

04 THE MARINE RADAR

Basic terms

<i>radar</i> <i>tracking</i> <i>range</i> <i>bearing</i> <i>target</i> <i>reference source</i> <i>echo</i> <i>scanner</i> <i>radar beam</i> <i>indirect echo</i> <i>side-lobe effect</i> <i>radar range</i> <i>scanning</i> <i>display</i>	<i>cathode ray tube (CRT)</i> <i>console</i> <i>radar repeater</i> <i>radarscope</i> <i>scope</i> <i>plan position indicator (PPI)</i> <i>LOP</i> <i>true motion radar</i> <i>relative motion radar</i> <i>racon</i> <i>CPA</i> <i>TCPA</i>	<i>screen</i> <i>presentation</i> <i>bearing cursor</i> <i>range</i> <i>strobe</i> <i>pip</i> <i>readings</i> <i>tuning of radar</i> <i>errors</i> <i>bearing resolution</i> <i>range resolution</i> <i>radar shadow</i> <i>multiple echo</i> <i>false echo</i>
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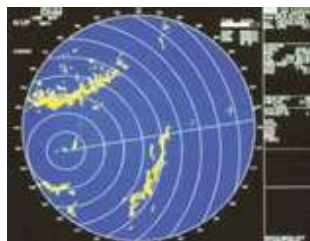
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Factors Affecting Radar Interpretation

- Radar's value as a navigational aid depends on the navigator's understanding its characteristics and limitations. Whether measuring the range to a single reflective

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Read the text below and separate the words in each sentence

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Bearing Accuracy

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TRUE or FALSE?

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- The bearing is usually taken relative to the ship's course.
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- To minimize error when measuring the bearing of a target, put the target echo at the closest position on the screen by selecting a suitable range.

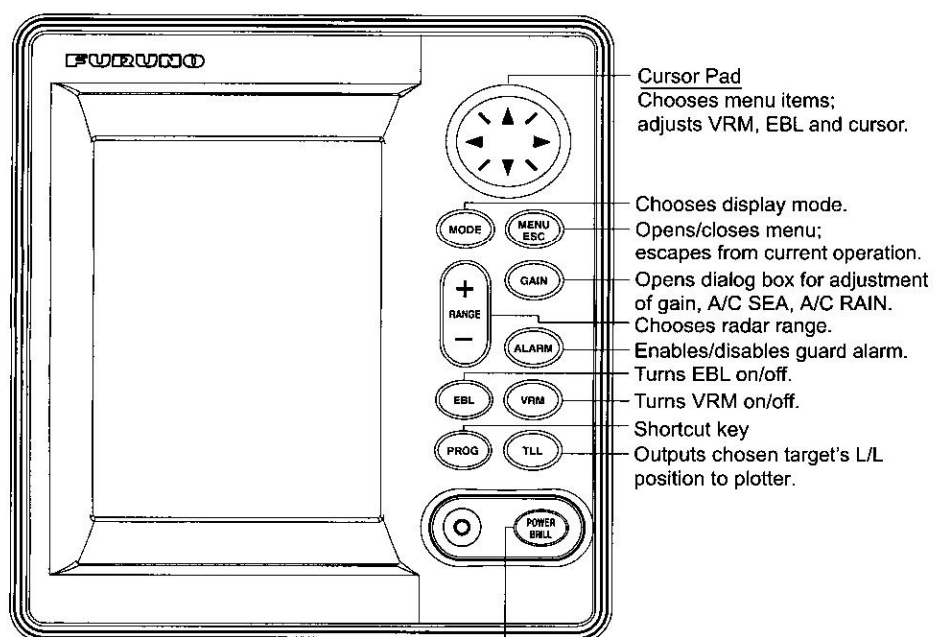
Discussion:

Work in pairs and discuss the above text using the questions above:

1. What are the main uses of marine radar?
2. Explain the basic principle of the radar function.
3. How does the radar determine distance to an object?
4. What do the directional antennae enable?
5. How are the bearings determined?
6. What is a PPI?
7. How is the presentation oriented in radars with the gyro input?
8. What happens on the radarscope as the antenna rotates?
9. Explain the concepts of diffraction, attenuation and refraction.
10. What are the factors affecting the interpretation of the radar picture?
11. What is bearing resolution?
12. What is range resolution?
13. When do the radar shadows occur?
14. What is the cause of the multiple echo?
15. What are the two instances of false echoes?
16. What is the accuracy of the radar bearings and range?
17. Explain the difference between a true and relative motion radar.
18. Explain the difference between an *x-band* or *s-band* radar.
19. Why is tracking ships compulsory?

