user action is required.
Manual log	Pipe is logged after a depth has been sent to the remote display and the <b>Up</b> button is pressed while the depth value is still highlighted.	Pipe is logged when depth has been received from the tracker and the <b>Select/Send</b> button is pressed.	Pipe is logged when depth has been received from the tracker and the <b>log pipe</b> indicator is selected. See "Logged pipe banner" on page 36.

3. When logging is complete, transfer data to a personal computer.

## Transfer Data

### Using TSR Software

1. Pair the tracker or display and the computer:

**TD RECON:**

On the TK RECON or TD RECON, navigate to **Wireless>Bluetooth** and follow prompts.

Or, on the computer, use the “Add Device” option in the computer’s Bluetooth devices menu.

**COMMANDER™ 7:**

On the computer or mobile device, use the “Add Device” option in the Bluetooth devices menu.

2. Enable the computer to receive files. This procedure varies by manufacturer, but is often done by selecting “Receive File” from the Bluetooth icon in the computer task bar.
3. On the TK RECON or TD RECON, navigate to **Logging>Log Manager**, select the desired log file and press the **Select/Send** button and follow prompts.

### Using TMS Plus Software (TD RECON only)

Use the “Download” option to download log files from the TK RECON or TD RECON. When prompted by TMS Plus, select the virtual COM port assigned to the TK RECON or TD RECON. This port number is stored in the Properties dialog in the Bluetooth Devices folder.

Select **Logging>TMS Plus>Download All** and follow prompts to complete the download. See the TMS Plus operation instructions for more information.

### Using Connected Logging

The TD RECON can also connect to the TMS Plus software application and transfer bore data in real time. The TD RECON button functions will change as follows during connected logging:

Button	TMS Live Function
Select/Send	Store/send last depth received from tracker.
Down arrow	Delete last stored pipe
Up arrow	Query next pipe information from TMS Plus.

# Service



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## General Care

Under normal operating conditions, tracking system components need only minor maintenance. Following these care instructions can ensure longer equipment life:

- Do not drop the equipment.
- Do not expose the equipment to high heat (such as in the rear window of a vehicle).
- Clean equipment with a damp cloth and mild soap. Never use scouring powder.
- Do not immerse in any liquid.
- Inspect housing daily for cracks or other damage. If housing is damaged, contact your equipment dealer for replacement.
- Do not mix new and used batteries.
- Remove battery if storing for an extended period.

## As Needed

### Change Batteries

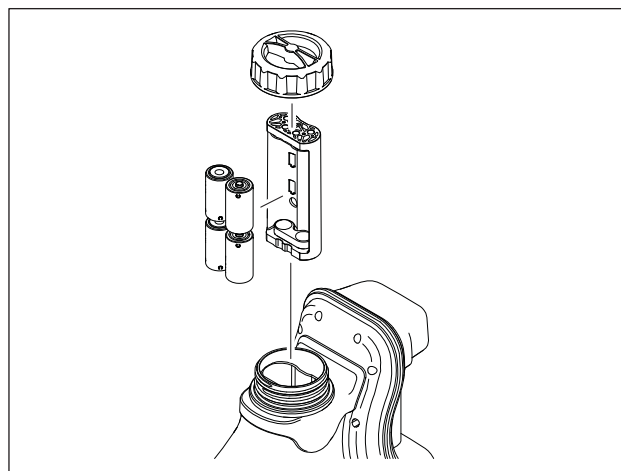
#### Tracker

**IMPORTANT:** Do not mix new and used batteries. Do not mix battery brands or types.

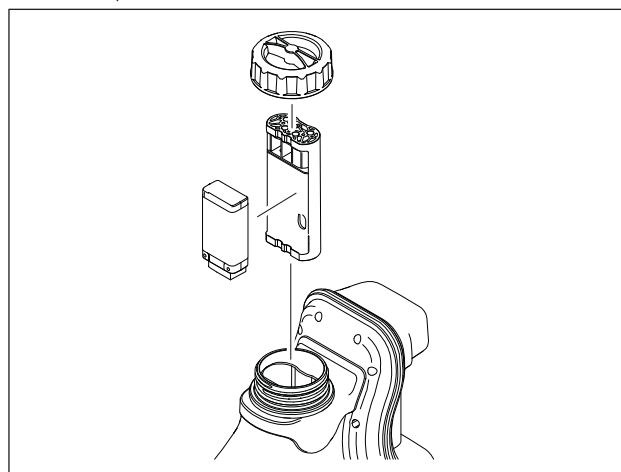
Use either four C-cell alkaline or rechargeable Ni-MH batteries or one lithium-ion battery in tracker.

