# **Operation Manual**

MPL-H10s Ver.2



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## 1. SAFETY

Always locate with proper respect and caution. Equipment misuse or carelessness can result in serious injury or damage to property. Always follow safety rules.

#### HAZARD ALERT INFORMATION

#### BE AWARE OF SAFETY INFORMATION

This is a safety-alert sign. This is placed in the manual and on your equipment to alert you to the potential for bodily injury or death.



#### SIGNAL WORDS

The safety-alert icon is used with the following signal word: DANGER, WARNING, AND CAUTION. When you see these words in the manual or on decals on your equipment, carefully read and follow all instructions. Watch for these words and learn their meanings.

**DANGER** – Imminent hazards which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.



**WARNING** – Potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.



**CAUTION** – Potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor personal injury or property damage.



#### OPERATOR PREPARATIONS

Important: Read and understand this manual before using the Verifier Locator. Successful use of the Verifier Locator depends on good locating skills and correct understanding of receiver response.

#### **GENERAL SAFETY**

▲ DANGER: Do not attempt to connect to Live Power without proper protective Equipment and Training.

A DAGER ELECTRIC SHOCK: Death or serious injury will result

NOTICE: Do not apply more than 250 volts across clips. More than 250 volts will damage transmitter.

▲ DANGER: High Voltage. Cutting high voltage cable can cause DEATH or ELECTROCUTION. Expose lines by a non-destructive means before excavating.

▲ DANGER: Traffic Hazards can result in death or serious injury. Avoid moving Vehicles. Wear high-visibility clothing.

**WARNING**: Buried lines. Always confirm your depth estimate by exposing target line by a non-destructive means.

**A WARNING**: Jobsite Hazards can cause DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY. Wear proper safety equipment.

NOTICE: Non-metallic lines can be accurately detected only by using a probe. Remember this before searching and attempting any excavation activity.

NOTICE: Use only alkaline batteries in the Verifier receiver and transmitter. Batteries contain acid, which may leak if the batteries are allowed to remain in The equipment when low or completely discharged. This acid can cause Equipment damage.

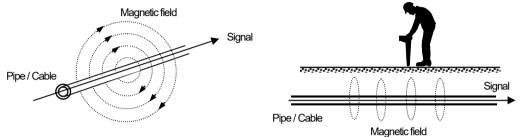
# 2. Introduction

This equipment is the high performance digital measurement equipment to measure the location and the depth of buried cable / metal pipe from the ground. By adopting the most recent microcomputer technology, the digital correction of the measurement data realizes stable and high precious measurement.

#### - Principle measurement method -

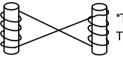
When current flows through a buried cable/pipe, an alternating magnetic field is generated around it.

Location, depth, and current value of the buried pipe can be measured using the Receiver at the surface of the ground.



#### - Feature -

 Adopting differential coil method makes the Receiver to receive the signal from direct below the Receiver by cutting noise from surrounding area.



\*The model figure of the differential coil.

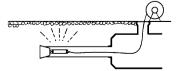
The differential coil connected two coils for each other reverse.

- Two kinds of the location measurement mode
  - \*Peak mode: The method to detect maximum sensitivity. High precision.( having error detection protection function)
  - \*Null mode: The method to detect minimum sensitivity point being indicated with arrow. (having error detection protection function)

No switch operation needed. Applied to at deep depth with stable location work.

- Two kinds of the depth measurement mode
  - \*0-5m (16ft) mode: Measurement of deep depth with high precision is possible at indirect method, the end of cable, and jointing points.
  - \*0-10m (30ft) mode: Stable measurement is possible at deep depth, near guardrail, or fence.

    Do not use this mode with inductive mode.
- The Receiver itself can measure commercial frequency (50/60Hz, 100/120Hz) and Radio (from 9k to 33kHz) without the use
  of the Transmitter.
- The best-suited frequency is automatically selected at radio (9k 33kHz) with search function.
- The measured data is stored (max. 400 data) with **one-touch operation.**The data can be transmitted to a PC as standard function.
- Broadcasting of four frequencies (512Hz, 9.5kHz, 38kHz, 80kHz) as usage meets various buried pipe.
- A Probe as an option can be used to detect nonmetal pipe.



# 3. Composition

## 3-1. Main equipment & standard accessories

Description	Q'ty	Remark
Transmitter Unit	1pc	Used as a signal generator.
Receiver Unit	1pc	Digital locator
Accessories		
Connecting cable with a reel	1pc	Used for Direct connection mode 5m/16.5ft.
Ground rod	1pc	Used for Direct connection mode.
Type "D "Alkaline battery	8pcs	LR20/13A For Transmitter
Type "AA" Alkaline battery	8pcs	IEC LR6/NEDA15A For Receiver
Soft carrying case	1pc	
Operating manual	1pc	English version
Data viewer software	1pc	CD, Operating manual

## 3-2. Optional equipment

Description	Q'ty	Remark
38kHz External coil	1pc	Used for External coil mode.
9.5kHz External coil	1pc	Used for External coil mode.
80kHz External coil	1pc	Used for External coil mode.
Sewer Probe	1pc	Used for non-metallic pipe. Standard probe for 75mm/ 3" & 100mm/ 4" pipe. Frequency: 38kHz or 512Hz
Mini probe	1pc	For 25mm / 1" fiber optic duct. For tracking non-directional drilling tools. Frequency: 38kHz or 512Hz
RS232C Cable	1pc	
Earphone	1pc	Used in a noisy area.

# 4. Specification

#### Transmitter(TX)

Output frequencies 38kHz :38kHz±0.02% (Standard frequency)

Dual :9.5kHz/38kHz±0.02%

Output power 5 watts maximum / 80kHz: 1 watts maximum
Operating Modes Direct connection mode, Inductive mode

External coil mode (optional)

Battery type Eight Alkaline LR20 "D"

Battery Life Direct mode : 50 hours (Output 4mA, 20°C / 68°F)

Inductive mode:  $20 \text{ hours (Output } 50\%, 20^{\circ}\text{C} / 68^{\circ}\text{F)}$ 

Full Power(5W):  $10 \text{ hours } (20^{\circ}\text{C} / 68^{\circ}\text{F})$ 

Battery Status Low battery indication & Press key readout

Visual Indication LCD: Bar graph & Digital number, includes Backlight

Audio Indication Internal Speaker: Alarm, Beeping sounds

Measuring function Output Current: 0 to 300mA

Line Voltage : 0 to 250V

Output protection AC 250V (512Hz: Output is cut off automatically)

