RADIODETECTION[®]

RD8100[®] locator specification

Precision locators



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1. Product Summary

1.1 Product Descriptions:	Multi-purpose Precision Locator
	Cable and Pipe Locator
	Locate System Receiver
	Multi-function Precision Locator
1.2 Intended Use:	Locating the position / path of buried pipes and cables
	Detecting and pinpointing insulation faults on buried pipes and cables
	Creating survey records of buried pipes and cable locations
1.3 Standard Equipment:	Locator
	Quickstart guide
	Mini USB 2.0 compliant data cable

2. Performance

2.1 Sensitivity:	6E-15 Tesla 5μA at 1 meter (33kHz)
2.2 Dynamic range:	140dB rms/√Hz
2.3 Selectivity:	120dB/Hz
2.4 Depth measurement precision ¹ :	± 3%
2.5 Locate accuracy:	± 5% of depth
2.6 Active Locate filter bandwidth:	± 3Hz, 0 < 1kHz ± 10Hz, ≥ 1kHz
2.7 Start-up time:	<1 second
2.8 Maximum depth readout ² :	Metric: Cable / Pipe: 30m Sonde: 19.5m Imperial: Cable / Pipe: 98' Sonde: 64'

3. Locate Functions

3.1 Active Locate Modes:	Five: • Peak • Peak+ [™] (choice of combined Peak & Guidance or Peak & Null) • Guidance • Broad Peak [™] • Null
3.2 Gain control	Guidance Mode: Automatic Other modes: Manual gain using "+" or "-" with one touch to return to center (50% of Full Scale)
3.3 Custom locate frequencies	Up to 5 additional frequencies in the range 50Hz to 1kHz at 1Hz resolution

3.4 Active locate frequencies:

Up to 24:

	PXL	PXLG	PDL	PDLG	PTL	PTLO
Custom frequencies	5	5	5	5	5	5
ELF (98/128Hz)			•	•	•	•
512Hz			•	•	•	•
570Hz			•	•	•	•
577Hz	•	•	•	•	•	•
640Hz	•	•	•	•	•	•
760Hz			•	•	•	•
870Hz	•	•	•	•	•	•
920Hz			•	•		
940Hz	•	•	•	•	•	•
1090Hz					•	•
1450Hz					•	•
4kHz (4096Hz)	•	•				
8kHz (8192Hz)	•	•	•	•	•	•
8440Hz					•	•
9.8kHz (9820Hz)			•	•	•	•
33kHz (32768Hz)	•	•	•	•	•	•
65kHz (65536Hz)	•	•	•	•	•	•
82kHz (82000Hz)					•	•
83kHz (83077Hz)	•	•	•	•	•	•
131kHz (131072Hz)	•	•	•	•	•	•
200kHz (200000Hz)	•	•	•	•	•	•
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3.7 Current Direction[™]

3.5 Sonde Frequencies:

(CD) Signal Pairs:

3.6 Fault Find:

3.8 Passive Locate Modes:	RD8100 MODEL	PXL	PXLG	PDL	PDLG	PTL	PTLG		
	Power	•	•	•	•	•	•		
	Radio	•	•	•	•	•	•		
	CPS (Cathodic Protection System)			٠	•	•	•		
	CATV (Cable TV)			•	•	•	•		
	Passive Avoidance (Combined Power + Radio)			•	•	•	•		
3.9 Power Filters [™] function:	Switch out of sensitive Power Mode to locate on any of 5 individual mains harmonic frequencies:								
	HARMONIC 50 Hz regions				60 Hz r	60 Hz regions			
	Primary	Ę	50 Hz		60 Hz				
	3rd	-	150 Hz		180 Hz				
	5th	:	250 Hz		300 Hz				
	7th	;	350 Hz		420 Hz				
	9th		150 Hz		540 Hz				
3.10 Information displayed:	9m 450 Hz 540 Hz • Signal strength - moving bar graph and numeric value • Mode indication (Peak, Null, Guidance, Broad Peak, Peak+ with option of Guidance arrows or Null arrows) • Line or Sonde locate type • Proportional left/right indication • Compass: full 360° line direction indicator • Accessories in use indication • Accessory specific custom screen • Depth and current readout (Line location) • Depth readout (Sonde location) • Gain level (in dB) • Frequency selected • Battery condition • Speaker volume • Operating frequency • Bluetooth status • GPS satellites in view (where fitted) • GPS status (where fitted) • Configuration menu and submenus • Software version • Last calibration date • Survey measurement counter • Current Direction mode indicator • Current Direction arrows • Fault Find mode indicator • Transmitter standby status • StrikeAlert" warning				vs)				
	Real Sound [®] derived fro Peak / Peak+ modes Synthesized audio tone Guidance mode: Continuous tone when Null mode: Synthesized Audio tone of target StrikeA/ert audio warn Audio feedback for met	and CPS / C proportiona locator is to proportiona ning:	CATV modes: al to signal stre the left of targ al to signal stre	ngth et, intermitte		-	-		
3.12 Accessory locate functions:	Locator clamps: Used strength read-out Stethoscopes: Used to	-	_			-	-		
	Stethoscopes: Used to identify individual target cable(s) in a bundle or confined space such as a cabinet using signal strength read-out CD / CM clamp: Used to measure locate current and to confirm target cable using Current Direction								

4. Locate Function Enhancements

4.1 Strike <i>Alert</i> :	Audio and visual warning when a cable or pipe less than 30cm deep is detected. Operates in Active and Passive locating modes
4.2 Dynamic Overload Protection [™] :	 40dB, automatic Automatically manages the system gain to compensate for strong signals e.g. from mains power or substations, to enable accurate locating
4.3 Current Direction [™] (CD):	 Measures the direction of current flowing in buried pipes or cables to ensure that an operator is able to identify and follow the target utility Provides operator with arrows indicating the direction of current flowing in the located pipe or cable to confirm that they are following the target utility
4.4 iLOC":	Metric: Remote transmitter control from up to 450m away ³ Imperial: Remote transmitter control from up to 1400' away ³ Control transmitter frequency, power level and SideStep
4.5 SideStep [™] :	Enables locating where other signals are interfering, and without compromising the optimum locate frequency Remotely shifts the locate and transmitter frequency by several Hz, out of the bandwidth of other locate signals that may be interfering with the locate
4.6 Simultaneous depth and current readout:	Both utility depth and locate signal current are displayed simultaneously, giving the operator more information to help them to follow the target utility
4.7 Survey Measurements:	Store up to 1,000 survey points within the locator, and append GPS data from internal GPS (if fitted) or external GNSS sources over Bluetooth [®] Export data immediately or as a batch over Bluetooth
4.8 Fault Find:	Apply a Fault Find signal with a Tx-5 and Tx-10 transmitter, then use an accessory A-Frame to detect and pinpoint insulation faults Fault find accuracy: Metric: 100mm Imperial: 4"
4.9 4kHz locate frequency and 4kHz CD:	Designed for tracing higher impedance lines such as twisted pair telecoms or street lighting over distance Combine with Current Direction to help trace the target utility through dense or complex infrastructure
4.10 Peak+ mode:	Use the accurate Peak bargraph, and add either proportional Guidance arrows for faster locating, or Null arrows to check for the presence of distortion
4.11 Integrated GPS option:	Faster surveying using integrated GPS – no need for a separate hand-held device

