



CABLE AND PIPE LOCATOR SUCCESS AG-309.15 G

**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION
OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

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Introduction

This operation manual contains a description of the cable and pipe locator Success AG-309.15G, its working modes and the information necessary for its proper use. The basic set consists of the receiver and a tracing transmitter. The receiver can be used individually or with the transmitter. The receiver works at the network frequencies 50(60) Hz, 100(120) Hz, and with route locating transmitters at frequencies of 512Hz, 1024 Hz, 8192 Hz, 32768 Hz (33 kHz) and at 512Hz in "Sonde" mode.

Cable and pipe locator Success AG-309.15G is used for:

- Area survey before excavation works;
- Utilities buried depth measurement;
- Detection of cable crosses and utility Y-junctions;
- Utility identification with the function of coordinates saving with track application on Google maps;
- Location of non-metal pipelines by using a pipe transmitter;
- Selection of the cable from a bunch with an optional external sensor;
- Simultaneous area survey and cable fault location.

Intended use

- Power and Heat engineering
- Public utilities
- Oil and gas industry
- Geodesy
- Communication
- EMERCOM
- Construction
- Other industries

Operation conditions

- Ambient temperature from -20 °C to +60 °C
- Relative humidity up to 85% at t=35 °C
- Pressure of 84 to 106 kPa
- Device protection class - IP 54

Receiver working principle

The cable and pipe locator's Success AG-309.15G working principle is based on the analysis of the electromagnetic field, created by the presence of alternating current flowing through underground services. The electrical signals induced in the receiver sensors are amplified, filtered, processed by the processor and then displayed on the graphical display in the form of the utility's position line, linear scale, digital value of the signal level amplification coefficient, distance to the communication axis, the value of the current flowing through it, the graphic of the signal level change and other parameters.

1. Appearance, receiver AP-019.3 controls

The receiver is made in a single block, solid cast IP54 rated body. Up to the battery compartment, the body provides an IP68 protection rating. Visually, the device can be split into three components: the face panel with controls and displays, the battery compartment and bottom which consists of the antenna block. On the rear side of the face panel, there are two slots for external connections.

Mini-USB port
For PC and
external Power
connection



External sensor slot

Connection of external sensors.



Sensor DKI-117



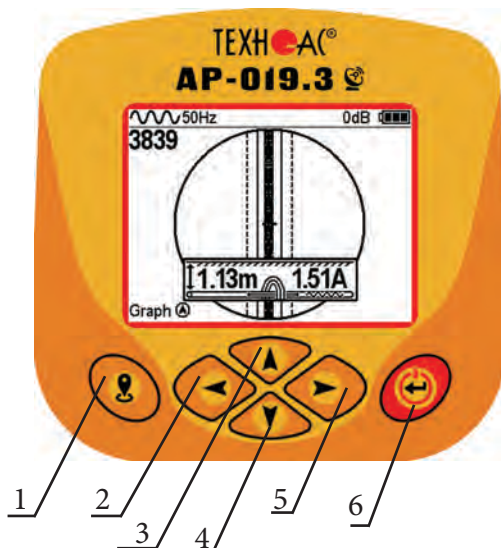
Sensor DODK-117



CI-105/110
Inductive clamps



NR-117
Superimposed
frame



graphical display with
backlight

Six-button
keyboard

Built-in sound speaker

Battery compartment for
four «type C» batteries

Module of omnidirectional
antenna

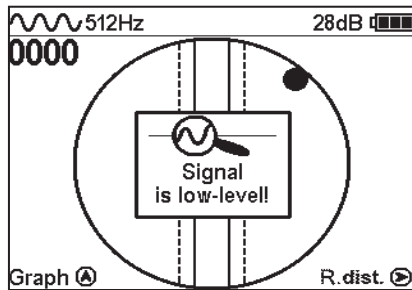
Face panel, controls

	«Power»/«Enter» button (6) Switching on/off the receiver (to turn off the receiver, press and hold this button for 2 seconds) - open menu, - enter into the editing mode of the selected menu option, - exit for the editing mode saving selected parameters.
	Buttons «Up» (3), «Down» (4), «Right» (5), «Left» (2). - selection of the menu option (icon), - selection or changing the parameter inside the menu, - fast setting of the parameters
	«GPS» button(1) -Save coordinates and other available parameters of the point

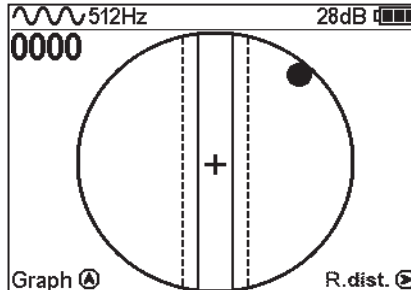
2. OPERATING MODES

2.1 “Route” mode

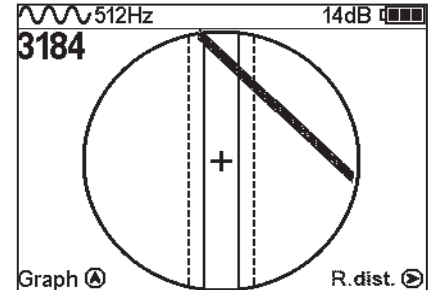
When turning on the receiver for the first time, the device will begin in route mode and the service information will appear. Route mode is the primary screen. Below, the indications are shown, which are dependent on the operator position near the located utility.



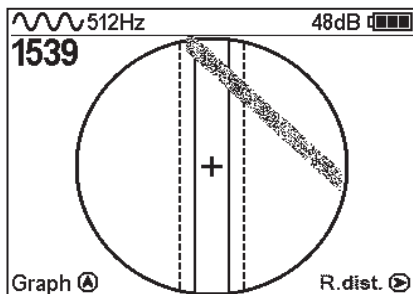
The receiver can't detect the utility.



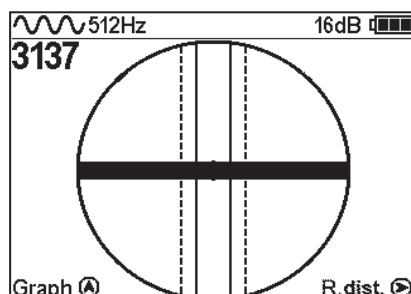
The ball on the screen shows the direction in which utility is located.



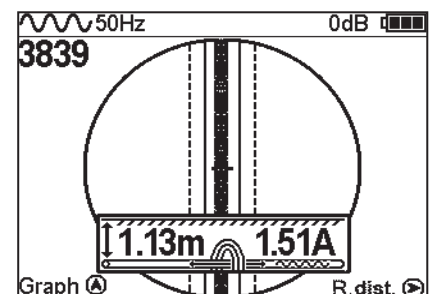
Position of utility axis shows, where the utility is situated.



When approaching the utility, a blurred line indicates its position.

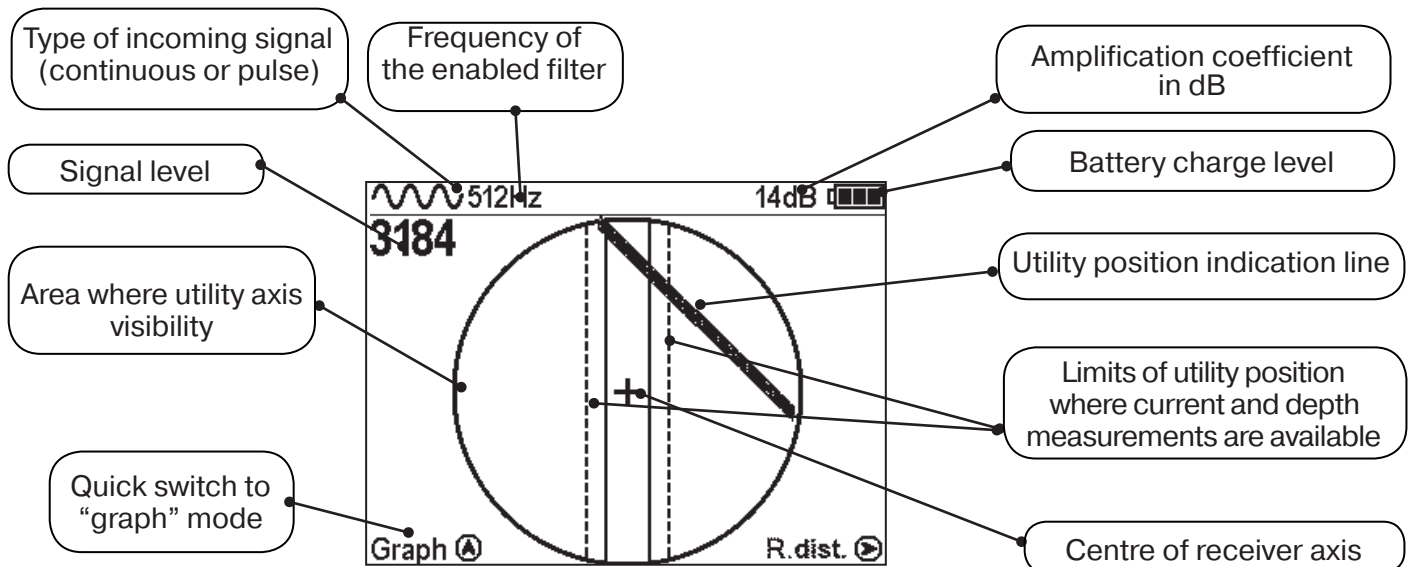


When above the utility, a solid line will appear which is perpendicular to the utility's direction.



Depth and current measurement enable automatically, If the utility indicating line is aligned with the axis of the receiver.

Route Mode Description

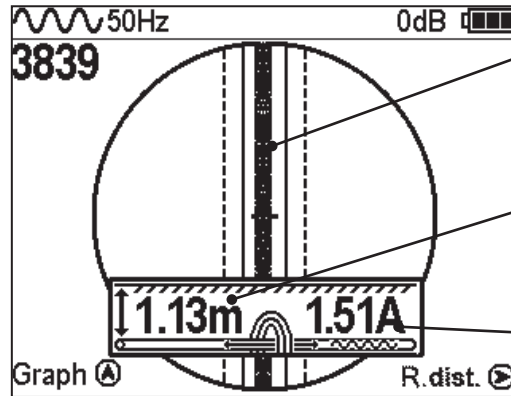


* The four-digit number "signal level" (0000 - 4100) represents the intensity of the electromagnetic field, which is dependent on the filter frequency. The numeric value of the "signal level" becomes greater when an operator approaches the source of electromagnetic signal of the chosen frequency. The signal gains its maximum level when the receiver is placed strictly above the utility. The first number of four-digit figure represents the order of the three-digit figure, generated by other figures: 0 - x1, 1 - x10, 2 - x100, 3 - x1000, 4 - x10000. Dynamic range of changing signal levels is 1,000,000 times (120 dB).

Route Mode and Depth Measurement

When the operator stands strictly above the utility and the line indicating the utility is positioned strictly in the centre field between the two dotted lines, an automatic depth and current measurement is performed.

NOTE: When performing a depth measurement, the receiver antenna should be positioned perpendicularly to the utility.



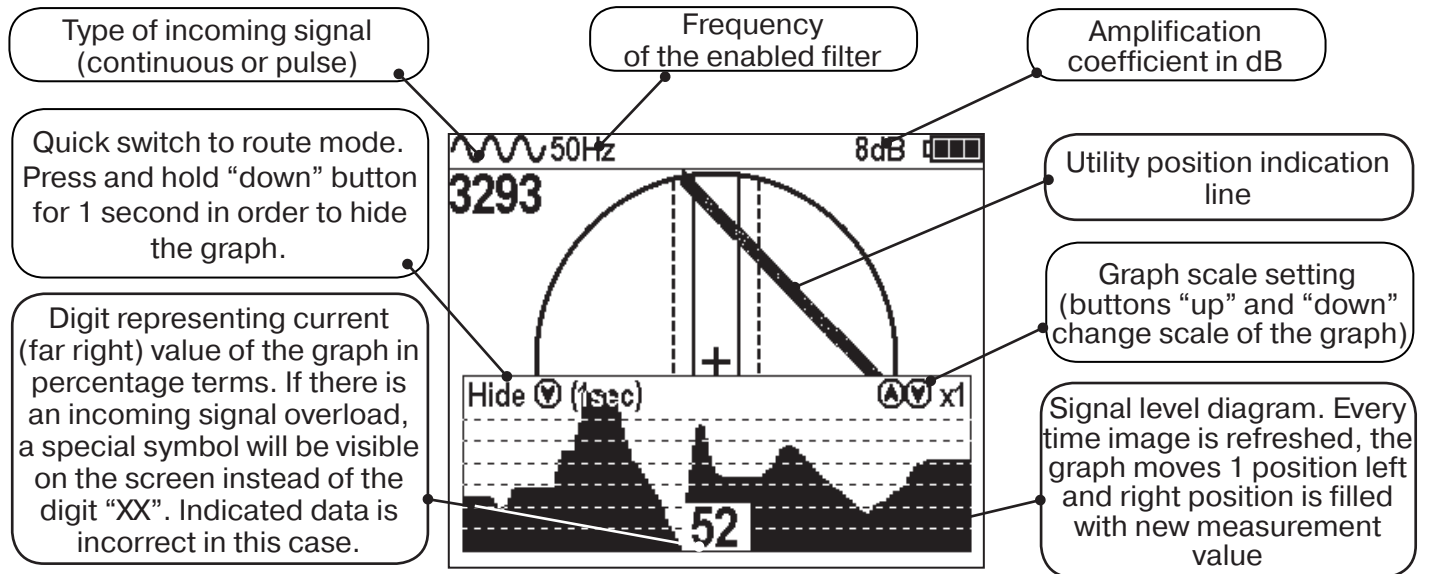
Receiver and utility axis are perfectly aligned

Buried depth of the utility

Current of the utility

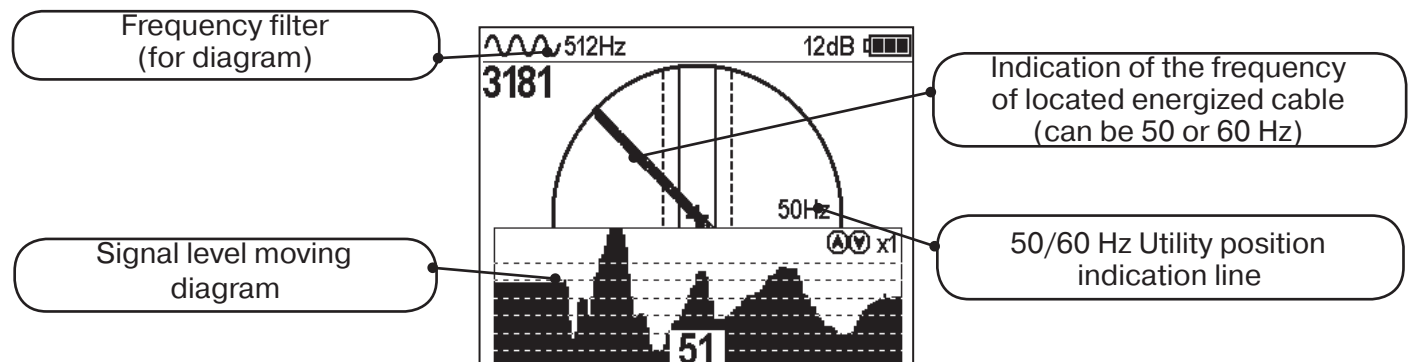
2.2 Graphic Mode

In graphic mode, the receiver screen is split into two segments. The upper segment indicates utility position in 2D, and the lower segment is a moving graph of signal level change in time according to a "maximum" method, where a maximum signal is reached when the receiver is positioned strictly above the utility and signal decreases when the receiver is moved further away from it. In this mode, current and depth measurement function is not available.



2.3 Graphic+ Mode

This mode is different from the ordinary graphic mode. The main difference is that the utility axis indication line represents only 50/60Hz utilities (power cables or utilities with induced signal) which can be accidentally met during the operation on active frequencies.

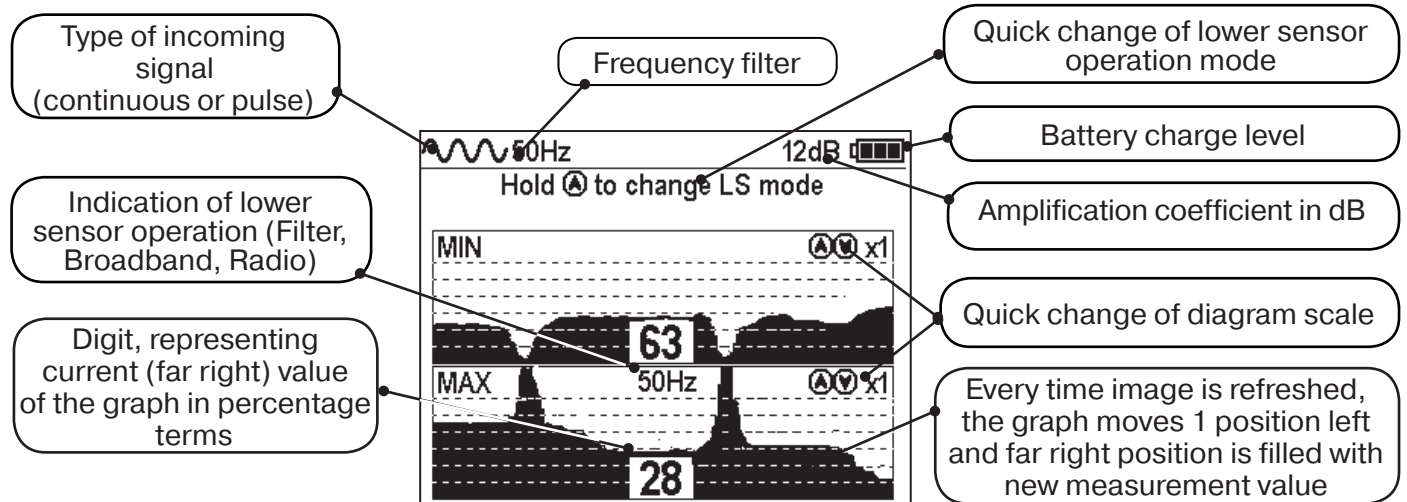


2.4 “Minimum maximum”

In “MIN & MAX” mode, the receiver screen is split into two segments. The upper segment is a moving diagram which represents signal level changes according to the “minimum” method – it means that the signal will be minimal when the receiver is positioned strictly over the utility. If the receiver is moved aside, the signal level will increase.

The lower segment represents the “maximum” method diagram – the signal will be maximal if the receiver is positioned strictly over the utility, and it will decrease if the device is moved further away.

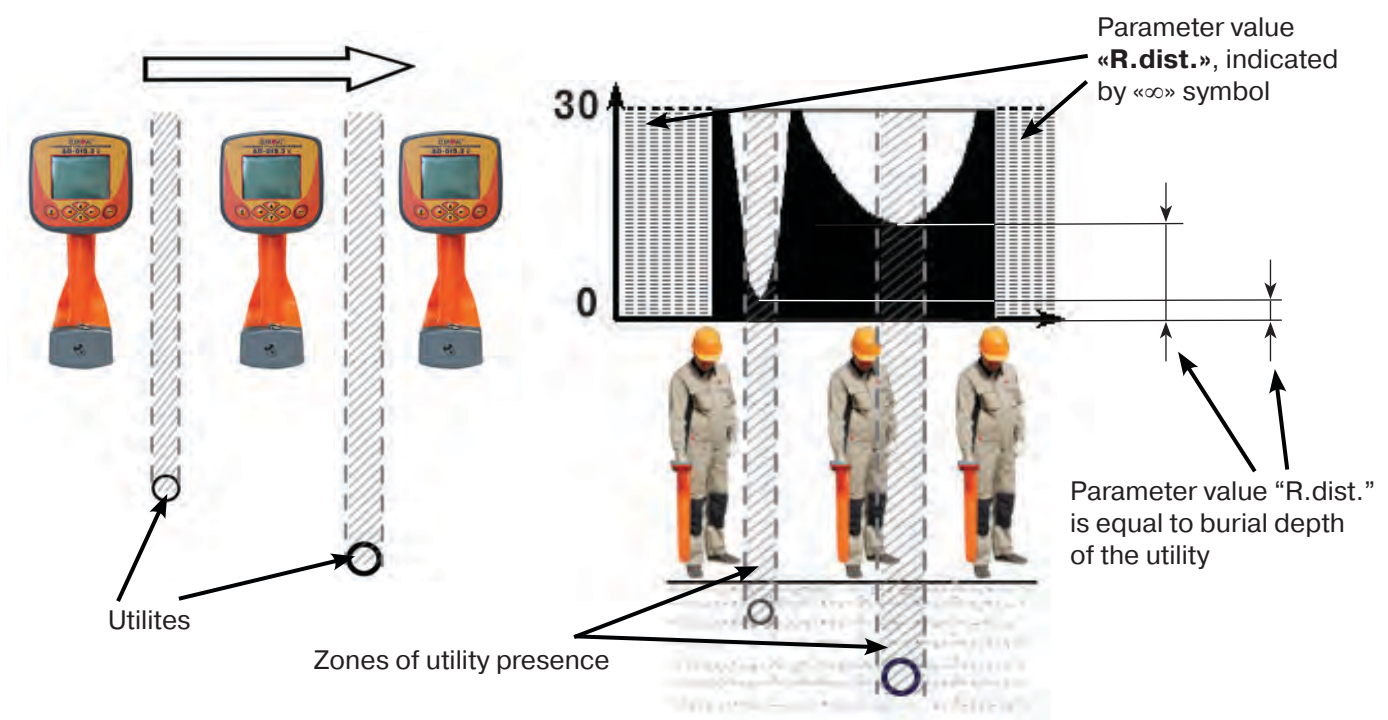
This mode does not allow depth and current measurements.



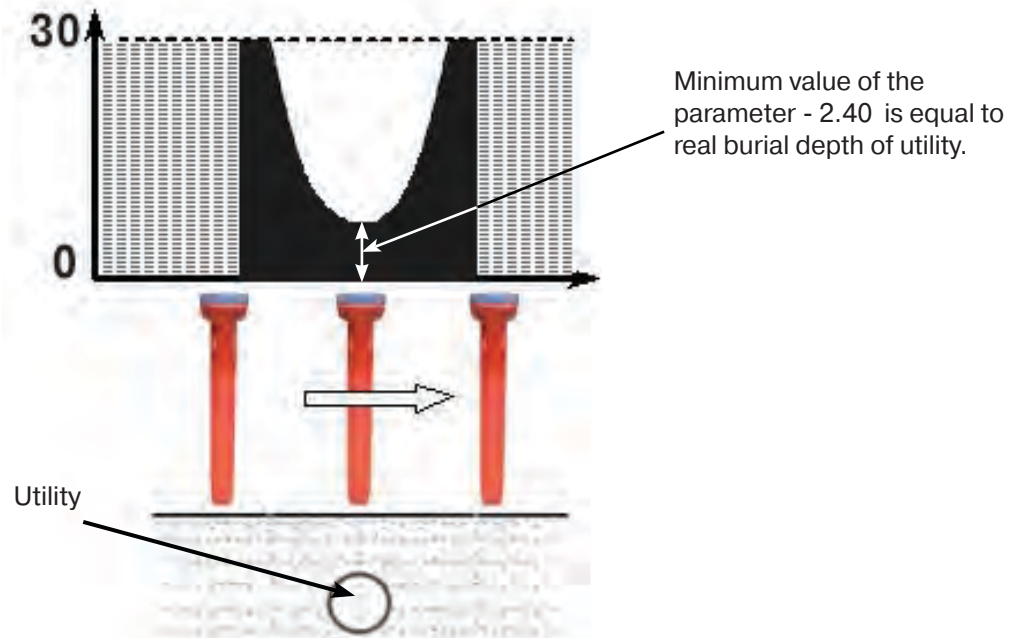
2.5 Modes with Graphic Representation of “Relative distance to the Utility” (R.dist.)

In cases given above, both utilities lay beside each other. However, in this case “MIN & MAX” mode does not allow the user to measure the depth of these cables. For this reason, it is better to use graphic modes with indication of the “relative distance to the utility”.

While approaching the utility, the value of “relative distance to the utility” changes in the way described on pictures, shown below:



This parameter can have values from “0.01” to “30.00”, “>30” and “∞”. Value “∞” are indicated when the receiver is positioned aside from the utility or when the utility is positioned above the receiver (an example being when there are overhead voltage lines around). The parameter “relative distance to the utility” will have its minimum value when the receiver is positioned directly above the utility axis. In this case, this value is equal to the real burial depth of the utility.



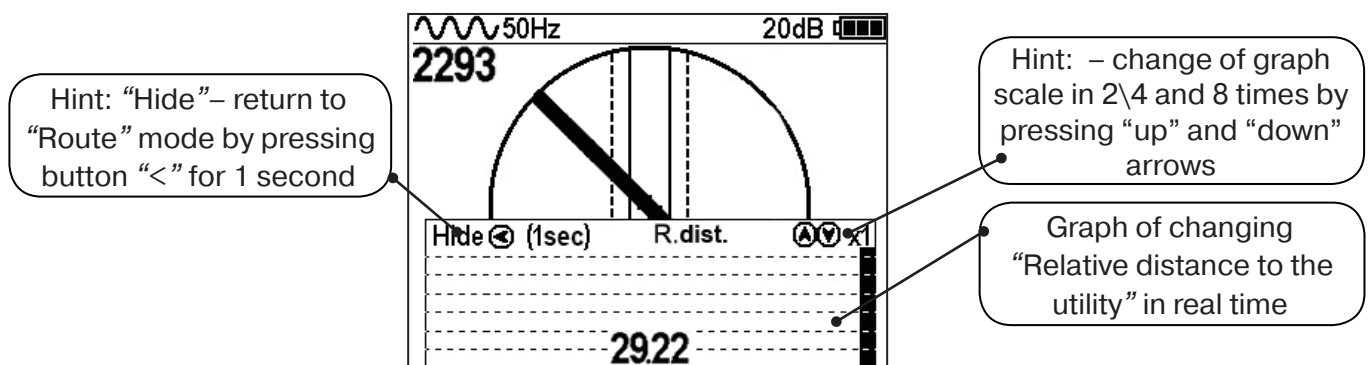
The receiver has two modes with indication of “relative distance to the utility”: “**R.dis. Graph**” is used when the “relative distance to the utility” graph and utility route are indicated simultaneously, whilst the “**MIN&R.Dist mode**” is used when screen of the receiver indicates 2 graphs (minimal signal and “relative distance to the utility”).

2.5.1 “R.dis. Graph” mode

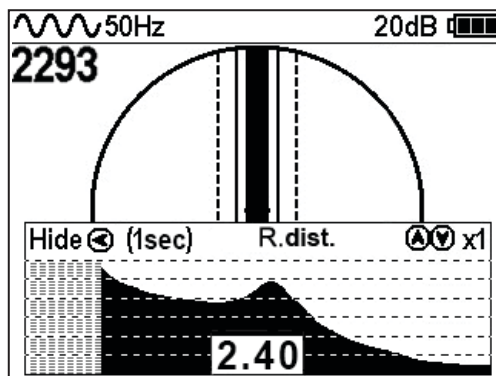
This mode is the same as “Graph” mode. The screen is split in two parts, an upper display and a lower display.

- Upper Part: Route axis indication
- Lower Part: “relative distance to the utility” graph

Indication of “R.dis. Graph”:



When two utilities are buried close to each other while moving the receiver straight across the utility axis in “R dist” mode, an operator will be able to see the indication shown below:

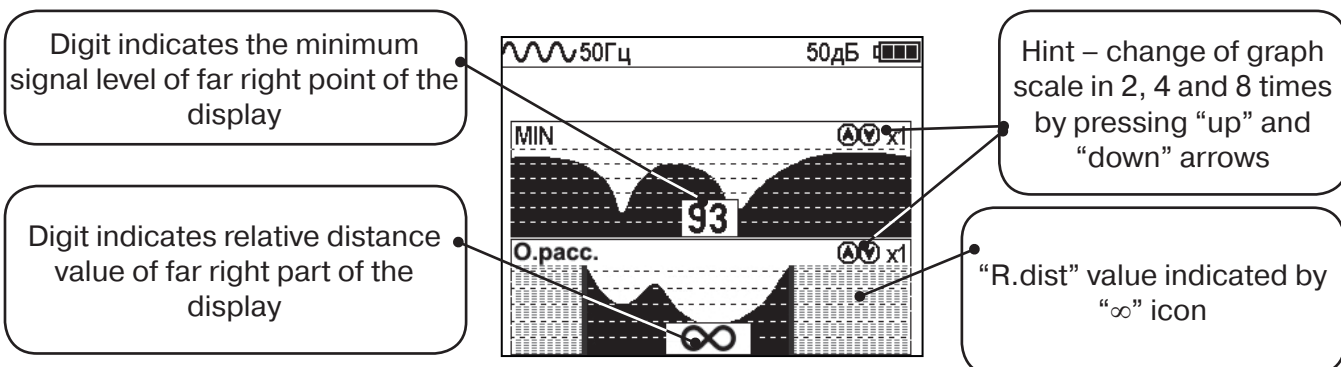


Minimal values of “relative distance to the utility” indicate the presence of the utility with some fault because in the case of multiple utilities laying nearby, minimum signal point may move due to confluence of the signals.