Operating Temperature -20°C to 50°C / 4°F to 122°F

Dimensions  $275 \times 314 \times 110 \text{mm} (10.8" \times 12.4" \times 4.3")$  Weight 3.7 kg/8.2 lbs approx. including eight batteries

#### Receiver(RX)

Passive Radio

Active Frequencies 38kHz : 38kHz ±2%

9.5kHz : 9.5kHz ±2% 80kHz : 78.125kHz ±2% 512Hz : 512Hz ±2%

312HZ : 512HZ ±2% Radio : 9k to 33kHz

Passive Power 50 / 60Hz : 5th harmonic (50 Hz or 60Hz user selectable)

100/120Hz : 3ed harmonic (100 Hz or 120Hz user selectable)

Battery type Eight Alkaline LR6 "AA"
Battery Life 20 hours (20°C / 68°F)
Battery Status Continuous indication

Power save function Automatically power off after 5minutes of inactivity

Visual Indication LCD: Bar graph, Digital number & character, include Backlight

Depth Range Line: 0 to 5m/16ft. (0-5m/0-16ft. mode)

0 to 10 m / 30 ft. (0 - 10 m / 0 - 30 ft. mode)

Probe: 0 to 10m/30ft.

Depth Readout Unit Meter / ft. & inch

Depth Accuracy\*1 2.0m / 6.5ft. :  $\pm 2.5\%$ 

3.0 m / 10 ft. :  $\pm 5\%$ 5.0 \text{m} / 16.5 \text{ft.} :  $\pm 10\%$ 

Current value Current value flowing on the conductor is displayed for line identity in

milli-Amps.

Audio output Internal Speaker (200 to 5kHz), Earphone (optional)

Data logging Memorized 400 points of the depth / current measurement data.

Interface D-sub 9-pin connector (RS-232C)
Operating Temperature -20°C to 50°C / 4°F to 122°F

Dimensions  $680 \times 140 \times 290 \text{mm} (26.8^{\circ} \times 5.5^{\circ} \times 11.4^{\circ})$ Weight 2.1 kg/4.7 lbs approx. including eight batteries

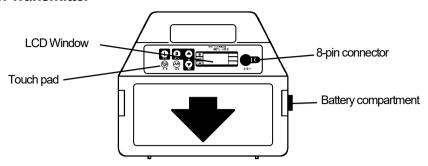
Note: \*1 Locators are tested in the model field conditions with no adjacent signals.

Always excavate the line with non-destructive means before digging.

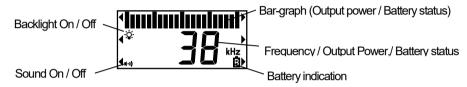
\*2 Optional cable is necessary to read the logging data.

# 5. Description of parts & basic operation

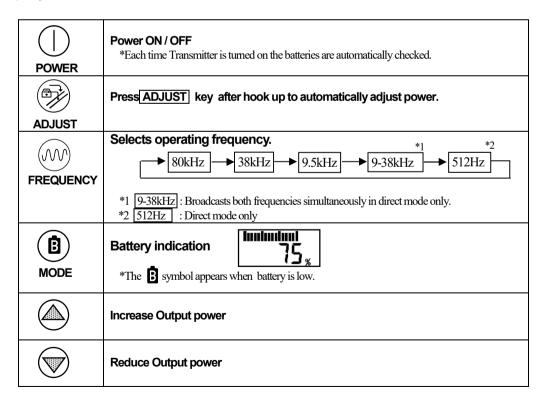
#### 5-1. Transmitter

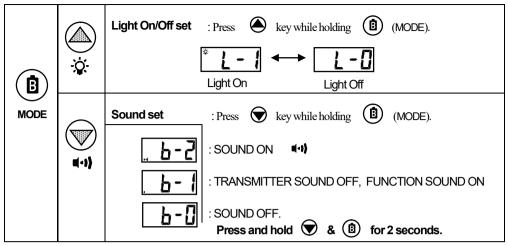


#### 1) LCD window

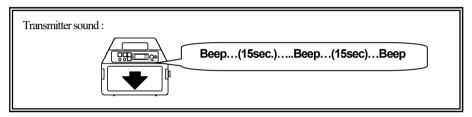


#### 2) Key function





Note: The last setting is memorized after the unit is Turned OFF



#### 3) 8-pin connector

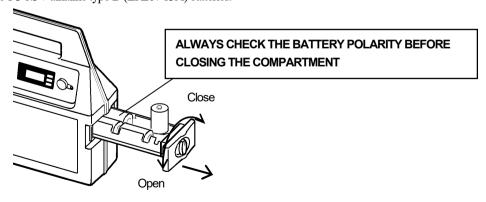
The Direct connection cord or the External coil cord are plugged into the 8-pin connector.

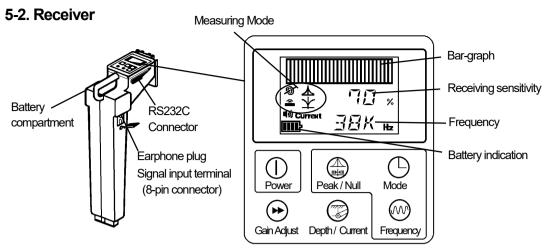


#### 4) Battery compartment

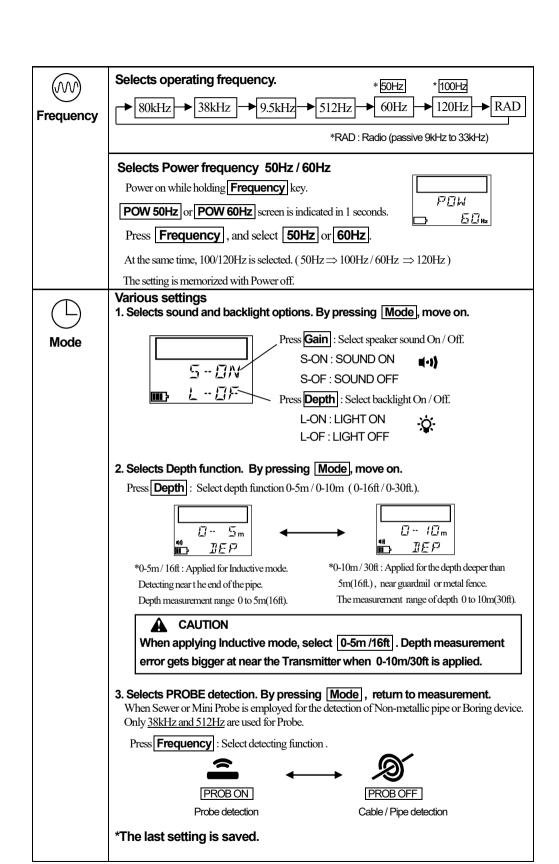
Replace all batteries when there is a low battery condition.

