

RADIODETECTION®

# MRX / MRX G

Multifunction precision cable, pipe and RF marker locators

## User Guide

90/MRX-UG-ENG/01



**SPX** TECHNOLOGIES



## Multifunction precision cable, pipe and RF marker locators

### Preface

#### About this guide

**CAUTION: This guide provides basic operating instructions for the MRX / MRX G locator and transmitter. It also contains important safety information and guidelines and as such should be read in its entirety before attempting to operate the MRX or MRXG locator and transmitter.**

This guide is intended as a quick reference guide only. For detailed instructions, including the use of accessories, help with eCert®, CALSafe™, Survey measurements and usage-logging\* please refer to the MRX(G) locator operation manual and RD Manager™ Online manuals, which are available for download from [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com).

The online User Manual library also contains links to the RD Manager Online manuals. Certificates of conformity for the MRX(G) locators and Tx transmitter ranges can be found at [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com).

\*MRXG only

**⚠ WARNING!** Direct connection to live conductors is **POTENTIALLY LETHAL**. Direct connections to live conductors should be attempted by fully qualified personnel only using the relevant products that allow connections to energized lines.

**⚠ WARNING!** The transmitter is capable of outputting potentially lethal voltages. Take care when applying signals to any pipe or cable and be sure to notify other technicians who may be working on the line.

**⚠ WARNING!** Reduce audio level before using headphones to avoid damaging your hearing.

**⚠ WARNING!** This equipment is **NOT** approved for use in areas where hazardous gases may be present.

**⚠ WARNING!** When using the transmitter, switch off the unit and disconnect cables before removing the battery pack.

**⚠ WARNING!** The MRX(G) locator will detect most buried conductors but there are some objects that do not radiate any detectable signal. The MRX(G), or any other electromagnetic locator, cannot detect these objects so proceed with caution. There are also some live cables which the MRX(G) will not be able to detect in Power mode. The MRX(G) does not indicate whether a signal is from a single cable or from several in close proximity.

**⚠ WARNING!** Batteries can get hot after prolonged use at full output power. Take care while replacing or handling batteries.

**⚠ WARNING!** Only use charging equipment provided by Radiodetection. The use of alternative chargers may cause a safety hazard and/or reduce the life of the battery.

**CAUTION:** Do not let your battery completely discharge as this may reduce its life or damage it permanently. If you are not using your equipment for a long period charge them at least once a month.

**⚠ WARNING!** Do not tamper with, or attempt to disassemble the battery packs.

**CAUTION:** If battery failure is suspected or if the battery shows any sign of discoloration/ physical damage return the entire unit to an authorized repair center for investigation and repair. Local, national or IATA transport regulations may restrict the shipment of faulty batteries. Check with your courier for restrictions and best practice guidelines. Your local Radiodetection representative will be able to direct you to our authorized repair centers.

**NOTE:** The charging temperature range is 0 to 45 °C, 32 to 113°F. Do not attempt to recharge your batteries outside this temperature range.

## 3 Year Extended Warranty

MRX(G) locators and transmitters are covered by a 1 year warranty as standard. Customers can extend their warranty period to a total of 3 years by registering their products within 3 months of purchase.

### To register your product:

Visit <https://portal.radiodetection.com> to create your portal account\* and use the Product page to register your locator or transmitter.

Visit <https://support.radiodetection.com> for instructions on how to create a portal account or register your product.

\* A valid email address and mobile number are required.

## eCert® and Self-Test

The MRX(G) locator is safety equipment which should be regularly checked to ensure its correct operation.

eCert provides a thorough test of the MRX(G)'s locating circuitry, and supplies a Radiodetection Calibration Certificate when a positive test result is obtained.

To run an eCert, the locator should be connected to an internet-enabled PC on which the RD Manager™ Online software is installed.

Refer to the RD Manager Online operation manual for further details. Additional purchase may be required.

MRX(G) locators incorporate an Enhanced Self-Test feature. In addition to the typical checks for display and power functions, the MRX(G) applies test signals to its locating circuitry during a Self-Test to check accuracy and performance.

We recommend that a self-test is run at least weekly, or before each use.



Scan the QR code or visit:  
<https://support.radiodetection.com>  
to access our Technical Support portal.

## MRX (G) locator



## Locator features

- 1. Keypad.
  - 2. LCD with auto backlight.
  - 3. Haptic (vibration) feedback.
  - 4. Speaker.
  - 5. Battery compartment.
  - 6. Accessory connector.
  - 7. Headphone connector.
  - 8. Bluetooth® wireless technology modules.
  - 9. Swing alert system.
  - 10. Lithium-Ion battery pack.
  - 11. USB-C port  
(inside battery compartment).
  - 12. Marker loop antenna
  