You can enable the “**R.dis.Graph**” mode from “Route” mode by pressing the “>” button or by switching it in the “Modes” section of the receiver’s main menu.

2.5.2 “MIN & R.Distance” Mode

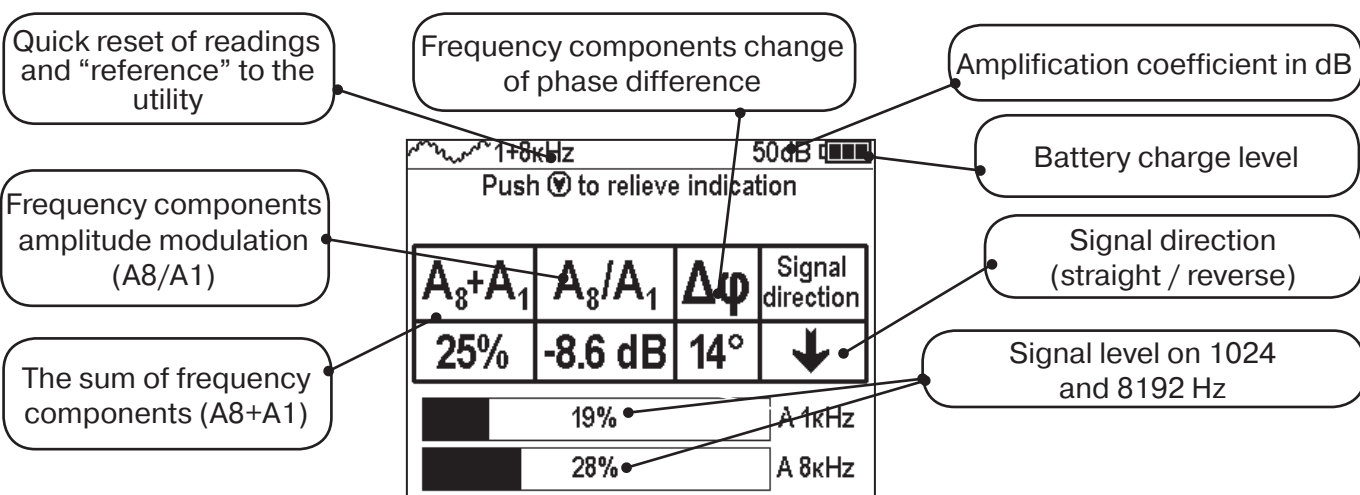
In this mode the screen is split in two parts. Upper part: Minimal signal graph, lower part: “relative distance to the utility” graph in real time.



You can enable “MIN & R.Distance” mode only from “Modes” section of main menu.

2.6 “2 Frequencies” Mode Window

In the “2 frequencies” mode, the cable condition and pipeline protection diagnostic is performed using the external generator. When conducting works on cable route location, it is possible to select the communication located as “my own” and perform a route location on it.



2.7 “Sonde” mode

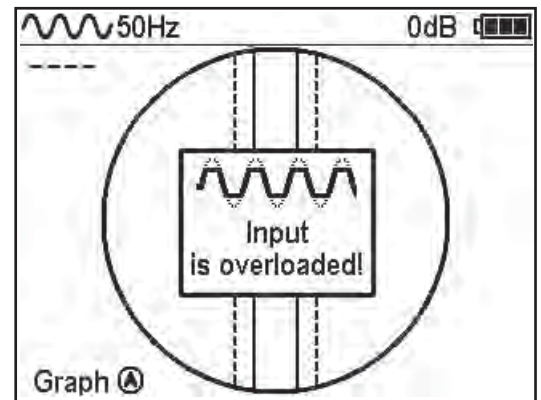
“Sonde” mode is used for tracing of non-metal pipelines by using a special pipe transmitter working on 512Hz frequency. (see paragraph 12)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Modes are split in two sets: basic and extended. In basic set, only 3 modes are available: “Route”, “Graph” and “R.dis.graph”. All modes are available in extended set: “Route”, “Graph”, “Graph+”, “MIN & MAX”, “2 Frequency”, “Sonde”, “R.dis.graph” and “MIN&R. dist.”. You can switch between two sets in menu: Settings → Modes select.



Dynamic Overload Protection

There is protection in the receiver which prevents the influence of dynamic overload. When the receiver is operated in the area with tense electromagnetic fields, this function automatically reduces the incoming signal and prevents the electronics of the receiver from being damaged and notifies the user with a special message on the screen.



3. Menu description

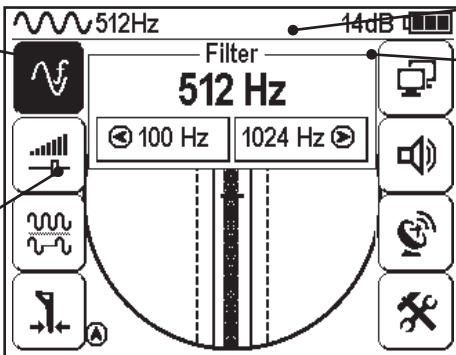
3.1 Receiver switching on

<p>To switch on the receiver, press the "Power" button</p>		<p>Briefly Press "Enter" button to open the menu</p>	
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3.2 General View of the Menu Screen

The selected menu option is highlighted with the dotted line, flashes with light/dark


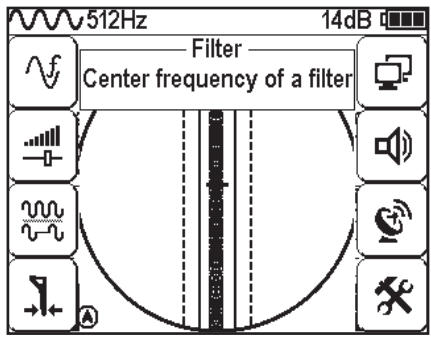

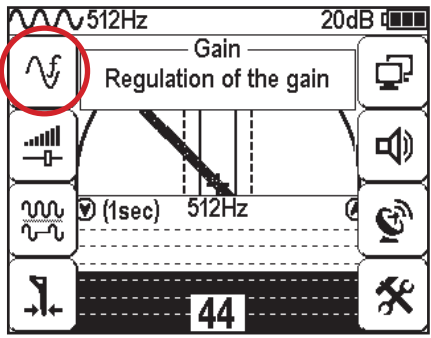

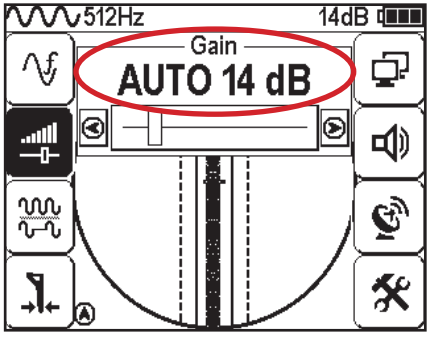


Icons represent each menu option



Menu option name

Brief menu option description


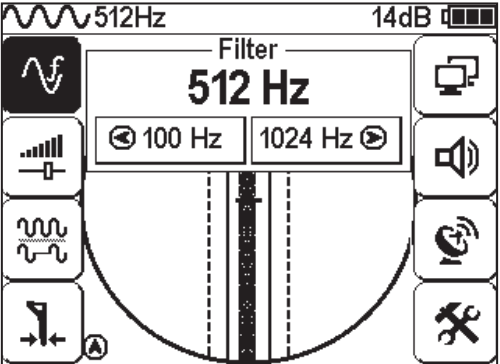

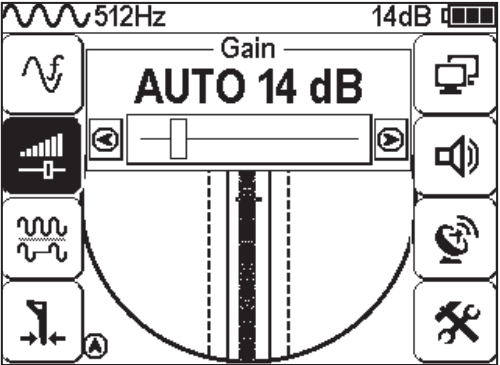

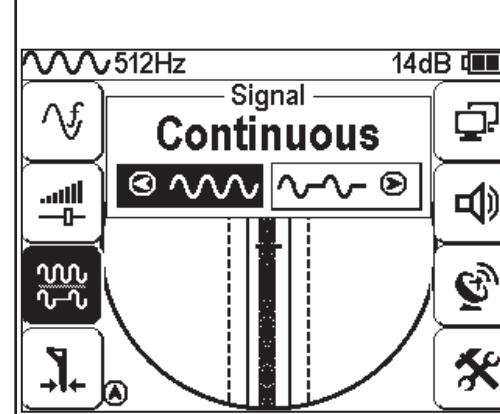

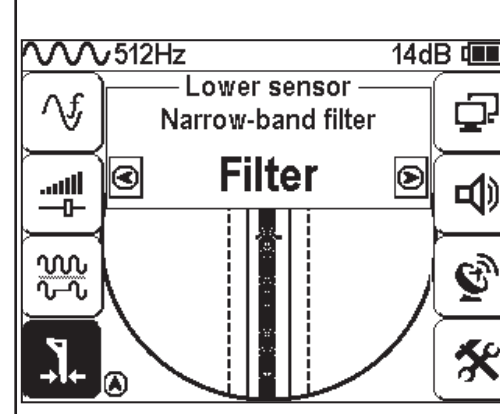
3.3 Menu Parameter Selection General Principle


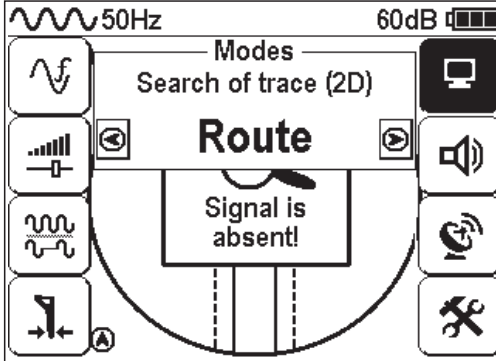

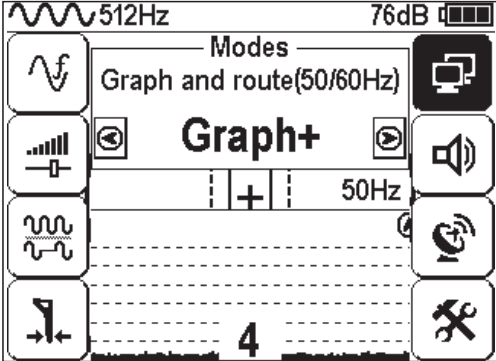

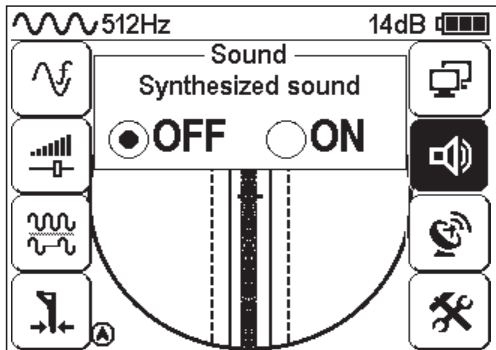

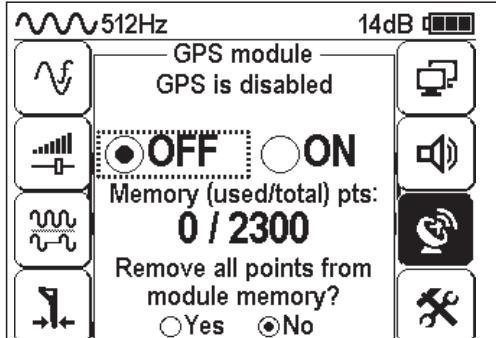
 <p>To open the menu, press "Enter".</p>	 <p>The menu will appear on the screen.</p>	 <p>Menu option selection is performed with buttons "Up", "Down", "Right" and "Left".</p>	 <p>Active "icon" is flashing and is highlighted by dotted line</p>
 <p>To change or view the menu item</p>	 <p>In the upper part of the indicator, the parameter editing panel will open.</p>	 <p>Values setting is performed with the buttons "Up", "Down", "Right" and "Left". The changed value is immediately applied.</p>	 <p>To exit into the main menu or switch to the set mode with the closing of the menu, press the "Enter" button. If you wait for several seconds, menu will disappear automatically.</p>

* If no buttons are pressed for a period of time, the menu will disappear automatically. The length of this period is set in the "settings" menu option.

8 items of menu contain parameters of setting, which are opened in the panel located in the upper part of the indicator.

Table 1

№	Item of the menu	Display image	Parameter description
1	Filter 		The working frequency of the receiver corresponds to the main frequency of the applied filter. It is selected from the set: 50(60) Hz, 100(120) Hz, 512 Hz, 1024 Hz, 8192 Hz or 32768 Hz.
2	Gain 		The amplification coefficient of the scaling amplifier can be changed from 0 dB to 80 dB with 2 dB step. The optimum coefficient of amplification can be selected: - manually , - semi-automatically (by command), - automatically depending on the regime of the analysis and signal representation.
3	Signal 		The type of signal received can be “Continuous” or “Impulse” Continuous - operation on passive frequencies 50(60)Hz and 100(120)Hz, cathodic protection of pipeline. Impulse or Continuous - on active frequencies 512, 1024, 8192 and 32768 Hz in accordance with the transmitter.
4	Advanced Bottom Sensor Setting 		This option has several settings affecting the efficiency of the bottom sensor. • “Filter” (narrow-band filter) • “WB” (wide band, sensor receives all frequencies below 8kHz) • “Radio” (sensor receives all frequencies over 8kHz) “Filter” setting is used only in “Route mode”, other settings are used in “Graphic” mode

5	<p>Base Mode</p> 		<p>Basic set of modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Route” (2D display of the location of the utility); - “Graph” (visually represents the changes of signal level of surveyed cable as a diagram along with a 2D representation);
	<p>Advanced Mode</p> 		<p>Extended set of modes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Graph+” (visually represents the changes of signal level of surveyed cable as diagram alongside with 2D representation of 50 (60) Hz cable); - “MIN&MAX” (graph representation of minimum and maximum signals) - “2 frequency” (amplitude and phase Non-destructive testing, detection of “friend” or “foe” signal on two frequencies).
6	<p>Sound</p> 		<p>Switching on / switching off of sound notifications created by the built-in speaker. Has two settings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -OFF -ON
7	<p>GPS</p> 		<p>GPS Status bar can indicate the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GPS module is on. - GPS setting - GPS is switched off - Looking for GPS satellites - Coordinates of latitude and longitude

8

Settings

512Hz

14dB

Settings

Language of device

LanguageEnglish

Modes selectExtend

System of unitsMetre

Power frequencyEurope

Sound of keysON

Backlight100%

Delay of menu3 sec

Popup hintON

This menu is opened in the main display

Language

<Russian/English>

Text messages language

Modes select

<Basic/Extend>

Basic set of modes: “Route” and “Graph”

Extended set of modes: “Route”, “Graph”, “Graph+”, “MIN&MA” and “2 frequency”

System of units

<Metre/Foot>

Measurement system: metrical or imperial

Power frequency

<Europe/USA>

The network frequency for passive search:
Europe (50/100 Hz) / USA (60/120 Hz).

Sound of keys

<ON/OFF>

Disables sound for button pressing

Backlight

It sets the brightness of the LED display

It has following values: “0%”, “50%”, “100%”

Delay of menu

<1 sec/2 sec/ 3 sec/ 4 sec/5 sec>

Idle time before closing the menu when no buttons are pressed.

• Popup hints

<ON/OFF>

Disables pop-ups with useful hints.

• Self-test

<Reset>

Self-test for errors of receiver’s components

50Hz

12dB

Settings

Reset settings and log

Back to factory settings and reset local log of device?

Yes

No

Reset settings

About device...

Open

50Hz

12dB

Settings

Device Information

Cable locator

Testrix U-Loc

Manufactured by TESTRIX, Australia.

Firmware: 5.15 ID: 0

OK

Reset

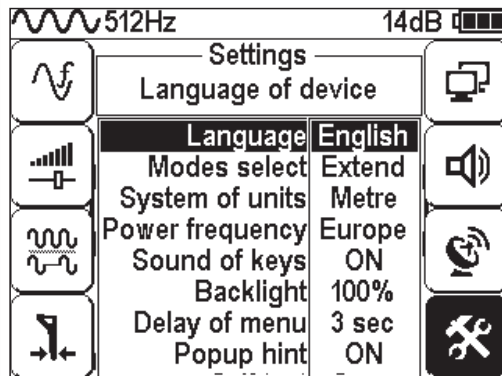
Reset settings

About device...

Open

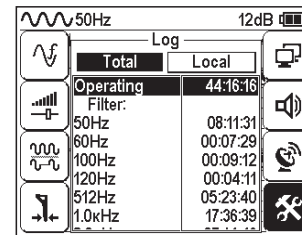
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Settings



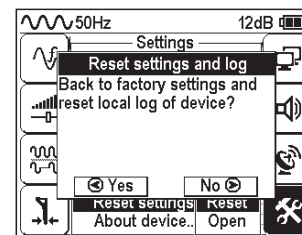
LOG

The statistics of device usage including all applied settings



Reset settings

Reset the device to factory default settings. After choosing this menu a dialogue window will appear:



4. Start of work

If alkaline batteries are used - Before start of work, you should install the batteries into the corresponding compartment of the receiver in the following sequence:



Unsnap Battery compartment. Pull out the ring on the receiver handle.



Install the batteries, observing the polarity

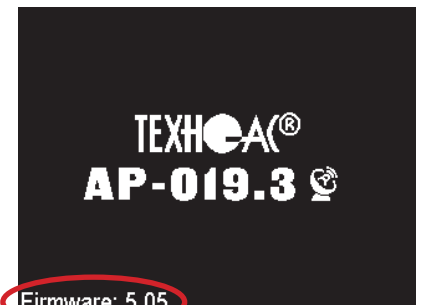


Install four new elements into the battery compartment of the device, minding polarity. Install the battery compartment into the body until it snaps.

Receiver switching

To switch on the receiver, press the “Power” button 

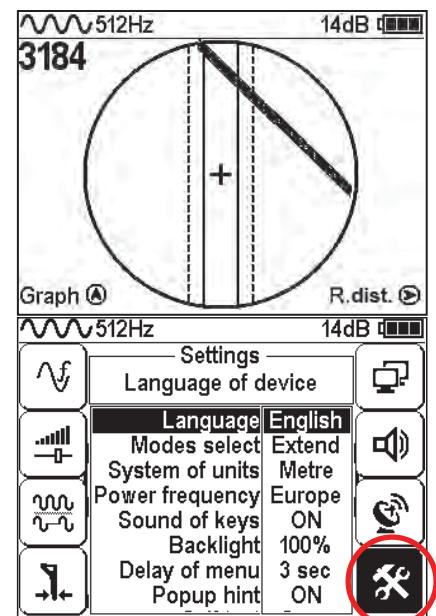
The indication of the Firmware version, manufacturer logo and device name will appear on the screen.



Then, the receiver will automatically enter into “Route” mode in 5 seconds. When first switching, the factory settings are set by default. The filter frequency is 50 Hz.

Note

A description of factory settings can be found in the “settings” menu. You can go back to factory settings by selecting the “reset settings” option.



With factory settings enabled, you can perform the cable location with network frequency 50 Hz without the transmitter.

External Power

With the help of the mini-USB cable (included), the operator can connect to external power sources with 4-7V voltage. For example, a power bank (supplied separately).

The external power source can be placed under overclothes of the operator. It will allow an extension of the battery life in low temperature conditions. External power can be used with inserted batteries or without them.

NOTE: Power Bank should be placed as far as possible from the antenna block of the receiver in order to evade interference.

Basic Receiver Functions

- Location and tracing of underground utilities with depth measurement in “Route” mode.
- Location and tracing of utilities in “Graph”, “Graph+”, and “MIN & MAX” modes.
- Tracing of non-metal utilities in “Sonde” mode.
- Saving of coordinates and parameters of located points.
- Operation in “2 Frequency” mode (fault location and detection of signal direction).
- Selection of the cable from a bunch with inductive clamp.

5. Search of Utilities in “Route” mode



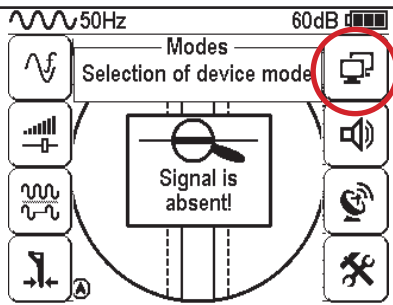

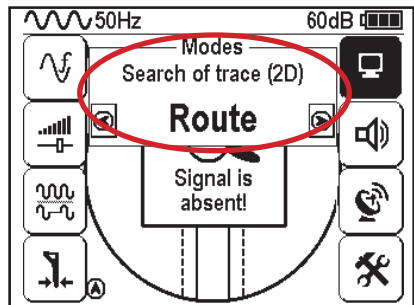

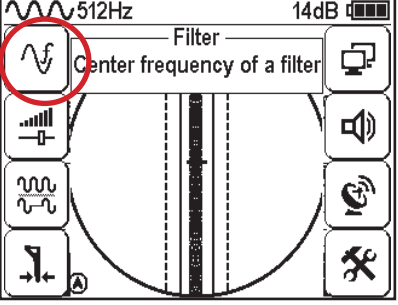


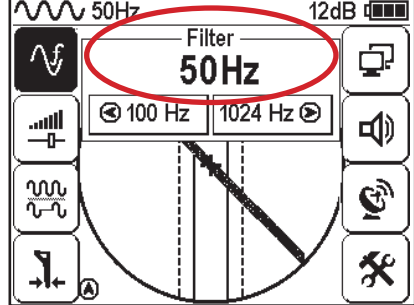
Route mode is the main mode for route location of various utilities (cables & pipelines) at all supported frequencies, both in “passive” cable route location and at the “active” (with the use of the route locating generator). In passive mode, the cable location is carried out at frequencies of 50(60) and 100Hz, while cable location in active mode is performed at frequencies of -512, 1024, 8192 and 33Hz.

5.1 Cable Location in Passive Mode

This mode is used to search and locate the route of power cables under voltage with a frequency of 50(60) Hz and other communications with the induced signal in frequency 50(60) Hz. The external generator is not used.

Receiver Setting for Operation in “Route” Mode

To enable “Route” mode, please, do the following:

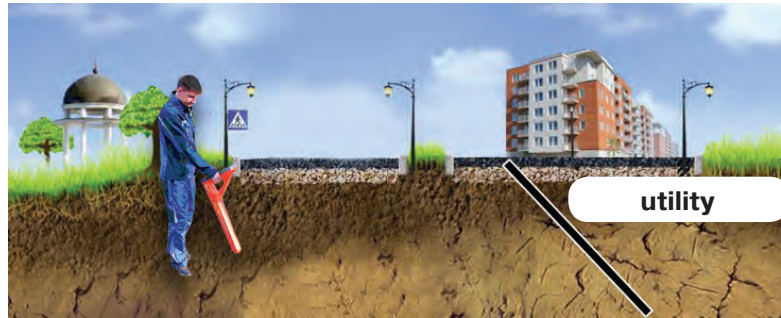
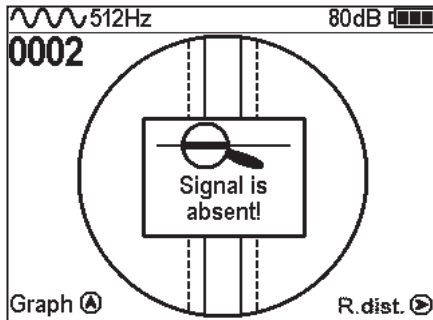
 Turn on the receiver	 Press “enter” button in order to open main menu	 Choose “Modes” icon	 Press “enter” to enter the mode change menu	 Choose “Route”
 Press “enter” button in order to open main menu	 Then go to “Filter” menu	 buttons	 Press “enter” to enter the mode change menu	 Select 50(60) Hz frequency

When filter 50(60)Hz is chosen, the type of incoming signal is automatically set to continuous.

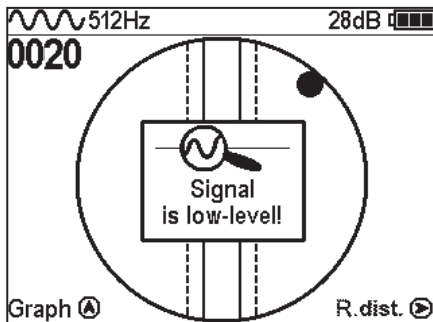
5.2 Search of a Communication and Measurement of its Burial Depth

1. Come to the supposed place of the utility under the voltage or induced voltage in frequency 50(60)Hz.

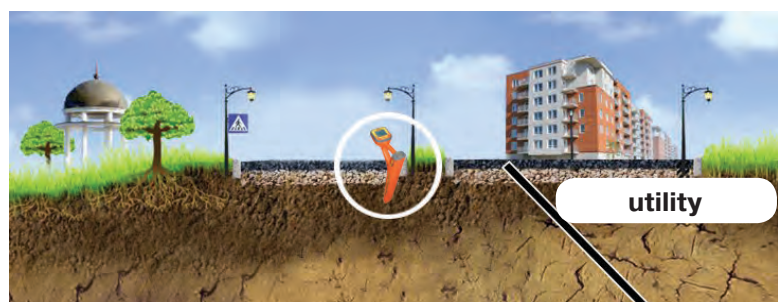
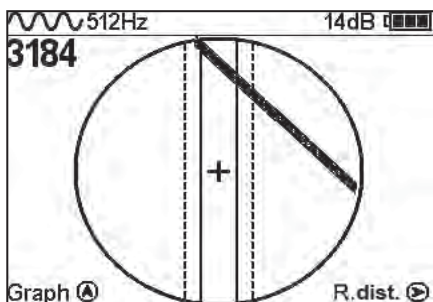
2. If the utility is far from the operator, you will see on the screen:



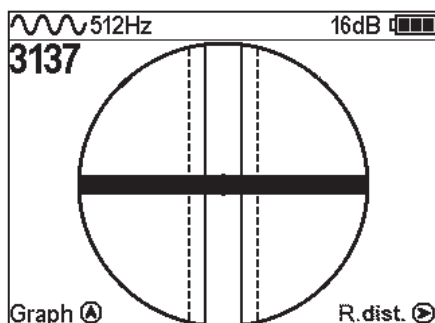
3. When moving towards the supposed place of the utility location, the “ball” will appear on the screen. It shows the presence of a utility and that it is a significant distance from the operator.