Use 8 3 1.5V alkaline type D (LR20 / 13A) batteries.





1)Key function Power ON / OFF \*Power save function: Automatically power off after 5 minutes of inactivity. **Power** Adjusts Signal sensitivity for PEAK MODE. **>>** 30% Peak value spot = Top of the line 20% 20% Gain Press GAIN key 70% **Adjust** 100% - 100% 50% 50% Receiving sensitivity 30% 30% Press GAIN key Magnetic field Note: 100% is not the maximum peak value. When 100% appears, press Gain key again until a new sharp peak value is obtained, that is not 100% **Depth measurement**: Press DEPTH key at the peak value spot. Depth Depth / 3.00m Current index: Details page 25 Current 200 Note: Current index is not displayed if probe is used. Selects locating mode. Peak mode: Maximum sensitivity is the point directly above the object line. Null mode: Minimum sensitivity is the point directly above Peak / Null the object line. The buried object line is Peak Mode Null Mode indicated with arrow.





#### Mode

#### Setting the Time and Date

a) Power on while holding  $\fbox{\mbox{Mode}}$  , wait for clock display appears.

The **year** will flash.

Press  $\fbox{\textbf{Gain}}$  to advance the year or  $\fbox{\textbf{Depth}}$  to decrement the year.

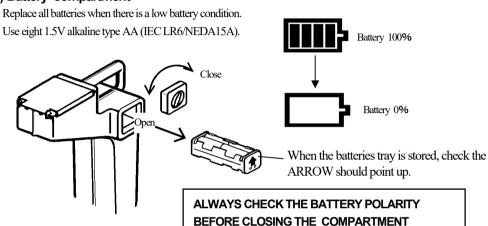
b) Press **Mode**, the **month** will flash.

Press **Gain** to advance the month or **Depth** to decrement the month.

c)Do same as above to set Day --> Hour --> Minute.

When measurement starts, setting is completed.

#### 2) Battery compartment



#### 3)RS2332C connector

A RS232C connector is provided for serial communications to the personal computer.

\*Interface cable is supplied as option.

\*Specification of interface cable:

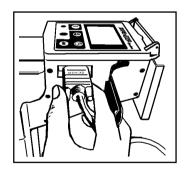
9-pin, D-SUB, straight connection or same specification RS232C-USB conversion cable Interface cable is available at market.

#### 4) Earphone plug

Earphone can be used in a noisy area. Supplied as an option.

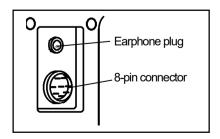
#### 5) 8-pin connector

Used with External Coil (9.5kHz or 38kHz) to find wiring systems in a building or overhead telephone cables. External coils are supplied as options.



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# 6. Warning Message

### \*Messages during your search procedure:

OVER	Receiving signal is too high.  a) Indirect mode: Transmitter and Receiver are too close each other. b) Other cases: Reduce output of the Transmitter.
LOW	Receiving signal is too small or not present.  a) In the case of direct, induction or coil  - Increase output of the Transmitter.  - Check batteries, connecting parts and frequency of the Transmitter.  - Check signal loop at the Transmitter.  b) In the case of Radio / Power mode  - There are no conductors to radiate magnetic fields. There is no pipe or cable  - There is a conductor, but the signal is too low to adhere to the line. Use Transmitter to search for the line.

### \*Messages on location:

PUSH GAIN  Press GAIN key.   Normally this is your object line. Reduces or increases signal strength.
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### \*Messages on Depth measurement:

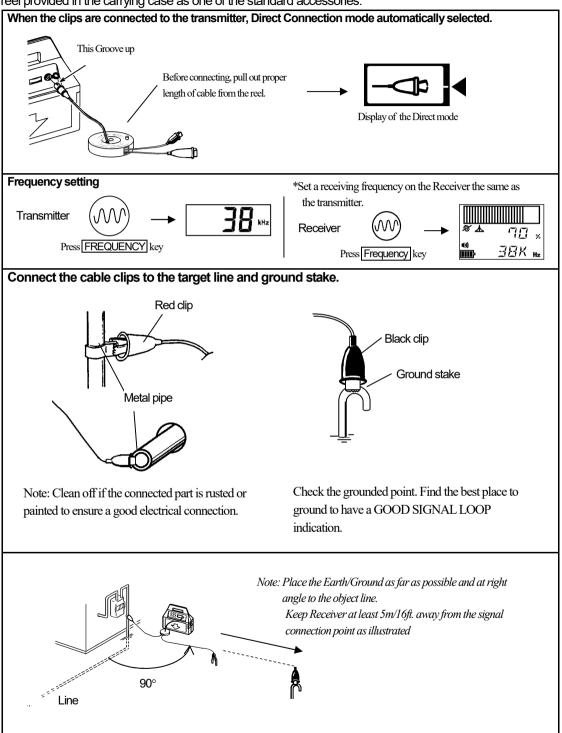
ERR	<ul> <li>a) Received signal level is unusual, or received signal is too small.</li> <li>b) Located point is not right above the object line.</li> <li>c) Metallic fences, metallic structures or cars are interfering with the depth measurement. Find area with less interference.</li> <li>d) The Line is disconnected.</li> </ul>
16ft/in. 5m	Indicating that the depth measured is deeper than 5 m / 16 ft.  In Line detection (0-5m / 0-16ft.) mode, locator cannot read below this depth
30. –ft/in. 10. –m	Indicating that the depth measured is deeper than 10m/30ft. In Line detection (0-10m/0-30t.) or Probe detection mode, locator cannot read below this depth.

