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# vScan Avoidance Tool

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## A. The vScan System

The vScan receiver, and optional transmitter, are used for locating buried utilities. The vScanM incorporates all the vScan features plus a metal cover locating mode.

The System is designed for use by all skill levels, from the new user to those with extensive experience. A comprehensive range of optional accessories is available.

Using the vScan & vScanM is intuitive. The user interface and controls are in line with the industry standard. At the same time, a suite of new features helps the user productively achieve an accurate locate and provides proof of the locate and the data collected. Features can be turned off or configured using MyvScan, which also handles data transfer and management.

## B. Typical Applications

- Locating to avoid known or unknown buried pipes and cables
- Locating to find, trace and pinpoint buried pipes and cables Locating buried non-metallic pipes and pinpointing blockages (requires the use of a Sonde transmitter)
- Data logging: - captures and stores key information regarding the locate as proof of the quality of locate
- Locating buried metal covers (vScanM only)

## C. Typical Users

- Utility and communication companies and their contractors
- General contractors, building and plant maintenance companies
- Municipalities, councils, railways, and local and state government agencies

## D. Receiver Assembly

Item	Parameter
<b>Construction</b>	High-impact thermoplastic (ABS) injection molded housing
<b>Weight</b>	Standard: 5.2lb (2.2kg) With Metal detect option: 5.9lb (2.4kg)
<b>Dimensions</b>	27in x 11in x 3in (69cm x 28cm x 7.5cm)
<b>Display</b>	240 x 400 pixel, 2.7" (6.9cm) Monochrome, high resolution, WQVGA dot matrix screen. TFT, Sunlight readable and with backlight
<b>Receiver Antennas</b>	2 x Peak antennas, 1 x compass antenna, and metal detect antenna array (vScanM only)
<b>Loudspeaker</b>	Internal (fixed) loudspeaker and a removable speaker on a curly cord comply with health and safety output level requirements.
<b>Vibration Module</b>	DC motor
<b>Battery Options</b>	- Supplied with 6 x AA Alkaline batteries - Custom Lithium ion rechargeable battery pack (7.2V, 6700mAh) with charger (Input: 100-240V AC, 50/60Hz, 1.0A; Output: 8.4V, 2.0A) is optional.
<b>Battery Life</b>	- Alkaline – typically 12 hours intermittent use at 70°F (21°C) - Li-ion – 40-50 hours intermittent use at 70°F (21°C)

<b>External Connectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x Mini USB socket for data transfer / programming</li> <li>- 1 x Socket for the battery charger</li> </ul>	
<b>Controls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 2 x Pushbuttons</li> <li>- Rotary control</li> <li>- Paddle Control</li> </ul>	
<b>Compliance/Approvals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complies with European standard CE (Directive 99/5/EC)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN 55011</li> <li>• EN 61000-4-2: A1 &amp; A2</li> <li>• EN 61000-4-3</li> <li>• EN 61000-4-8: A1</li> <li>• EN 61000-6-2</li> <li>• EN 61000-6-3</li> <li>• EN 61010-1</li> </ul> </li> <li>• EN 61010-2-031</li> <li>• EN 61010-2-032</li> <li>• ETSI EN 300 330-2</li> <li>• ETSI EN 301 489-1</li> <li>• ETSI EN 301 489-3</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complies with FCC Rules Part 15</li> <li>• CFR 47 Part 15</li> </ul>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Designed and manufactured per ISO 9001:2015.	