## Locator keypad

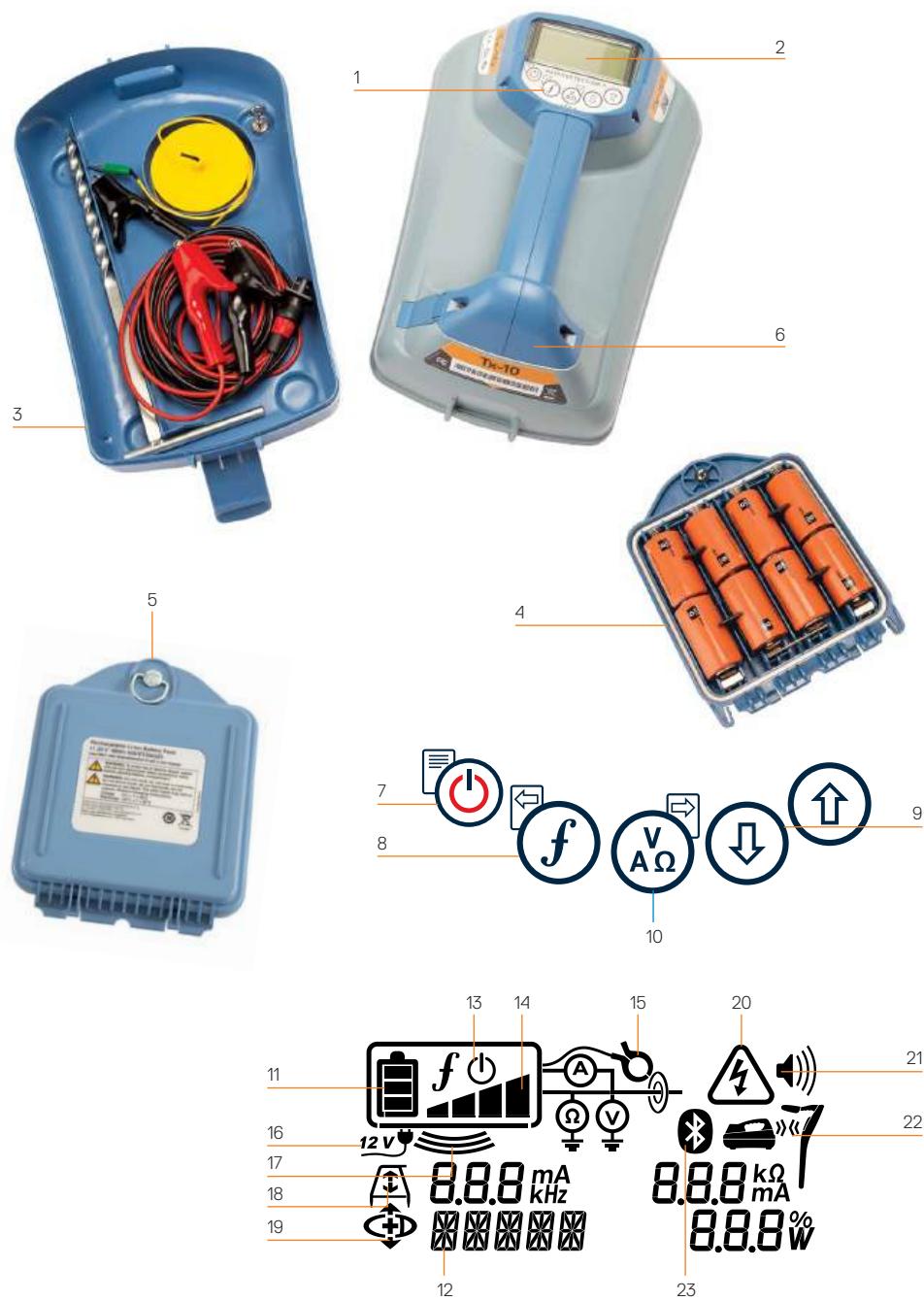
  - 13. Power key.
  - 14. Frequency key.
  - 15. Up and down arrows.
  - 16. Antenna key.
  - 17. Survey key.
  - 18. Transmitter key.
  

## Locator screen icons

  - 19. Signal strength bargraph with peak marker.
  - 20. Signal strength readout.
  - 21. Null / Proportional Guidance arrows.
  - 22. Battery level.
  - 23. Sensitivity readout / Log number.
  - 24. Volume level.
  - 25. Current Direction™ arrows.\*
  - 26. Radio Mode icon.
  - 27. Power Mode icon.
  - 28. Accessory connection icon .
  - 29. CD Mode icon.\*
  - 30. A-Frame icon.
  - 31. Frequency / current / menu readout.
  - 32. Bluetooth status icon:  
Flashing icon means pairing is in progress. Solid icon indicates a connection is active.
  - 33. Antenna mode icon:  
Indicates antenna mode selection:  
Peak/Null\*/Broad Peak\*/Peak+™ / Guidance.
  - 34. Sonde icon: Indicates that a sonde signal source is selected.
  - 35. Line icon: Indicates that a line signal source is selected.
  - 36. Compass / Marker mode indicator:  
Shows the direction of the located cable relative to the locator. Also used as a graphical indication for Marker mode active.
  - 37. Transmitter communication status – confirms successful iLOC® communication.
  - 38. Transmitter standby indicator.
  - 39. Depth readout.
  - 40. GPS Status.\*
  - 41. GPS Signal quality.\*

\*MRXG only

# Tx-5 and Tx-10(B) transmitters



## Transmitter features

1. Keypad.
2. LCD.
3. Removable accessory tray.
4. D-cell battery tray.
5. Optional Lithium-Ion battery pack.
6. Bluetooth module (iLOC units).
15. Clamp icon: Indicates when a signal clamp or other accessory is connected.
16. DC Power connected indicator.
17. Induction mode indicator.
18. A-Frame: Indicates when the transmitter is in Fault-Find Mode.
19. CD Mode: Indicates that the transmitter is in Current Direction Mode.
20. Voltage warning indicator: Indicates that the transmitter is outputting potentially hazardous voltage levels.
21. Volume level indicator.

## Transmitter keypad

7. Power key.
8. Frequency key.
9. Up and down arrows.
10. Measure key.

## Transmitter screen icons

11. Battery level indicator.
12. Operation mode readout.
13. Standby icon.
14. Output level indicator.
22. Pairing icon: Appears when the transmitter and locator are connected via iLOC.
23. Bluetooth icon: Indicates status of Bluetooth connection. Flashing icon means pairing is in progress.



# Keypad actions and shortcuts

Switch the locator or transmitter on by pressing the  key.

Once powered up, the keys function as follows:

## Locator keys

Key	• Short press	■ Long press
	Enter the menu.	Switch power off.
	Scroll through locate frequencies from low to high.	SideStep®. When using Current Direction: Perform a CD Reset.
	When using active frequencies: Toggles Peak, Peak+, Null, Broad Peak and Guidance antenna modes.  In Power Mode: Scrolls through Power Filters™ for improved discrimination of parallel or strong power signals.  With the loop folded down: Toggles marker and combined (marker/line) modes.	In Peak+ antenna mode: Switch between Guidance and Null arrows.
 , 	Increase and decrease gain. MRX(G) automatically sets gain to mid-point when pressed.	Rapidly increase and decrease gain steps in 1dB increments.
	Take a Survey Measurement and send over Bluetooth if paired.	—
	Send an iLOC command to a paired transmitter.	Enter the Transmitter power setting menu for use over iLOC.