1. Unscrew battery cap.
2. Remove battery tray.
3. Insert batteries as shown.
4. Install battery tray and tighten battery cap.
5. Check operation.

If using lithium-ion battery, see manual included with battery to recharge.



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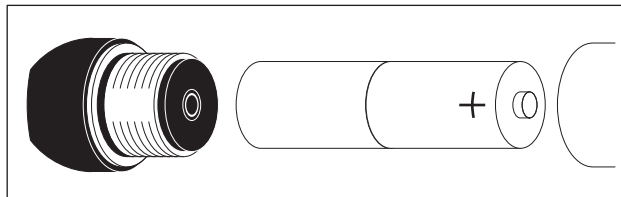


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## Beacon

Use one Lithium CC battery or one Power Stick battery (222-1369) in beacon.

1. Remove battery cap.
2. Insert battery as shown.
3. Install and tighten battery cap.
4. Check operation.



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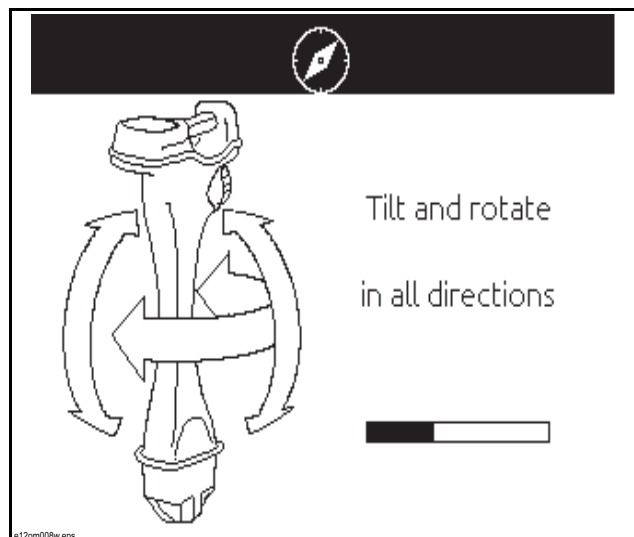
## Calibrate Compass

Compass may need to be recalibrated occasionally for accurate results.

### To calibrate:

1. On tracker, navigate to **System>Compass**. Press and hold **Select** to enter calibration.
2. Tilt and rotate the tracker in all directions (including upside down) until the progress bar is full. An audible alert will also sound once calibration is complete.

**IMPORTANT:** Calibration may be canceled by pressing the **Menu** button.



## Update Software

Software updates are often available to fix issues, change software behavior, or add software features.

### Preferred Method:

1. Obtain a copy of the latest version of TSR as-built software from <http://subsite.com/support/software-updates>.
2. Connect to the TK RECON or TD RECON/COMMANDER™ 7 via Bluetooth from the computer or mobile device running TSR.
3. Select the device from within TSR.
4. Press the **Update** button to update the RECON/COMMANDER™ software.

### Alternate Method (TD RECON):

1. Obtain the software update file (ETxxxxxx.TSU for the TK RECON or EDxxxxxx for the TD RECON).
2. Copy the file to a device that supports the Bluetooth OBEX Object Push Profile, such as a computer.
3. Use the **Wireless>Bluetooth** menu to pair the device to the TK RECON or TD RECON unit. Or, use the device to initiate the pairing process.
4. Navigate to **System>Software Update** and press the **Select/Send** button to launch the update process.
5. Once the TK RECON or TD RECON indicates it is waiting for a file, begin the transfer from the sending device. A progress bar will be displayed on the TK RECON or TD RECON and the unit will restart when the update is complete.