4. The “ball” position shows the direction of the utility relative to the operator.



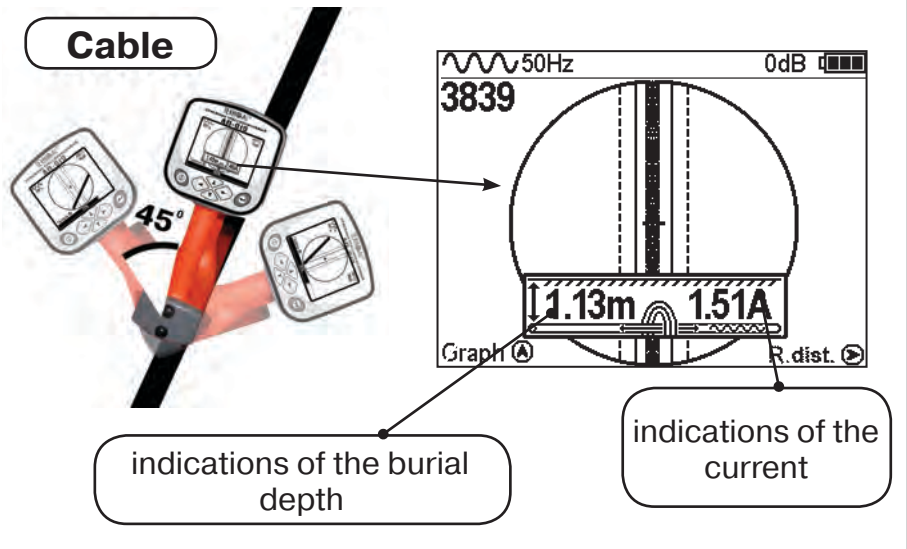
5. When the operator moves closer to the utility, the axis will move to the centre of the circle. This means that the operator is standing directly over the utility



The measurement of the burial depth of utility

7. Further you should rotate the device, until the utility axis is aligned along the receiver axis. In this position, given 'f' (the current in the cable) is sufficient, the window will appear displaying its burial depth and current. Now, the operator stands alongside the utility.

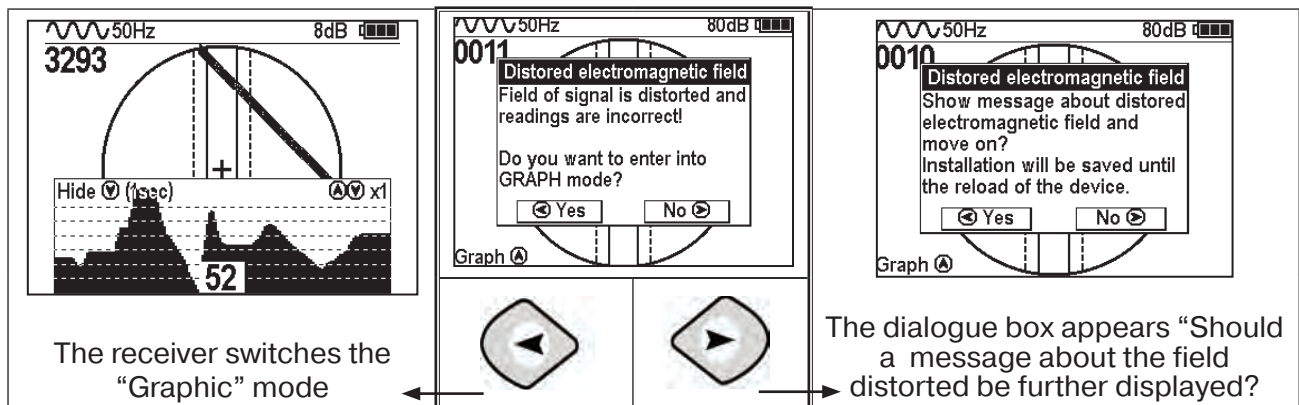
In this position, it is possible to move forward and trace a whole cable).



Note

Power cables most frequently lay at a depth of 60-80 cm, allowing to differ them from pipelines. It is possible that a cable lays in one channel with a pipeline, when the burial depth can significantly exceed 1 metre.

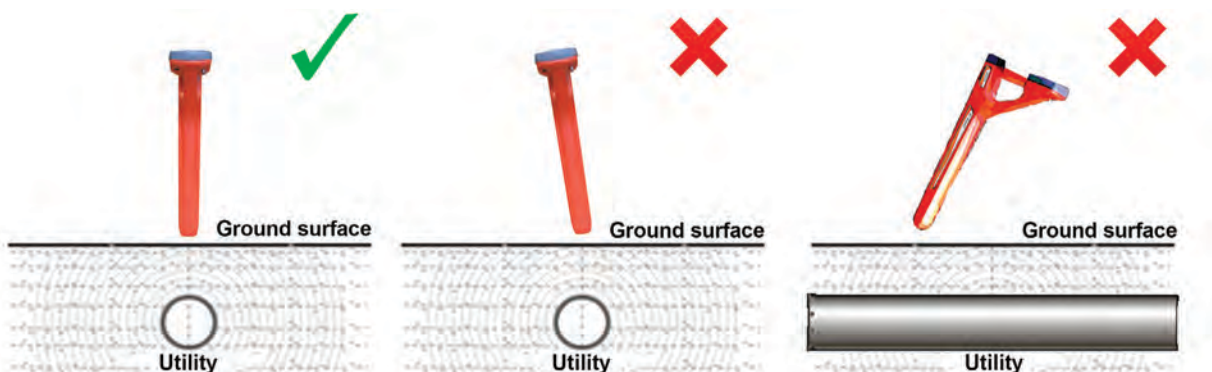
If the communication axis cannot be located exactly in the limited area, and the periodical jumps are happening from one border to the other, it indicates the presence of several cables under voltage with the 50 Hz frequency. You can specify number and position of the cables in "Graphic" mode.



In a case when the signal is significantly distorted, the receiver automatically shows the corresponding notification, offering the option of switching to "Graph" mode.

Attention:

Before measuring the depth of the utility, make sure that your device is positioned perpendicularly to the utility. Even a slight deviation from vertical position can influence the precision of the depth measurement.



5.3 Receiver's Built-in GPS Operation

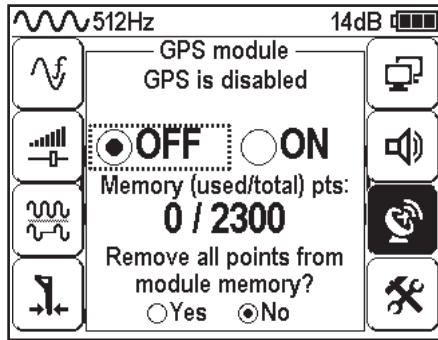


Fig. 1

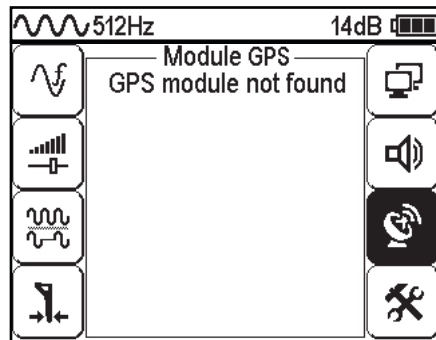


Fig. 2

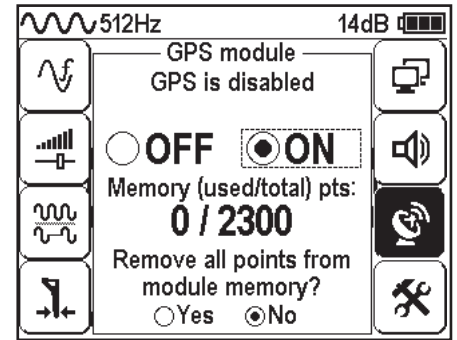



Fig. 3

The GPS module works simultaneously with GPS and GLONASS signal. The internal memory and built-in module of the device allow the user to obtain the coordinates and save them together with several parameters: date, time, burial depth and current (if available) and operating frequency.

The GPS module is enabled from the main menu of the receiver.

When you open GPS  menu entry happens the following:


1. The receiver issues module connection command
2. If a response from the module is received, the receiver requests the number of available GPS points in module's memory and shows this information on the screen (see fig 1)
3. If the module doesn't respond, the receiver shows the message "GPS module not found" (see fig 2)

After turning on the GPS module, an icon starts to blink in a status bar of the receiver. It will blink while the receiver is trying to connect to the satellites. When the icon stops blinking, it means that the connection is established, and the coordinates may be obtained. Also, there is a small scale near GPS icon which represents GPS signal level. Time of satellite detection depends on the weather, availability of the satellite and can take up to 10 minutes.

The display of the receiver has the following indication:

- 1) GPS module status: a) GPS off, b) Looking for GPS satellites
- Current GPS coordinates (longitude and latitude in degrees in 5 digit precision)
- c) GPS module error
- 2) GPS ON/OFF button
- 3) GPS module memory status: shows the number of saved points in relation to available memory ("13/2300")
- 4) YES/NO buttons for module memory clearance: If you select "Yes", you will see the confirm dialogue window. Memory clearance is an irreversible action.

"POINT" is a form of entry in the device's or PC's memory. It holds current operating frequency of the receiver, burial depth of the located utility (if available), the current going through the utility (if available), current longitude and latitude of the receiver position (if available) and also current date and time (if available).

Saving of the point is performed by pressing the GPS button  on the receiver. If the GPS module is active, it finds the necessary number of satellites and indicates coordinates in the GPS menu. It means that the following data will be written in the memory: current coordinates, date and time. If the receiver indicates burial depth and/or current flowing through the utility while saving of the point is enabled, this data will also be saved in receiver's memory.

Operating mode of the receiver is saved every time because it is constantly available. When saving the data to receiver memory, you will see a corresponding message "Saving new point #X" (where X – is a serial number of the point). The receiver can store up to 2300 points. Uploading the data to a PC can be performed via USB cable and special software – Mapping Program.

5.3.1 GPS Module Accuracy

According to specifications:

GPS Quectel L86 nominal accuracy is < 2.5 sq m circular error probable (CEP). This means that in perfect conditions, every received point has 50% possibility to be located at a 2.5m radius near real position or 93% in 5m radius (see Fig 4).

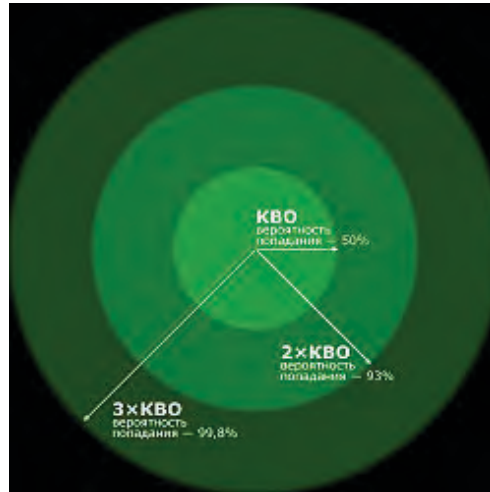


Fig. 4

Exact accuracy of the GPS device is an inconstant value and depends on many factors, such as physical obstacles, atmosphere conditions and GPS signal quality.

5.4 MapProgram

This software was developed for uploading saved GPS points from the receiver cable locator to a PC. It also indicates the points on Google maps, allows the user to edit the connections between points (track building) and also saves the data to a file (csv or kml format). All uploaded points are stored in the database. It is located in a folder with exe file. The database default name is "GPSdb"

Download MapProgram from the supplied disc. Install the software, following the instructions.

If you want to know how to use this software, please, see "Help" section in MapProgram

Download the latest version of MapProgram from website:

<http://technoac.com/mapprogram.html>

5.5 Cable Route Location in the Active Mode

This mode is used for the location and tracing of electro-conducting underground utilities (power cables, optic fibre cables with metal armouring and pipelines) by using the signal transmitter. Tracing is possible at the following frequencies: **512, 1024, 8192 and 32768 Hz.**

The filter on the receiver is set manually in accordance with the selected generator frequency.

When locating the cable route in the conditions of the large number of surrounding utilities, you should set the frequency **to 512 Hz.**

When it is impossible to ground the connection, you should select higher frequencies. To perform the cable location with damage detection, you should select a higher frequency.

Note

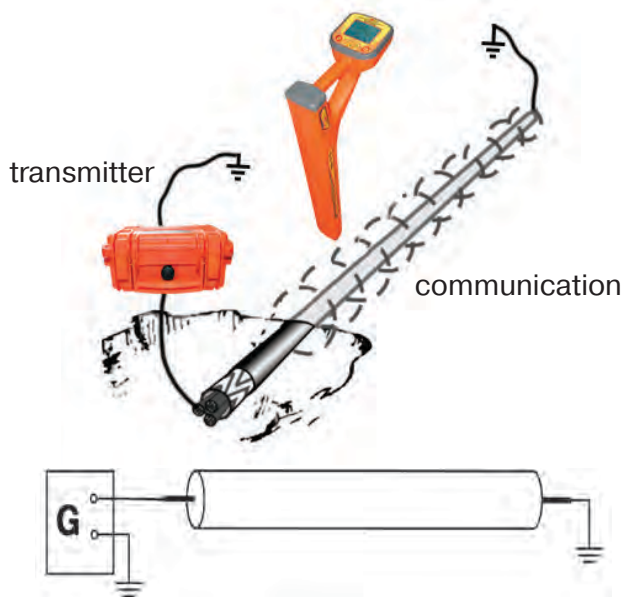
Transmitter Connection

Contact mode

The generator output is connected directly to the communication

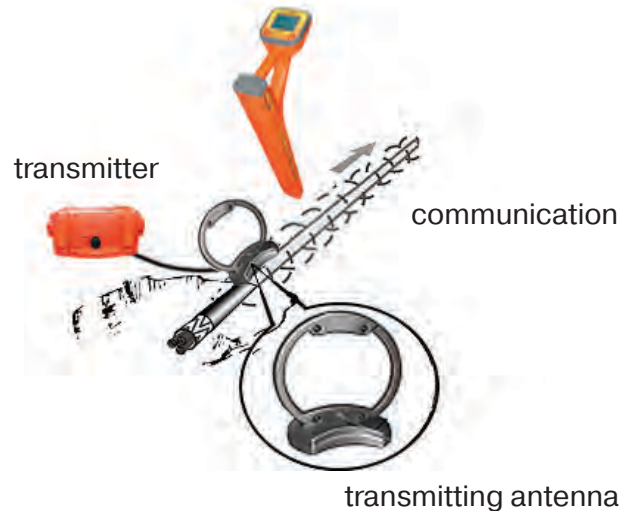
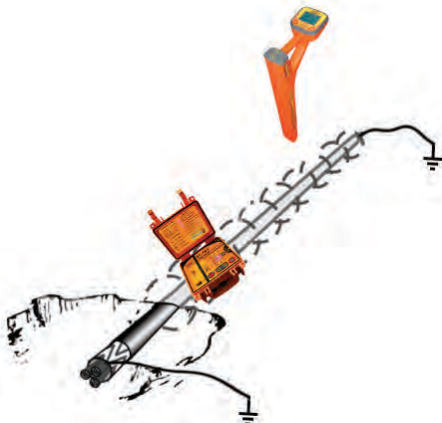
Contactless method

using the transmitting antenna

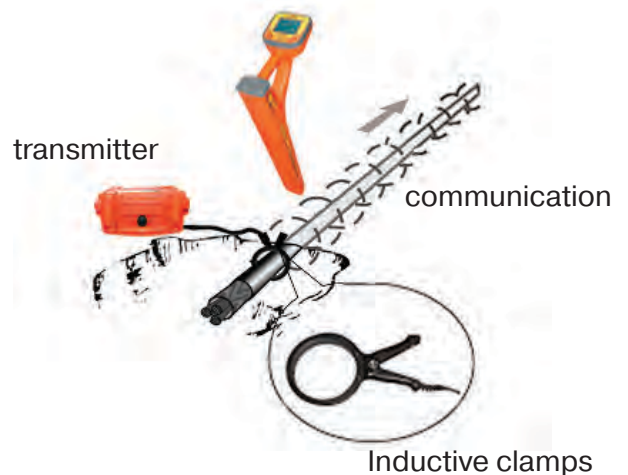


Contactless method

Connection with internal inductive antenna of the transmitter



Contactless method using the induction clamps

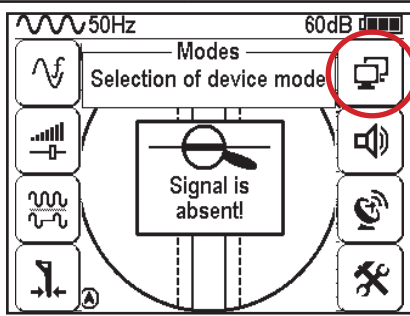
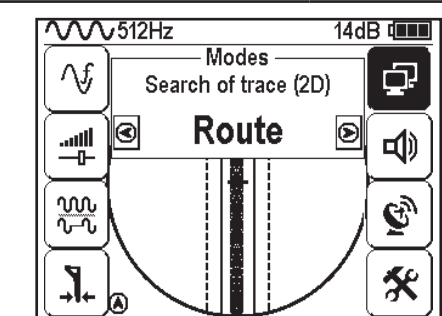
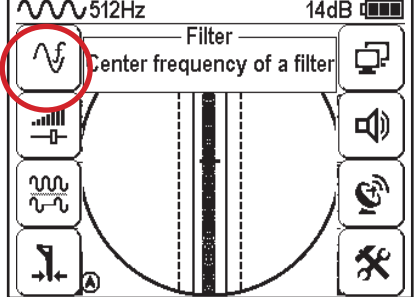
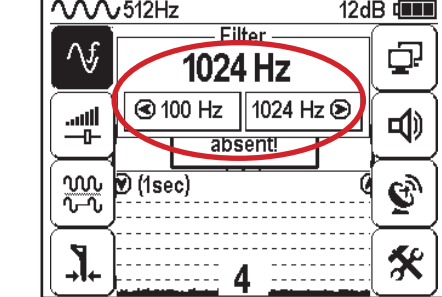


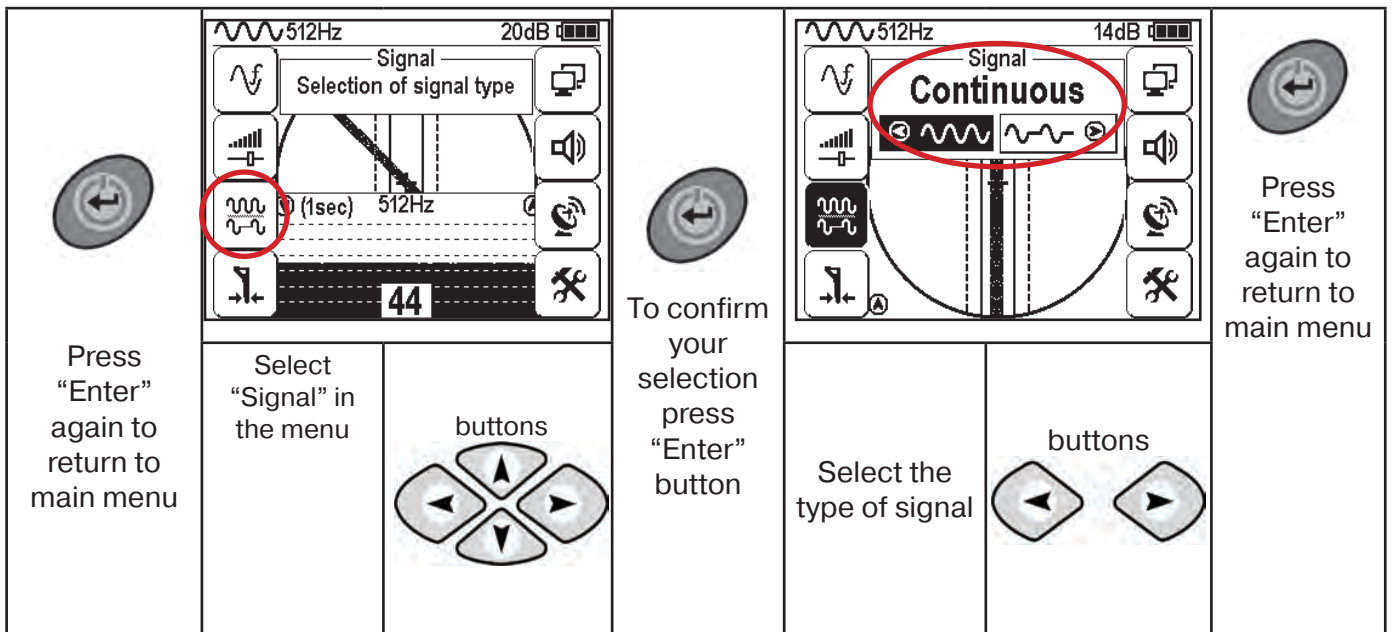
Note

Procedure for search of communication and conduction of cable route location

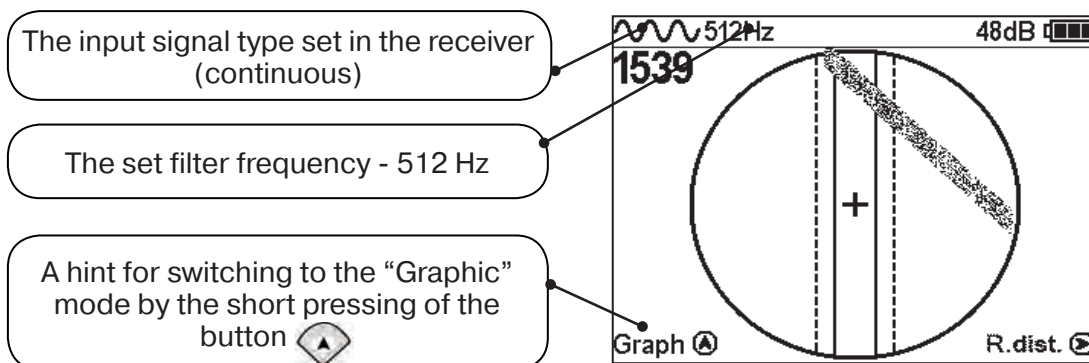
<p>1. Connect the transmitter to the utility by contact or contactless method.</p> <p>Note When possible, the preference should be given to the contact method of connection, which allows the user to perform the cable route location for more distantly.</p>	<p>2. Turn on the transmitter. Set the signal type - impulse "Co"/continuous "Pu" / pulse. The generation frequency on the transmitter - 512, 1024, 8192, 32768 Hz.</p> <p>Impulse mode (Pu) is used to increase the time of work of the transmitter.</p> <p>Continuous signal (Co) makes it possible to conduct simultaneously with the routing and the diagnostic of the faults of the power cable.</p>
<p>3. Start the generation, wait for the transmitter to power up.</p>	<p>4. Proceed with the setting of the receiver</p>

Setting of the receiver for the active search. "Route" mode

<p>Turn on the power</p>	<p>Press "Enter" button to open the menu</p>	 <p>Select the icon "Modes" in the menu</p> <p>buttons</p>	<p>To confirm your selection press "Enter" button.</p>	 <p>Select the "Route" mode</p> <p>buttons</p>
<p>Press "Enter" again to return to main menu.</p>	<p>Select "Filter" in the menu.</p>	 <p>buttons</p>	<p>To confirm your selection press "Enter" button.</p>	 <p>Set the filter frequency corresponding to the transmitter frequency, for example 1024 Hz</p> <p>buttons</p>



View of the Receiver Screen for Route Location in the Active Mode



Having set up the receiver, you can start locating communication and determine its burial depth **similarly to p. 5.2.**



When working in the "Route" mode, the following can sometimes occur:



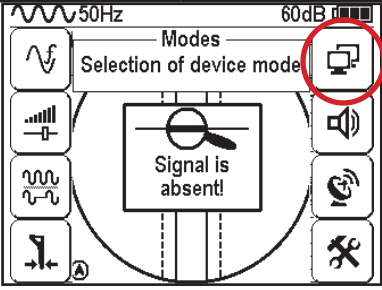

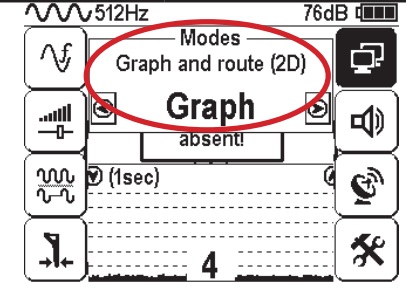

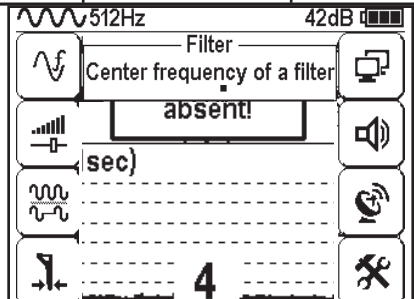

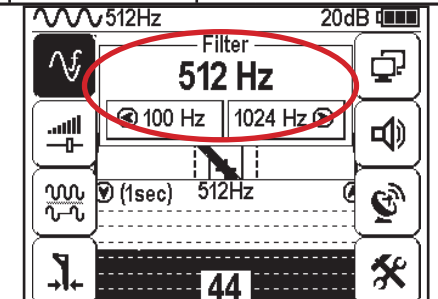
- the positioning of the utility axis into the centre is impossible
- the presence of several near located communications
- low signal in the cable

In these cases, you should switch to the "Graph" mode.

6. Search of Utilities in “Graph” Mode


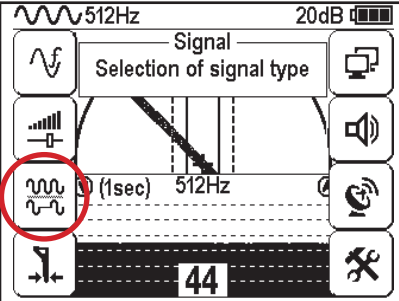


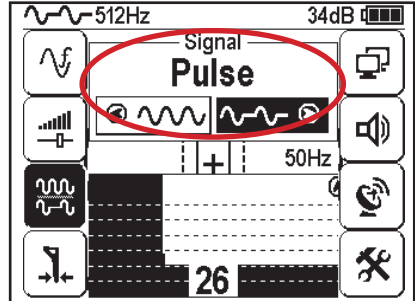
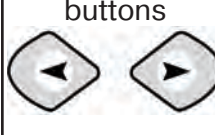

The “Graph” mode is the support mode and is able to locate various utilities (cables and pipelines), both in the passive and active modes with the route locating transmitter. In passive mode, the cable location is carried out at frequencies of **50(60) and 100(120)Hz** and in the active mode - **512, 1024, 8192 and 32768 Hz**. The “Graph” mode can be used to determine the number of the near located utilities. The “Graph” mode also allows the user to perform the route location in conditions of low signal on the utility, when the route location in the “Route” mode is impossible. The measurement of the burial depth and current is not available in this mode. In the “Graph” mode, the receiver screen displays the moving diagram of change in the signal level, depending on the time by the “maximum” method - when located over the utility, the signal is maximum, and when deviating from the axis, the signal decreases.

6.1 Setting of the Receiver for Work in the “Graph” Mode

 Turn on the power	 Press “Enter” button to open the menu	 Select “Modes” in the menu	 To confirm your selection press “Enter” button	 Select the mode “Graph”
 Press “Enter” again to return to main menu	 Select the “Filter” in the menu	 To confirm your selection press “Enter” button	 Set the filter frequency in accordance with the generator frequency, for example, 1024Hz	

* At the active search, the signal should be transmitted on the route from the generator with the same frequency as on the receiver (p. 5.5).

In the **“Graph”** mode the work is performed in the **“Continuous”** or **“Impulse”** signal. The difference at the work with the **“Impulse”** signal is in that the digit in the center of the analogue scale shows not the current value of the signal, but the maximum value (amplitude) of the transmissions of the interruptible signal from the route locating transmitter. The pitch of the tone of the sound synthesized also corresponds to the maximum value of the signal for the period of the impulse transmitted.


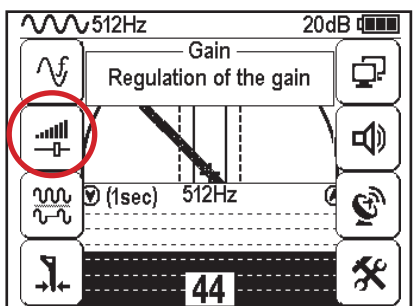


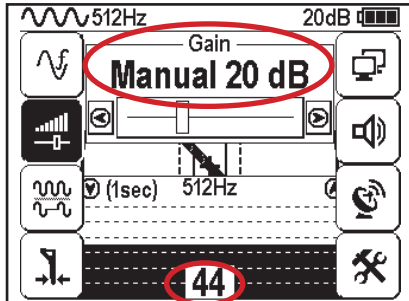


 <p>Press “Enter” again to return to main menu.</p>	 <p>Selection of signal type</p> <p>44</p> <p>Select “Signal” in the menu.</p> <p>buttons</p> 	 <p>To confirm your selection press “Enter” button.</p>	 <p>Signal Pulse</p> <p>50Hz</p> <p>26</p> <p>Select the signal type, for example, impulse, and in accordance with the generator signal</p> <p>buttons</p> 	 <p>Press “Enter” again to return to main menu.</p>
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Note

When working in the passive mode **50(60) Hz, 100(120) Hz** - you should always select the **continuous type of the signal**.