## Transmitter keys

Key	• Short press	■ Long press
	Enter the menu.	Switch power off.
	Scroll through locate frequencies from low to high.	—
	Take voltage and impedance measurements using the currently selected frequency.	Take voltage and impedance measurements at a standardized frequency
 , 	Adjusts the output signal.	Select standby  / maximum standard power 

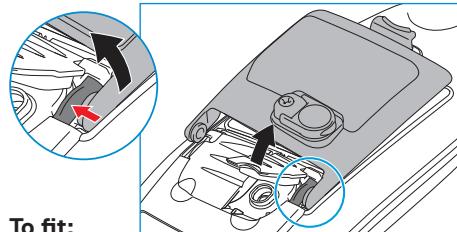
Tip: to scroll through frequencies from high to low, hold  while pressing the  button (applies to both locators and transmitters).

# Before you begin

## IMPORTANT!

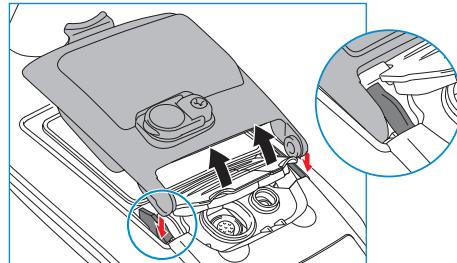
This guide is intended to be a quick reference guide. We recommend you read the full operation manual before you attempt to operate the MRX(G) locator.

- Do the same on the other side.
- Disconnect the lead and remove pack.

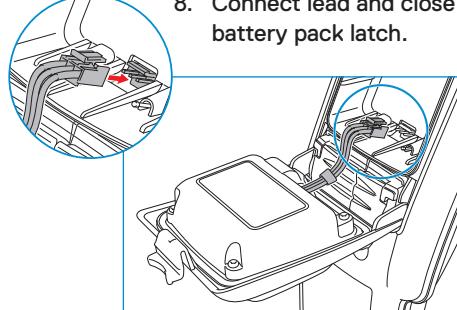


## To fit:

- Lift the accessory flap, press the retaining flap inwards and insert pack to that side.
- Do the same on the other side.



- Connect lead and close battery pack latch.



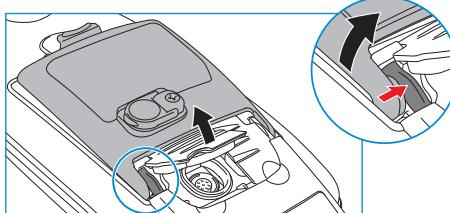
## Fitting rechargeable battery packs

The MRX(G) locator comes with the Lithium-Ion battery pack fitted. You may need to connect the Li-Ion lead (see instruction 8). To remove and re-fit the rechargeable packs, follow the instructions below.

## Locator battery packs

### To remove:

- Unclip the latch at the top of the battery pack.
- Lift the battery pack.
- Lift the accessory flap and press the retaining flap inwards.

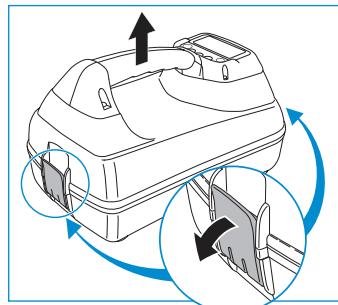


## Alternative power sources

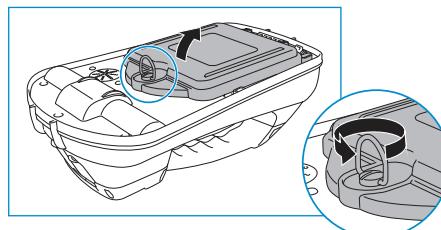
Radiodetection recommends using the Lithium-Ion battery pack for optimal performance. Alternatively, the 3 D-cell battery tray (part number: 10/RX-MARKER-3DCELL-TRAY, sold separately) may be used, though it will significantly reduce run time. ALK must be selected from the BATT menu. Do not use NiMH cells.

## Transmitter battery packs

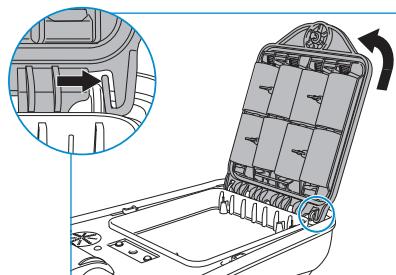
1. Release clips then remove the accessory tray



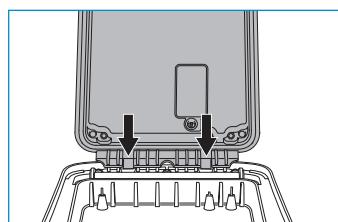
2. Open the battery compartment by rotating the metal clip clockwise



3. Press the release catch and lift the battery pack away



4. Line up the battery pack and press into position



## Charging the battery packs

**⚠️ WARNING!** Only use charging equipment provided by Radiodetection. The use of alternative chargers may cause a safety hazard and/or reduce the life of the battery.

**CAUTION:** Do not let your battery completely discharge as this may reduce its life or damage it permanently. If you are not using your equipment for a long period charge them at least once a month.

**⚠️ WARNING!** Batteries can get hot after prolonged use at full output power. Take care while Replacing or handling batteries.

**⚠️ WARNING!** Do not tamper with, or attempt to disassemble the battery packs.

**CAUTION:** If battery failure is suspected or if the battery shows any sign of discoloration / physical damage return the entire unit to an authorized repair center for investigation and repair. Local, national or IATA transport regulations may restrict the shipment of faulty batteries.

Check with your courier for restrictions and best practice guidelines. Your local Radiodetection representative will be able to direct you to our authorized repair centers.

You can re-charge your batteries using the Radiodetection mains or automotive chargers.