5. Configurability

5.1 Option selection:	All options can be enabled or disabled on the locator or using the RD Manager PC software
5.2 Languages supported:	Fourteen: English, French, German, Dutch, Polish, Czech, Slovakian, Spanish, Portuguese, Swedish Italian, Turkish, Russian, Hungarian
5.3 Mains power network options:	50 Hz or 60 Hz
5.4 Mode selection:	All locate modes with the exception of Peak Mode can be individually enabled or disabled
5.5 Active frequency selection:	All active frequencies available can be individually enabled or disabled
5.6 Passive mode selection:	All passive modes can be individually enabled or disabled
5.7 Strike <i>Alert</i> :	Enable / disable
5.8 Peak+ arrow selection:	Guidance arrows or Null arrows Selected using the locator menu or with a long press of the antenna key
5.9 GNSS ('GPS') settings:	Internal / External (connect over Bluetooth) / Off / Reset SBAS On / Off
5.10 Bluetooth:	On / Off
5.11 Data export protocols supported:	PPP / choice of 3 ASCII formats. Optionally append positional data
5.12 Time / date setting:	Correct or update locator real-time clock using the RD Manager PC software or GNSS signals
5.13 CD Reset:	Reset CD phase analysis with a single long press of the frequency key

6. Connectivity

6.1 Wireless connections:	Bluetooth class 1
6.2 iLOC [™] remote transmitter control range ³ :	Metric: Up to 450m Imperial: Up to 1400'
6.3 iLOC remote transmitter control functions:	Set transmitter frequency Set transmitter power output level Transmitter standby SideStep
6.4 Wired connections	 Mini-USB: Connect to a PC to configure and update locator, and to retrieve usage log and survey measurement data 3.5mm Stereo jack: Connect wired headphones Accessory port: Connect Radiodetection accessories

7. Data capabilities and GNSS ('GPS')

7.1 On-board GNSS ('GPS') module option:	GNSS data automatically added to Survey Measurements every time locate data is saved, and every second on usage-logging data					
	Accurate to 3m CEP with SBAS enhancement available					
	Links to GPS, GLONASS and Galileo net					
	Positional data enhancement systems (w	/here available)				
	 WAAS – North America EGNOS – Europe 					
	 MSAS – Japan 					
	 SBAS (satellite based augmentation system) 	vstem)				
	SBAS can be enabled or disabled in loca	- ·				
7.2 Link to external GNSS ('GPS'):	Over Bluetooth					
	 Connect to an external GNSS enabled GNSS data on the external device 	device to combine survey measurements with that device's				
7.3 External GNSS position read-in	Over Bluetooth from compatible mobile of	device / PDA running the SurveyCert+ [™] app.				
to locator memory:	 Connect to an external GNSS device to read positional positioning from that device and combine with the locator's survey measurement data on board the locator 					
7.4 Survey measurement capacity:	Up to 1,000 data records					
7.5 Survey measurement data	Standard data:	With Internal or External GNSS Fix:				
captured:	Log #	GPS Mode				
	Survey Reference	GPS Date and Time				
	Antenna Mode	GPS Distance (m)				
	Depth	Latitude Angle (deg)				
	Current (mA)	Latitude Direction				
	Frequency in use (Hz)	Longitude Angle (deg)				
	Sonde/Line	Longitude Direction				
	Signal Strength (dBųV and %)	GPS Fix				
	Signal Strength (%)	Satellites in use				
	Gain Setting (dB)	Horizontal Dilution				
	Compass (deg)	Altitude Value (m)				
	Arrow readout	Altitude Units				
	CD Phase (deg)	Geoid Value (m) and Units				
	Accessory Type	DGPS Time				
	Battery level	DGPS ID				
	Volume	Time Reference				
	Overload Flag	GPS Mode				
	Usage-Logging Units:	GPS Date and Time				
	Date and Time	GPS Distance (m)				
		Latitude Angle (deg)				