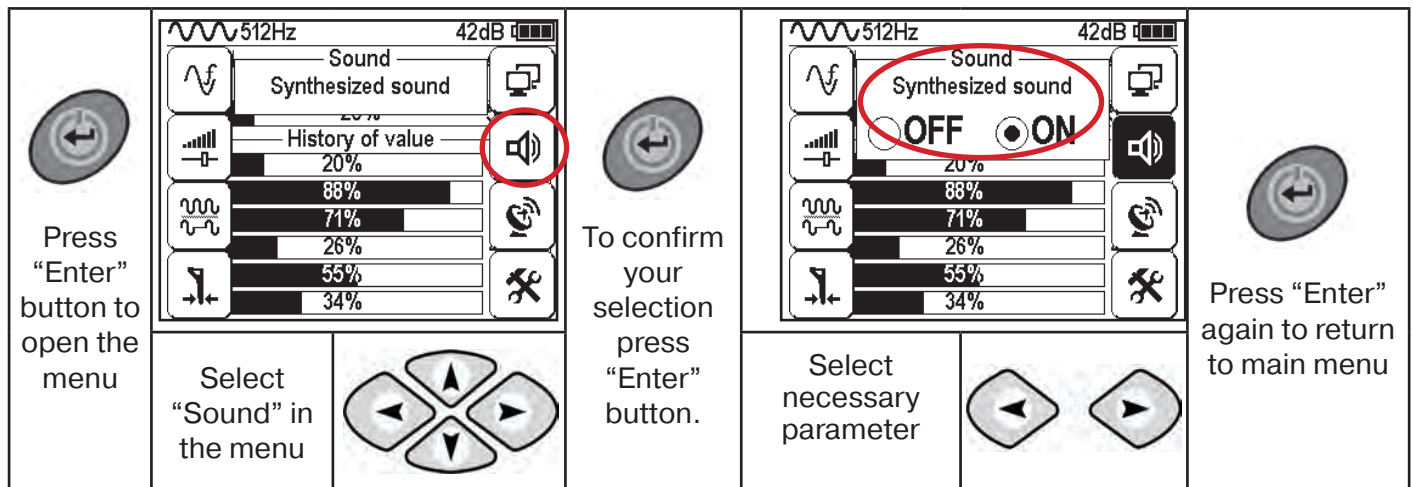
When working with the generator (in the **active mode**) **512, 1024, 8192 Hz, 33 kHz** - the type of the signal on the receiver is **continuous or impulse**, in accordance with the signal set on the transmitter.

During the route location, you can manually set the input signal amplification.

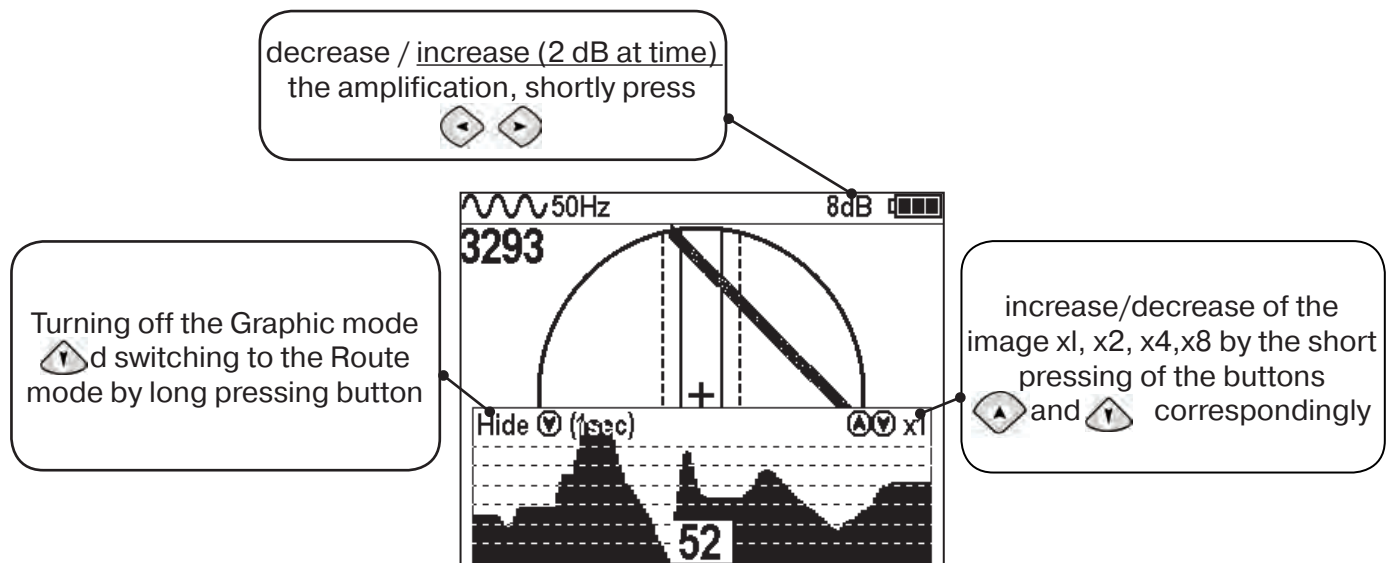
 <p>Press “Enter” button to open the menu</p>	 <p>Gain Regulation of the gain</p> <p>44</p> <p>Select “Amplification” in the menu.</p> <p>buttons</p> 	 <p>To confirm your selection press “Enter” button..</p>	 <p>Gain Manual 20 dB</p> <p>44</p> <p>the signal level on the bottom scale should be in the range 50 to 50%</p> <p>Set the amplification coefficient, for example, 20 dB</p> <p>buttons</p> 	 <p>Press “Enter” again to return to main menu.</p>
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The change of the input signal amplification coefficient should be performed manually by short pressing buttons   or semi-automatically by holding one of them pressed for 1 sec.

In the "Graphic" mode it is possible to listen synthesized sound through the built-in speaker, The sound tone pitch changes depending on the signal level.






6.2. "Hot" Keys for Work in the "Graph" Mode



If the signal occupies the whole graphic (the black string), it is necessary to perform the following actions:

Note

1. Decrease the graphic scale to the value x1 by pressing button 
2. Decrease the signal amplification coefficient by pressing button  until the appearance of the decrease of the input signal level is less than 80%.
3. In case of low signal, increase the amplification coefficient by pressing the button and the scale by pressing this button 

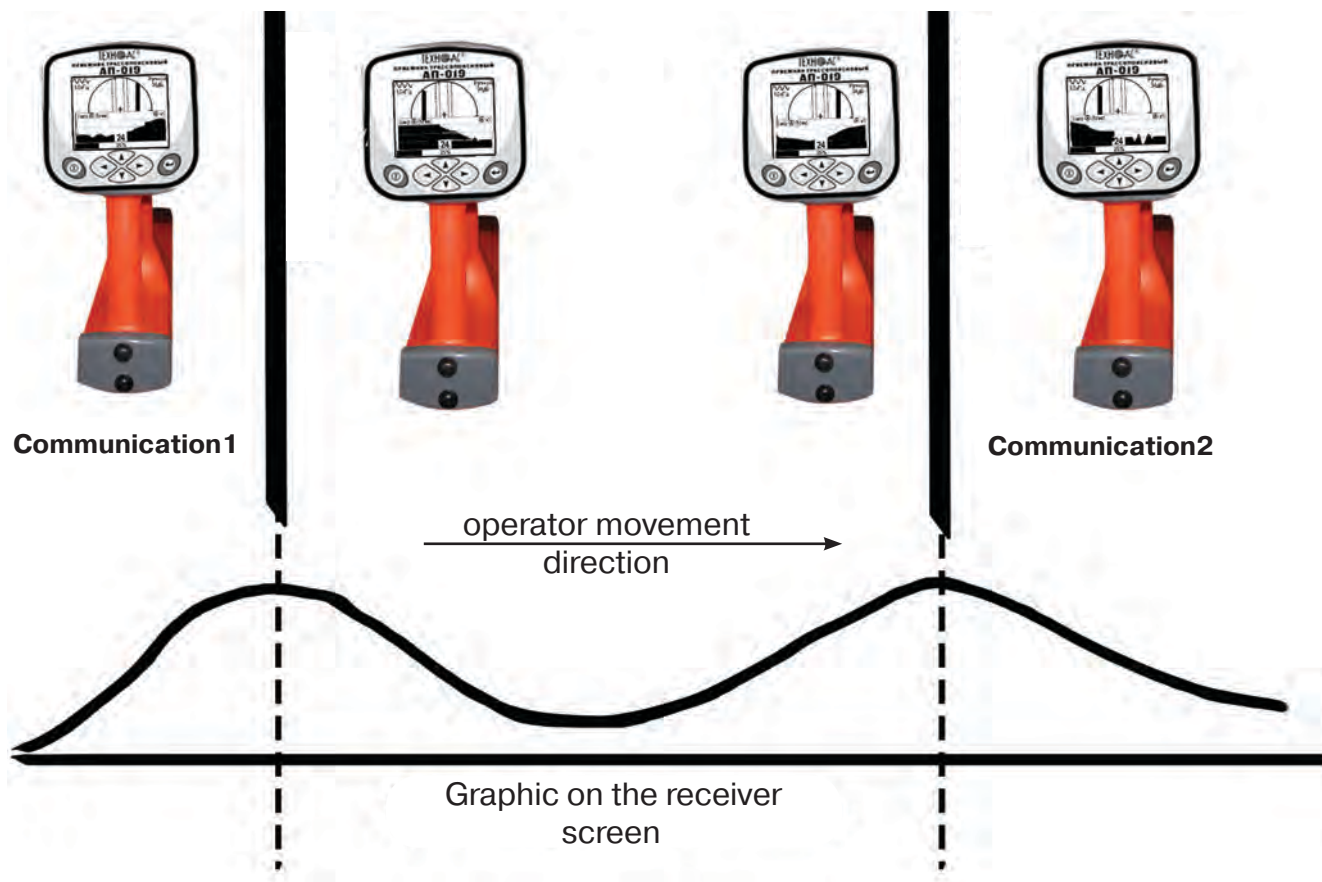
6.3. Search of Utilities in “Graph” Mode

1. Perform the receiver setting - select the Graphic mode
2. Locate the receiver in parallel to the supposed axis of the utility, slowly move in the direction, as shown in the figure below.
3. Slowly move the receiver towards the area where you previously experienced problems locating the utility.

You can see the example of operation on this picture:



In the presence of two utilities, the approximate view of the graphic on the receiver screen is shown in the figure.



4. You should locate the utility by the maximum signal level.

7. Search of Utilities in “Graph+” Mode

The “Graph+” mode is available in the advanced set of modes. “Graph+” is the auxiliary mode. This mode differs from the mode “Graph”, as it shows a “2D” image compatible with the graphic, not the relative position of the route, but automatically demonstrates the presence and provision of the near “power” cable under the voltage with the frequency 50(60) Hz.

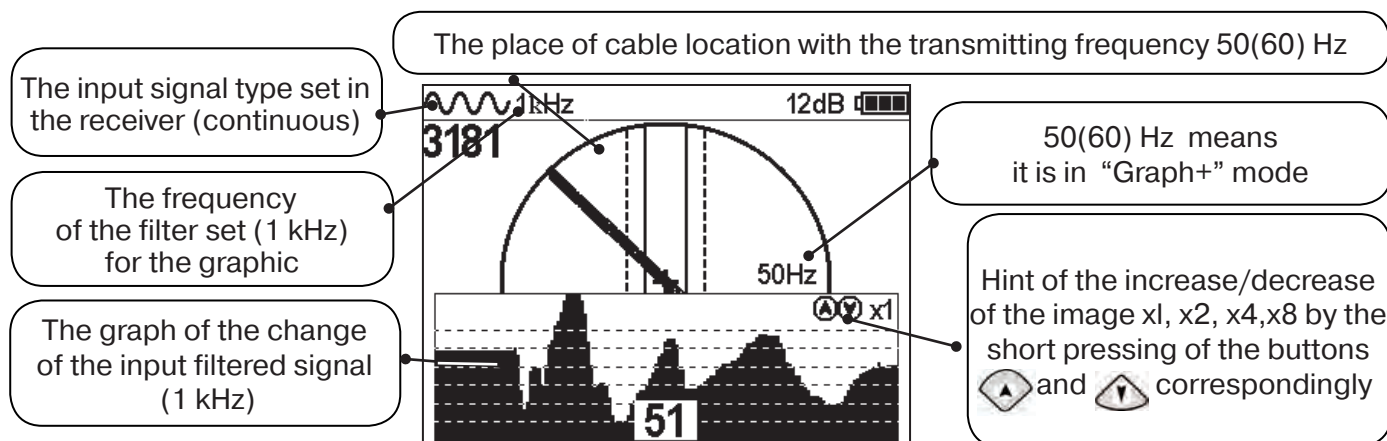
7.1 Setting of the Receiver for Work in the “Graph+” Mode

The setting of the receiver and use of the “hot keys” for work in the mode “Graph+” fully matches with the setting of the receiver for the “Graph” mode (see sections 7.1 and 7.2).

7.2 Search of Utilities in the “Graph+” Mode

<p>Note</p> <p>1. 1. Connect the transmitter to the communication by contact or contactless method.</p> <p>When possible, preference should be given to the contact method of connection, which allows the user to conduct the cable route location more distantly.</p>	<p>Note</p> <p>2. Turn on the transmitter . Set the signal type - impulse “Pu”/continuous “Co”. The generation frequency on the generator: - 512, 1024, 8192, 32768 Hz. Impulse mode is used to increase the working time of the generator. Continuous signal provides the option to perform simultaneously with the routing the diagnostic of the faults of the power cable.</p>
<p>3. Set up the receiver for work in the “Graph+” mode (section 7 1), set the frequency and type of the signal the same as on the transmitter</p>	<p>4. Start the generation, wait for the transmitter to power up.</p>

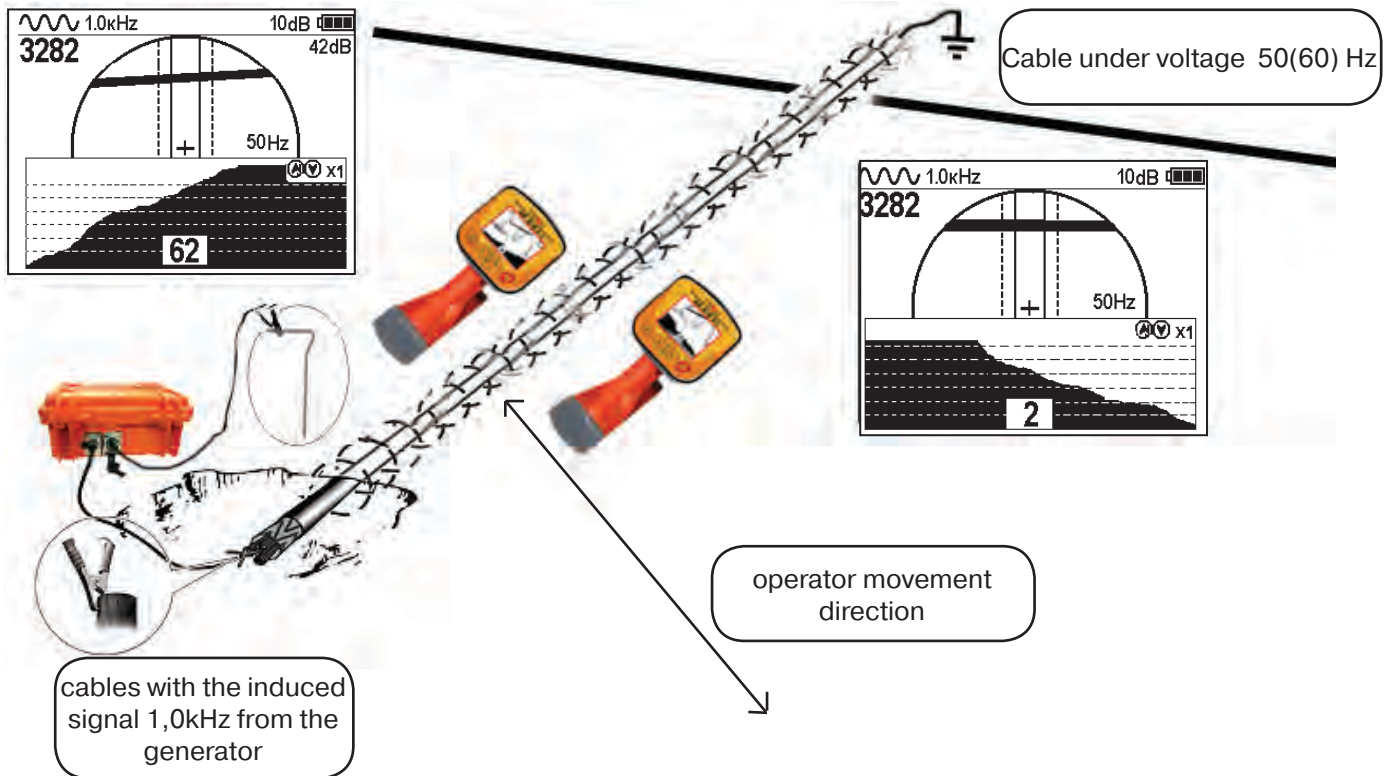
View of the Receiver Screen for Route Location in the Active Mode



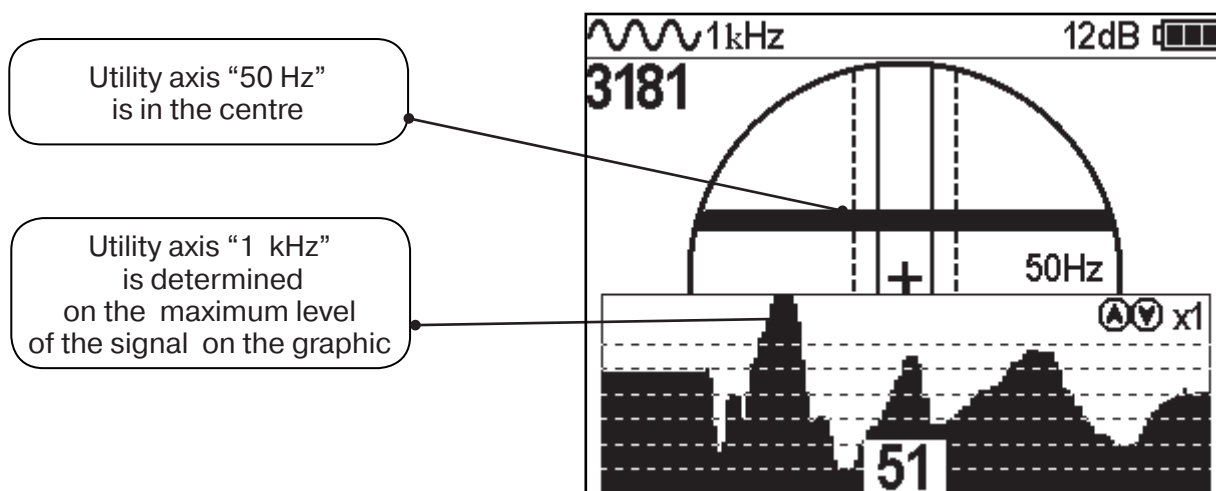
5. Approach the supposed place of cable route, on which the signal from the generator was transmitted. Locate the receiver axis in parallel to the utility axis.

The graph showing the change in the signal level will be displayed on the screen in frequency 1 kHz, on the 2D image of the route of the cable located near (if any) will be displayed under the voltage 50(60)Hz.

You should move the receiver as shown on the figure.



The place of the crossing of the cable corresponds to the setting of the pointer "50 Hz" onto the centre of the circle at maximum value of the indication on the "Graph" of the active frequency signal.

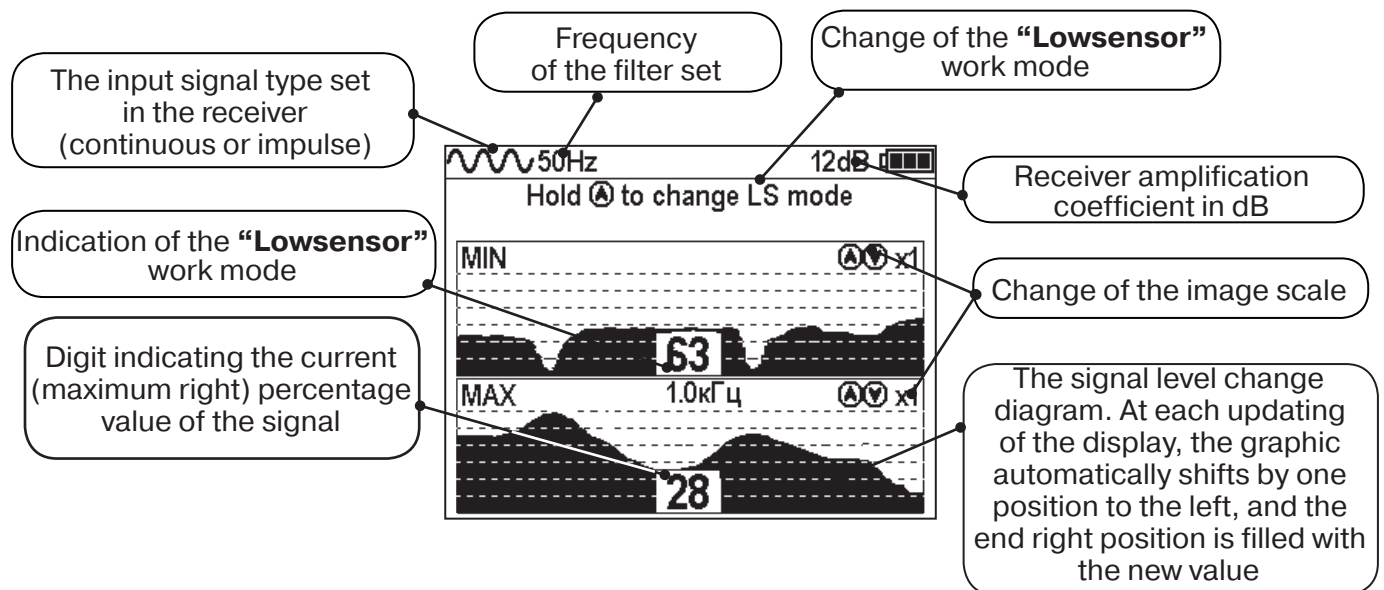


8. Performing a Cable Location in the Mode “MIN & MAX”

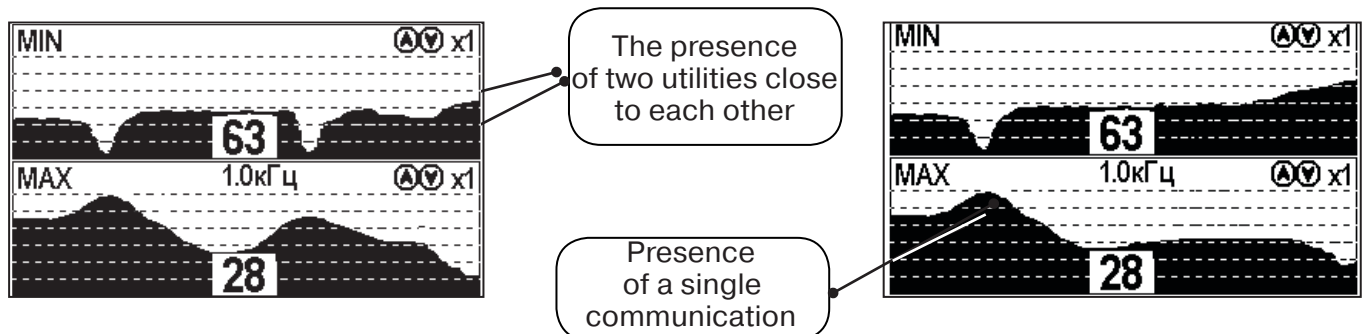
In the mode “**MIN & MAX**”, the device works simultaneously both on the method “maximum” and the method “minimum”. This mode is used in the conditions of distorted field, in the presence of nearby utilities and at the low induced signal. It allows the user to perform location and to determine the presence and location of utilities located nearby.

In the “**MIN & MAX**” mode, the receiver display is divided in two halves. The moving diagram of the signal level change is displayed in the upper part by the “**minimum**” method - when located over the cable, the signal is minimal, and when deviating from the axis, the signal increases. The bottom half of the screen shows the moving diagram of the signal level change depending on the time by the “**maximum**” method - when you stand over the cable, the signal is maximum, and when deviating from the axis, the signal decreases.

In this mode, the value of the depth and current in the utility are not displayed.



The cable route location is performed similarly to route location in the “Graph” mode, orienting on the maximum level of the signal on the lower scale of the graphic and the minimum level of the signal on the upper scale. To determine the number of the nearby utilities, you should step aside from the axis of the located cable and go straight across to the utility axis to visualise the amount and place of the route of utilities.



9. Performing Cable Route Location in “2 Frequencies” Mode

The mode “2 frequencies” was added so the user could determine the signal direction in cables.

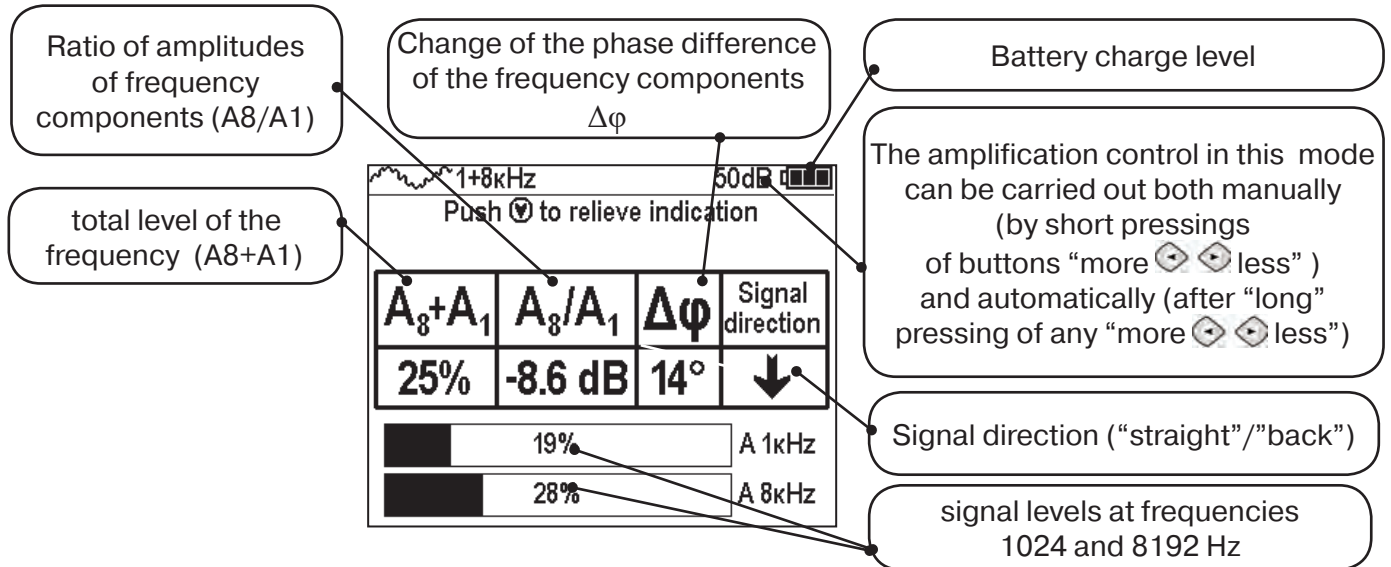
Additional possibilities of the mode are described in App. 2:

Append. 2 p.3 Amplitude “two-frequency” method “ ΔA ”;

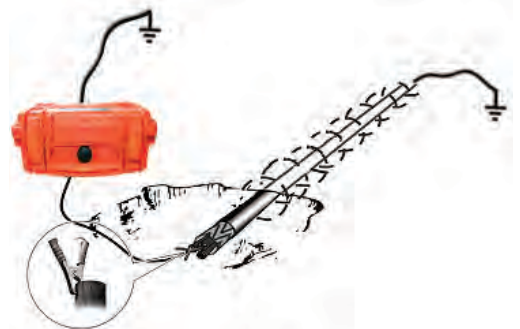
Append. 2 p.4 Phase “two-frequency” “ $\Delta\phi$ ”



The mode “2 frequencies” is realised only with the contact method of connection of the transmitter.