# 7. Operation of Transmitter (TX)

Mode of Detection	Purpose of usage
Direct Connection Mode  Signal	This is the best way to inject AC current direct to the target line.  Signal (AC current) will return to the Transmitter through the ground.  Black clip  Transmitter  Red clip  Ground stake  Ground Target line  Effective for detecting the target line in congested areas.
External Coil Mode Signal	Advantage for live power or cable, that is not accessible for Direct connection.  The clamp is waterproof and will attach on any size cable. No need for a ground stake.  Effective for detecting the target line in congested area.  The target line must be grounded.
Indirect (Inductive) Mode  Signal	If there is no direct access to the target line, use this method.  The Transmitter can induce its signal to the buried line.  Place the Transmitter in an upright position and at right angle to the buried line.  Minimum TX to RX distance 30 ft / 10 m  Note: When using the indirect mode, set the depth mode of the receiver to 0-5m (0-16ft.). Depth measurement error gets bigger at near the Transmitter when 0-10m (30ft) is applied.
Building Wiring	Used with External Coil to find wiring systems in the building. TX's circuit is protected* up to 250V at 50 / 60 Hz.  *512Hz output is cut off automatically.
Probe Mode 9	Used for tracing small diameter drains or plastic pipes. Also, pinpoint a drain blockage or collapse. Can trace non-directional boring tools. The Probe is available in two sizes, 20mm/ 0.79" and 50mm / 2" diameter.

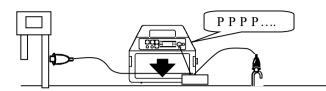
#### 7-1. Direct connection mode

A specific route can be detected in Direct Connection mode. Use two 5m/16.5 ft connecting cable with a reel provided in the carrying case as one of the standard accessories.



#### Check the signal loop

When signal loop is acceptable, Beeping sound is emitted.



- \*Transmitter will beep for 30 seconds.
- \*Sound stops when Press ADJUST key.
- \*Sound setting is [b-0].⇒Beeping sound off.

Note: Beeping sound is emitted after output is adjusted when the resistance value of the cable is high.

#### Adjust output power



\*When "GOOD SIGNAL LOOP" isn't indicated after pressing ADJUST.

⇒ Clean off the connected part if rusted or painted or move ground stake.

#### When output is adjusted

- \*W hen locating a long-distance line or deeper depth than 3m / 16ft., Press ♠ key. ⇒ Increase output.

#### Check the voltage when connecting clip to Power line.

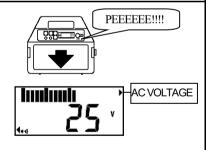
- When voltage is greater than 20 volts, voltage is displayed.
- When voltage is greater than 25 volts, Alarm sounds.

Note: 512Hz output is cut off automatically.



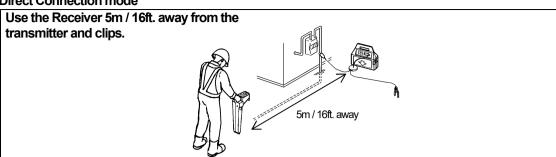
#### **ELECTRIC SHOCK**

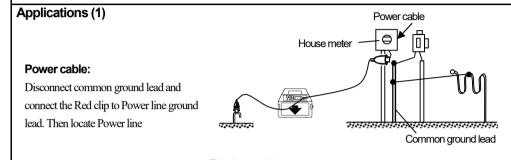
Death or serious injury will result. 250 Volts maximum across clips. Use protective equipment.

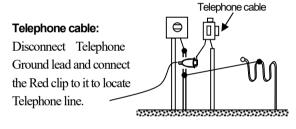


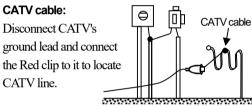
- \*Alarm stops when Press ADJUST key.
- \*Sound setting is [b-0]. ⇒ Alarm off.

#### **Direct Connection mode**







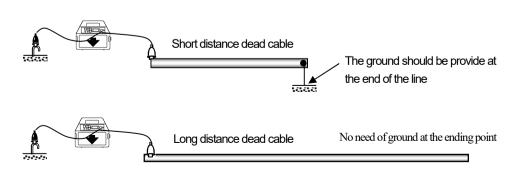




Remember to correctly reconnect common grounds for telephone, CATV and Electric Lines. Check Local codes for proper grounding procedure. IMPROPER GROUNDING MAY CAUSE DAMAGE TO APPLIANCES, FIRE OR EXPLOSIONS.

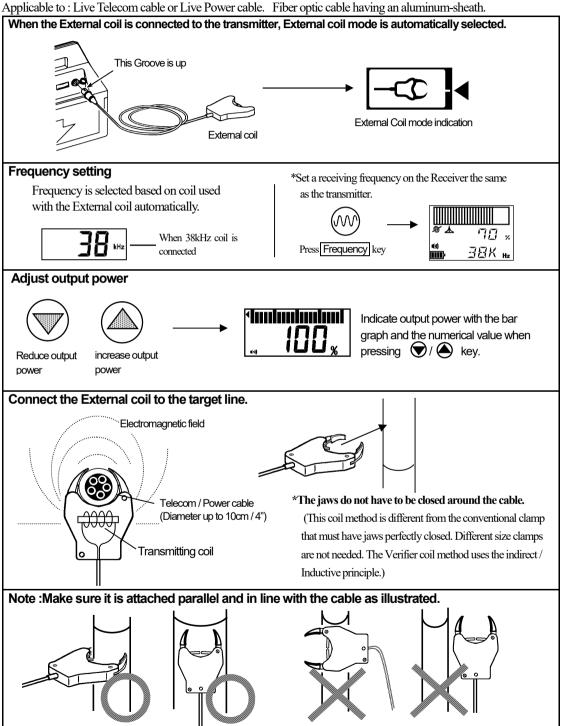
#### Applications (2)

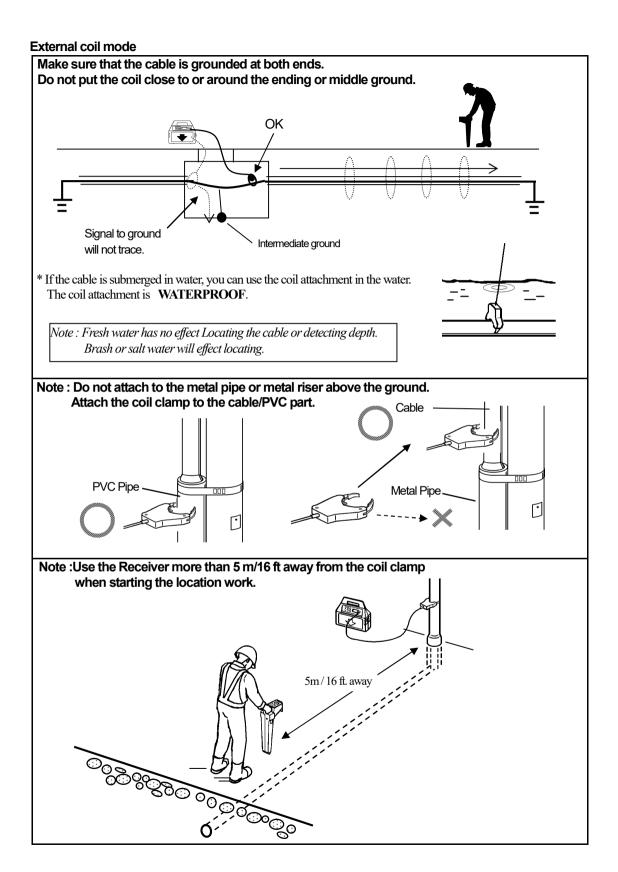
If the dead cable is the object, connect the red alligator clip of the connecting cable to either the aluminum-sheath or a bundle of the copper cores directly.