7.6 Survey measurement export options:	Bluetooth – 'live,' per measurement Bluetooth – batch export USB – selectable / batch export							
7.7 Bluetooth survey measurement data protocol options:	PPP ASCII (choice of 3 formats) Optional GPS data appended							
7.8 Usage-logging and GNSS ('GPS'):	RD8100 MODEL	PXL	PXLG	PDL	PDLG	PTL	PTLG	
(GP3).	Usage-logging		•		•		•	
	On-board GNSS ('GPS')		•		•		•	
7.9 Usage-logging memory:	4 GB							
7.10 Usage-logging capacity:	Over 500 days, measure	d at 8 hou	rs use per day					
7.11 Usage-logging capture rate:	1/ second							
7.12 Usage parameters logged:	Serial number	Keys pressed With a GNS			a GNSS fix:			
	Log reference and id		Audio status		Latituc	Latitude		
	Operating mode		Volume	Longit	Longitude			
	Locate frequency		Menu in use		Altitude			
	Sonde/line		Battery status		GNSS mode			
	Signal strength		User warnings status			GNSS date and time		
	Gain setting		StrikeAlert stat		Horizontal Dilution			
	Depth		Bluetooth status Fault find arrow		Geoid DGPS Time and ID			
	Current Accessory in use		Sidestep status		Geoid Units			
	Antenna mode		Language			Geold Units GNSS fix		
	Arrows readout		Depth units			Number of satellites		
	Compass angle		Power setting			Altitude units		
	CD phase		Compass setting			Time reference		
	Overload status		CD reset status	S				
	Dynamic Overload Prote	ction	Logging Units	5:				
	Status		Date and time					

8. Power options

8.1 Alkaline battery options:	2 × D-Cell (MN1300 / LR20) alkaline batteries (standard)			
8.2 Rechargeable battery options:	Custom Lithium-Ion (Li-Ion) battery pack 2 × D-Cell (MN1300 / LR20) Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH) batteries			
8.3 Battery run-time (continuous)4:	Li-Ion pack: 2 × Alkaline D-Cells	35 hours 13 hours		
8.4 Battery chemistry identification:	Lithium-Ion pack: NiMH / Alkaline:	Automatic sensing Software switchable		
8.5 Charging options (Li-Ion pack):	Mains charger: Automotive charger:	100-250 Volts AC, 50/60 Hz 12-24V DC		
8.6 Charging time (Li-Ion pack):	3 hours to 80% from empty with maintenance trickle charging thereafter			

9. Physical Characteristics

9.1 Design:	Ergonomic, balanced and lightweight design for comfortable use during extended surveys
9.2 Construction:	Injection Molded ABS Plastic
9.3 Weight:	With Lithium-Ion battery pack fitted: Metric: 1.8kg Imperial: 4.0lb
	With D-cell alkaline batteries fitted: Metric: 1.9kg Imperial: 4.2lb

9.4 Ingress Protection rating:	IP65 Protected against dust ingress and jets of water ⁵ applied from any direction
9.5 Display type:	High contrast custom made monochrome LCD
9.6 Audio options:	Built-in waterproofed speaker 3.5mm headphone socket
9.7 Operating temperature ⁶ :	Metric: -20°C to 50°C Imperial: -4°F to 122°F
9.8 Storage temperature:	Metric: -20°C to 70°C Imperial: -4°F to 158°F
9.9 Unit dimensions:	Metric: 648mm × 286mm × 125mm Imperial: 25.5" × 11.3" × 4.9"
9.10 Shipping dimensions:	Metric: 700mm x 260mm × 330mm Imperial: 27.6" x 10.2" x 13"
9.11 Shipping weight (with batteries fitted):	Metric: 2.6kg Imperial: 5.7lb

10. RD Manager[™] Supporting PC Software

10.1 Operating System Compatibility:	Microsoft® Windows® XP, 7, 8, 8.1, 10, 32 and 64-bit versions
10.2 Locator system compatibility:	Radiodetection RD8100 Precision Locators RD7000+ and RD8000 Cable, Pipe and Marker Locators
10.3 Functions:	 Locator configuration eCert^{**} remote calibration certification Factory calibration certificate retrieval Usage-logging data collation and export Survey measurements data collation and export User account management CALSafe^{**} maintenance schedule enforcement Product registration for extended warranty Locator software update Contact Radiodetection Book a service
10.4 Data export formats:	.kml for Google [®] Maps .csv for database and spreadsheet applications .xls / .xlsx for Microsoft [®] Excel [®]
10.5 KML data export options:	Filter usage-logging and survey measurement points on Google® maps. Select data to be tagged. Customize icon type / color, label type / color, line type / color