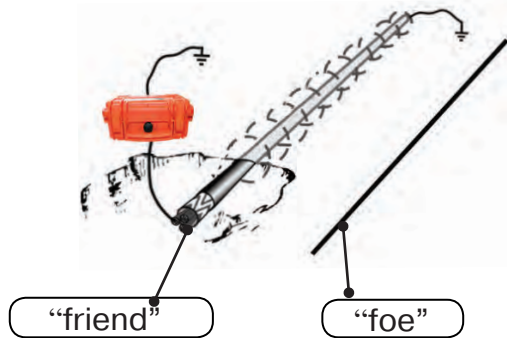


1. One output of the transmitter should be connected to the point of the utility that is more distant from the supposed place of the defect (start of the diagnostic site). The other output of the generator is grounded on the maximum possible distance from the utility from the other side (end of the diagnostics site). The buried service should be earthed (or grounded) as far away from it as possible.



2. The transmitter in the mode “2F” sends to the utility the signals of two frequencies (1024Hz and 8192Hz) simultaneously.

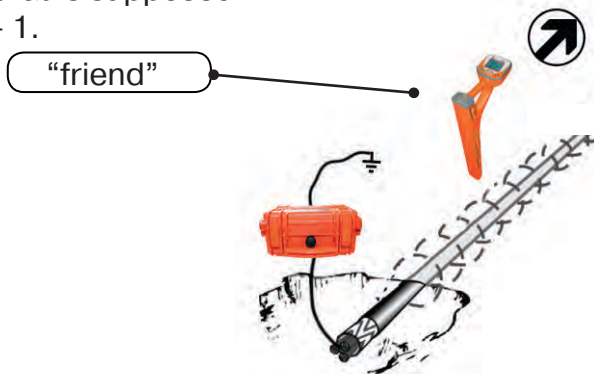
3. The signal from the utility, to which the route locating transmitter is directly connected, is conventionally named - "friend". The "parasitic" signal from the nearest utility, on which the generator signal is transferred, is conventionally named as "somebody else's".



4. Based on the direction of the "arrow", it is possible to distinct a "friend" signal from a "foe" one, since the current direction in "friend" utilities is opposite the "transferred" currents flowing through "foe" utilities.

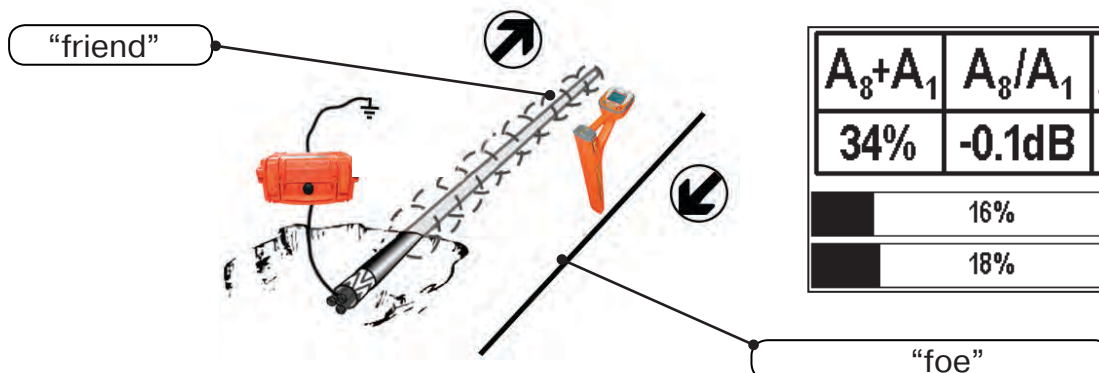
A_8+A_1	A_8/A_1	$\Delta\varphi$	Signal direction
34%	-0.1dB	-2°	↑
16%			A 1kHz
18%			A 8kHz

5. "Signal direction - forward" is the conventional concept and "assigned" by the operator, for this position of the sensor relative to the route. The "assignment" is performed by the pressing of the button "⬆"; when the sensor is located exactly over the "allocated" utility that is supposed to be a "friend". After that, the pointer of the signal direction takes the form - 1.



A_8+A_1	A_8/A_1	$\Delta\varphi$	Signal direction
34%	-0.1dB	-2°	↑
16%			A 1kHz
18%			A 8kHz

When switching to the "foe" communication with the other "signal direction" (or at the change of the sensor position to the "reverse"), the sound will be emitted (if switched on) and the arrow will show the "signal direction - back 1".

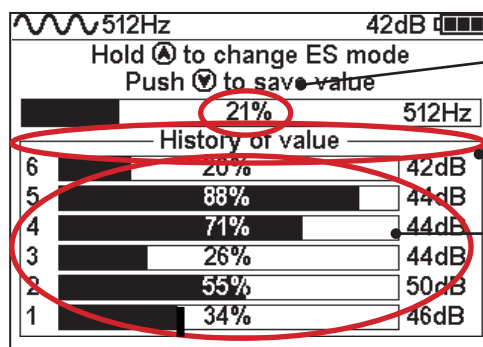


A_8+A_1	A_8/A_1	$\Delta\varphi$	Signal direction
34%	-0.1dB	-2°	↓
16%			A 1kHz
18%			A 8kHz

10. The work mode «Cable selection from a bunch»

The mode «Cable selection from a bunch» is switched on and off automatically with the connection and disconnection of the external sensor **(ES) CI-105/110** (inductive clamps) or **NP-117** superimposed frame).

The mode is intended for selection of the «allocated» cable from the bunch of cables on the basis of maximum signal emitted by this cable. The selection can be carried out at all the frequencies supported by the receiver.



The level of the filtered signal from the sensor CI-105/110 or NP-117 in percentage

The current level of the signal and the amplification coefficient for the moment of measurement

Six lines for signal level and amplification coefficient values stored by the user. At each storage the content of all lines moves by one position down

10.1. The work with the receiver in the mode «Selection of the cable from a bunch»

Attention! In order to select the allocated cable from a bundle, you should provide the flowing of the current of the current on the set frequency and form through it. To do this, it is necessary send into the searchable cable the signal from the route locating generator by the contact or contactless method and provide the «current return» to the generator (for example, through the ground). All output ends of cables of the bunch should be connected to the «return» circuit.

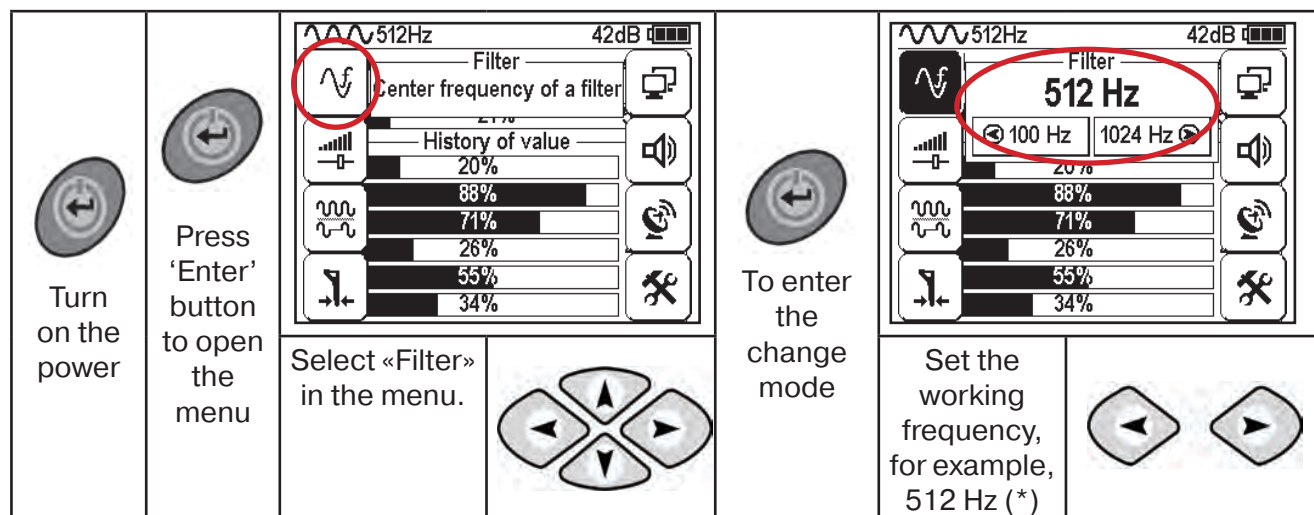


Fig.10.1


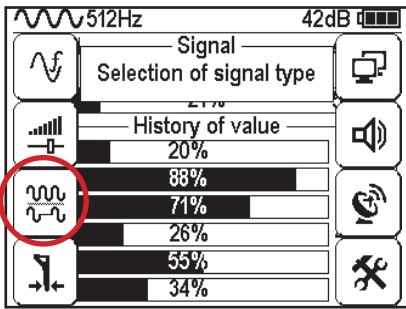


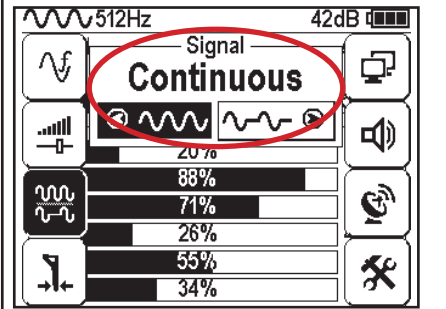




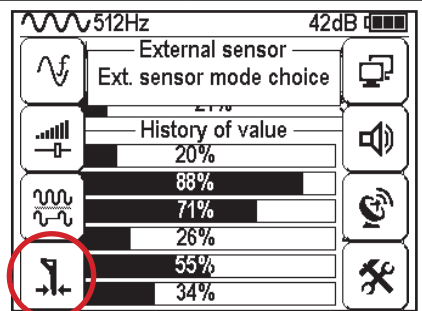


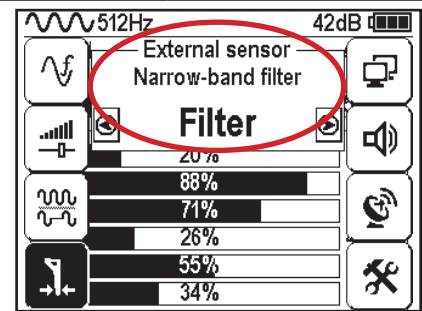


Fig 10.2

Connect inductive «clamps» CI-105/110 using the cable-adapter for «clamps» to the receiver (**fig. 10.1**) or NP-117 (**fig. 10.2**).



(*) at that the signal should be sent into the cable from the transmitter with the same frequency 512Hz

 <p>Press 'Enter' again to return to main menu.</p>	 <p>Select «Signal» in the menu.</p> 	 <p>To confirm your selection press 'Enter' button.</p>	 <p>Select the signal type corresponding to the signal type from the transmitter, for example, continuous.</p> 	 <p>Press 'Enter' again to return to main menu.</p>
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 <p>Select the icon «Mode of the lower sensor» in the window.</p> 	 <p>To enter the selection</p>	 <p>Select the mode of the bottom sensor «Filter»</p> 	 <p>To exit from the menu you should press the button «Enter». If you will wait for several seconds, menu icons will disappear.</p>
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Install on «induction clamps» CI-105/110/110 (fig. 10.3) or apply NP-117 (fig. 10.4) onto the one of cables.

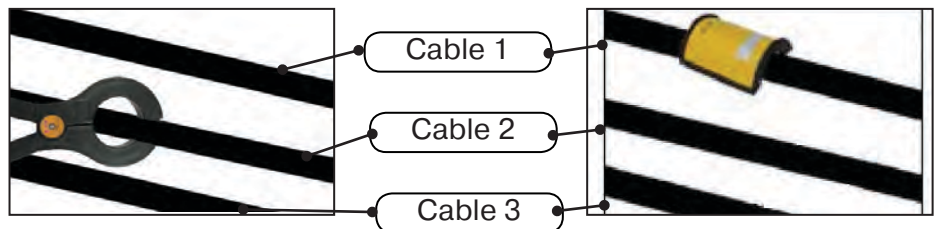

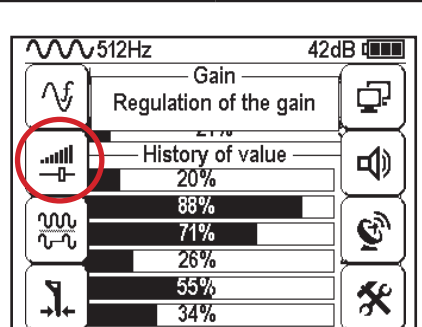


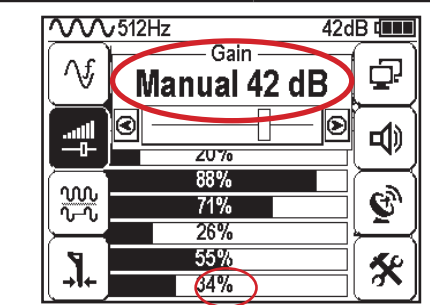


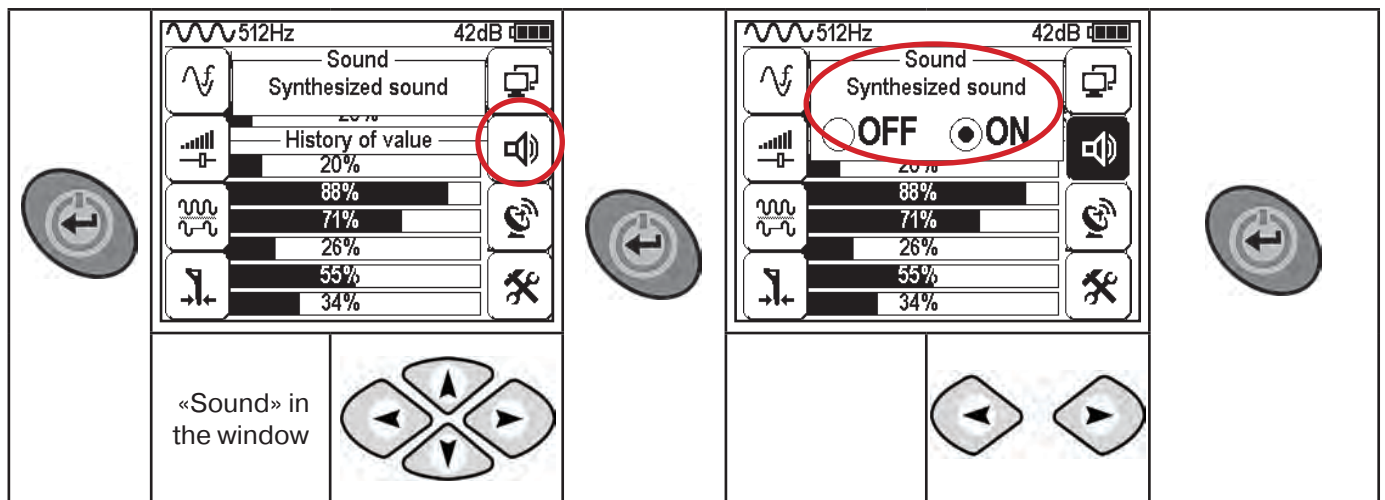


Fig. 10.3

Fig. 10.4

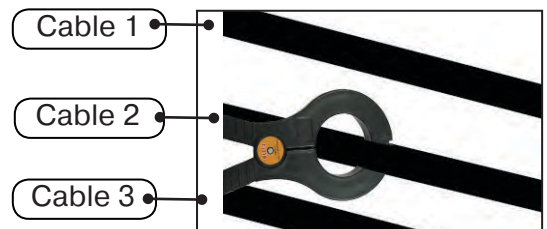
 <p>Press 'Enter' again to return to main menu.</p>	 <p>Select «Amplification» in the menu.</p> 	 <p>To confirm your selection press 'Enter' button.</p>	 <p>Set the amplification coefficient, for example, 40 dB</p> 	 <p>Press 'Enter' again to return to main menu</p>
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Save parameters of measurement into the memory by pressing the button

Alternately putting on «Inductive clamps» or applying a attachable frame to the cables bundle, find «isolated» cable by the higher level of the signal (Fig. 10.5).

The tone pitch of the synthesised sound correspond to the signal value (including and «impulse» amplitude)



	32%	512Hz
	History of value	
6	38%	42dB
5	61%	42dB
4	48%	42dB
3	10%	32dB
2	27%	36dB
1	14%	36dB

The maximum signal 80% (42 dB) corresponds to the cable No.2

Fig. 10.5

To compare the signals, you should perform measurements at the equal amplification coefficient.

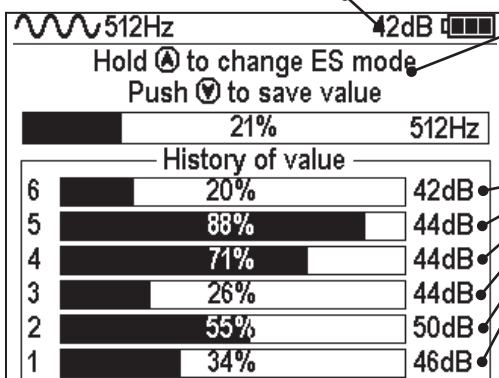
In the example (fig. 10.5) it is possible to compare values only with the amplification 42 dB. The maximum of them is the value under the number 5.

Note

10.2. «Hot» keys for the work in the mode «Selection of the cable from the bunch»

step-by-step (by 2dB) decrease / increase coefficient of the amplification, sequential pressings

switching between modes of work of the external sensor (**ES**) is carried out by the holding of the button more than 1 sec. «WB» - range of frequencies 0.04..8 kHz «Radio» - range of frequencies 8, 40 kHz at absence of the value corresponds to the frequency of the set filter (here - 1,0 kHz)



The storage of the parameters of measurement (signal level from the sensor connected and amplification coefficient) into the memory using the button
(the memory keeps last six measurements)

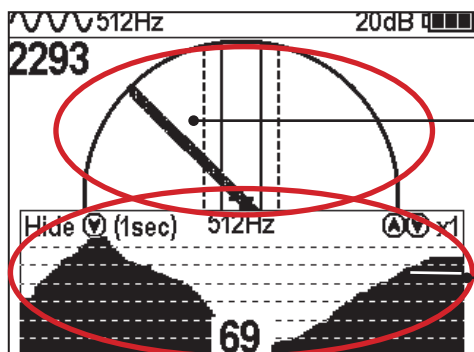
In the mode «Cable selection from a bunch» using the external sensor, the work with the continues and impulse signal is supported (menu option «signal», table 1 p.3). The difference at the work with the «Impulse» signal is in that the digit in the center of the analogous scale shows not the current value of the signal, but the maximum value (amplitude) of the transmissions of the interruptible signal from the route locating transmitter made by TECHNO-AC.

Note

11. Mode «Search of defects» using external sensors

The mode 'Search of defects' is switched on and off automatically, when connecting and disconnecting external sensors DKI-117, DOLK-117. The mode «Search for defects» with external sensors DKI-117/DODK-117 was added for search of insulation defects.

The search of defects of cable defects can be carried out at all frequencies both in an active, and passive modes.



2D display of the route location

2 The graphic of time change of the external sensor signal level

The graphic can be hidden by long pressing of the button and appears at the short holding of the button.

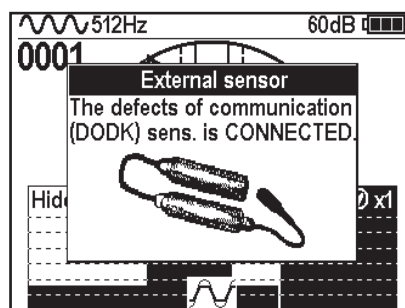
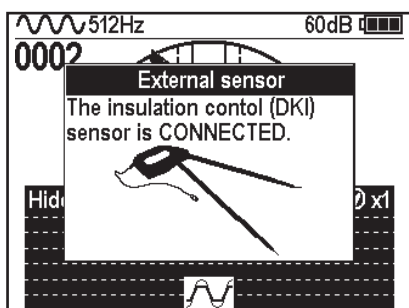
11.1. The work with the receiver in the mode «Search for defects»



Fig.11.1



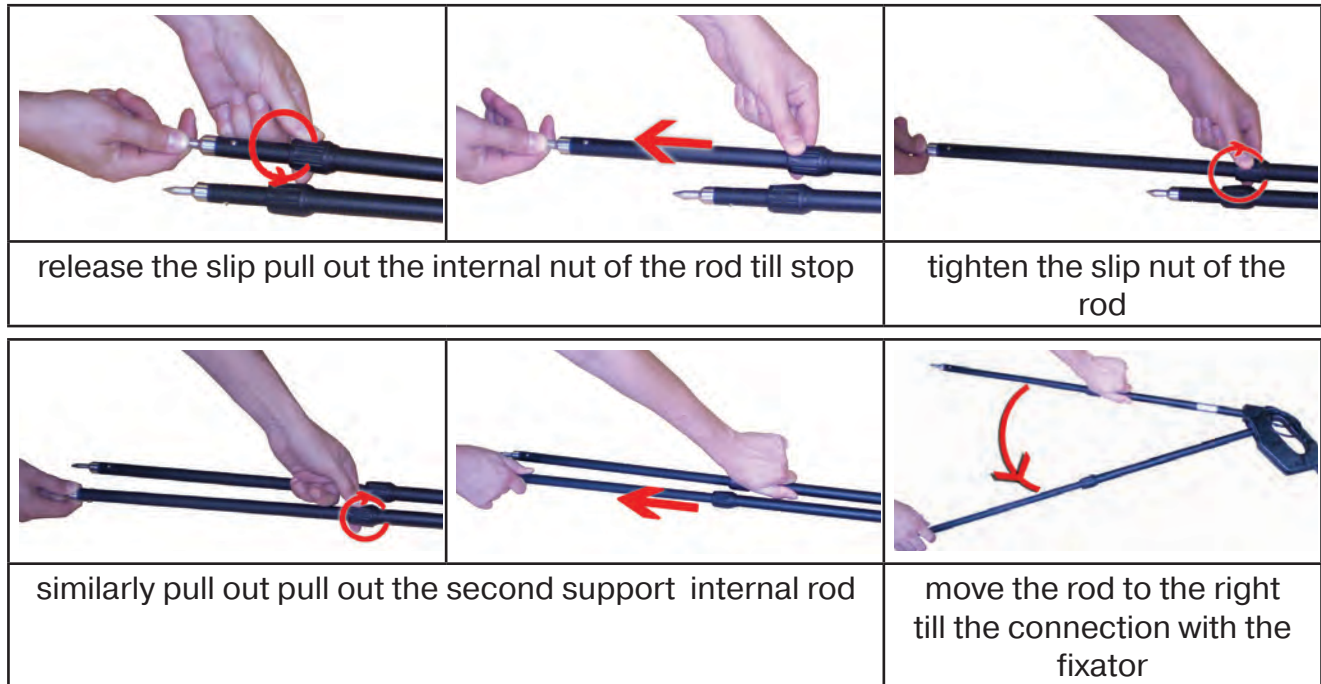
Fig.11.2



- Connect to the sensor to the receiver of the insulation control DKI-117 (fig. 11.1) or DODK-117 (fig. 11.2).

Preparation of the sensors for work DKI-117

Prepare the sensor for operation.



The average position of the fixator corresponds to the angle 30, end - angle 60 (fig. 11.3). Maximum distance between electrodes corresponds to the maximum sensibility.

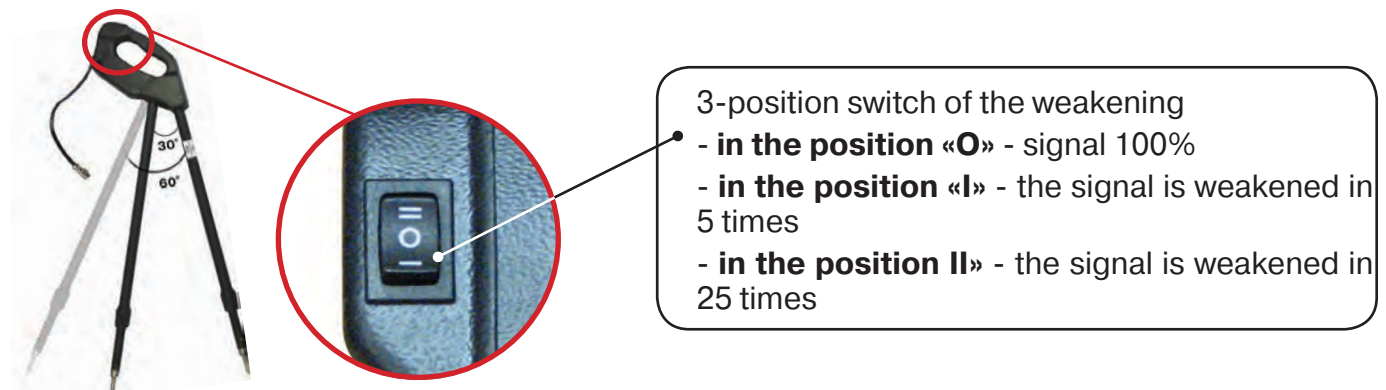


Fig. 11. 3.

Before starting the operation you should set the switch into the position «O». If during the search process, with the amplification coefficient 0 dB, the input signal level is greater than 70%, you should switch the sensor regulator to «I» position and with a further increase of the signal to the position «II», and then perform the adjustment of the coefficient of amplification of the receiver to the level of the input signal 50 to 80%. (Fig. 11.4)

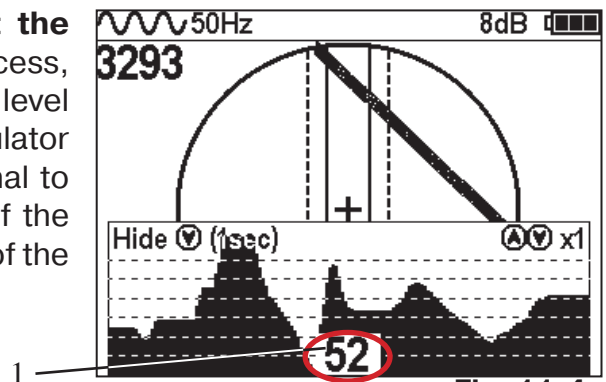


Fig. 11.4

DODK-117

The survey shall be performed by two operators, the one operator has the measuring electrode, and the second one has the measuring electrode and receiver (**fig. 11.5**). Based on the receiver indications, you can locate the damaged cable (**by methods described in the application 2 p.1-2**).

NOTICE!

When working with the sensor DODK, the electrodes should be used without gloves, providing the contact of the sensor with a skin (fig. 11.6)



Fig. 11.5


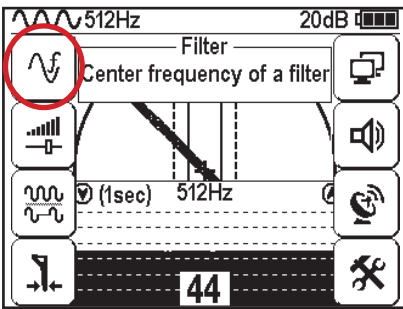


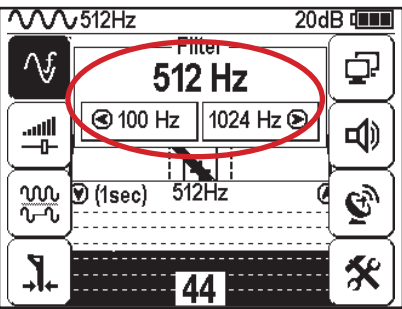



Fig. 11.6

Receiver setting

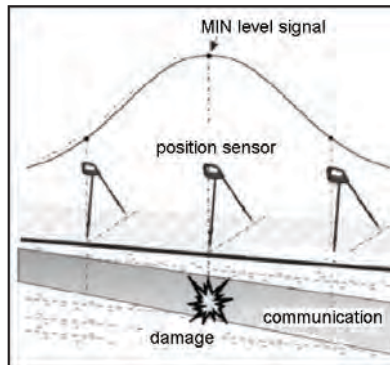
1. Turn on the receiver
2. Set the work mode of the lower sensor to the value «Filter»
3. Set the working frequency and type of the signal:

<p>To call out of the menu press the button «Enter»</p>	<p>Select the icon «Mode of the lower sensor» in the window.</p>	<p>To change of the parameter selected, press the «Enter» button.</p>	<p>Set the value signal «Filter»</p>
<p>To exit the change mode</p>	<p>Select the icon «Signal» in the window.</p>	<p>To enter the change the parameter selected, press the «Enter» button.</p>	<p>To exit the setting of the parameter, press the «Enter» button.</p>

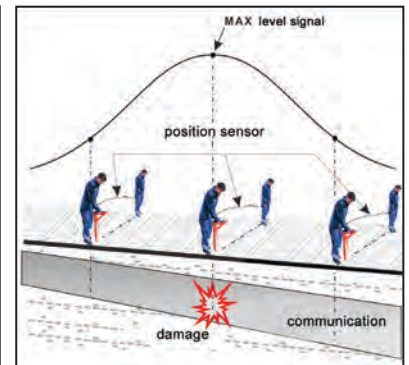
	<p>To call out of the menu press the button «Enter»</p>	 <p>Select the icon «Filter» in the window.</p> 	 <p>To change the parameter selected, press the Enter button.</p>	 <p>Set the working frequency, for example, 512 Hz (*)</p> 
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Wait for several seconds till menu icons disappear

The search of insulation damage should be started by the method «MAX» (fig. 11.7, 11.8) (see. appendix 2). Move along the cable axis, mark the place cable signal (start of the signal rise, place of the maximum detection).