**NOTE:** The charging temperature range is 0 to 45 °C, 32 to 113°F. Do not attempt to recharge your batteries outside this temperature range.

## Setting up your system

The MRX(G) locator and transmitter menus allow you to select or change system options. Once entered, the menu is navigated using the arrow keys. Navigation is consistent on both the transmitter and the locator. When in the menu, most on-screen icons will temporarily disappear and the menu options will appear in the bottom left-hand corner of the display. The right arrow enters a submenu and the left arrow returns to the previous menu.

Note that when browsing the locator menu, the **f** and **W** keys act as left and right arrows. When browsing the transmitter menu, the **J** and **V** keys act as left and right arrows.

### To navigate menus:

1. Press the **○** key to enter the menu.
2. Use the **↑** or **↓** keys to scroll through the menu options.
3. Press the **⇨** key to enter the option's submenu.
4. Use the **↑** or **↓** keys to scroll through the submenu options.
5. Press the **⇨** key to confirm a selection and return to the previous menu.
6. Press the **⇨** key to return to the main operation screen.

**NOTE:** When you select an option and press the **⇨** key, the option will be enabled automatically.

### Locator menu options

- VOL: Adjust the speaker volume from 0 (mute) to 5 (loudest).
- PHONE: Select Android or iOS.
- SMLOG: enable or disable Bluetooth used for Survey Measurements, reset BT, pair with external device, select BT protocol and send survey measurement logs via BT.
- ILOC: Enable, disable, reset or pair iLoc connections.
- GPS: Enable or disable the internal GPS module ,select an external GPS source and reset internal GPS.
- CDR: Perform a Current Direction (CD) Reset. (Alternatively press and hold the **f** key when in CD mode).
- UNITS: Select metric or imperial units.
- TICKT: Adds additional utility information into the log data
- UTIL: Enable or disable utility selection.
- ULIST: Utility selection.
- MRKR: Enable or disable individual utility markers.
- LANG: Select menu language.
- POWER: Select local power network frequency: 50 or 60Hz.
- ANT: Enable or disable any antenna mode with the exception of Peak.
- FREQ: Enable or disable individual frequencies.
- ALERT: Enable or disable StrikeAlert™.
- BATT: Set battery type. Li-S (Lithium-ion Small), Li-L (Lithium-ion Large) or ALK (alkaline). Li-ion auto-selects when connected. Do not use NiMH.
- ARROW: Select Null or proportional Guidance arrows in Peak+ mode.

- COMPA: Enable or disable display of the Compass feature.
- VALRT: Enable or disable the vibration feature.
- AUDIO: Select High or Low sound levels.
- SWING: Enable or disable Swing measurement.
- INFO: Shows the software version, run a Self-Test, display the date of the most recent service recalibration (M CAL) or the most recent eCert calibration.

## Transmitter menu options

- VOL: Adjust the speaker volume from 0 (mute) to 3 (loudest).
- FREQ: Enable or disable individual frequencies.
- BOOST: Boost transmitter output for a specified period of time (in minutes).
- INFO: Shows the software version
- LANG: Select menus language.
- OPT F: Run SideStepauto™ to auto-select a locate frequency for the connected utility.
- BATT: Set battery type: ALK, NiMH or Li-ION and enable / disable Eco mode.
- MAX P: Set the transmitter to output its maximum wattage.
- MODEL: Match the transmitter setting to the model of your locator.
- MAX V: Set the output voltage to maximum (90V).
- ILOC: Enable, disable or pair iLOC connections (Bluetooth models only).

## Examples of using the menu, selecting options and making changes:

### Locator mains power frequency

To select the correct frequency (50 or 60Hz) for your country or region's power supply:

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Scroll to the POWER menu using the  or  keys.
3. Press the  key to enter the POWER menu.
4. Use the  or  keys to select the correct mains frequency.
5. Press the  key twice to accept your selection and return to the main operation screen.

### Batteries

It is important to set the system to match the currently installed battery type to ensure optimal performance and correct battery level indication.

To set your battery type:

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Scroll to the BATT menu using the  or  arrows.
3. Press the  key (on the locator) or the  key (on the transmitter) to enter the BATT menu.
4. Scroll up or down to select the correct battery type (Alkaline, Nickel-metal Hydride or Lithium-Ion). Lithium-Ion is automatically selected when a Li-Ion pack is connected to a Locator.
5. Press the  key twice to accept your selection and return to the main operation screen.

### Transmitter Eco Mode

When using alkaline batteries, Eco mode can be selected to maximize run time. When Eco mode is selected the transmitter automatically reduces its maximum power output as battery levels run low. Eco mode is switched off by default. To Enable Eco Mode:

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Scroll to the BATT menu using the  or  arrows.
3. Press the  key to enter the BATT menu.
4. Select the ALK Battery type using the  or  arrows.
5. Press the  key to enter the ECO sub menu
6. Select ECO using the  or  arrows.
7. Press the  key three times to accept your selection and return to the main operation screen.

## Locating RF Markers

The MRX locator enables users to locate most common RF utility markers. These are also referred to as Electronic Marker System (EMS) and Omni markers.

To enable marker locate mode lower the marker loop antenna. To disable the marker locate mode fold the loop antenna up.

### Marker types

The MRX can detect 9 different RF Markers, as shown in the table below.

Utility type	Display abbreviation	Color	Frequency
French Power	PFR	 Natural	40.0kHz
General Non-drinkable water	PUR	 Purple	66.35kHz
Cable TV	CTV	 Black/Orange	77.0kHz
Gas	GAS	 Yellow	83.0kHz
Telephone/Telecoms	TEL	 Orange	101.4kHz
Sanitary	SAN	 Green	121.6kHz
Euro Power	PDE	 Blue/Red	134.0kHz
Water	H2O	 Blue	145.7kHz
Electrical Power	PWR	 Red	169.8kHz

Use of the red Electrical Power (PWR) marker locate mode is subject to radio licensing restrictions for Short Range Devices in the EU and possibly other countries. Use of the orange Telephone/Telecoms (TEL) marker locate mode is restricted in Canada. Users are responsible for complying with local regulations.