# Specifications

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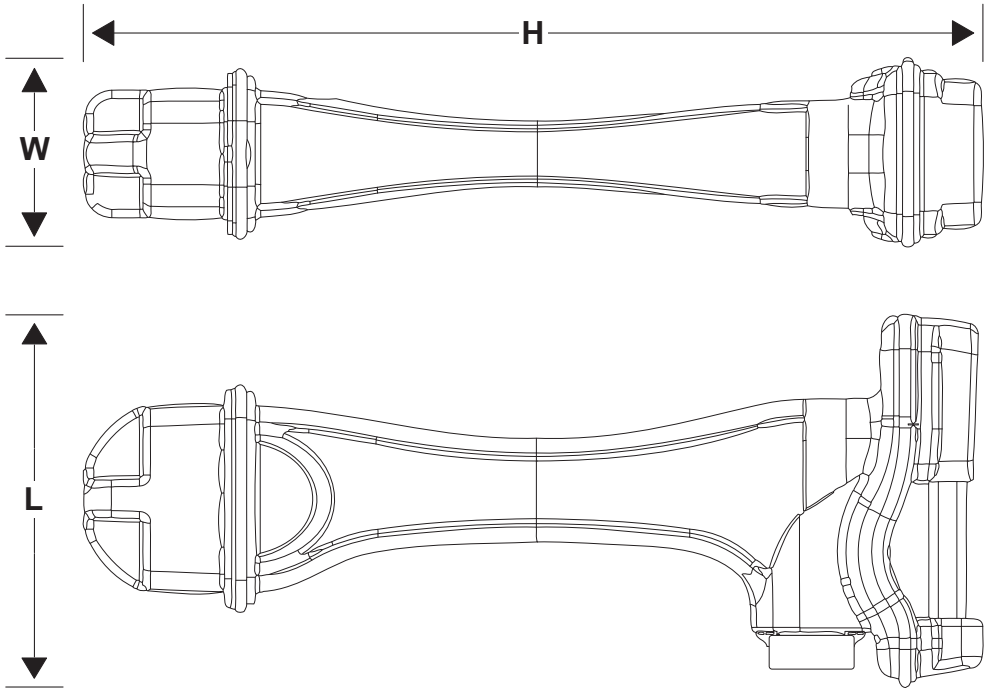
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TK RECON Series Tracker



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Dimensions		U.S.	Metric
H	Height	30 in	762 mm
L	Length	13 in	330 mm
W	Width	7 in	178 mm
	Operating weight	9 lb	4.1 kg

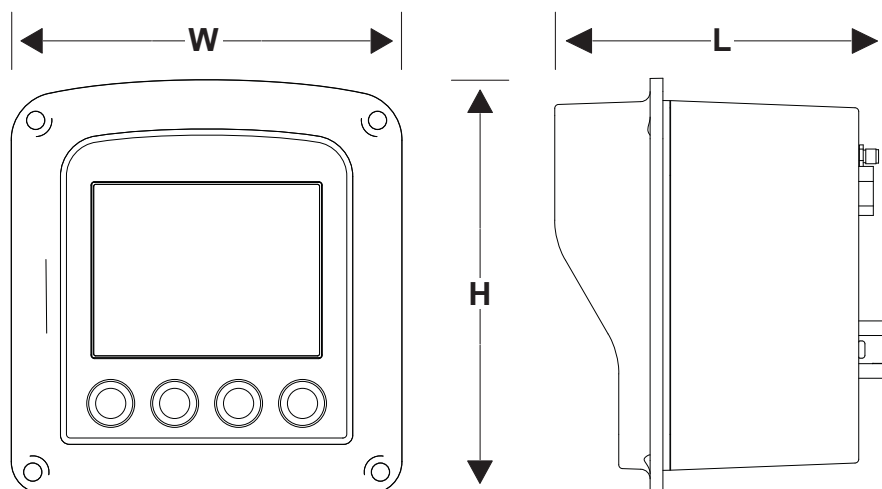
Environmental		U.S.	Metric
Operating temperature		-4°F to 122°F	-20°C to 50°C
Storage temperature		-22°F to 158°F	-30°C to 70°C
IP Rating		IP65	