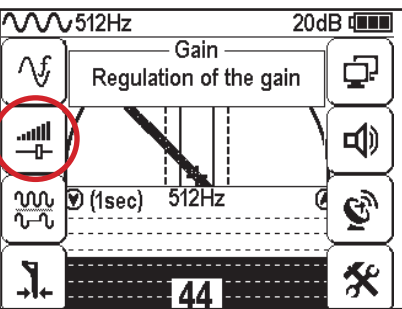


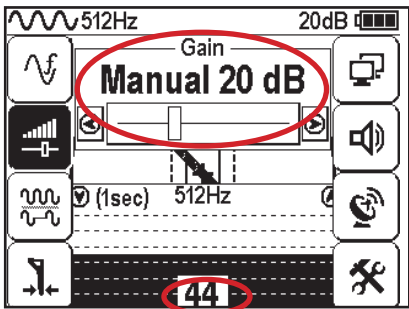




(fig. 11.7.)

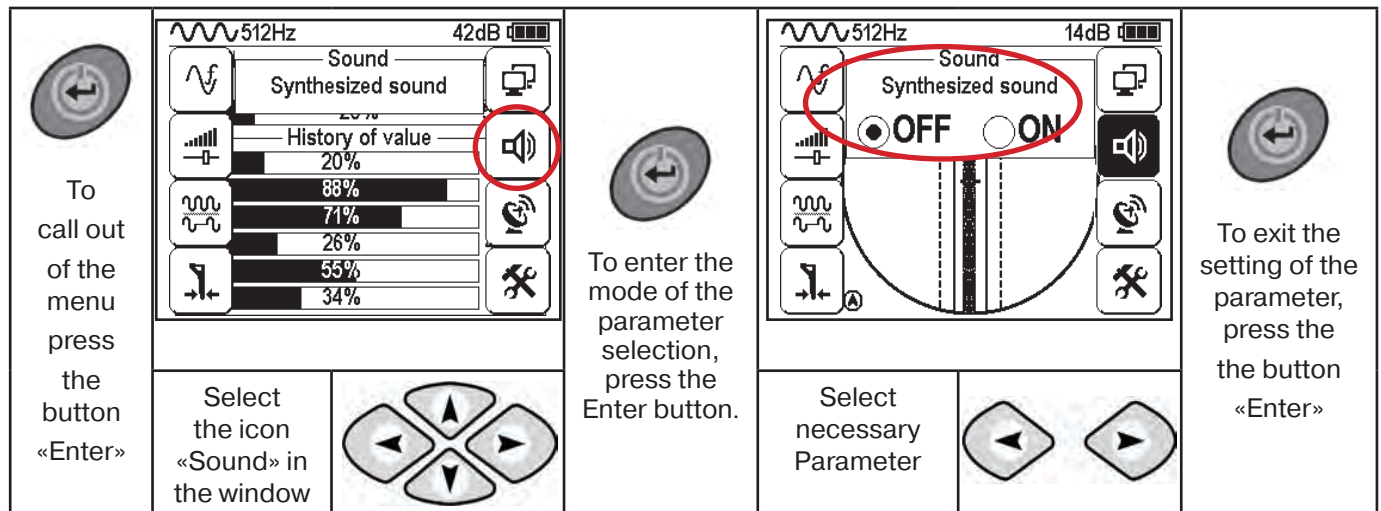


(fig. 11.8.)

When working with sensors you should regulate the receiver amplification coefficient so that the signal level was in the rang 50 to 90 %.

 <p>To call out of the menu press the button «Enter»</p>	 <p>Select the icon «Amplification» in the window.</p> 	 <p>To enter the mode of the arameter selection, press the «Enter» button.</p>	 <p>the signal level on the bottom scale should be in the range 50 to 70%</p> <p>Set the amplification coefficient, for example, 14 dB</p> 	 <p>To exit the setting of the parameter, press the «Enter» button.</p>
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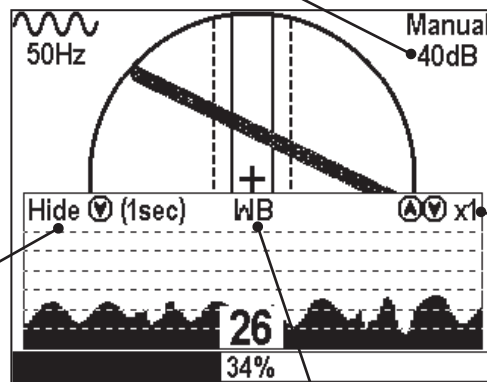
The user can listen synthesized sound through the built-in sound speaker. The sound tone pitch changes depending on the signal level. The synthesized sound can be switched on in the menu «**Sound**».



11.2 «Hot» keys for work in the «Graph» mode with DODK and DKI

step-by-step (by 2dB) decrease / increase coefficient of the amplification: semi-automatic of suitable gain by pressing "down" button for 1 second

switching off the «Graph» mode and switching to the Route mode by holding the button for more than 1 sec



increase/decrease of the image x1, x2, x4, x8 by the short pressing of the buttons:

This part of the screen shows the advanced bottom sensor mode:
WB - Wide Band (F up to 8kHz)
Radio - F more than 8 kHz
To switch the mode, press the button:

User can hear synthesized sound via built-in speaker. Sound pitch will change in accordance with signal level. You can enable this feature in "Sound" menu.

NOTE

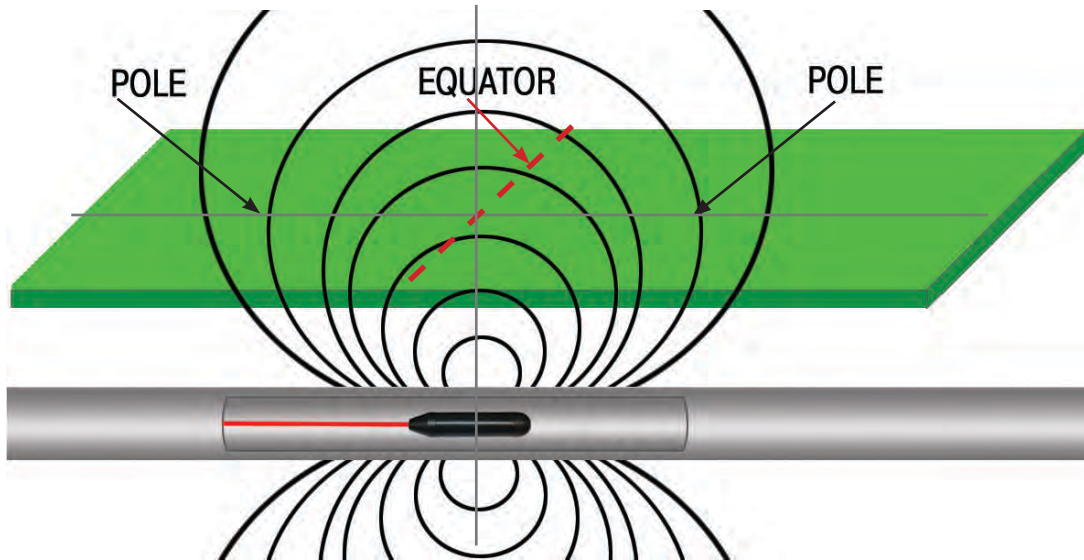
In the mode «Search of defects» using the external sensor, the work with the continues and impulse signal is supported. The difference is in that the digit in the center of the analogue scale shows not the current value of the signal, but the maximum value (amplitude) of the transmissions of the interruptible signal from the transmitter. Without changing the gain coefficient (gain coefficient should be the same as in the place of maximum signal) you should change to initial point and survey the area of maximum signal again. Try to find local maximums (places where the signal grows then decreases and grows again). Locate the main maximum.

The presence of local maximums indicates that there are several places with damaged insulation which are placed closely to each other. It is advised to wright down the signal levele of the places with 'normal' signal level and the places where the signal reached its maximum. The range of signal increase usually correlates to the scale of damage.

12. Sonde Mode

Sonde Operating Principle

Sondes (also known as beacons or pipe transmitters) have a built-in emitting coil which generates an alternating magnetic field with two poles and an equator on ground surface:



If Earth's axis can be positioned horizontally, then the form of its magnetic field will be similar to the form of sonde's magnetic field in a pipe.

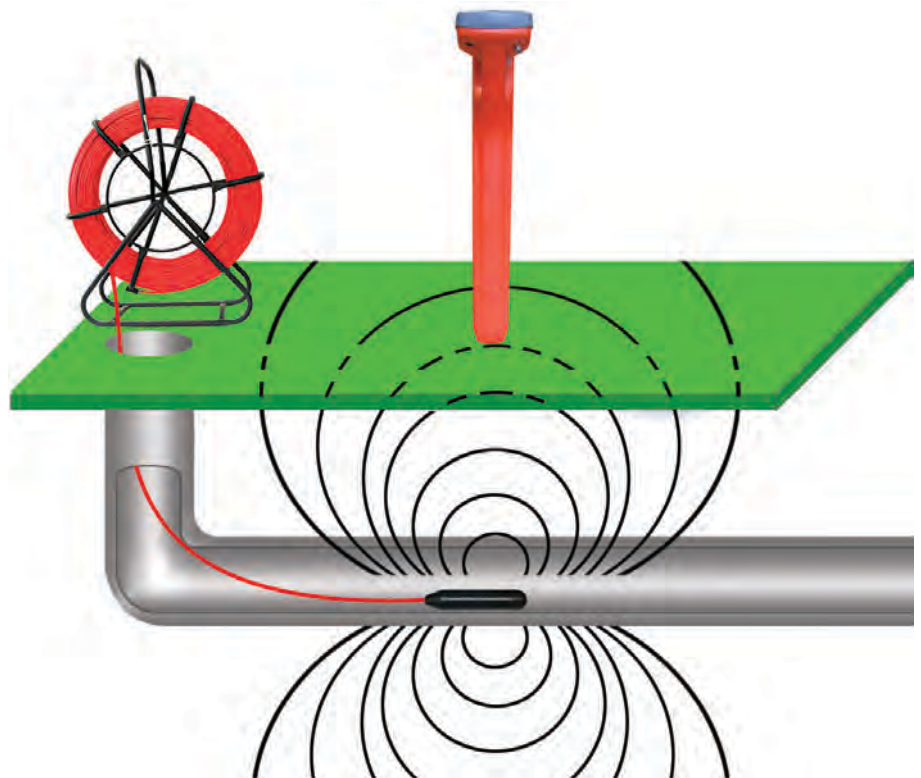
Three key characteristics of magnetic field are taken into consideration: two POLES and the EQUATOR.

In poles, the angle of magnetic field is equal 90 degrees (lines are drawn vertically). In equator, this angle of magnetic field is equal 0 degrees (horizontal lines). Poles are constant characteristics of magnetic field. This is why they can be used as markers for precise location of the sonde.

The sonde is inserted into the pipeline with a push wire.

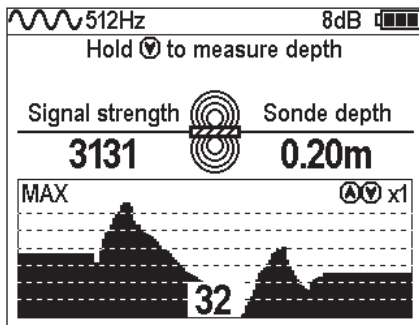
The locator scans the signal from the sonde and detects its position and burial depth.

To get maximum signal level is a key goal of locating sonde's position. Burial depth of the sonde is indicated correctly only when the receiver is positioned strictly above the sonde (above the centre of equator) and the sonde is positioned horizontally.

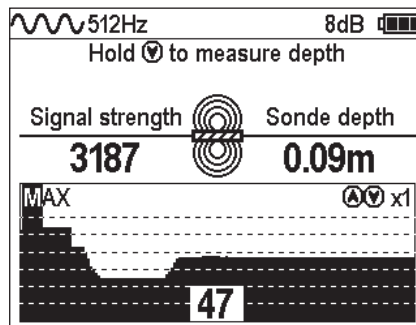


"Main peak" ("general maximum") of signal level is located at the centre of Sonde's emitting coil (Equator's centre) and two "false peaks" (two local maximums) are situated outside of two "local minimums" (POLES). "local minimums" (POLES)

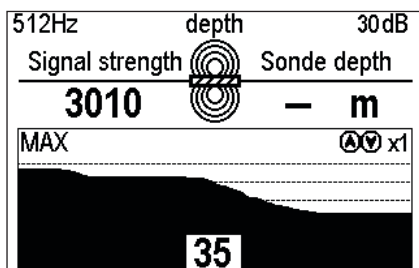
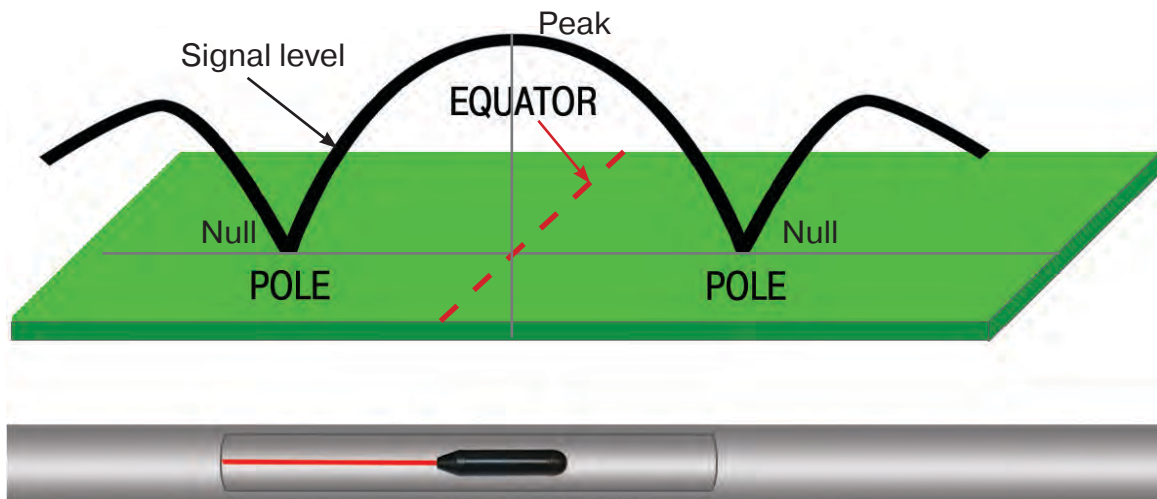
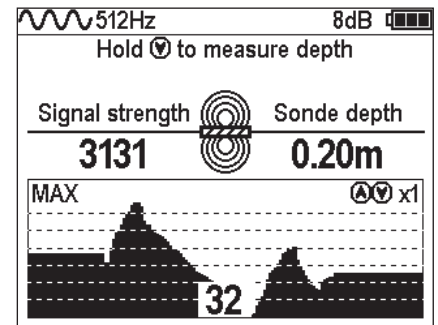
Deviation left from equator



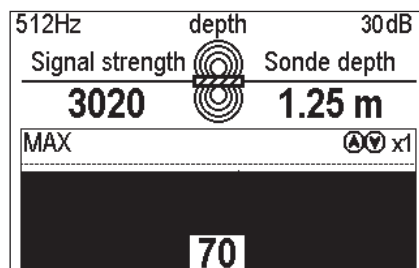
Above center of equator



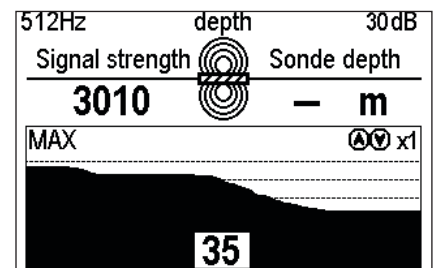
Deviation right from equator



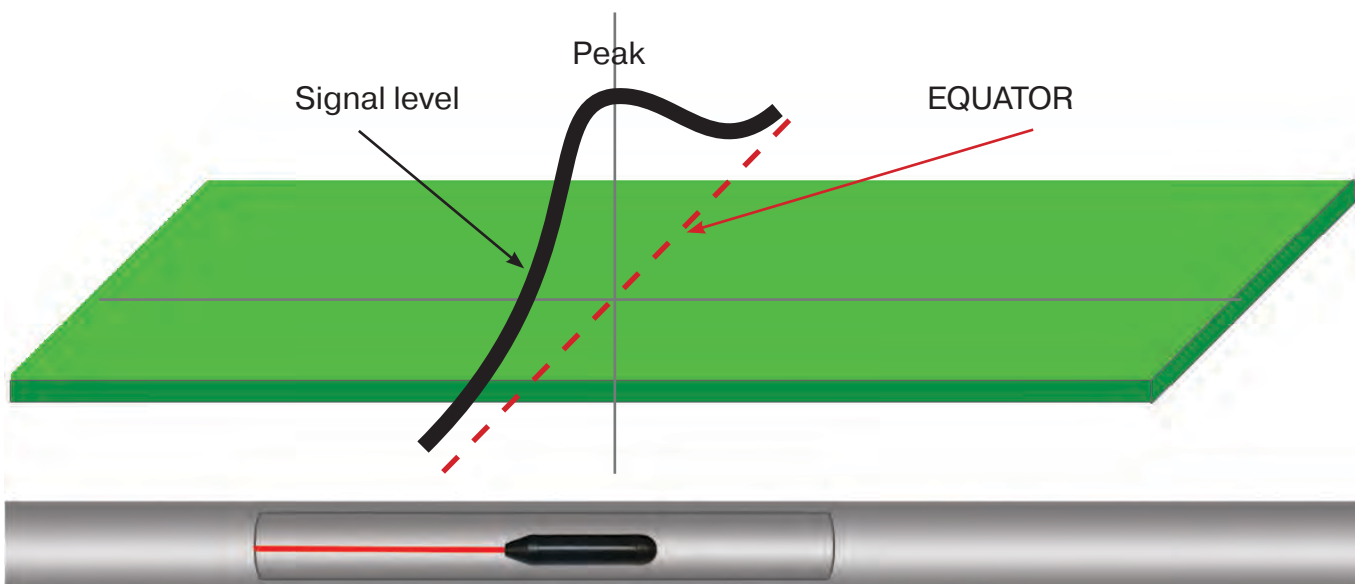
Deviation forward from equator



Above center of equator



Deviation backward from equator



Signal of horizontally positioned sonde as it is seen by EM sensor of the receiver. “Main peak” (general maximum) is situated above the centre of sonde’s emitting coil (equator’s centre), and two “false peaks” (local maximums) are situated before two “nulls” (minimums or poles).

12.1. Sonde Detection and Location of the Utility

1. Select “Sonde” mode in menu.
2. Before installation of the sonde into the utility, make sure that sonde is fully operational, and the receiver can obtain a strong and stable signal.
3. Mount the sonde on the push wire using 3.5 mm hex head (not included in supply). You have to match the hole on the wire with the mounting hole on the sonde.
4. Push the sonde into the pipe. In order to start location, you have to push it no less than 3m from the operator .

You must stay within the field, generated by the sonde in order to locate it. Field range depends on the type of sonde, pipe material, depth and soil type.

To locate the Sonde, find the area with the maximum signal level.

5. To locate the approximate direction of the sonde, point the locator to the utility to search the area for signal, slowly moving the locator perpendicular to the ground around the spot.

By looking at maximum value of four-digit number on receiver display, you can see the signal level.

Signal level reaches its maximum, when the lower antenna is positioned as close as it is possible to the sonde. Sound indication of the receiver will help to locate the spot of the maximum signal.

The signal will be at its maximum when the locator’s axis is perpendicular to the sonde’s axis (utility axis) and the locator is pointing at the sonde.

When approaching the sonde, the signal level will rise (together with the tone of sound indication).

6. When the approximate direction of the sonde is located, position the device strictly perpendicularly to the utility axis and walk in the sonde’s direction.

At the point of maximal signal, the locator, pointed strictly perpendicularly to the utility should be moved along the equator line, until it reaches its maximum signal point.

7. When the receiver is positioned, try to move it left, then right, in order to locate false peaks. Each peak consists of two signal values: one with critical signal level rising and the second with some signal level rising. If these local false peaks are presented in the area and the sonde has horizontal orientation, it means that the locator is positioned strictly over the sonde and the utility has been located.

NOTE

The place with maximum signal, generated by the declined sonde, can be positioned off the equator line (see “Declined sonde” for more information).

ATTENTION!

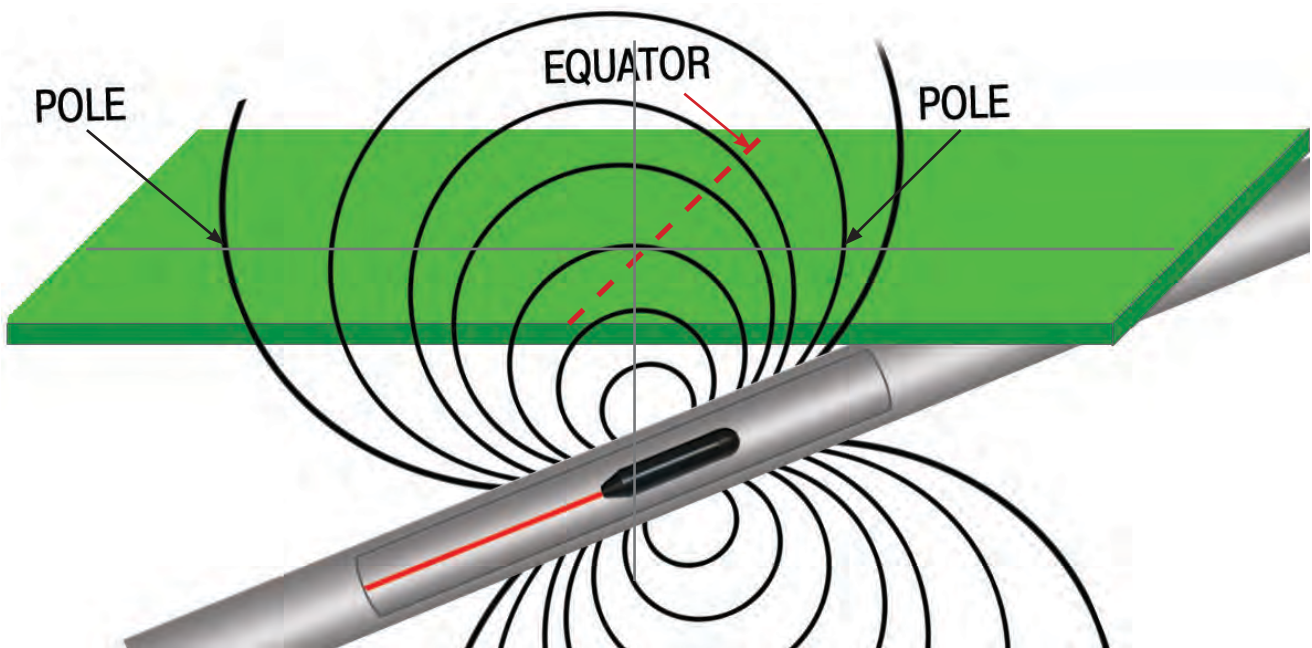
Standing on the equator doesn’t mean that you are standing over the sonde; Remember, that the key goal of locating the sonde is to locate the spot with a maximum signal. You must be at the point of the strongest signal in order to locate the sonde.

12.2. Declined Sonde

The sonde is considered to be declined when its position is not parallel to the horizontal ground surface. It most commonly occurs when the utility changes its vertical direction. Finding the poles of equator can help figuring out if the sonde is declined or not.

When the sonde is declined, the equator will not be positioned in the middle between two poles. When the sonde is significantly declined, the equator can be positioned off sonde's centre and the maximum signal point can be positioned near one of the poles.

Sometimes, when the sonde is positioned strictly vertically (perpendicular to ground surface), one of the poles will be positioned strictly together with the max signal point. The second pole will not be visible at all. In any case, in order to locate the position of the sonde, find the spot with the maximum signal level.



12.3. Measuring the Depth of the Sonde

ATTENTION! The receiver must be switched to Sonde mode because electromagnetic field, generated by the sonde has complex 2-line quasi toric form.

1. In order to measure the depth, you have to position the locator perpendicular to the ground, strictly over the sonde. You have to slowly move the device around, in order to get the best signal and best depth reading.

2. Press and hold “down” button on the locator for 1 second. It will enable the depth measurement. Measured depth will appear on the screen.

In order to confirm the readings of the depth, you have to do the following:):

1. Remember the depth value you've just received
2. Raise the locator to 150mm above ground surface
3. Look at the depth change. The depth should increase by 150mm.

If the depth value remains the same or increased more than it was intended, it can mean the following: signal field is distorted, the signal is too low (for example, the batteries of the sonde are dying) or wrong location of sonde's signal equator (the original depth was measured at wrong place).

NOTE

The value of depth, measured as described above, is true for undistorted signal. If the signal is distorted, depth readings can be distorted. Use the depth value only as approximate reference. Before ground works, try to measure burial depth of located utility with any available method.

Appendix 1

Receiver AP-019.3 Specifications

Parameter	Value
Receiver Quasi resonant filter centre frequency	50(60)/ 100(120)/ 512/ 1024/ 8192 / 32768 Hz
“Wide band” frequency band	0.04...8 kHz
Frequency range "Radio"	8...40 kHz
Sonde frequency	512 Hz
Dynamic range of incoming signal	120 dB
Number of embedded sensors	4
Max. Sensitivity (in “Graph” mode: F0 = incoherent distortion +10dB is 31...35 kHz)	5 mkA at 1m distance
Data log capacity	2300 “points”
Connected external sensor	CI-110
Sensitivity control	Auto-for 2D display “Route” Semi-automatic or manual (optional) - for the “Graphic”, “Graphic+”, MIN&MAX, and “Sonde”. Automatic or manual (optional)-for the “2F” mode.
Determination the burial depth of the route	Automatically in “Route” mode 0...9.99 m By pressing a button in “Sonde “ mode
Burial depth identification accuracy	±5%
Identification of the effective current in the route	Automatically in “Route” mode 0.001...49.99 A
Accuracy of current measurement of received signal	±5%
Support of energy saving (intermittent) modes of the route locating generators	At combined work with the route locating generators made by "»NPO TECHNO-AC» LLC" ("Pulse" mode)
Visual indication	Graphic display LCD display, 320x240 pix., with LED backlight
Induced parameters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2D visualization of the route location relative to the device -Graphics of the signal level from sensors -Route burial depth -Signal current -Signal strength - Settings and control parameters
Audio indication	Built-in speaker: -natural filtered sound - buttons sound indication
Power source	4...7 V (4 type C batteries) External Power Bank – optional
Time of continuous operation from the single battery set	Not less than 20 hours
Automatic shutdown when the device is not active	After 30 minutes of inactivity
Operating /storage temperature range	-20...60 / -30...60°C
Dust and water protection degree	IP54
Dimensions	330x140x700 mm
Weight (excluding batteries)	2,4 kg

Appendix 2





Searching Methods by Receiver AP-019.3

1. Amplitude “two-frequency” method “ΔA”

This method was added for contactless search of insulation defects of city cables with resistance less than 5 kOhm. The smaller the distance to the end of the cable, the higher the sensitivity of the method on this site.

The method description: the two-frequency signal is transmitted from the generator. The ratio of two-frequency signal amplitudes remains stable if there is no damage to the cable. In the presence of damage, the ratio of amplitudes in the place of damage is changed.