# Locating pipes and cables

For more detailed descriptions of using the locator and transmitter, and for detailed locate techniques, refer to the MRX(G) Operation Manual.

The MRX(G) locator is designed to operate with the 'blade' of the locator perpendicular to the path of the cable or pipe being located.

## Locating with Active Frequencies

Active frequencies are applied to the target pipe or cable using the transmitter, and provide the most effective way of tracing buried pipes or cables.

Generally speaking, it is better to use a low frequency on larger, low impedance utilities, and move to a higher frequency on smaller, high impedance utilities.

The lowest power setting required to trace the target utility should always be used to minimize the risk of false trails.

The transmitter can apply a signal using three different methods:

### Direct connection

In direct connection, you connect the transmitter directly to the pipe or cable you wish to survey using the red Direct Connect lead supplied. The black lead is generally connected to earth using the supplied ground stake.

The transmitter will then apply a discrete signal to the line, which you can trace using the locator. This method provides the best signal on an individual line and enables the use of lower frequencies, which can be traced for longer distances.

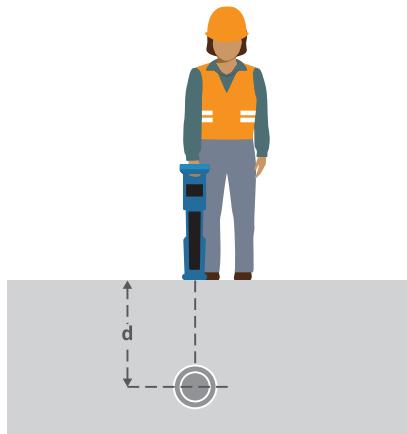
**⚠ WARNING! Direct connection to live conductors is POTENTIALLY LETHAL. Direct connections to live conductors should be attempted by fully qualified personnel only using the relevant products that allow connections to energized lines.**

### Induction

The transmitter is placed on the ground over or near the survey area. You select the appropriate frequency. The transmitter will then induce the signal indiscriminately to any nearby metallic conductor. In induction mode, using higher frequencies is generally recommended as they are induced more easily onto nearby conductors.

### Transmitter Clamp

An optional signal clamp can be placed around an insulated live wire or pipe up to 8.5" / 215mm in diameter to transfer the transmitter signal to the utility. This method of applying the transmitter signal is particularly useful on insulated live wires and removes the need to disconnect the supply to the cable.



**⚠ WARNING! Do not clamp around uninsulated live conductors.**

**⚠ WARNING! Before applying or removing the clamp around a power cable ensure that the clamp is connected to the transmitter at all times.**

## Locating with Passive Frequencies

Passive frequency detection takes advantage of signals that are already present on buried metallic conductors. The MRX(G) supports four types of passive frequencies: Power, Radio, CPS and Cable TV (CATV) signals. You can detect these frequencies without the aid of the transmitter.

### Power Filters

MRX(G) locators allows operators to take advantage of the harmonic signals found on power networks. Once in Power Mode, press the key to switch out of Radiodetection's sensitive Power Mode and scroll through five individual Power Filters. This enables operators to establish if a single large power signal comes from one source or from the presence of multiple cables. The different harmonic characteristics of the detected lines can then be used to trace and mark their route.

Additionally the use of an individual harmonic can allow you to locate power lines in situations where the total signal would otherwise be too large.

### Locate Modes

The MRX offers a choice of 3 locate modes; Peak, Peak+ and Guidance. The MRXG offers 2 additional locate modes; Broad Peak and Null (5 in total).

To scroll between locate modes, press the key.



**PEAK:** For accurate locating, the peak bargraph provides a visual readout of the signal strength. The peak signal is found directly over the buried utility.



**PEAK+:** Choose to combine the accuracy of the Peak bargraph with Null arrows, which can indicate the presence of distortion, or with proportional Guidance arrows for rapid line tracing – switch between them by holding the key.



**GUIDANCE:** Proportional arrows and a ballistic 'needle' combine with audio left/right indication for rapidly tracing the general path of a buried utility.



**BROAD PEAK:** Operating similarly to Peak mode, but giving a result over a wider area. Used to detect and trace very weak signals, for example very deep utilities.



**NULL:** Provides a quick left/right indication of the path of a utility. As Null is susceptible to interference, it is best used in areas where no other utilities are present.

## Depth, current and compass readouts

**⚠️ WARNING!** Never use the depth measurement readout as a guide for mechanical or other digging activity. Always follow safe digging guidelines.

The MRX(G) locator can measure and display the utility depth, locate signal current and the relative orientation of the cable or pipe to the locator. This helps you to make sure that you are following the right cable or pipe, especially when other utilities are present.

The MRX(G) locator features TruDepth™, a feature that helps you to ensure the accuracy of your locates or Survey Measurements. The depth and current are automatically removed from the display when the locator is at an angle of more than 7.5° from the path of the cable or pipe being located, or when the locator determines that signal conditions are too poor for reliable measurements.

## MRX G only

### Current Direction (CD)

The Tx-10 transmitter range can apply a unique CD signal onto a pipe or cable. This signal can be used to identify an individual pipe or cable amongst a number of parallel utilities, ensuring operators follow the right line. A CD signal clamp or direct connection leads can be used to apply the unique signal to the pipe or cable and a CD locator clamp or CD stethoscope can be used to identify individual pipes or cables.

### Automatic Usage-Logging

MRXG locator models offer a powerful data logging system which records all the instrument's critical parameters and warnings in its internal memory every second.

The automatic logging system is always active and cannot be disabled. The locator's memory is capable of storing over 500 days of usage data, when used for 8 hours per day.

Logs can be retrieved using the RD Manager Online PC application for usage analysis and survey validation. Refer to the RD Manager Online operation manual for further information.

## GPS

The MRXG locator can be paired to an external GPS module or use its internal GPS module to be able to detect and store its latitude, longitude and accurate UTC time alongside its location data. This positional information can then be appended to Survey Measurements, or the automatic usage-logging system.