Performance		U.S.	Metric
TK RECON	Depth distance	>70 ft w/ H power beacon	>18.3 w/ H power beacon
	Depth accuracy	+/- 5% over testable range	
	Telemetry radio range	2000 ft	610 m
TK RECON2, TK RECON4	Depth distance	>100 ft w/ H power beacon	>30.5 w/ H power beacon
	Depth accuracy	+/- 5% over testable range	
	Telemetry radio range	2000 ft	610 m

Batteries		
Battery type		C-cell alkaline or C-cell size NiMH rechargeable
	Number of cells	4
	Battery life	12 hours at room temperature
Battery type		Lithium-ion rechargeable
	Number of cells	1 battery pack
	Battery life	16 hours at room temperature
	Rating	7.2V, 3.1 Ah, 22Wh
	Battery manufacturer	Inspired Energy (manufacturer's p/n NB2037SB31)

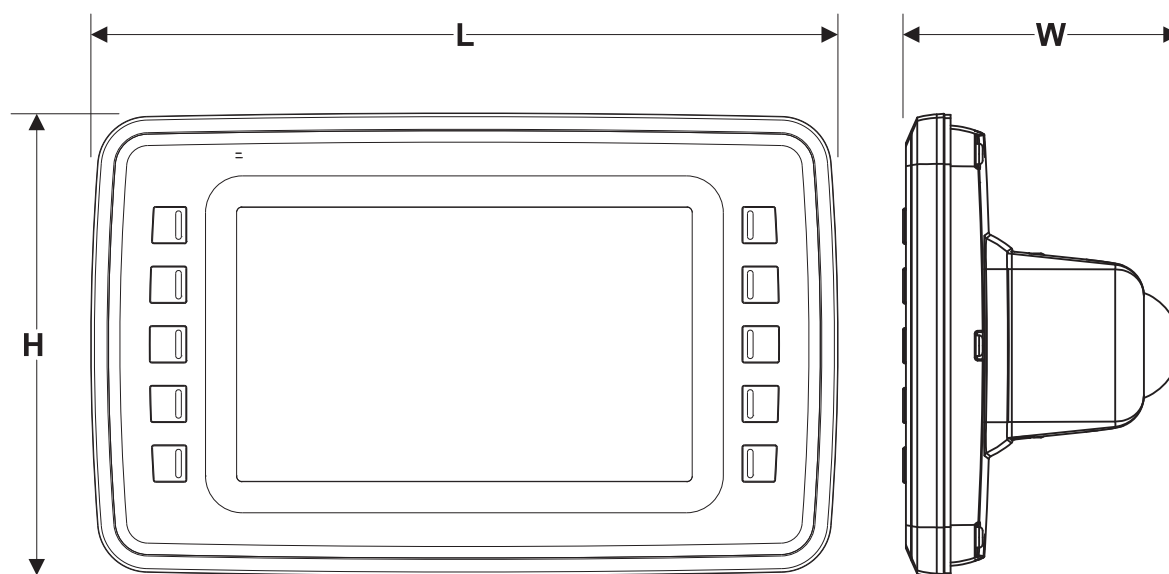


## TD RECON



Dimensions		U.S.	Metric
TDR RECON (remote version)	Length	6 in	152.4 mm
	Width	6 in	152.4 mm
	Depth	6 in	152.4 mm
TD RECON (in-dash version)	Length	7 in	177.8 mm
	Width	7 in	177.8 mm
	Depth	6.5 in	165.1 mm
Environmental		U.S.	Metric
Operating temperature		-4°F to 140°F	-20°C to 60°C
Storage temperature		-22°F to 158°F	-30°C to 70°C
IP Rating		IP66	
Performance		U.S.	Metric
Telemetry range:		2000 ft	610 m
Electrical			
TD RECON, TDR RECON		12-24V, 150 mA	

## COMMANDER™ 7 Display



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Dimensions	U.S.	Metric
Length	10 in	254 mm
Width	3.7 in	94 mm
Height	6.1 in	155 mm
Environmental	U.S.	Metric
Operating temperature	-4°F to 140°F	-20°C to 60°C
Storage temperature	-22°F to 158°F	-30°C to 70°C
IP Rating	IP66	
Performance	U.S.	Metric
Telemetry range:	2000 ft	610 m
Electrical		
COMMANDER™ 7	12-24V, 400 mA	





# Support



## Procedure

Notify your dealer immediately of any malfunction or failure of Subsite<sup>®</sup> Electronics equipment.