## E. Receiver Operational

Item	Parameter
<b>Information Displayed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Signal strength - moving bar graph</li> <li>- Peak hold indicator (indicates peak signal)</li> <li>- Mode indication (33kHz, 131kHz, Power, Radio, Sonde) (vScanM also includes metal cover location mode)</li> <li>- Compass (line direction indicator)</li> <li>- Line location - depth &amp; current measurement</li> <li>- Sonde location - depth measurement</li> <li>- Battery condition</li> <li>- Speaker volume</li> <li>- Bluetooth and GPS status (if fitted)</li> <li>- Configuration menu &amp; submenus</li> <li>- Customer definable startup screen</li> <li>- System self-test and calibration verification</li> <li>- Alert icons               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swing alert</li> <li>• Shallow line alert</li> <li>• Overhead signal alert</li> <li>• Signal overload alert</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Service reminder action required alert (other alerts, and more)</li> </ul>
<b>Alert Notification Methods</b> (all user-configurable)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Visual alert: - on-screen warning</li> <li>- Audio</li> <li>- “Vibe” Vibration in the handle</li> <li>- Shutdown unit</li> </ul>
<b>Locating Frequencies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Active modes: 32.768kHz, 131.072kHz</li> <li>- Radio mode: 16.5kHz to 23.9kHz</li> <li>- Passive modes: 60Hz plus harmonics, Power 50Hz plus harmonics</li> <li>- Metal Detect (vScanM only), frequency not applicable</li> <li>- Sondes: 32.768kHz, 512Hz and 640Hz Sonde modes</li> </ul>
<b>Controls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- On/off</li> <li>- Info (depth/current - configurable)</li> <li>- Rotary Gain Control</li> <li>- Paddle (mode and menu navigation)</li> </ul>
<b>Location Assist Tools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Orientation to line guidance in active mode (compass line direction indicator)</li> </ul>
<b>Data Logging</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Integrated data logging (time-based)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uses internal Real-Time Clock</li> <li>• 4GB data storage (included)</li> <li>• High-speed data transfer (via USB cable)</li> <li>• Data management system (using MyvScan desktop application)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- All locate, date, and time parameters stored for each data point (one second)</li> <li>- If using internal GPS (via Bluetooth), mapping data is also recorded with coordinates and date-time</li> <li>- Data transfer from vScan to MyvScan via the USB connection</li> </ul>
<b>MyvScan</b> (locator and data management desktop application)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MyvScan can be download free from <a href="http://www.vivax-metrotech.com">www.vivax-metrotech.com</a></li> <li>- MyvScan (desktop application) &amp; vScan (locator) software update utility</li> <li>- Import log files from vScan</li> <li>- Manage the locator configuration and personalization</li> <li>- Manage and export data</li> <li>- Export formats: .xls, .csv, .shp, .kml, .jpg, .pdf, .xlsx</li> <li>- View data on GIS maps or Google Earth™ requires data to be stored with optional GPS coordinates</li> <li>- Full manipulation of data for training identification or mapping purposes</li> <li>- Standard templates available</li> <li>- Print latest receiver calibration check certificate</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personalize with company/user name etc</li> <li>- Install company-specific startup screens</li> <li>- Lockout features/modes (requires a lockout dongle)</li> </ul>										
<b>Performance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sensitivities</li> </ul> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Mode</th> <th>Sensitivity at 3.2ft (1m)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>50Hz/Power mode</td> <td>5mA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>33kHz mode</td> <td>15µA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>131kHz mode</td> <td>10µA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Metal detect</td> <td>150mm (6") cast iron cover detectable at 250mm (10")</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Mode	Sensitivity at 3.2ft (1m)	50Hz/Power mode	5mA	33kHz mode	15µA	131kHz mode	10µA	Metal detect	150mm (6") cast iron cover detectable at 250mm (10")
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<b>Lateral Performance. (Using Single, undistorted signal source)</b>	<p>Lateral accuracy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- up to 9ft (3m) – +/- 3% of the depth</li> <li>- over 9ft (3m) – +/- 5% of the depth</li> </ul>										
<b>Depth Performance (Using Single, undistorted signal source)</b>	<p>Depth measurement accuracy:</p> <p>2.5% of depth. over 9ft (3m) +/- 5% of the depth</p> <hr/> <p>Current measurement – Accuracy +/- 5% of the detected signal, measured in mA rms.</p> <hr/> <p>Depth range: Dependent on the strength of the signal radiating to the locator. Maximum practical line depth: 23ft (7m)</p>										

## F. Transmitter Assembly

Item	Parameter
<b>Construction</b>	High impact ABS
<b>Weight</b>	3.3lbs (1.5kg) (with Li-ion batteries) 3.7lbs (1.7kg) (with Alkaline Batteries)
<b>Dimensions</b>	18.1in x 3.5in x 2.6in (46cm x 9.0cm x 6.5cm)
<b>Display</b>	2 x LED interface
<b>Audio</b>	Internal Sounder
<b>Controls</b>	4 x pushbuttons
<b>External Connectors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 1 x 3 pin connection socket – (XLR)</li> <li>- Charging socket on rechargeable battery</li> </ul>
<b>Batteries Options</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Standard battery pack – using 4 x alkaline “D” cells</li> <li>- a custom Lithium ion rechargeable battery pack (7.2V, 5200mAh) with charger (Input: 100-240V AC, 50/60Hz, 1.0A; Output: 8.4V, 2.0A) is optional</li> </ul>

<b>Battery Life</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alkaline – typically 12 hours</li> <li>- Li-ion – typically 36 hours</li> </ul> <p>At 1 watt, full output. (Maximum output into 300-ohm load and 50% duty cycle. At 70°F 21°C)</p>
<b>Output Protection</b>	Output protected against accidental connection to up to 240V AC
<b>Approvals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complies with European standard CE (Directive 99/5/EC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EN 55011</li> <li>• EN 61000-6-4: 2007</li> <li>• EN 61000-4-3: 2006</li> <li>• EN 61000-4-2: 1995 A1 &amp; A2</li> <li>• EN 61000-4-8: 1994 A1</li> <li>• ETSI EN 300 330-2: 2006</li> <li>• ETSI EN 301 489-1: 2005</li> <li>• ETSI EN 301 489-3: 2002</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Complies with FCC Rules Part 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CFR 47 part 2</li> <li>• CFR 47 Part 15</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Manufacturing</b>	Designed and manufactured per ISO 9001:2015