11. Warranty and Maintenance

11.1 Manufacturer's warranty duration:	3 years standard, on registration
11.2 Recommended calibration and maintenance schedule:	Annual, or at the beginning / end of a lease period if earlier
11.3 eCert remote calibration:	 Remote calibration certification using an internet connection to Radiodetection
	 Recommended schedule: annual, or at the beginning / end of a lease period
11.4 CALSafe [™] :	 Can be enabled to prevent the locator operating when beyond a defined calibration / maintenance schedule
	Disabled by default
	 30-day countdown to calibration due date
11.5 Enhanced Self-Test:	On-unit
	Applies test signals to locate circuitry to confirm correct operation, as well as the typical tests for
	screen and DSP functions.
	Recommended schedule: weekly, or before each use.

11.6 Storage recommendation:	Store in a clean and dry environment.
	Ensure all terminals and connection sockets are clean, free of debris and corrosion and are undamaged
11.7 Cleaning:	Clean with a soft, moistened cloth.
	Do not use
	Abrasive materials or chemicals
	High pressure jets of water
	If using this equipment in foul water systems or other areas where biological hazards may be present, use an appropriate disinfectant.

12. Certification and Compliance

12.1	Standards:							
	Safety:	EN 61010-1:2010						
	EMC:	EN 61326-1:2013						
		EN 300 330-2 (V1.5.1)						
		EN 300 440-2 (V1.4.1)						
		EN 301 489-3 (V1.6.1)						
		EN 301 489-17 (V2.2.1)						
	Environmental:	EN 60529 1992 A2 2013						
		EN 60068-2-64:2008 Test Fh						
		ESTI EN 300 019-2-2:1999 (per table 6)						
		EN 60068-2-27:2009 (Test Ea)						
		ESTI EN 300 019-2-2:1999 (per table 6)						
12.2	European directives:	R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC						
		Low Voltage Directive: 2006/95/EC						
		EMC Directive: 2004/108/EC						
		Declaration of conformity is available from www.radiodetection.com						
12.3	Radio:	FCC, IC						
12.4	Environmental:	WEEE compliant						
		ROHS compliant						
12.5	Manufacturing:	ISO 9001:2008						

13. Compatible Accessories

Accessory	Part description	Part number		
13.1 Lithium-Ion battery packs	Li-lon rechargeable battery mains kit (Includes mains charger) Li-lon rechargeable battery pack (no charger)	10/RX-MBATPACK-LION-K 10/RX-BATPACK-LION		
13.2 Lithium-Ion battery chargers	Li-Ion automotive charger Li-Ion mains charger	10/RX-ACHARGER-LION 10/RX-MCHARGER-LION		
13.3 Alkaline battery trays	2 × D Cell battery tray (MN1300 / LR20)	10/RX-2DCELL-TRAY		
13.4 Transportation and storage accessories – For combined locator and transmitter	Soft Carry Bag Wheeled Flight Case Hard Case	10/LOCATORBAG 10/RD7K8KCASE 10/RD7K8KCASE-USA		
13.5 Locator signal clamps – For identification and location of utilities	Metric:50mm Locator ClampImperial:2" Locator ClampMetric:100mm Locator ClampImperial:4" Locator ClampMetric:130mm Locator ClampImperial:5" Locator ClampCD and Current Measurement Clamp	10/RX-CLAMP-50 10/RX-CLAMP-2 10/RX-CLAMP-100 10/RX-CLAMP-4 10/RX-CLAMP-130 10/RX-CLAMP-5 10/RX-CD-CLAMP		