Table 8

 <p>possible distance from the utility. The “end” of the utility is not grounded.</p> 	<p>1. 1. Exit output of the generator should be connected to the “start” of utility (more distant from the supposed place of the defect). The other output of the generator is grounded on the maximum possible distance from the utility. The “end” of the utility is not grounded.</p> <p>2. The transmitter in the mode “2F” sends to the utility the signals of two frequencies (1024Hz and 8192Hz) simultaneously.</p>																
<p>3. The defect localisation is performed in direction “from generator”.</p> 	<p>4. The value “A8/A1” is sharply changes, when operator passes the place of leakage of the signal current into the ground.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="882 1364 1299 1565"><tr><th>A₈+A₁</th><th>A₈/A₁</th><th>Δφ</th><th>Signal direction</th></tr><tr><td>34%</td><td>-0.1dB</td><td>-2°</td><td>↑</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">16%</td><td>A 1kHz</td></tr><tr><td colspan="3">18%</td><td>A 8kHz</td></tr></table> <p>NOTE A8/A1 indication can have negative value. In such cases, it recommended to reset indication periodically, using the button .</p>	A ₈ +A ₁	A ₈ /A ₁	Δφ	Signal direction	34%	-0.1dB	-2°	↑	16%			A 1kHz	18%			A 8kHz
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34%	-0.1dB	-2°	↑														
16%			A 1kHz														
18%			A 8kHz														


A_8+A_1	A_8/A_1	$\Delta\varphi$	Signal direction
34%	-0.1dB	-2°	↑
16%		A 1kHz	
18%		A 8kHz	

5. The “double” scale shows levels (amplitudes) of the frequency components of the signal. At bottom - “A8kHz”, at top - “A1kHz”. When levels of the frequency components are insufficient for determination “ $\Delta\varphi$ ”, the inscriptions “A8kHz” and “A1kHz” are correspondingly “darkening”, and the value “X.XdB” disappears.

6. There is no need to continuously move along the route, controlling the signal. You can walk around the place which is hard to reach. If, while returning to the route, A8/A1 did not changed, it means that there are no damages on the surveyed site.

7. The sharp positive overfall of the “A8/A1” value by 3dB and more indicates the possibility of defect existence (the resistance is less than 5 kOhm). The sensor should be located straight across the utility.

A_8+A_1	A_8/A_1	$\Delta\varphi$	Signal direction
34%	4.4dB	-2°	↑
16%		A 1kHz	
18%		A 8kHz	

If you go through the same site in the opposite direction (towards the generator), holding the receiver the same as before with reset of the indication (using the button ) , negative values of the reading (more than minus 3dB) will mean that there is damage in the cable.

2. Phase “two-frequency” Method “ $\Delta\varphi$ ”


The contactless method of search for insulation defects of city cables with resistance less than 10 kOhm. The smaller the distance from the end of the cable, the higher the sensitivity of the method on this site. This method cannot be used in a city because of high distortion of the signal.

Steps 1-3 are similar to those in p.3.

A_8+A_1	A_8/A_1	$\Delta\varphi$	Signal direction
34%	4.4dB	14°	↑
16%		A 1kHz	
18%		A 8kHz	

4. “ $\Delta\varphi$ ” shows the change of the phase difference “ $\varphi_{1024} - \varphi_{8192}$ ”, after the resetting (in degrees reduced to the frequency 1024 Hz). The value “ $\Delta\varphi$ ” sharply changes, when the operator passes the place of leakage of the signalling current into the ground.

NOTE

$\Delta\varphi$ indication can be negative, “running” in the process of increase of distance from the generator. It is recommended to periodically reset such indications (exactly over the route), using the button .


A_8+A_1	A_8/A_1	$\Delta\varphi$	Signal direction
34%	-0.1dB	-2°	↑
16%		A 1kHz	
18%		A 8kHz	

5. The “doubled” scale shows levels (amplitudes) of the frequency components of the signal. At bottom - A8kHz, at top - A1kHz. When levels of the frequency components are insufficient for determination A8/A1, the inscriptions A8kHz and A1kHz are correspondingly “darkening”, and the value “X°” disappears.

6. There is no need to continuously move along the route, controlling the signal. You can walk around the place which is hard to reach. If, while returning to the route, A8/A1 did not change, it means that there are no damages on the surveyed site.

The sharp positive overfall of the " $\Delta\phi$ " value by 5° and more indicates the possibility of defect existence (the resistance is less than 10 kOhm). The sensor should be located straight across the utility.

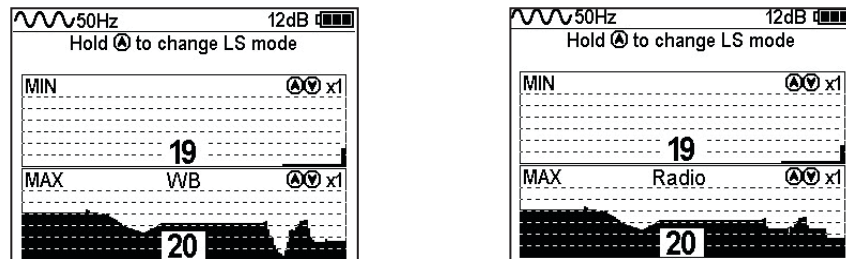
$A_8 + A_1$	A_8 / A_1	$\Delta\phi$	Signal direction
34%	4.4dB	14°	↑
16%		A 1kHz	
18%		A 8kHz	

If you go through the same site in the opposite direction (towards the generator), holding the receiver the same as before with reset of the indication (using the button ) , negative value of the reading (more than minus 5°) will mean that there is damage in the cable.

Appendix 3

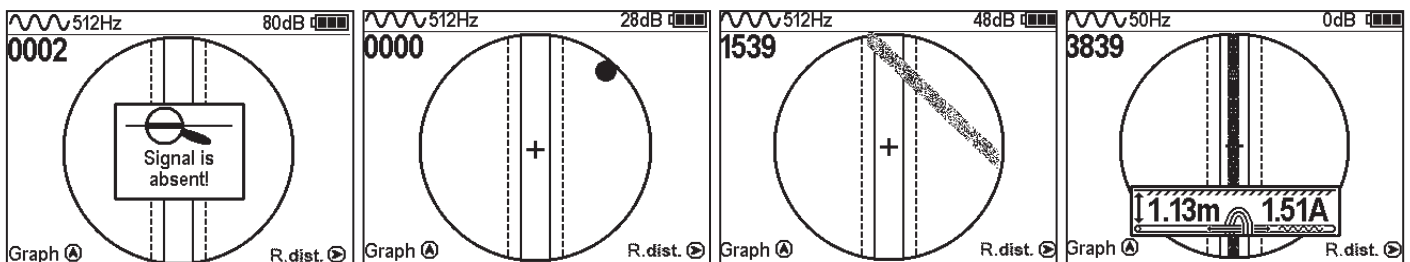
Area Survey Before Excavation Works

First of all, the area should be surveyed with the receiver in passive mode, in order to locate the signal from energised power cables, pipes with cathodic protection or any other current providing utility. To do that, use the following frequencies consequently: 50 Hz, 100 Hz, Radio and Broadband mode. Area survey in broadband frequencies should be performed in “MIN & MAX” mode, in lower sensor mode WB (0-8kHz) and Radio (over 8kHz).

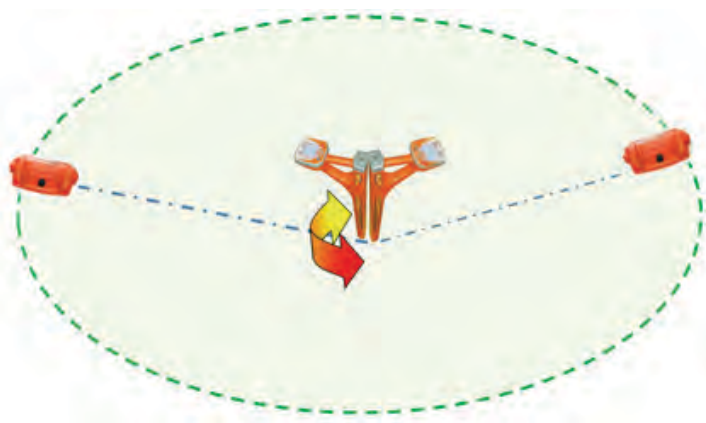


In this case, the operator should rely on “MAX” scale.

At 50 a 100Hz frequencies in Route mode, the signal strength will increase as you are moving to the utility. The following indication should appear on the screen while performing these actions:



First make sure that there is no utility in the centre of the surveyed area. To do that, the operator with the receiver stands above the tested point and the second operator moves the transmitter around the first one. The radius should be 10-20m and the first operator should point the head of the receiver towards the second operator with the antenna.



11. Transmitter AG-105

AUTONOMOUS • POWERFUL • PORTABLE • MEASURING

Device introductory information

11.1. Purpose of Use and Physical Configuration

The transmitter AG-105 is an automatic utility locating transmitter designed for the generation of the propagating electric oscillations in the traces of the buried utilities using electromagnetic method of the trace search.

Field of application:

- Housing maintenance and utilities sector
- Communications industry
- Electric power and heat supply industries
- Gas supply

The device is shown in the enclosure-case containing:

- 1 - information panel on the inner side of the cover
- 2 - battery holder with the handle in the center for removing
- 3 - push-button and LED indication panel



DISTINCTIVE FEATURES

The extremely high output power and autonomous operating time for such a compact battery set ("type C"x8) and small size of the device.

The universal power supply provides an opportunity to reach the output power of over **20 W**. In the autonomous power supply mode, the "life cycle" depends on the quality of the batteries applied "type C".

For example, under initial output power of **7 W** in the continuous oscillation mode, the "life cycle" is approximately 5 hours and under initial output power of **15 W** in the intermittent modulation mode, the "life cycle" is approximately **25 hours** (with the use of standard "fresh" batteries, e.g. "Energizer C"). Using high-capacity batteries (for example, "Duracell ULTRA"), the duration of the autonomous operation can be extended by 20-30%. If a "12V" external battery (e.g. automotive) is connected, the operation time is defined by the battery capacity. When connecting to the external power source of "15V", the operating time is not limited.

The dimensions of the portable device in the casing are **216x180x105 mm** and weight does not exceed **2 kg**.

The above-mentioned features are secured by the application of the unique superefficient modification circuit technology of power amplifiers composition **CLASS D**. Pulse output amplifier reaches **85% efficiency**, which is particularly important for the energy consuming devices with an autonomous power supply.

Transmitter AG-105 is the best-in-class of the "portable communication locating transmitters with low-powered autonomous power supply" in terms of the qualitative characteristics, namely power, operating life, dimensions & weight.

The device generates a sine-shaped signal continuously "Co" or discontinuously "Pu" for utility (cables and steel pipelines) location and special dual-frequency signal "2F" for identification of "someone else's" utility or for flaw detection of earth leakage.

Such a unique (among other transmitters) peculiarity as uncommonly high potential output current (more than **5 A**) make it possible to carry out utility locating of not quite adapted to such procedure the extraordinary low-resistance utilities (e.g. "earthed" pipelines) when the significant part of the output current inefficiently flows to earth already near the connection point.

The **Internal transmitting inductor** creates an intense electromagnetic field under relatively low energy consumption. There is the possibility of connecting the **external induction transmitting antenna** which produces intense emissions and provides immediate access to the “buried” utilities. An add-on **transmitting induction clamp** lets the induction of a current effectively into the specifically “chosen” utility from others nearby (inclusive of the one under voltage).

The transmitter AG-105 contains several **protection** levels against all sorts of unacceptable factors ensuring the highest level of reliability.

The internal “multimeter” displays the following readings according to the operator’s choice: **voltage, current, resistance, output power and power supply voltage.**

In the case of a decrease in “energy potential” (output voltage) of the power source during the oscillation process (for example, batteries self-discharge), the signal strength is automatically proportionally (incrementally) decreasing and consequently the consumed power. This program system extends the battery’s “life-cycle” considerably. Therefore, while searching **there is no premature “path loss”** and the decrease of signal level is offset by the options for the manual or automatic adjustment of the sensitivity of receivers made by «NPO TECHNO-AC» LLC.

The ingress protection rating of the casing is **IP65** which completely precludes any ingress of the dust or water jets when enclosed. The operating temperature range is **-30 °C to +60 °C** with the external (battery or mains supply).

11.2 Control and Indication Elements

See - Appendix 3

11.2.1 Display (functional fields of the front panel)

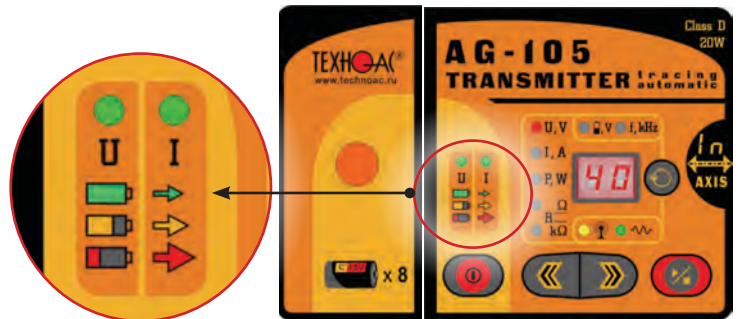
“**Electrical power supply field**” always displays rough estimates of the power supply. Source condition in the current mode operation using three coloured light emitting indicators.

1. The results of energy potential assessment of the power supply source (feasible operability index with current energy consumption level). Three categories of the output voltage of the power supply source “U” are determined under the specific value of the absorbed current in the actual operating mode:

- **green** colour of the indicator “U” – “nominal” voltage (high energy potential of the batteries or powerful external source).
- **yellow** colour of the indicator “U” – “acceptable” voltage (medium energy potential of the batteries).
- **red** colour of the indicator “U” – “cut-off” voltage (energy potential of the batteries almost used up, possible “unexpected” shutdown).

2) The category of the ABSORBED CURRENT “I” rate is specified based on the concordance between measured value of the current and the figure of the one of the three ranges specifically set by the program for the actual operating mode:

- **green** colour of the indicator “I” – “low” absorbed current.
- **yellow** colour of the indicator “I” – “medium” absorbed current.
- **red** colour of the indicator “I” – “high” absorbed current.



Colour combinations “U ↔ I”.

The possibility in principle to raise the output signal level “U,V” depending on the combination of the indicators colours “U ↔ I” (if no other restrictions are in place)	Colour of the glow	
	“U”	“I”
YES	green	green
	yellow	green
	green	yellow
NO	yellow	yellow
	red	any
	any	red

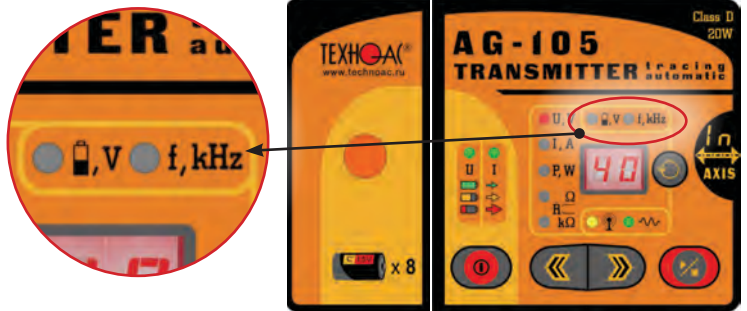
NOTES for “Internal parameters field” and “Output parameters field”

- 1) **Red** colour of the glow of any indicator means that “oscillation” is in progress.
- 2) Parameter or mode the value of which is displayed in the “Digital field” in the “stop” passive mode is singled out by the flash of the relevant indicator.

11.2.2 “Internal Parameters Field”

(In accordance with the operator choice) shows the numerical values of the following parameters in the “Digital field”.

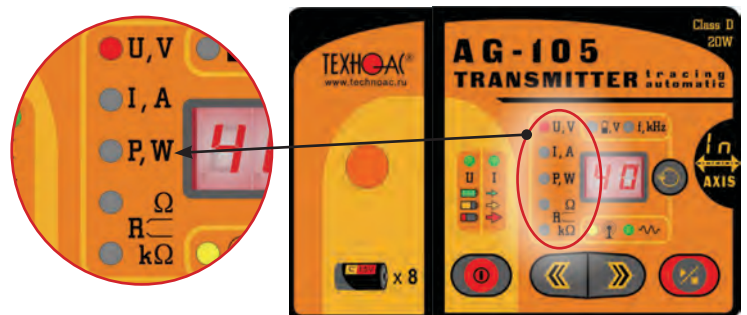
- 1) POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE in volts “**V**”:
 - the lack of the glow – another display parameter is chosen.
 - **green** colour glow – power supply voltage in the “stop” mode.
 - **red** colour glow - power supply voltage “I”.
- 2) FREQUENCY of the generated signal in kilohertz “**f, kHz**”:
 - the lack of the glow – another display parameter is chosen.
 - **green** colour glow in the “stop” mode – the set frequency of the output continuous “Co” or pulse “Pu” signal is indicated in the “Digital field”.



11.2.3 “Output Parameters Field”

(only in “oscillation” mode) at the choice of operator signifies via **red** colour the value of the specific output parameter that is indicated in the “Digital field”:

- “U,V” - output voltage in volts.
- “I,A” - load current in amperes.
- “P,W” - load power in watts.
- “R,Ω” - load resistance in ohms.
- “R,kΩ” - load resistance in kilohms.



NOTE

In “antenna” mode “In” the only value available is “U,V”.

11.2.4 “Modes Field”

(In accordance with the operator choice) shows operating modes under various load types and different “modulation” options of the output signal.

1) “ANTENNA” - on / off “ANTENNA” mode and type of connection of transmitting antenna:

- the lack of the glow – earrings or clamp are connected to the output (there is no transmitting antenna).

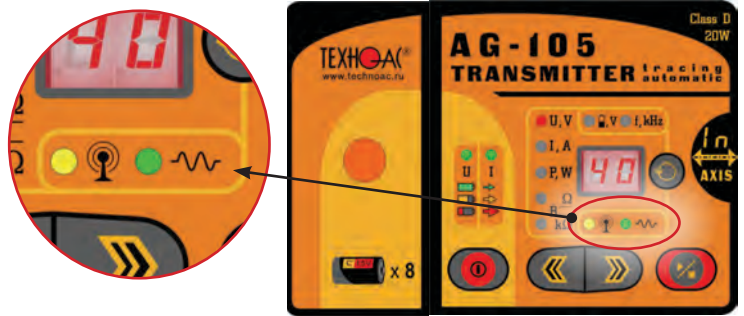
- **green** glow – no equipment is connected to the output, internal transmitting inductor is only operable “In”.

2) “MODULATION” - on / off “MODULATION” (special form signal) and type of the special form:

- the lack of the glow – no modulation (continuous signal “Co” of the “regular” sine form);

- **green** glow – pulse modulation mode “Pu”;

- **yellow** glow – dual-frequency modulation mode “2F”.



NOTE

“Modes field” always indicates information about the set operating modes irrespective of whether oscillation process is running or stopped due to non-use of the red colour (the colour signifying the “oscillation” mode).

11.2.5 “Digital field”

at the discretion of the operator displays either **numerical** parameter value (power supply voltage “U,V” / signal frequency “f,kHz” / output voltage “U,V” / load current “I,A” / load power “P,W” / load resistance “R,Ω / kΩ”) **or symbolic** notation of the mode:

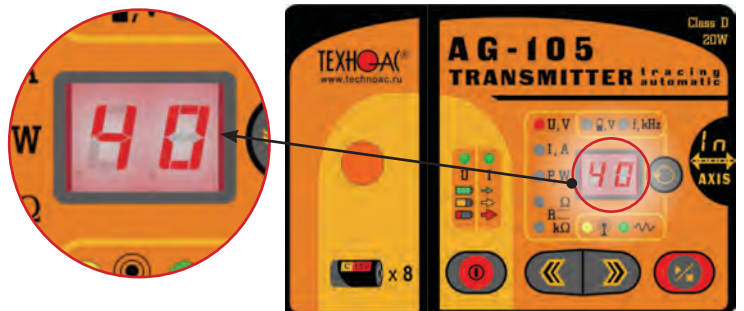
“In” - internal transmitting inducto.

“Co” - continuous oscillation mode.

“Pu” - pulse modulation mode.

“2F” - dual-frequency modulation mode.

The type of the displaying value in the “Digital field” is defined by the CHOICE button and indicated by the glow of the relevant indicator in one of the surrounding functional fields.



11.2.6 Control Buttons

POWER “I” by sequenced presses, the electrical power supply of the device can be switched on and off.

CHOICE “C” by sequenced presses, PARAMETER or MODE indication can be chosen to be shown in the “Digital field”.

MORE / LESS “< >” by sequenced presses, the parameter (mode) in the “Digital field” set by the CHOICE button “C” can be decreased / increased (adjusted).

START/STOP “S” by sequenced presses the device can be switched from “stop” to “oscillation” mode and back.



11.3. Ways of External Commutation

Three-pin connector “EXTERNAL SUPPLY”

For battery supply or main supply source.
As illustrated, the rubber cover protects the connector when unused from external factors.

Five-pin connector “OUTPUT”

For output cable connection with clips, transmitting antenna or induction clamp.
As illustrated, the rubber cover is removed for making external sources possible.



13.4. Accessories



Output cable («clips»)

is designed for «contact» connection of the transmitter outlet to the communication under examination and earthing point



Earthing rod

is used as earth «return» of the electric current in case of «contact» way of connection to the communication under examination with the use of output cable («clips»)



External battery cable

is designed for connection to the battery as the external power supply source. Clamp with red adhesive tape corresponds with the positive potential «+», the clamp with black adhesive tape relates to the negative potential «-»



**Extra accessories,
optional*

Induction transmitting antenna

IEM-301.5 designed for «non-contact» connection of the device outlet to the communication under examination.



**Extra accessories,
optional*

Transmitting induction «clamp»

CI-105 is designed for highly efficient induction of the trace current to particularly «allotted» communication or for «non-contact» connection to the communication under voltage



**Extra accessories,
optional*

Mains power supply adapter



AG114M.02.020 (GS60A15-P1J «MEAN WELL»-based) is for the connection of the device to the mains with the voltage of 220V

11.5. Design and Function

There are many features that help any untrained operator master the device within a short period of time: convenient and user-friendly control and indication units with explanations, the elementary control algorithm backed by automation (“intuitive interface”) and several protection levels from emergency modes.

The automatic adjustment allows the generation of the specific signal current at the wide range of the load resistance. The transmitter can be connected to the load directly via connecting wires (“contact” way of connection) or by “non-contact” (induction) method, with the use of the internal transmitting antenna or with the extra accessories involved, for example, the external transmitting antenna or induction clamp.

The circuit solution of the power amplifier is implemented in the unique upgrade of the CLASS D technology and provides the highest degree of efficiency among all the known circuit design concepts for the power amplifiers. Thanks to the aforementioned, the relatively long “life-cycle” in the autonomous mode at such a high initial maximum output power is achieved, despite the light- weight and small size of the device.

The values of the output current set by the program at the automatic adjustment with the load of “occasional” resistance are optimum judge from the sensitivity of the majority of cable avoidance tools and are equal to 0.2A at “low” frequencies 512Hz “0.5” and 1024Hz “1.0” and 0.1A at “high” frequencies, 8192Hz “8.2” and 32768Hz “33”. During this, automatic adjustment load voltage incrementally increases until the moment when the values of the absorbed current and load current will not exceed the figures set by the program. If pre-set load current value is not achieved due to the high load resistance, then maximum possible output voltage is defined. Upon completion (or interruption by START/ STOP “” buttons) of the automatic adjustment process, the manual control over the voltage (current and power) is available via buttons LESS/ MORE “”.

Under power supply voltage decrease during oscillation, for example, batteries self-discharge, the signal output voltage is lowering proportionally (and consequently absorbed power) as the supply source “energy potential” reduces. This program system extends the battery’s “life- cycle” considerably, therefore, while searching there is no premature “path loss” and the decrease of signal strength is offset by the wide range of options for the manual or automatic adjustment of the sensitivity of receivers made by «NPO TECHNO-AC» LLC.

WARNING! ENERGY SAVING!

All operations with output voltage (current and power) under connected load, lead to the changes of the energy consumption and consequently, “life-cycle” of the autonomous power supply. Watch the indicators of the power supply voltage “U” and absorbed current “I” in the electrical power supply field, so that there is enough time to perform utility location. In order to save energy, operate the device at the minimum sufficient load power. Always use “economy” pulse mode “Pu” when applicable. The operation breaks help to partially restore the capacity, therefore, net operating time with interruptions is always more than time of continuous operation, given all other conditions remain equal. The fall of environment temperature at the autonomous battery power supply has an adverse effect on the “life-cycle” of the power supply set (especially crucial at sub-zero temperatures). Always have a backup set of batteries.

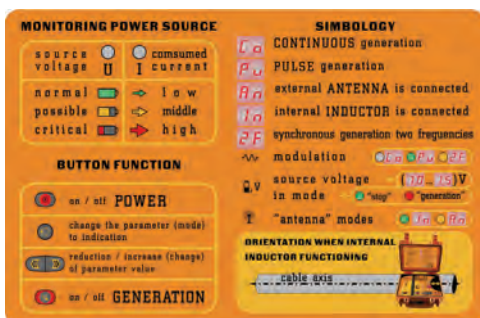
NOTE

While changing batteries, use only all 8 elements of “type C” produced by the same company, from same series and condition (all 8 cells are always operable or inoperable altogether). ALKALINE 1.5V batteries are recommended.

It is highly recommended to ensure that all 8 elements have approximately the same charge level. The assessment can be done with the help of direct-current voltage voltmeter, if all 8 elements are manufactured by the same company, marked with the same series and of the same condition.

If the batteries kit has undergone a full “life-cycle” in the “energy consuming” continuous mode “Co”, it is still likely to be used for quite a long time in economy” pulse mode “Pu” at “low” output power (up to 2 hours at the initial power of 5 W).

11.6. Illustrative Use information about “Power Supply Monitoring”, “Buttons Functionality” and “Symbols”



On the inner side of the cover, there is information on the principles of the following information types, namely POWER SUPPLY MONITORING, BUTTONS FUNCTIONALITY AND SYMBOLS of the “Digital field” and the front side of the panel.

11.7. “Multimeter” of the Output Parameters

In the “Digital field” during oscillation with the use of “clips” or “clamp”, the approximate values of the output parameters are indicated:

- load signal voltage in volts “**U, V**”
- load current “**I, A**”. Minimum measured and indicated value – 0.05A “.05”, current is indicated in Amperes (A).

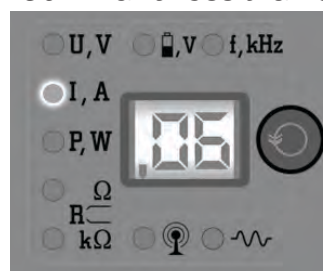
Examples:

>than 0 and <50mA



$I < 50 \text{ mA}$

than 50mA and less than 99mA




$I = 60 \text{ mA}$

more 99mA





$I = 0,2 \text{ A}$


- load power in watts “**P, W**”;
- load resistance in ohms or kilohms “**R, (Ω / $k\Omega$)**”. In “antenna” modes “In” or “An” only “U,V” is indicated (output signal voltage applied to the antenna). The accuracy of measurements is enough for situation assessment at load resistance up to 800 Ω . The parameter which value should be indicated in the “Digital field” is set by the “CHOICE” button “” in the “Output parameters field” immediately during oscillation process.


11.8. Sound Signals

The sound signals correspond with the specific events and conditions.


Welcome tune consists of 9 notes activated by the device switching on via pressing POWER “” button.

High note while pressing CHOICE “” button during the automatic adjustment – the relevant action took place.

High note while pressing MORE “” button — the increase (alteration) of the parameter value (mode).

Low note while pressing LESS “” button — the decrease (alteration) of the parameter value (mode).

Very low note by pressing one of the buttons LESS / MORE “” - the action is not allowed by the program.

Double note signal by pressing CHOICE “” button in the “stop” mode – the relevant action took place.

Dual sound signal by pressing START / STOP “” – initiation or shutdown of the oscillation.

Triple note signal by pressing START / STOP “” - the manual interruption of the automatic adjustment.


The **sequence of the rising notes ending with the triple note signal** – the full cycle of the automatic adjustment.