#### 7-2. External coil mode

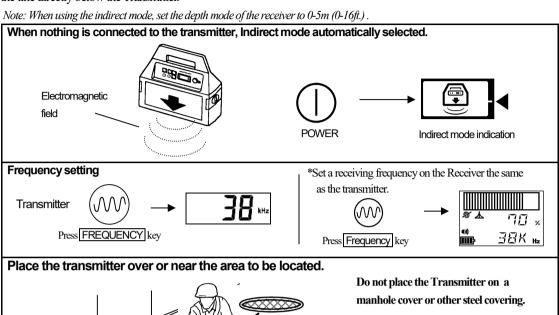
Use 9.5 kHz, 38 kHz or 80kHz External coil supplied as an option. Use this mode if object is accessible. An induced current, generated by the coil in the External Coil attachment, is applied directly to the exposed part of the cable / pipe to be located.





#### 7-3. Indirect (Inductive) mode

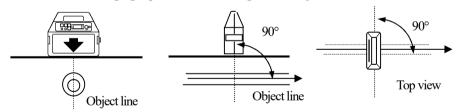
If there is not direct access to the object line, the Transmitter can apply AC current ( signal ) to the line directly below the Transmitter.



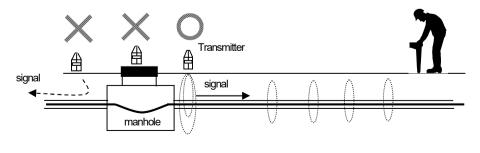




\*Place the Transmitter in an upright position at a 90° angle to the object line as illustrated.



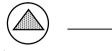
\*Location the area of a manhole, place the Transmitter on the side of the manhole you wish to locate.



#### Indirect mode

#### Adjust output power







Indicate output power with the bar - graph and the numerical value when pressing  $\bigcirc$  /  $\bigcirc$  key.

Reduce power

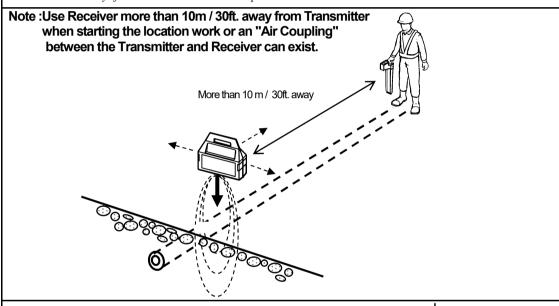
Increase power

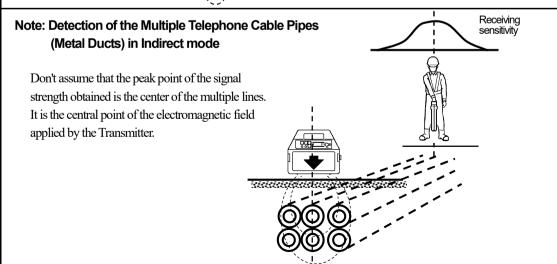
#### \*Standard of adjustment.

- When depth is less than 0.6m / 2ft.  $\Rightarrow 50\% \sim 60\%$
- When depth is more than 0.6m/2ft., less than 1.5m/5ft.. $\Rightarrow 70\% \sim 80\%$
- When depth is more than 1.5m / 5ft... $\Rightarrow 90 \% \sim 100\%$

Note: If output is adjusted to 100%, you can usually locate in any place.

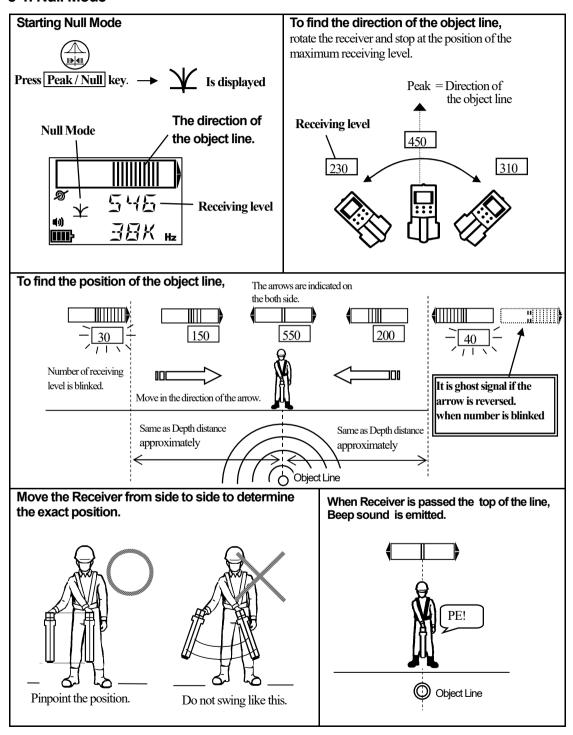
But the battery of the transmitter is redused as output increases.