	Accessory	Part description		Part number				
13.6	Signal stethoscopes – To locate and identify individual utilities e.g. within walls, congested areas or when cables/utilities are in close proximity to each other	High Gain Stethoscope Large Stethoscope Small Stethoscope CD Stethoscope						10/RX-STETHOSCOPE-HG 10/RX-STETHOSCOPE-L 10/RX-STETHOSCOPE-S 10/RX-CD-STETHOSCOPE
13.7	Sondes Battery powered signal transmitters for tracing or locating non-conductive utilities		Diamet		eter Range		Freq	
			mm	In	m	Ft	(Hz)	
		S6 Microsonde	6	1⁄4	2	6 ½	33k	10/SONDE-MICRO-33
		S9 Minisonde	9	3/8	4	13	33k	10/SONDE-MINI-33
		S13 Super Sma Sonde	13	1⁄2	2	61⁄2	33k	10/SONDE-S13-33
		S18 Small Sonde	e 18	3/4	4	14	33k	10/SONDE-S18A-33
		Standard C-Sonde		1½			33k	10/SONDE-STD-33
			39		5	16½	8k	10/SONDE-STD-8
							512	10/SONDE-STD-512
		Slim Sonde	22	7/8	3.5	11½	33k	10/SONDE-SLIM-33
		Sewer Sonde	64	2 ½	8	26	33k	10/SONDE-SEWER-33
		Super Sonde	64	2 ½	15	50	33k	10/SONDE-SUPER-33
		Flexi Sonde	23	7/8	6	20	512	10/SONDE-BENDI-512
13.8	Submersible antennas:	640 / 512Hz Submersible DD Antenna 8kHz Submersible DD Antenna						10/RX-SUBANTENNA-640 10/RX-SUBANTENNA-8K
13.9	FlexiTrace [™] – Use with a transmitter to trace small diameter pipes	FlexiTrace 50m / 165' FlexiTrace 80m / 260'					10/TRACE50-GB 10/TRACE80-GB	
13.10	 Flexrods Fibreglass rod used for 	Length Diameter						
	propelling Radiodetection sondes through pipes to trace the path and locate blockages	m	Ft	m	m	In		
		50	160	4.5	5	3/16		10/FLEXRODF50-4.5
		80	260			3/16		10/FLEXRODF80-4.5
		50	160 7		1/4			10/FLEXRODF50-7
		100	320	7	7 1/.			10/FLEXRODF100-7
		150	485	7		1⁄4		10/FLEXRODF150-7
		60	195	9		3/8		10/FLEXRODF60-9
		120	390	9		3/8		10/FLEXRODF120-9
13.11	A-Frame – Used for locating sheath faults on cables and coating defects on pipelines	A-Frame (includes A-Frame Lead) A-Frame Bag						10/RX-AFRAME 10/RX-AFRAME-BAG
13.12	Headphones	Recommended for use in noisy environments Three sided folding warning sign					10/RX-HEADPHONES	
13.13	Warning Triangle							10/WARNING-TRIANGLE
13.14	PDAs	GPS PDA with SurveyCERT [™] +					10/RX-PDA	
13.15	15 Calibration Certificates Locator Calibration Certificate, per unit (request with initial locator order)					nitial	97/RX-CALCERT	

All specification are measured in test conditions, at 21°C / 70°F, and fitted with 2 × good quality alkaline batteries unless otherwise noted.

¹ Based on volumetric testing at a known fixed depth. True depth accuracy depends on factors such as ground composition, utility characteristics and the locate frequency / signal strength employed. Always follow local safe digging guidelines.

² The RD8100 will locate to greater depths in the right conditions, but depth accuracy will be compromised. Depth measurement will not be displayed beyond these depths.

³ Tested with clear line-of-sight. Range is dependent on electrical environment and weather conditions. For optimum range, face the locator toward the transmitter and raise the transmitter 2' / 60cm from the ground.

⁴ To provide repeatable measurements, run-time is measured with GPS and Bluetooth functions switched to 'off'.

⁵ Water projected by a nozzle at a pressure of 30kPa /0.3 bar / 4.4 psi in accordance with BS EN 60529 1992 A2 2013.

⁶ At very low temperatures, battery life will be degraded, LCD performance may slow and measurement precision may reduce.

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