## G. Transmitter Operational

Item	Parameter
<b>Transmitting Frequency by Mode</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Induction mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33kHz (32,768Hz)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Connection mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33kHz (32,768Hz)</li> <li>• 131kHz (131,072Hz)</li> <li>• Both signals transmitted simultaneously</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Clamp mode <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 33kHz (32,768Hz)</li> <li>• 131kHz (131,072Hz)</li> <li>• Both signals transmitted simultaneously</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Output Power Settings</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Battery saving – transmitter defaults to low output power when first switched on to conserve battery life</li> <li>- High output – additional power can be selected when required</li> </ul>
<b>Transmitting Mode Power output</b>	Combined power 1 watt

<b>Output voltage</b>	Maximum output voltage = 35V RMS
<b>Output current</b>	Maximum output current = 100mA RMS
<b>Controls</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 x pushbuttons             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On/Off</li> <li>• Speaker volume</li> <li>• Signal output level</li> <li>• Pulse/continuous output signal</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Visual Indication</b>	2 x LED indicating low and high output level
<b>Audio indication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A change in tone confirms a good connection</li> <li>- Tone pulsing or continuous to reflect Tx output</li> <li>- Slow pulse tone to indicate low battery</li> </ul>
<b>Compatible with Receivers</b>	vScan Rx

## H. Environmental (both receiver and transmitter)

Item	Parameter
<b>Temperature Range</b>	Operating: -4°F to 122°F (-20°C to 50°C) Storage: -40°F to 140°F (-40°C to 60°C)
<b>Weather Proof</b>	IP54
<b>Maximum Humidity</b>	80%
<b>Shipping Weight</b>	Rx: 7.83lbs (3.55kg) Tx: 6.11lbs (2.77kg)
<b>Shipping Dimension</b>	Rx: 28.7in(L) x 11.8in(W) x 3.4in(H) (73cm x 30cm x 8.6cm) Tx: 19.5in(L) x 5.4in(W) x 5.4in(H) (49.5cm x 13.8cm x 13.8cm)

## I. Accessories

Item	Parameter
<b>Standard Equipment</b>	<b>Receiver:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- USB data cable</li> <li>- Carry bag (when both Rx &amp; Tx are purchased together - otherwise an option)</li> <li>- User handbook</li> <li>- MyvScan configuration and data management utility download from <a href="http://www.vivax-metrotech.com">www.vivax-metrotech.com</a></li> </ul>



	<p><b>Transmitter:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Direct connection lead on tangle-free cable organizer (red and black leads, 10ft (3.5m) long with crocodile clips)</li> <li>- 1 x T type ground stake</li> <li>- 2 x connection magnets (UK market only)</li> <li>- Tx foot stand</li> <li>- Carry bag (when both Rx &amp; Tx are purchased together - otherwise an option)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Optional Accessories</b></p>	<p><b>Receiver Optional Accessories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Custom Lithium-ion rechargeable pack with 100-240V AC mains charger – typically 40 hours' intermittent use at 70°F (21°C) (with the full backlight turned on). Re-charging cycles approx. 500 times the life cycle. Battery life varies with temperature.</li> <li>- Sondes - D18, D38, and D64</li> <li>- 12V DC charging lead</li> </ul> <p><b>Transmitter Optional Accessories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Custom Lithium-Ion battery pack and charger – typically 28 hours' continual use at 70°F (21°C). Re-charging cycles approx. 500 times the life cycle. Battery life varies with temperature.</li> <li>- 2" (50mm) transmitter clamp</li> <li>- 4" (100mm) transmitter clamp</li> <li>- 5" (125mm) transmitter clamp</li> <li>- Clamp extension rod</li> <li>- Live plug connector (240V AC) (to connect and use a transmitter on lines carrying up to 240V AC)</li> <li>- Live cable connector (480V AC)</li> <li>- 10m extension ground cable</li> </ul>

**J. Factory fitted options (not retrofit-able)**

Item	Parameter
<p><b>GPS Factory Fitted Option</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GPS module (internal) – enhances data logging and data management</li> <li>- Overview: The GPS option is internal and powered by the receiver's battery. Accuracy is typically better than 5m (16ft) and is dependent on satellite availability.</li> <li>- Weight: 0.07lbs (30g) (may vary depending on manufacturers availability)</li> <li>- Indication: Satellite lock indicated by an icon on the display</li> </ul>
<p><b>Blue tooth Factory Fitted Option</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bluetooth module (for communicating to external devices such as high accuracy GPS)</li> </ul>

<b>Metal Cover locator (vScanM)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Detects all metal types.</li><li>- Sensitivity: 150mm (6") cast iron cover detectable at 250mm (10")</li></ul>
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## K. Warranty

Vivax-Metrotech vScan System, excluding batteries, are warrantied for two years from the date of invoice according to the Vivax-Metrotech warranty policy available on our website [www.vxmt.com](http://www.vxmt.com). The vScan is a sophisticated unit and should only be repaired and service by your local VXMT office, distributor, or authorized service center.

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