F3 OPERATOR TRAINING







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Operator Confirmation Exercise





Lesson 1: General Description & Preparation





Specifications

Packed Length: Operating Length:	760mm/30ins 750mm/29.5ins to 1510mm/59.5ins
Operating Weight: Operating Weight: Shipping Weight:	3.2kg/7lbs (with batteries) 2.3kg/5lbs (less Battery Pack) 12.6/28lbs (in Hard Case)
Transmission:	Bi-polar Pulse Induction
Operating Temp:	-30 deg C to 60 Deg C
Water Proof:	IP67
Battery Supply:	4 x D cell (LR 20) High Quality Alkaline Rechargeable



Mine Detecting Set



- Hard Case
- Detector
- Soft Carry Bag
- Earset
- Red Low Sensitivity Endcap
- Four D Cell Batteries
- Battery Pack Bag & Extension Cable (Optional)
- Test Piece
 - Operations Manual
 - Field Guide



Soft Carry Bag



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F3 Major Components



- Endcap
- Armrest and Strap
- Electronics Pack
- Battery Pack
- Upper, Middle & Lower Shafts
- Handle
- Upper, Middle & Lower Camlocks
- Coil
- Skid Plate



F3 Preparation



- Open Hard Case or Soft Carry Bag
- Remove F3 inspect for damage
- Check correct Endcap fitted
- Insert Batteries (separate Battery Pack if required)





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F3 Preparation



- Extend Middle & Lower • Shafts to suit demining position
- **Connect Earset** \bullet
- Adjust Armrest as required ullet





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Changing Endcaps





- Ensure F3 switched off
- Use thumb and fingers
- Gently remove Endcap

- BLACK ENDCAP Maximum Sensitivity
- RED ENDCAP –
 Minimum Sensitivity



Lesson 2: Functional Description



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Functional Controls



- On/Off Switch
- Ground Balance/Audio Reset
 Button
- Noise Cancel Button
- Earset Socket



Functional Tones

Tones	Event	Description
Start-Up	Internal checks when the F3 is switched on	Four rising tones over 12 seconds
Threshold	Signifies correct operation of detector	Steady low volume continuous tone
Target	Indicates metal target detected	Increases volume (compared to Threshold Tone) and high or low pitch depending on target metal composition and depth
Low Battery	Indicates batteries do not have enough charge to continue detection	High pitched fast oscillating tone





Functional Tones

Tones	Event	Description
Equipment Fault	Indicates failure of detector component or dislodged RED Sensitivity Endcap	Low pitched fast continuous oscillating tone
Coil Fault	Indicates coil not connected or not receiving sufficient current	Low pitched slow oscillating tone (ee-aww, ee-aww)
Noise Cancel	Indicates Noise Cancel procedure working	Two single beeps followed by 45 seconds of short double beeps finishing with four single beeps



Lesson 3: Operating Procedures



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Standard Procedure

STEP 1 SWITCH ON	Hold Coil at least 600mm (24ins) from ground and away from metallic objects	
STEP 2 GROUND BALANCE	Beep Beep 150mm (6 in)	P0623-A
STEP 3	BLACK END CAP	
TEST PIECE	Test Piece "Away" from Coil RED END CAP Test Piece "Toward" Coil	P0647-A



Optional Procedure

Noise Cancel Threshold Tone noisy or uneven when Coil is stationary	Hold Coil at least 600mm (24ins) above ground and away from metallic objects	O WORDELAR
	Press & Release Noise Cancel Button (Black Button)	0 (* 1)(* 1) (* 1)(* 1) P0649-A
Audio Reset Threshold Tone sounds louder then normal	Hold Coil at least 600mm (24ins) above ground and away from metallic objects	
	Press & Release Ground Balance Button (Green Button)	None Po646-A



Summary of Procedures



Notes:

- Optional Procedure can be performed at any time during operations but F3 cannot be used for detection of targets
- After STEPS 1, 2 & 3, F3 remembers Ground Balance setting even after being switched off

After Noise Cancel F3 remembers frequency to minimise interference even after being switched off



Sweeping Procedure

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Pin-Pointing Procedure

STEP 1: Mapping the Target

- Edge Detection Technique
- Threshold Tone change indicates close proximity to target
- Achieve "mental" image of suspicious area





Pin-Pointing Procedure

STEP 2: Determine Centre of Target

- Slowly move coil left and right over suspicious area
- Maximum volume is approximate centre of target



Maximum Volume



Multiple Targets

STEP 1: Mapping the Target

- Edge Detection Technique
- Threshold Tone change indicates close proximity to target
- Achieve "mental" image of suspicious area



Note: Volume from large target may mask volume of small target



Multiple Targets

STEP 2: Determining the Centre

- Pitch will rise or fall depending on combination of metals
- Changes in tone may indicate
 multiple targets





Detectors in Close Proximity



- All detectors switched off, switch on #1
- Conduct Noise Cancel on #1
- Leave #1 switched on and switch on #2
- Conduct Noise Cancel on #2
- Continue process

Note: Under normal circumstances, F3 detectors can operate within 2m (7feet) of each other



Completion of Operations



- Conduct Test Piece Test
- Turn F3 Off
- Clean detector and inspect for signs of damage
- Remove batteries
- Disconnect Earset
- Retract middle and lower shafts
- Stow in Hard Case
- Check all equipment correctly packed



Lesson 4: Care & Trouble Shooting



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Routine Care

During rest periods, if possible, shelter detector from direct sun, rain, snow etc

Before packing and with the F3 fully extended, all shafts should be wiped with a damp clean cloth to remove dirt and dust

Do not use solvents. If the detector comes into contact with solvents (including salt water) clean with fresh water and a dry clean cloth

Ensure F3 dry before packing

Ensure batteries are removed before packing

Replace skid plate as necessary to ensure protection of coil surface



Trouble Shooting

Problem	Recommended Procedure
F3 will not switch On	1. Check batteries have been inserted correctly
	2. Replace batteries
	3. Remove Battery Pack and reconnect
	4. Exchange Battery Packs
After switching On there is a very loud noise	 Ensure Lower Shaft is extended at least 100mm (4ins) beyond Middle Shaft
	2. Conduct Audio Reset
After switching On the Threshold Tone varies in pitch and volume even though the coil is stationary	1. Conduct Noise Cancel



Trouble Shooting

Problem	Recommended Procedure
There is no sound from the Earset	1. Disconnect and reconnect the Earset
	2. Try a serviceable Earset (if problem solved original Earset is faulty)
There is no sound from the Speaker	1. Switch Off and On
	 Disconnect Earset, Switch Off and On
The Start Up Tones keep repeating	1. Replace batteries
Cannot hear Test Piece with RED Endcap	1. Repeat Test and ensure metal in Test Piece is pointed toward the coil surface
Cannot hear Test Piece with BLACK Endcap	1. Ensure that the detector has been switched on for at least 30 seconds.





This is to certify that

is a qualified operator of the

MINELAB F3 METAL MINE DETECTOR

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