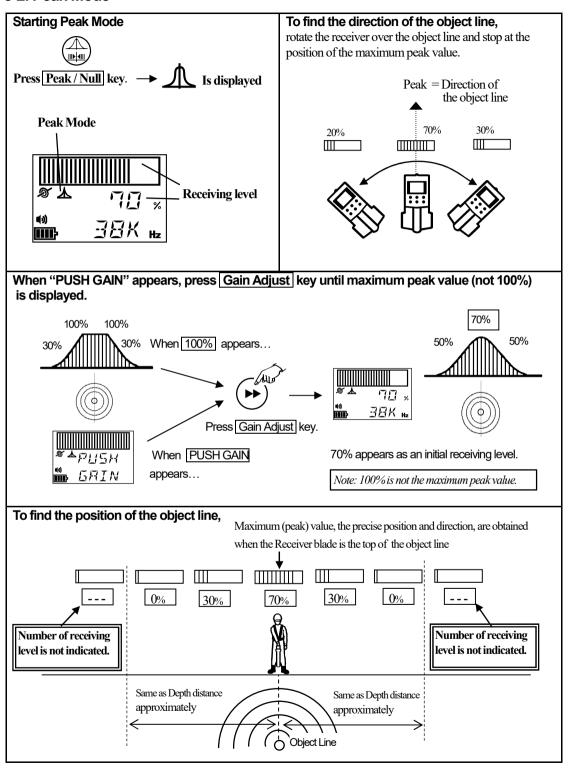


# 8. Operation of Receiver (RX)

#### 8-1. Null Mode

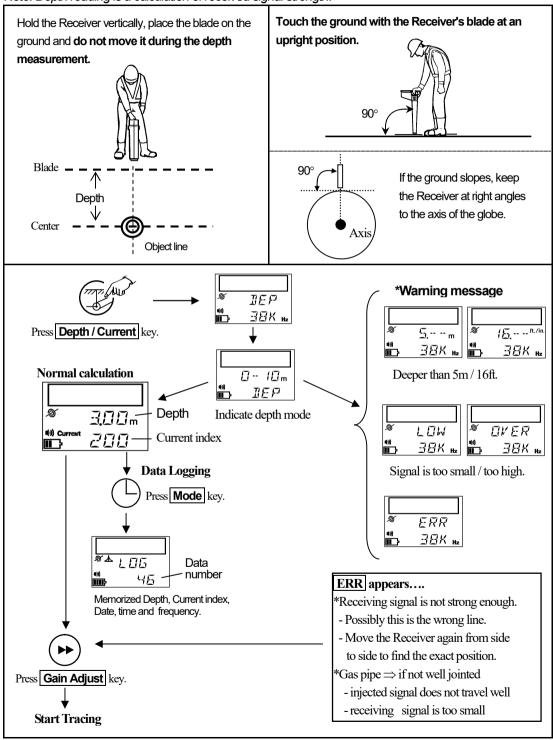


#### 8-2. Peak Mode

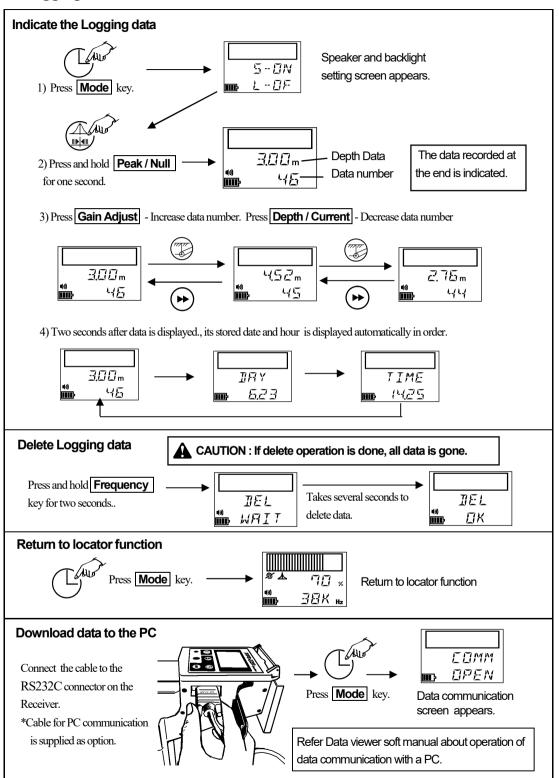


#### 8-3. Depth measurement

Once the precise location of the object line has been determined, the **Depth** key is pressed to display the distance from the Receiver's blade to the object line. Calculations are indicated on the digital display. *Note: Depth reading is a calculation of received signal strength.* 

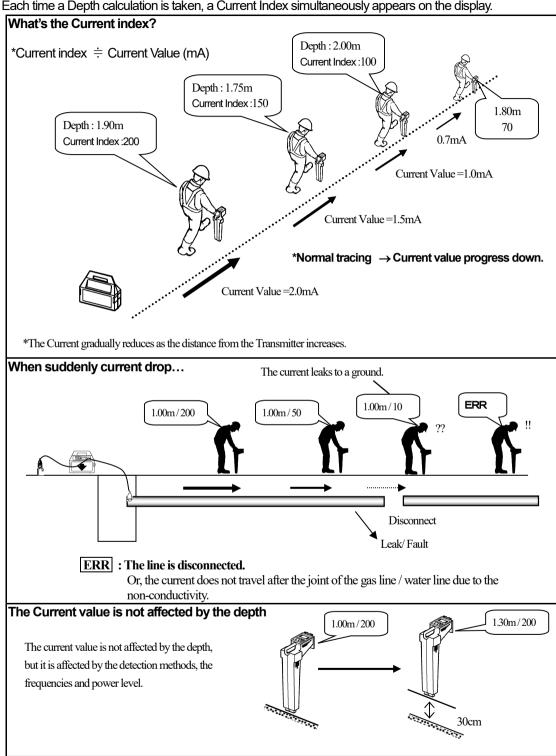


### 8-4. Logging Data

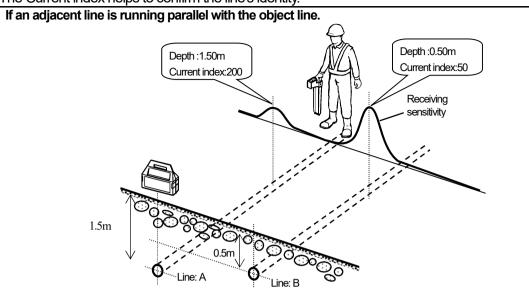


#### 8-5. Current index (Current measurement)

Each time a Depth calculation is taken, a Current Index simultaneously appears on the display.



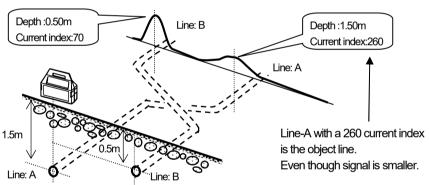
#### The Current index helps to confirm the line's identity.