Double note sequence (“siren”) - output current overload.

Sequence of the triple note “alarms” – hardware current safety system activation

Sequence to the quadruple note “alarms” – power supply voltage is unacceptably low.

Quick sequence of the similar high note — power supply voltage is unacceptably high.

Farewell phrase consists of the three falling notes during manual shutdown of the device by the pressing POWER “” button.

12. Working with the Device

Prior to the “contact” connection, it is necessary to make sure that the utility under examination has no voltage to “earth” and also that there are no works carried out or scheduled to be conducted, which execution can lead to deliberate or accidental contact with conductive part which is under the voltage. If the examination of cable under voltage is required, one should use “non-contact” method of connection with the help of the transmitting antenna or induction clamp.


WARNING! Do not touch terminals of output connection cables and elements of the utility being examined while the transmitter is on.





WARNING! Do not connect and disconnect connection cables while the transmitter is on.


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12.1 Preparatory activities

12.1.1 Remove the battery set by simply pulling up by the handle and insert 8 power supply elements into it, observing the polarity (batteries or NiMh accumulators). Put the battery set back.

12.1.2 When the transmitter is being turned on, it indicates the type of power supply. In order to change the type of power supply, you have to turn on the transmitter holding “” button.

After that, you can switch the type of power supply by pressing “” and “”. You can choose between battery “” or accumulator “”.

To confirm your choice of power supply type, press start button “”.

NOTE: Using the accumulators without corresponding transmitter setting, may cause their malfunction.



12.1.3 Choose the load type from the options:

- **“clips”** (connect “output cable” to the connector “OUTPUT” on the back panel);
- **internal transmitting inductor “In”** (no connections allowed to the “OUTPUT” connector on the back panel);

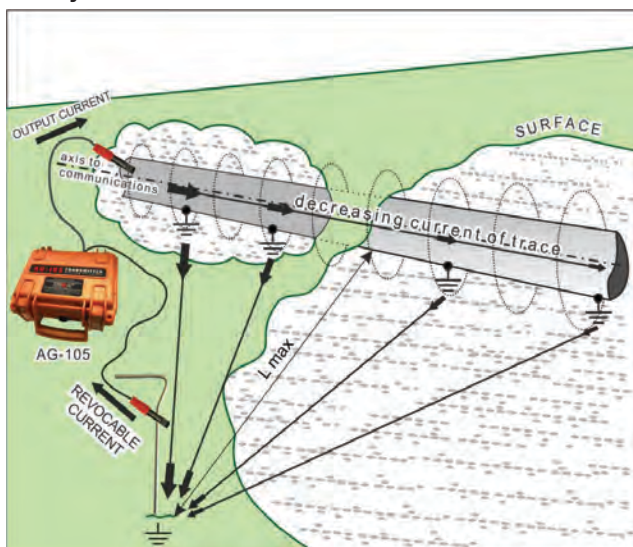
12.1.4 Connect the output of the device to the utility under examination via contact or non-contact (induction) method (in accordance with the chosen utility locating method). The contact method is more efficient for utility location but not always convenient and absolutely unsuitable for the location of cables which are “under voltage”.

NOTE:

In the article, only classical methods of “contact” and “non-contact” connection are represented in various circumstances. Special connection options such as “conductor-conductor”, “conductor-armour”, “armour-earth”, “parasitic capacity of unconnected multi-conductor cable” and others used under the specific conditions and only for “flaw detection” are considered in the “utility locating methods” indicating in the descriptions of the utility locators.

1) Base Method of the “Contact” Connection to the Utility

The “clips” are used (“output cable” with “alligator” clips) and earth rod. One clip should be connected to the input of the utility under examination and the second one to the earth rod (or to the relevant earthing, for example, standard earthing bus) at maximum distance from the utility. It is essential to provide close contact with utility and Earth. The opposite end of the utility under examination should be earthed for creating the paths for earth return of the signal revocable current. If the transmitter is connected directly to the utility, and current is not indicated (you see “- -” on the screen), make sure that there is current in the utility by checking it with receiver.



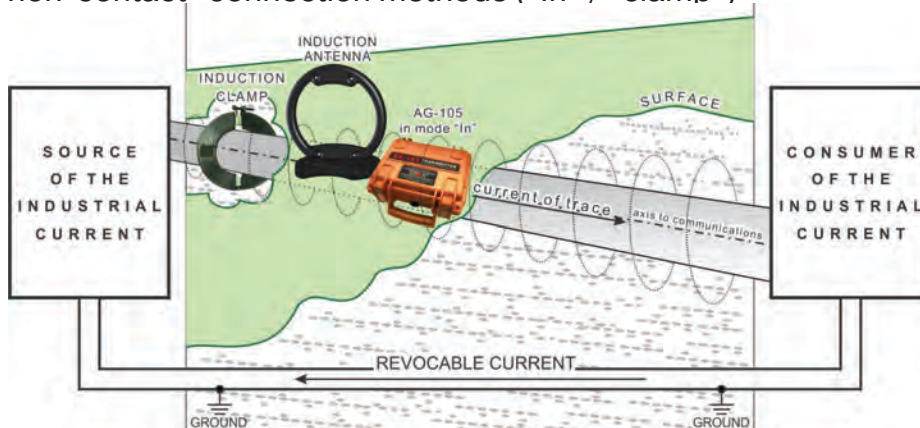
Special option – bare PIPE IN THE GROUND. The ground contact is possible along the entire length of the utility and in any segment. The additional earthing of the pipe is useless.

In this case, the resistance between the connection to the pipe and earthing point (rod or other standard earthing bus) is extremely low. “Revocable” current is reduced considerably the farther the location from the connection point. Nevertheless, owing to the unique (for this type of devices) “reserve” of the output current (more than 5 A at the load less than 0.8Ω), it offers high

probability of the successful utility location at a considerable distance from the connection point.

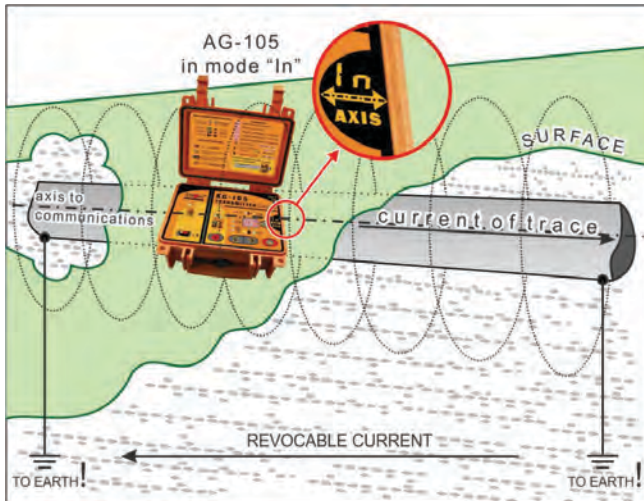
The diminishing of the signal at the distant pipeline sections is offset by the considerable “reserve” for the manual or automatic adjustment of the sensitivity of receivers made by TECHNO-AC.

NOTE for “non-contact” connection methods (“In” / “clamp”)



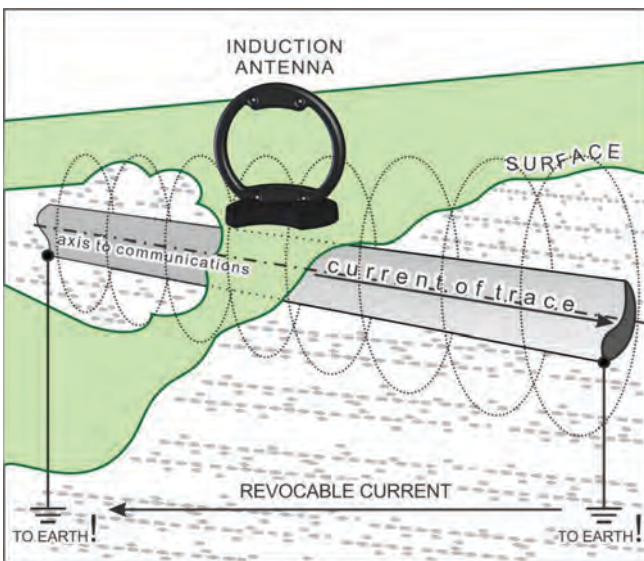
If the utility forms part of the complete electrical circuit “source – utility – consumer” (as per illustration), then in case of the specific electric properties of these chain loops, the location of a utility via the “non-contact” connection method (“In” / “An” / “clamp”), is quite likely without additional earthing.

In this example, “revocable” signal current of “high” frequency (0.5...33kHz), “overlaps” the current of “low” (industrial) frequency (50 / 60Hz) which is not preventing from the location of the utility and the flow path for “revocable” current of the signal already provided.



2) If the internal transmitting inductor is in use, then the casing of the device should be located right above the utility under examination (to set the reference point “In axis” on the front panel above the axis of the communication and oriented parallel to its direction). The utility locator shouldn’t be used near to the transmitter location in order to avoid the immediate induction connection (apart from the utility).

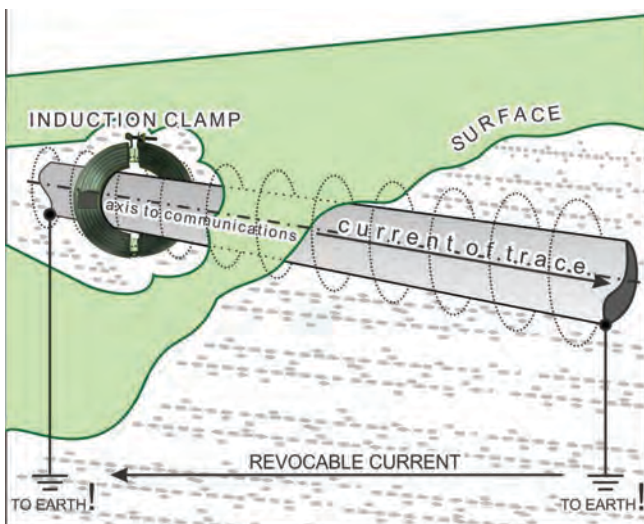
If the utility is not a part of the complete electrical circuit then both its ends should be earthed for creating a path for earth current “return” of the signal.



3) If the external induction transmitting antenna is in use “An” then it should be located as close as possible to the examined communication and coplanar with it. The communication locator shouldn’t be used nearby the transmitting antenna in order to avoid the immediate induction connection (apart from the communication).

If the communication is not a part of the complete electrical circuit then both its ends should be earthed for creating a path for earth current “return” of the signal.

The earthing should be done at a possible distance from the communication to reduce mutual cancellation of the “tracing” and “revocable\return” signal current.





4) If the induction transmitting “clamp” is in use then the utility should be wrapped by them in any available point. The utility locator shouldn’t be used near the “clamp” location in order to avoid the immediate induction connection (apart from the utility), despite the fact that in this case, this connection is not as evident as in the “antenna” mode “In”.

If the utility is not a part of the complete electrical circuit, then both its ends should be earthed (for creating a path for earth “return” of the “revocable” current signal). The earthing should be done at a possible distance from the utility to reduce mutual cancellation of the “tracing” and “revocable\return” signal current.

12.2. Settings


12.2.1 Open the cover. Turn on the device by pushing POWER “” button.


12.2.2 After switching on of the device “on default” the indicator POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE “ V” glows green. The device is in the “stop” mode. The pre-set of the modes and parameters values should be done.

12.2.3 If it is necessary to change the indicated mode or parameter, it can be done by sequenced presses of the CHOICE “” button.

In this case (“along the loop” and “counterclockwise”) in the “Internal parameters field” and “Modes field” one can choose reference and variable values of the modes and parameters indicated in the “Digital field”. The chosen mode and parameter marked by the flash of the relevant indicator.

The sequence of the indications in the functional fields.

1) “ V” - POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE in volts (reference value, **green** glow);


2) “” - active “ANTENNA” mode and the type of connected transmitted antenna (depends on which accessory is connected to the “OUTPUT” connector:

3) “” - active / non-active “MODULATION” and the type of the special signal form (should be chosen in the “Digital field” by MORE/ LESS “” buttons):

- lack of glow – no modulation (continuous signal “Co” “of standard” sin form).

- **green** glow – pulse modulation mode “Pu”.

- **yellow** glow – dual-frequency modulation mode “2F”.

4) “f, kHz” - frequency of the generated signal in kilohertz (**green** glow) is chosen in the “Digital field by LESS/ MORE “” buttons:

- for loads “clips” or “clamp” - 512Hz “0.5” / 1024Hz “1.0” / 8192Hz “8.2” / 32768Hz “33”.


- for “antenna” modes “In” or “An” - 8192Hz “8.2” / 32768Hz “33”.

The generation frequency is set if possible lower but according to recommendations of the chosen utility location method and proceed from the premise that the lower the frequency:


- the less re-inducing to the nearby facilities, the less the leakage of the “revocable” current, the more transmission distance.


- the lower sensitivity of the utility locators (more revocable current required and consequently power of transmitter). The more difficult to overcome the communication conductivity flaws.

12.3 Clips(standard accessory for the “contact” connection)

12.3.1 If clips/earrings are connected to the “OUTPUT”, the device is ready for “contact” load connection. The internal transmitting inductor “In” is not connected (“ANTENNA” mode indicator “” does not glow).

12.3.2 To connect, put one clip to the input of the examined utility and the second one to the earthing rod (or relevant earthing) at maximum distance from the utility. The opposite end of the examined utility should be earthed.

12.3.3 By pressing the button START/STOP “” is initiated the automatic adjustment process with the I “occasional” resistance load. Along with this, the output signal voltage incrementally increases up to the moment when the specific load current value is reached (or exceeded) (0.2 A at frequencies 512Hz “0.5” / 1024Hz “1.0” / “2F” or 0.1 A at frequencies 8192Hz “8.2” / 32768Hz “33”). If the load resistance is too high for reaching these values of the output current, then the maximum possible output signal voltage is produced.

12.3.4 After that, manual alterations (by LESS/MORE “” buttons) of the output signal voltage are possible in the range of provided by the automation.



12.4. Internal transmitting inductor “In”

12.4.1 The internal transmitting inductor is connected to the output automatically if there are no other accessories connected to the “OUTPUT” connector “Antenna” mode “In” is indicating (“I” - green).

12.4.2 For maximum intensity of “inducing” the reference point of the emitting inductor (“In axis” on the front panel) should be placed above the utility axis and in its direction.

12.4.3 In the “ANTENNA” mode “In” (via buttons LESS / MORE “◀ ▶”) the FREQUENCY of the generated signal can be chosen “f,kHz”: 8192Hz “8.2” / 32768Hz “33”.

12.4.4 In the “ANTENNA” mode “In” besides of the “regular” continuous oscillation mode “Co” (by pressing LESS / MORE “◀ ▶” buttons) pulse “MODULATION” “Pu” is available for choosing.

12.4.5 The oscillation is activated by START / STOP “▶/◀” button. Upon completion of the automatic adjustment, the highest value of signal voltage is reached on the output “U,V” \geq “40”.

12.4.6 After that, manual decrease and inverse increase of the signal voltage (by LESS / MORE “◀ ▶” buttons) in the range envisaged by the automation.

12.5. External power sources

To the EXTERNAL SUPPLY, connector on the back panel can be connected an “appropriate” power source currently possessed by the customer.

Mains power supply adapter AG114M.02.020 (based on GS60A15-P1J “MEAN WELL”) energises from the mains with the voltage of 220V and supply a direct-current voltage of $15V \pm 3\%$ with value of the current being 4 A. Offered as an extra accessory.



In the case of the availability of two power sources at the same time – external and internal

(battery) – the device consumes supply current from the source which has the larger value of output voltage. Therefore, in the case of external power, it is recommended to remove the battery (at least one) in order to avoid their possible useless charge consumption.



12.6. Electromagnetic Compatibility

The present device is subsumed under “information technology equipment” (ITE) class A, according to Russian Stage Standard (GOST) 51318 22-2006. Such equipment should not have any sale restrictions. When used in private households, this equipment could disturb the smooth running of other technical equipment because of the industrial interferences. In this case, the user should act accordingly.

NOTE

A private household is a space where the radio and TV sets can be placed at a distance less than 10m from ITE.

12.7. Ingress Protection Rating

The ingress protection rating of the casing is IP65, which completely eliminates the possibility of the ingress of dust and water jets inside when the device is lidded. Open slots on the back panel are protected by rubber covers.

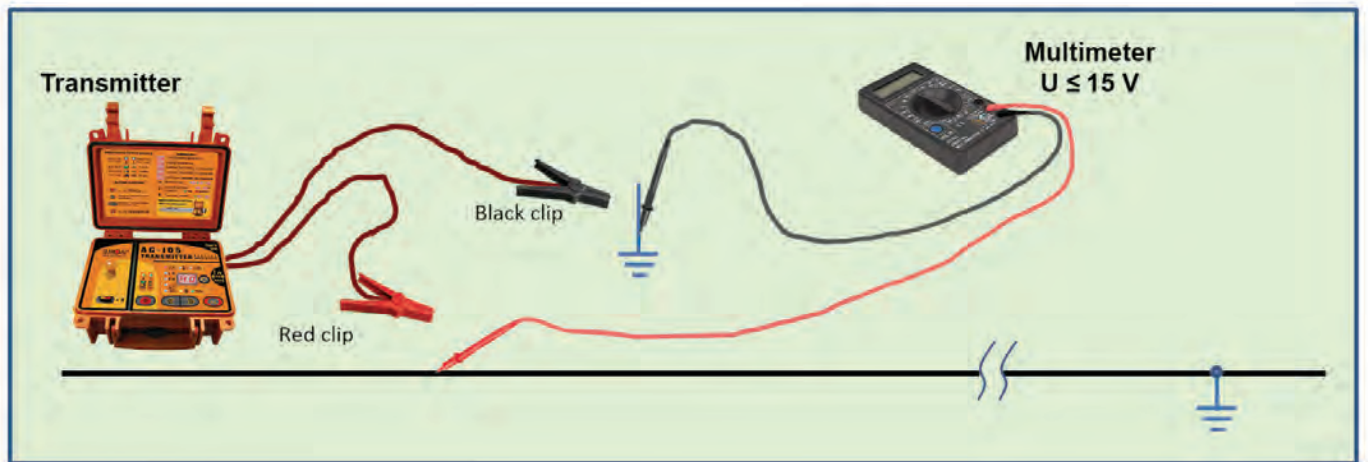
13. Transmitter Direct Connection to Utility

The direct connection of transmitter to the utility is used to create tracing current in de-energised conducting utilities.

Transmitter operation during direct connection requires additional safety precautions. Before connecting the transmitter directly to the utility do the following:

- 1) Make sure that surveyed utility doesn't carry any voltage in relation to protective grounding or grounding rod, pushed into the ground.**
- 2) Make sure that there is no high voltage source connected to the utility.**
- 3) Make sure that there is no 15V voltage between transmitter cable connection points.**

Use the multimeter to check the voltage presence between connection points.



Attention!

Voltage between two points of transmitter cable connection can damage the transmitter!



Connection of the transmitter to utility under voltage, breaks the operation conditions and cancels manufacturer warranty!

If it is necessary to survey the cable under voltage, please, use inductive antenna or clamps for the transmitter in order to create tracing signal.

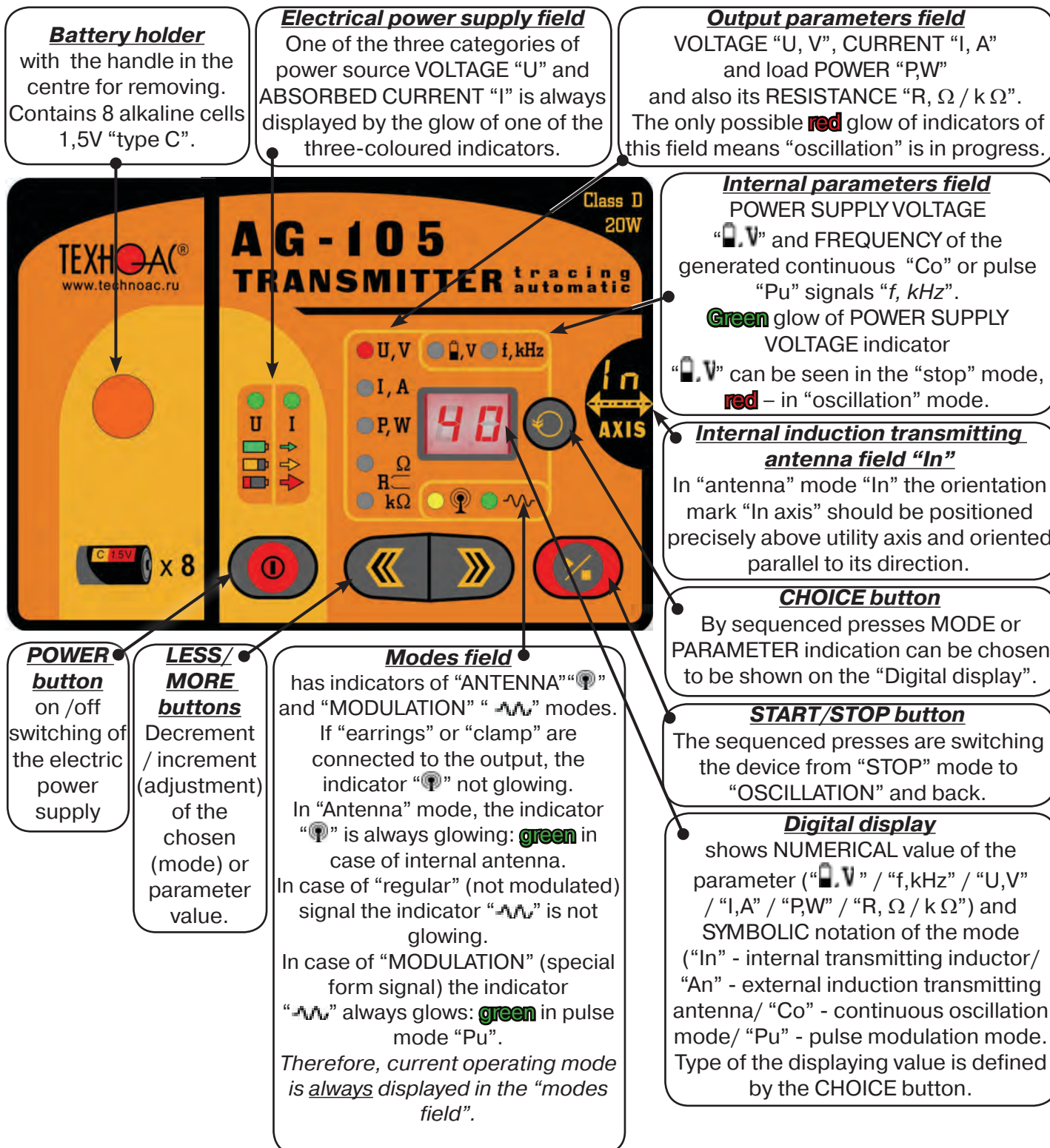
Appendix 4

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The frequencies of the continuous “Co” or pulse “Pu” signal, Hz \pm 0,1 % - “kHz”	
Load “clips” or “clamp”	512 - “0.5” / 1024 - “1.0” / 8192 - “8.2” / 32768 - “33”
“Antenna” modes	8192 - “8.2” / 32768 - “33”
Operating modes	
“Antenna” mode	Internal transmitting inductor “In”.
“Modulation” modes (special form signal)	Pulse “Pu” (short-term transmissions of the sine signals). Transmission duration 0,12sec. Transmissions repetition frequency 1Hz.
	Dual-frequency “2F” (simultaneous frequency generation 1024Hz, 8192Hz). Amplitudes ratio 4/1 (respectively).
Output parameters under power supply voltage 12...15V	
<u>Output current, A</u>	
Restricted by the program under manual increment , \geq	5 – at frequency 512Hz “0.5” / 1024Hz “1.0” / 8192Hz “8.2” / “2F”
	3 - at frequency 32768Hz “33”
Set by the program for automatic adjustment with the external load of “clips” or “clamp”, \geq	0,2 – at frequency 512Hz “0.5” / 1024Hz “1.0” / “2F”
	0,1 – at frequency 8192Hz “8.2” / 32768Hz “33”
<u>Maximum output voltage, V</u>	
Depending on “modulation”, \geq	32 – in the dual-frequency modulation mode “2F”
	40 – in other modes
<u>Maximum output power, W</u>	
Restricted by the program, \geq	20 - In the continuous “Co” and pulse “Pu” modes at frequencies 512Hz “0.5” / 1024Hz “1.0” / 8192Hz “8.2” at load resistance up to 80 Ω In dual-frequency mode “2F” at load resistance up to 50 Ω .
	6 - At frequency 32768Hz “33” at load resistance up to 260 Ω .
Power supply sources	
Operating range of the supply voltages	Minimally acceptable voltage for oscillation start-up: 7V “Bt”, <9 V “Ac”
	Maximum allowed voltage for operation – 15V .
	Automatic shutdown voltage in the “oscillation” mode: < 4,2V “Bt”, <7,9 V “Ac”
Battery set	8 “alkaline” cells 1,5V “type C” Recommended – “Duracell ® ULTRA”.
External power supply sources (optional)	Battery “12V” (e.g. automotive) Output voltage 11...14V, maximum current not less than 4A.
	Mains power supply adapter AG114M.02.020 (extra accessory based on GS60A15-P1J “MEAN WELL”) Output voltage 15V, power 60W.
Operating time (“life cycle”)	While in operation of the battery set “type Cx8” is defined by the quality (capacity and “load capability”) of the applied alkaline cells and can be equal to from 4 to 6 hours in the “Co” and “2F” modes or from 20 to 30 hours in the “Pu” mode at initial output voltage 7W in “continuous” modes “Co” / “2F” or at initial output voltage 15W in pulse modulation mode “Pu”
	Under the external power supply is fully conditioned by this external energy source characteristics therefore under mains supply operating time is unlimited.

Operational characteristics	
An automatic control over the output voltage during oscillation process	Proportional control over the output power depending on the “energy potential” of the power supply source.
Automatic shutdowns of the device	At power supply voltage in the “stop” mode < 6.5V “Bt”, <8.8V “Ac”
	At power supply voltage in the “oscillation” mode < 4,2V “Bt”, <7.9V “Ac”
	At power supply voltage > 15,5V.
	In case of exceeding of the admissible absorbed current value (the exact figure depends on the actual mode)
	In case of short circuit of the output during the adjustment process (actuation of the hardware safety system of the terminal amplifier)
	In case of non-compliance of the oscillation mode settings depending on whether the external antenna is installed in the output or not (the switch to the “stop” mode)
	In case of “long” (≈ 100 sec) downtime in the “stop” mode (if the buttons are not pushed)
Adjustment with load	Automatic , up to the reaching of the specific consumption rate or attainment of the load current: - $\geq 0,2$ A at frequencies 512Hz “0.5” / 1024Hz “1.0” / “2F”; - $\geq 0,1$ A at frequencies 8192Hz “8.2” and 32768Hz “33”.
	Manual (via buttons LESS / MORE “   ”) after the automatic adjustment.
Connection options to the communication under examination	“Contact” connection with “earth return”.
	“Non-contact” connection with application of the internal transmitting antenna “In”.
	“Non-contact” connection using the transmitting induction “clamp” (selection of the cable from the bunch as possible).
Electromagnetic compatibility	
Classification in accordance with the Russian State Standard (GOST) 51318.22-2006	Class A
Structural parameters	
Power output amplifier	The technology — updated CLASS D Efficiency to 85%
LED indicators	Separate light-emitting diodes indicating parameters and modes.
	Digital indicator displaying the modes and parameters values and also showing output parameters of the “ MULTIMETER ” measurements, e.g.: output voltage (V), load current (A), load power (W) and load resistance (Ω / k Ω).
Overall dimensions of the electronic unit (case), not more than, mm.	216x180x105mm
The weight of the electronic unit, not more than, kg	2
The admissible environment temperatures range when in operation	- 30...+60°C With “battery” power supply it is not recommended to use the device under sub-zero environmental temperatures.
Ingress protection rating	IP65 (when the enclosure-case is shut).

Appendix5 Transmitter Indication



INDICATION EXAMPLE				
"nominal" power supply voltage	"low" absorbed current	pulse modulation mode "Pu"	"oscillation" operation mode	output voltage 40V
"U" green	"I" green	"Pu" green	red glowing "U, V"	"U, V" → "40"