The presence of GPS data allows for the data to be mapped easily and to export and save the information directly into GIS systems.

## GPS menu settings

There are 4 options in the GPS menu:

- INT: Select this to use the internal GPS if present.
- EXTM: Select this to use the GPS from a compatible paired device.
- OFF: Select this to switch off the internal GPS module and save battery.
- RESET: Select YES to reset the internal GPS.

## Bluetooth wireless connections

MRX(G) locators feature a Bluetooth wireless module, as standard, providing the ability to connect to compatible devices such as transmitters (Bluetooth models), or handheld devices running a compatible application.

**NOTE:** The MRX(G) locator wireless features may be subject to national and or local regulations. Please consult your local authorities for more information.

**⚠️ WARNING!** Do not attempt any wireless connection in areas where such technology is considered hazardous. This may include: petrochemical facilities, medical facilities or around navigation equipment.

### Switching iLOC on

By default MRX(G) locators and Bluetooth enabled transmitters are shipped with the iLOC wireless connection module disabled.

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Scroll to the iLOC menu using the  or  keys.
3. Press the  key (locator) or the  key (transmitter) to enter the iLOC menu.
4. Press the  or  keys to select the ON option.
5. Press the  key to confirm selection and return to the previous menu.
6. A further press of the  key will return to the main operating screen.

You can switch Bluetooth off to conserve battery life, or to comply with regulations in areas where wireless communications are considered hazardous. To do this, follow the above process, selecting 'OFF' in the iLOC menu.

## Bluetooth error codes

If an error occurs when attempting to perform any Bluetooth command using the locator to the transmitter or the locator to a PC or paired device, the LCD will display a code to help you resolve the problem on the locator.

The codes are as follows:

BT Code	Description
BT001	Bluetooth not configured for this unit.
BT002	Internal Bluetooth error.
BT003	Locator not paired with transmitter.
BT004	Locator not paired with PC/external compatible device.
BT005	Paired but connection attempt failed. Power cycling may be required.
BT006	Corrupt response received from transmitter.
BT007	Indeterminate response received from transmitter.
BT008	No response received from transmitter.
BT010	Transmission to paired device failure.
BT012	No response received from PDA or PC/Phone.
BT014	Paired but connection attempt failed with paired device. Retry or Power cycling may be required.
TX??	Command not supported by transmitter

## Taking Survey Measurements

MRX(G) locator models are capable of recording measurements at up to 1000 survey points, and optionally sending them to an external device using Bluetooth.

If the locator is a GPS model or if paired to an external device with GPS that is running a compatible application the locator will append positional information alongside time and date to the data, providing spatial context.

**NOTE: The internal GPS module needs to be switched on and connected to the GPS satellite system.**

## Saving measurements

To save survey measurements, press the  key.

To achieve accurate results the locator must be kept as still as possible during the saving process.

The locator will always save measurements to internal memory. If Bluetooth is switched on and paired to a device, the locator will also attempt to send the saved measurement to a paired device running a compatible application.

## To disable the Bluetooth:

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Scroll to the SMLOG menu using the  or  keys.
3. Press the  key to enter the SMLOG menu.
4. Press the  or  keys to select COM
5. Press the  key to enter the COM menu.
6. Press the  or  keys to select OFF
7. Press the  key 3 times to go back to the main locator screen.

## Erasing measurements

The MRX(G) locator allows you to delete all measurements. Erasing the log will wipe the MRX(G) memory and is usually recommended when you begin a new survey.

**NOTE: Erasing measurements cannot be undone!**

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Press the  or  keys to select SMLOG menu.
3. Press the  key to enter the SMLOG menu.
4. Press the  or  keys to select DATA
5. Press the  key to enter the DATA menu.
6. Press the  or  keys to select the DEL option.
7. Press the  key once to make the selection and twice more to return to the main locator screen.

## To send stored data to a paired device:

Stored data can be transferred wirelessly to a compatible device running Radiodetection's RD Map app or another compatible application.

## To send data to a paired device:

1. Ensure your paired device is switched on and running a compatible app, such as RD Map for Android.
2. Press the  key to enter the menu.
3. Scroll to the SMLOG menu using the  or  keys.
4. Press the  key to enter the SMLOG menu.
5. Press the  or  keys to select DATA
6. Press the  key to enter the DATA menu.
7. Press the  or  keys to select SEND
8. Press the  key once to send the data logs and twice more to return to the main locator screen.

# iLOC

iLOC lets you control the transmitter remotely using your MRX(G) locator. With iLOC you can adjust the output frequency, power settings and use SideStep. iLOC commands are sent over a Bluetooth module that can operate at distances of up to 450m/1400ft in direct line of sight.

iLOC is a standard feature of all MRX(G) locator models, and requires a Bluetooth equipped Transmitter.

**NOTE: Operating in built up areas and in areas with high electromagnetic interference may reduce iLOC's performance.**

## Pairing to a transmitter

To pair to a transmitter, the iLOC enabled Tx-10B is required.

Before you begin, you should switch off all nearby Bluetooth equipment as they may interfere with the locator and transmitter's pairing process.

### Preparing the locator:

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Scroll to the iLOC menu using the  or  keys.
3. Press the  key to enter the iLOC menu.
4. Scroll to the PAIR menu using the  or  keys.

**NOTE: You must complete the pairing process within 90 seconds to prevent the locator's Bluetooth connection from timing out.**

### Preparing the transmitter:

5. Press the  key to enter the menu.
6. Scroll to the iLOC menu using the  or  keys.
7. Press the  key to enter the iLOC menu.
8. Scroll to the PAIR menu using the  or  keys.

### Starting the pairing process:

9. Press the  key on the locator and transmitter.
10. The transmitter and the locator will now attempt to pair.

When pairing is in progress, the transmitter and locator will display a flashing Bluetooth icon. Pairing can take up to a minute. If the pairing process is successful, the transmitter will display the  icon and the locator will display a persistent Bluetooth icon for the duration of the connection.