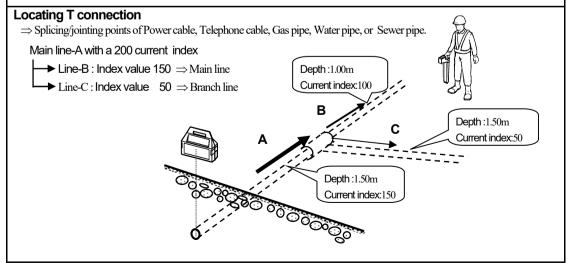


The line with the highest current index is the object line into which the signal is being broadcast. 

Line A with a 200 current index is the trace object.

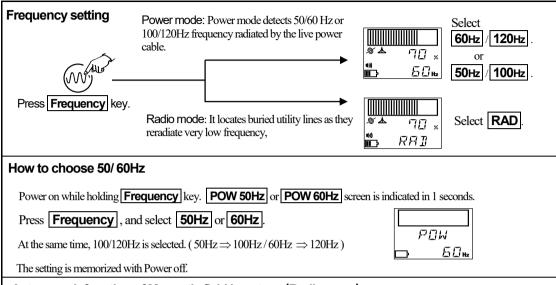
#### If two lines are crossing:





#### 8-6. Passive mode

The Power and Radio passive modes of the Receiver are used to search an area for unknown power cables and other utility lines, without the use of the Transmitter.

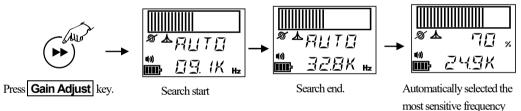


#### Auto search function of Magnetic field in nature (Radio wave)

When applying Radio wave (RAD) detection, the most sensitive frequency is selected with auto search function.

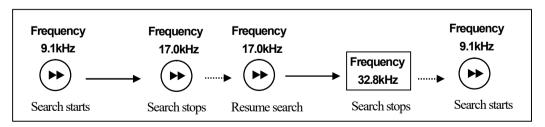
#### Search all frequencies

Set frequency to RAD, Press and hold Gain Adjust for one second. And then, search starts.

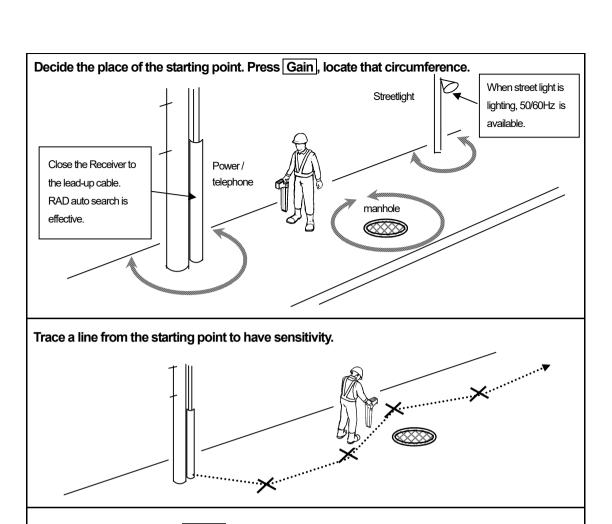


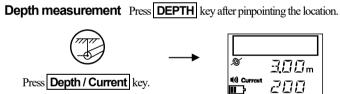
#### Search frequencies in several bands

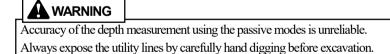
Press Gain Adjust during search, Search stops. Resume search, the search starts from the halted frequency.



Above mentioned example shows the first search detects the most sensitive frequency from 9.1k to 17kHz. And then search is halted. Then, search resumes. The second search detects the most sensitivity frequency from 17k to 32.8kHz Applying this function, several different kind of cables can be detected in several stages.

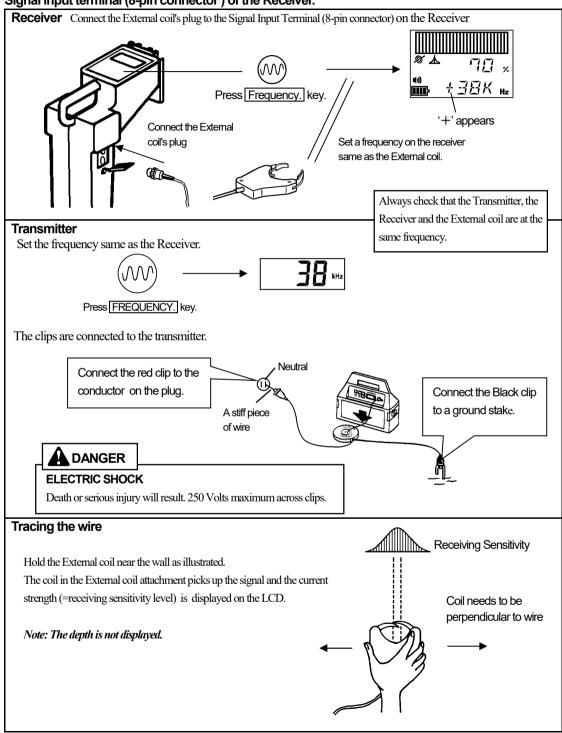






#### 8-7. Building wiring

It is possible to detect the wiring in a building by broadcasting the Transmitter signal into the wiring. For searching, use the External coil, supplied as an option, which is connected to the Signal input terminal (8-pin connector) of the Receiver.



#### 8-8. Probe for non-metallic pipe

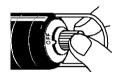
A Probe, supplied as optional equipment, is a small waterproof transmitter emitting a signal that is traced by the Receiver.

#### The Probe can only be used in the non-metallic pipe.

Note: The metal pipe conceals a signal so that the Receiver cannot detect the signal. Use Direct connection mode.

#### **Battery check**

- a) Set the rotary select switch to BATT.
- b) Check if the green lamp is ON.
- c) If the lamp is OFF, replace all batteries with new ones.

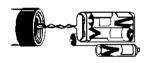






#### Replacement of batteries

- a) Unscrew the top cover and open the battery compartment.
- b) Four 1.5V AA (LR-6, NEDA15A) batteries are placed in series.
- c) The proper polarities for the batteries are shown on the battery holder.



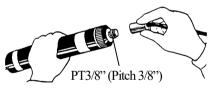




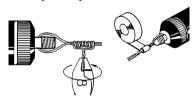
#### **Output setting**

a) **OUTPUT LOW:** 0.7 ft to 5.8 ft  $(0.2 \text{ m to } 1.8 \text{ m}) \Rightarrow$  less than 4ft/1 m b) **OUTPUT HIGH:** 5.9 ft to  $16 \text{ ft} (1.8 \text{ m to } 5 \text{ m}) \Rightarrow$  more than 4 ft/1 m

Attach the Sewer probe to the rodding tool and insert the probe into the pipe.