Always give model, serial number, and approximate date of your equipment purchase. This information should be recorded and placed on file by the owner at the time of purchase.

Return damaged unit to dealer for inspection and warranty consideration if in warranty time frame.

All repairs must be done by an authorized Subsite Electronics repair facility. Repairs done elsewhere will void warranty.

## Resources

### Publications

Contact your Ditch Witch<sup>®</sup> dealer for publications and videos covering safety, operation, service, and repair of your equipment.

### Training

For information about on-site, individualized training, contact your Ditch Witch dealer.



# Warranty

## Electronics Limited Warranty Policy

Subject to the limitation and exclusions herein, free replacement parts and labor will be provided when a unit fails due to a defect in material or workmanship within one (1) year of first commercial use (See Exceptions below for specific products). Defects shall be determined through inspection by Manufacturer or authorized repair centers. An inspection must occur within thirty (30) days of the date of failure of the product or part by Manufacturer or its authorized repair facility. Manufacturer will provide the location of its inspection facilities or its nearest authorized dealer upon inquiry. Manufacturer reserves the right to supply remanufactured replacement parts under this warranty as it deems appropriate. Each warranty repair carries the remainder of the factory warranty or 90 days, whichever is longer, for all repaired components and labor.

### Product Warranty Exceptions:

- All Directional Drilling Beacons, Locate Beacons and Accessories carry a six (6) month warranty.
- All Used (Cosmetic) Electronics products sold from Manufacturer carry a six (6) month warranty from date of sale to dealer.

### EXCLUSIONS FROM PRODUCT WARRANTY

- All defects or damages caused by misuse, abuse, improper installation, alteration, neglect, modification, lack of maintenance, or uses other than those for which products were intended.
- All defects, damages, or injuries caused by improper training, operation, or servicing of products in a manner inconsistent with manufacturer's recommendations.
- All batteries, which are considered consumable and therefore not covered under this warranty.
- All damaged plastics are considered to be the result of misuse or neglect unless Manufacturer has determined otherwise.
- All repairs or attempted repairs by non-certified repair facilities or personnel will void the warranty.
- All incoming duties and freight charges.

*(Exclusions from Product Warranty, continued)*



- Manufacturer reserves the right to make changes in design and/or improvements to products from time to time, and user understands that Manufacturer shall have no obligation to upgrade any previously manufactured product to include any such changes.
- In no event shall Manufacturer or its agents, assigns or parent company be liable for any indirect, special, incidental, or consequential damages or for any cover, loss of information, profit, revenue or use based upon any claim by user for breach of warranty, breach of contract, negligence, strict liability or any other legal theory. In no event shall Manufacturer liability exceed the amount user has paid for the Manufacturer product.
- Manufacturer will not be responsible for loss of accessories or loss or erasure of data storage media.
- Should it be determined that applicable law prohibits enforcement of any provision of this Warranty Policy, then to the extent it is necessary to comply with the applicable law, this Warranty Policy shall be deemed amended.
- This Warranty Policy shall be the entire agreement between Manufacturer and the Purchaser. Any statements that purport to be different than or modify or expand the terms set forth in this written policy are not effective for any purpose. ANY IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR USE ARE EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMED. IN NO EVENT SHALL SUBSITE® ELECTRONICS, THE CHARLES MACHINE WORKS, INC., OR ANY AUTHORIZED SERVICING AUTHORITY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSSES, INCLUDING CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES, EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN.

#### **SERVICE AND REPAIR**

All units repaired at Manufacturer's location or an authorized service center will carry a 90 day warranty on all replaced components/parts and labor commencing on the date of repair.

#### **EXTENDED WARRANTY**

Consult your local Ditch Witch dealer for extended warranty options.

#### **WARRANTY DETAILS**

For information regarding this limited warranty, contact Subsite Electronics Product Support Department, 1950 W. Fir, Perry, OK 73077, or your local dealer.

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