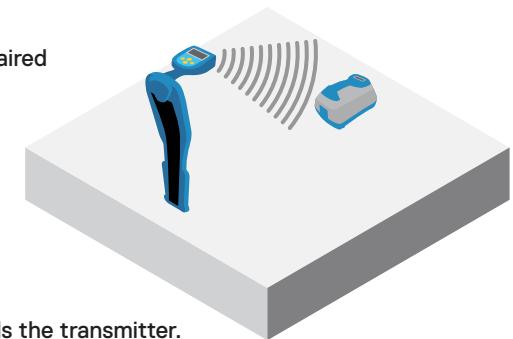
If pairing fails, ensure that any nearby Bluetooth devices are switched off or invisible then repeat the process.

Once the locator and transmitter have successfully paired you can use iLOC to change the transmitter's output frequency and power levels remotely from the locator.

## Using iLOC

The locator and transmitter need to be paired to use iLOC. For optimum performance:

- Try to minimize obstructions in line of sight.
- If possible, raise the transmitter off the ground by 30-60cm (1-2ft).
- Face the rear end of the transmitter towards the locator.
- Point the screen of the locator towards the transmitter.



**NOTE: If any iLOC commands fail, move closer to the transmitter and repeat the process.**

## Changing frequencies

Once the transmitter and the locator are paired, you can change the transmitter's output frequency remotely using the locator:

1. On the locator, select the frequency you want by pressing the  key until the frequency is displayed on screen.
2. Press the  key to send the new frequency to the transmitter.
3. The locator will display SEND momentarily and then OK if the transfer is successful.
4. If the transfer is unsuccessful, the locator will display a Bluetooth error code error code. If the process fails, you may be out of range or there may be an error in the connection. Move closer to the transmitter and retry the procedure. If the connection continues to fail, return to the transmitter and reset the connection.

## Adjusting power

iLOC lets you adjust the transmitter's power output remotely; you can also put the transmitter into standby mode and then wake it remotely.

1. Transmitter power options are located in the TXOUT menu on the locator. Press and hold the  key to display the TXOUT menu.
2. Press the  key to enter the power level menu.
3. Scroll up or down through the power output options using the  or  keys:
  - **STDBY:** Transmitter standby mode, the connection is still active but the output is disabled – use to prolong battery life.
  - **LOW:** Low power output.
  - **MED:** Medium power output.
  - **HIGH:** High power output.
  - **BOOST:** Temporarily boosts transmitter power output to its maximum level.
4. Once you have selected the mode you want, press the  key to confirm.
5. Press and hold the  key to select the new setting and exit the menu.
6. Press the  key once to send the settings to the transmitter.

**NOTE: When changing the transmitter frequency using iLOC, the chosen transmitter power setting will be retained.**

## SideStep

SideStep allows you to change the output frequency on the transmitter. SideStep changes the selected frequency by several Hertz and automatically sets the locator's locate frequency to match the transmitter's output frequency.

1. On the locator, select the frequency you want by pressing the  key until the frequency is displayed on screen.
2. To step the frequency, press and hold the  key until **STEP** appears on the LCD.
3. Press the  key to send the SideStep command to the transmitter.
4. If the command is sent successfully, an asterisk (\*) will appear on the locator next to the frequency and **STEP** will appear on the transmitter below the frequency.
5. To return to the standard locate frequency, press and hold the  key. Once the asterisk (\*) has been removed from the display, press the  key to send the command to the transmitter

## SideStepauto™

The transmitter can be used to recommend a general-purpose locate frequency for the intended locate task by measuring the impedance of the target cable or pipe. To run SideStepauto™, connect the transmitter to the target utility, then:

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Scroll to the OPT F menu using the  or  arrows.
3. Press the  key to select START.
4. Press the  key to start the test. The transmitter will automatically select a general purpose frequency for use on the connected utility.

## CALSafe

MRX(G) locators are equipped with a system which can be enabled to force them to shut down once they are beyond the expected service / calibration date.

When the unit is within 30 days of the service due date the unit will display at startup the number of days left. The locator will stop functioning on the service due date.

CALSafe is disabled by default. You can enable the CALSafe feature and edit the CALSafe service / calibration due date using the RD Manager Online PC software. Refer to the RD Manager Online operation manual for further information.

## Training

Radiodetection provides training services for most Radiodetection products. Our qualified instructors will train equipment operators or other personnel at your preferred location or at Radiodetection headquarters. For more information go to [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com) or contact your local Radiodetection representative.

## Care and maintenance

The MRX(G) locator and transmitter are robust, durable and weatherproof. However you can extend your equipment's life by following these care and maintenance guidelines.

### General

Store the equipment in a clean and dry environment.

Ensure all terminals and connection sockets are clean, free of debris and corrosion and are undamaged.

Do not use this equipment when damaged or faulty.

### Batteries and power supply

Only use the rechargeable battery packs, chargers and power supplies approved by Radiodetection.

Use of the Lithium-Ion battery pack is recommended for optimal performance.

3 D-cell Alkaline batteries may be used in combination with the 3 D-Cell battery tray (part number: 10/RX-MARKER-3DCELL-TRAY, sold separately), though run time will be impacted.

The 2D cell tray (part number 10/RX-2DCELL-TRAY) is not compatible with the MRX range.

To use alkaline batteries, ALK must be selected from the BATT menu.

Do not use NiMH cells.

Batteries should be disposed of in accordance with your company's work practice, and/or any relevant laws or guidelines in your country.

### Cleaning

 **WARNING! Do not attempt to clean this equipment when it is powered or connected to any power source, including batteries, adapters and live cables.**

Ensure the equipment is clean and dry whenever possible.

Clean with a soft, moistened cloth. Do not use abrasive materials or chemicals as they may damage the casing, including the reflective labels. Do not use high pressure jets of water to clean the equipment.

If using this equipment in foul water systems or other areas where biological hazards may be present, use an appropriate disinfectant.

## Software upgrades

From time to time, Radiodetection may release software upgrades to enhance features and improve performance of the MRX(G) locator or transmitter. Software upgrades are free of charge and provided through the RD Manager Online PC software

E-mail alerts and notification of new software releases are sent to all registered users. You can also check if your products are up-to-date or upgrade them by using the RD Manager Online software upgrade screen.