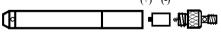


Attach the Sewer probe to the Pulling eye with the pulling wire and pull the probe with the wire.



**Mini-Probe** Small probe for 1" Fiber optic duct or non-directional boring tools

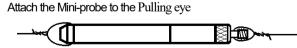
Replacement of batteries

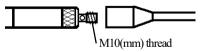


\*Mini-probe doesn't have battery check function.

Check the transmission of the probe on the ground before locating.

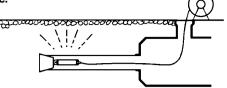
Attach the Mini-probe to the rodding tool





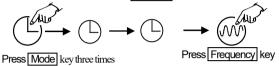
#### Tracing a non-metallic drain or plastic pipe with the Probe.

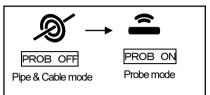
Ex. Feed the Probe into the PVC pipe and locate the blockage or collapse



Receiver  $\Rightarrow$  Press Frequency key to set 38kHz or 512Hz.

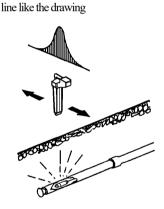
Set the detection mode to Probe mode.





#### Location measurement ( horizontal direction of the line)

Apply Peak mode. Horizontal direction can not be detected with Null mode. Use the Receiver right angle to the object



#### Location measurement (Same direction in the line)

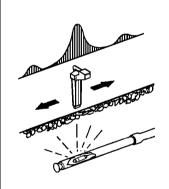
#### Peak mode.

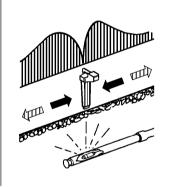
Three sensitivity peaks appears. The biggest peak is the point direct above the Probe.



#### **Null mode**

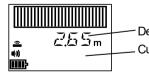
Near the direct above the Probe, arrow indicates the direct above the Probe. Away from the direct above the Probe, the receiving level flashes and the arrow indicates opposite direction.





**Depth measurement**  $\Rightarrow$  Press **DEPTH** key





Depth Current index is not displayed.

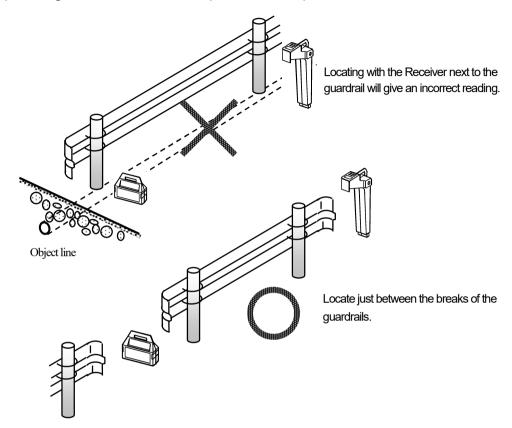
\* For the Sewer probe:

 $\overline{\text{OVER}} \Rightarrow \text{Change the output to OUTPUT LOW.}$ LOW  $\Rightarrow$  Change the output to OUTPUT HIGH.

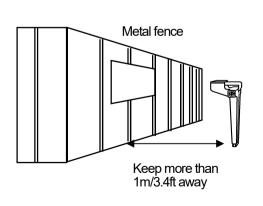
\* If tracking a boring tool, Probe should be housed in a metal housing with slots milled in housing to allow signal to escape. Location is done as above.

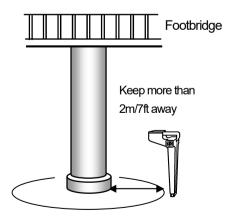
# 9. Precautions and applications (At the locating site)

#### 1) Locating Work Near the Guardrail (In Indirect mode)

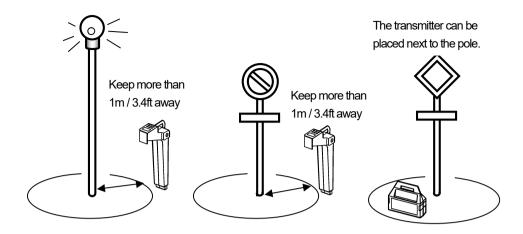


#### 2) Metal Fences or Other Metallic Structures

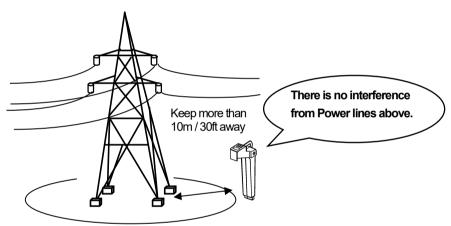




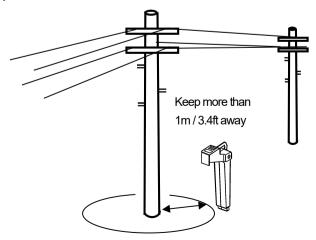
### 3) Street Light, Traffic-Control Sign



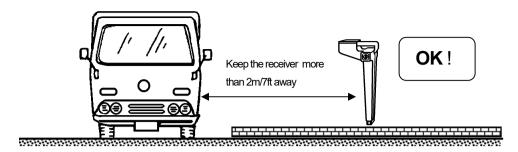
#### 4) Power-Transmission Tower

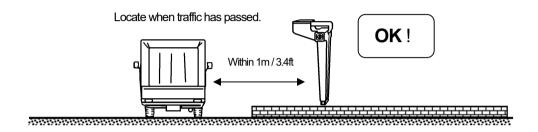


#### 5)Telephone / Electric Power Poles

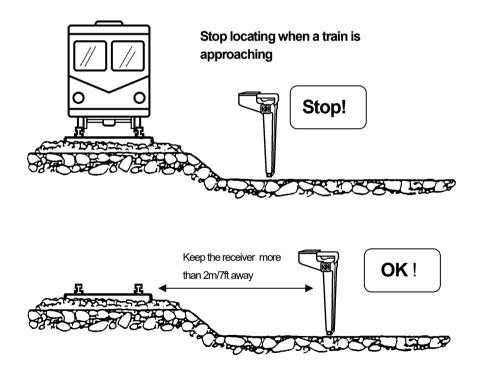


#### 6) Heavy Traffic Flow





#### 7) Railroads



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