**NOTE: To upgrade your product's software you need to have created an account using RD Manager Online and have a live internet connection. An optional Radiodetection power supply may be required to update your transmitter software.**

## Disassembly

Do not attempt to disassemble this equipment under any circumstances. The locator and transmitter contain no user serviceable parts.

Unauthorized disassembly will void the manufacturer's warranty, and may damage the equipment or reduce its performance.

## Service and maintenance

For over 40 years, Radiodetection has designed and manufactured Cable and pipe locators. Our reputation for quality and reliability is unrivalled in the industry. When used and maintained correctly, customers enjoy many years of uninterrupted use. We recognise that product selection is just the start of the journey. Quality of service and aftercare are paramount to ensure the life of the equipment. With that in mind, Radiodetection offers a range of comprehensive after-sales services to give users the confidence that your cable and pipe locators will live to their full potential.

To keep our products in good working order, we would encourage users to evaluate their own needs and operational user cases to create a maintenance, service and repair regimen that is right for them. Many factors can influence the creation of that regimen. Here are just some factors that should be considered that might have a bearing on what is the right maintenance regimen for you. Frequency of use, type of service, environmental conditions and creating a common maintenance program across other equipment types will all come into play. We would encourage users to ensure they factor in the full extent of the locator kit. Transmitter, receivers, chargers, leads and Li-Ion batteries as examples all need to be factored both separately and collectively.

Users may want to consider a multi-factored regimen that covers daily, weekly, monthly and annual activities. This could start with visual inspections especially power cables, gaskets and batteries for signs of wear and tear. Radiodetection also offers two services that customers may want to consider.

## Remote digital calibration

eCert remote calibration testing provides fast and convenient calibration testing of Radiodetection's locators without the need to return them to a service centre, saving time and expense for operators.

Using an internet connection to Radiodetection, eCert tests the locating circuitry within a connected locator, applying test signals to key components to confirm that the unit remains within calibration and suitable for use.

## Service and repair services

Radiodetection also offers a global network of registered service centres that provide a range of service options to inspect, repair, service and recalibrate your pipe and cable locators.

**NOTE: Service by non-approved service centers may void the manufacturer's warranty.**

Details of Radiodetection offices and distribution partners can be found at [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com).

Radiodetection products, including this guide, are under continuous development and are subject to change without notice. Go to [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com) or contact your local Radiodetection representative for the latest information regarding the MRX(G) locator or any Radiodetection product.

## Enhanced Self-Test

MRX(G) locators incorporate an Enhanced Self-Test feature. In addition to the typical checks for display and power functions, the MRX(G) applies test signals to its locating circuitry during a Self-Test to check accuracy and performance.

We recommend that a self-test is run at least weekly, or before each use.

## Running a Self-Test

We recommend that a Self-Test is run at least weekly, or before each use. As the Self-Test tests the integrity of the locate circuitry, it is important that it is carried out away from larger metallic objects such as vehicles, or strong electrical signals. To run a Self-Test:

1. Press the  key to enter the menu.
2. Scroll to the INFO menu using the  or  arrows.
3. Press the  key to enter the INFO menu.
4. Select TEST using the  or  arrows.
5. Press the  key to select YES.
6. Press the  key to begin the Self-Test.
7. Once the Self-Test is completed, the result (PASS or FAIL) will be displayed.
8. Restart the locator using the  key.

# RD Manager Online PC Software

RD Manager Online is the MRX(G) locator system PC companion, and it allows you to manage and customize your locator. RD Manager Online is also used to retrieve and analyze usage data, run an eCert calibration, and to perform software upgrades.

You can use RD Manager Online to register your products to obtain an extended warranty, setup your locator by performing a number of maintenance tasks such adjusting date and time, activating and de-activating active frequencies, or by setting-up functions like CALSafe or StrikeAlert.

RD Manager Online is compatible with PCs running Microsoft Windows 64 bit operating system. To download RD Manager Online, go to [www.radiodetection.com/RDManager\\_Online](http://www.radiodetection.com/RDManager_Online).

For more information about RD Manager refer to the RD Manager Online operation manual.

For a list of the importers of the MRX(G) into Europe, please visit:

<https://www.radiodetection.com/en/european-importers>

Copyright © 2025 Radiodetection Ltd. All rights reserved. Radiodetection is a subsidiary of SPX Technologies, Inc. Power Filters, Peak+, eCert, StrikeAlert, SideStep, SideStepAuto, iLOC, Current Direction, RD Manager Online, Radiodetection, are either trademarks or registered trademarks of Radiodetection in the United States and / or other countries. The Bluetooth® word mark and logos are registered trademarks owned by the Bluetooth SIG, Inc. and any use of such marks by Radiodetection is under license. Due to a policy of continued development, we reserve the right to alter or amend any published specification without notice. Photos are indicative and products received may not be identical to those shown. This document may not be copied, reproduced, transmitted, modified or used, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Radiodetection Ltd.



## Our Mission

Provide best in class equipment and solutions, to prevent damage to critical infrastructure, manage assets and protect lives.

## Our Vision

To be the world's leader in the management of critical infrastructure and utilities.

## Our Locations



### USA

Raymond, ME  
Kearneysville, WV



### Europe

United Kingdom HQ  
France  
Germany  
The Netherlands



### Asia Pacific

India  
Hong Kong  
Australia

### Canada

Mississauga, ON

Visit: [www.radiodetection.com](http://www.radiodetection.com)

Follow us on:    

Scan to see a  
full list of our  
office locations



© 2025 Radiodetection Ltd. All rights reserved. Radiodetection is a subsidiary of SPX Technologies, Inc. Radiodetection is a trademark or registered trademark of Radiodetection in the United States and/or other countries. Due to a policy of continued development, we reserve the right to alter or amend any published specification without notice. This document may not be copied, reproduced, transmitted, modified or used, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of Radiodetection Ltd.