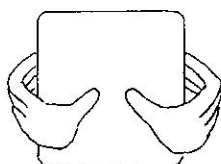
1. OPERATION

1.1 Controls



How to remove the hard cover

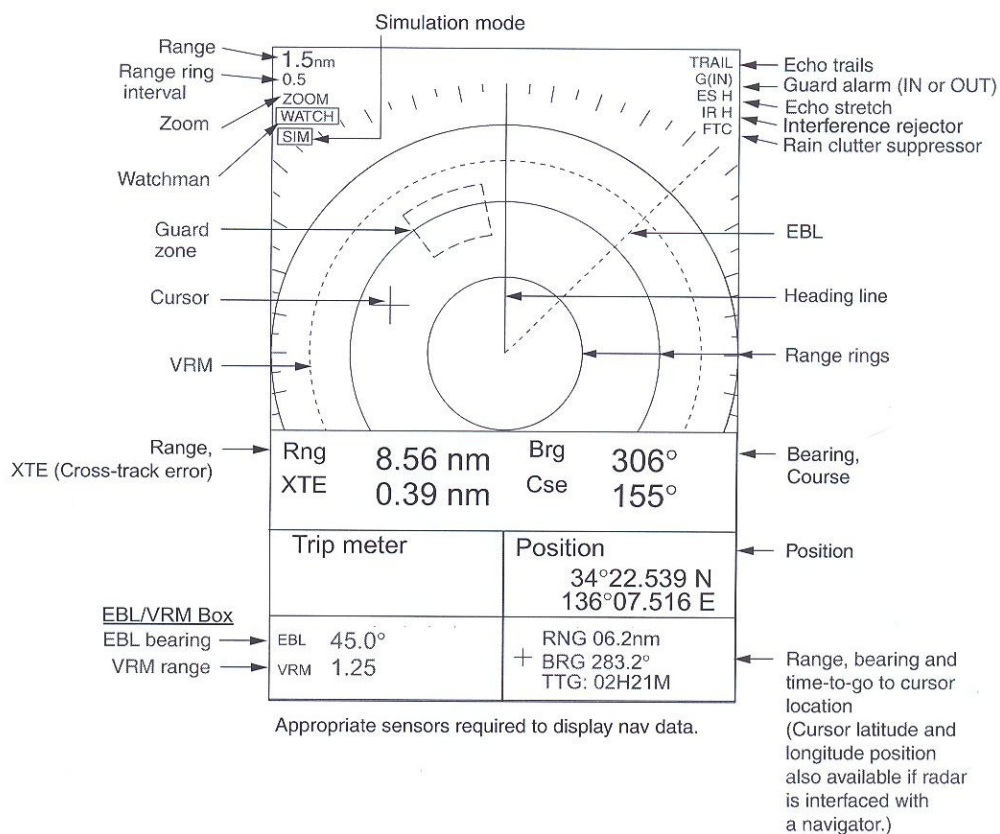
Place your thumbs at the center of the cover, and then lift the cover while pressing it with your thumbs.



Display unit

1. OPERATION

1.2 Indications



Indications

About the LCD

The high quality LCD displays better than 99.99% of its picture elements. The remaining 0.01% may drop out or light, however this is not an indication of malfunction; it is a characteristic of the LCD.

Part II.

Operation of the Marine Radars

The operation of the **marine radars** can be explained as follows:

- There is an antenna on the top of the radar that continuously rotates and flashes
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Interpretation of information on a radarscope

Interpretation of information on a radarscope is not always easy and requires much skill of the radar operator to obtain correct readings. These are affected by unfavorable meteorological conditions, possible component failures, bad tuning errors.

Among the factors producing errors in interpretation are: *bearing resolution*, *range resolution*, *radar shadows*, *multiple echoes* and *false echoes*.

- ***Bearing resolution*** is the minimum difference in bearing between two targets at same range which can be seen clearly. If two objects are close together their pips may merge giving the impression of one target only. Such faulty presentations often appear in coastal areas ("false shoreline").
- ***Range resolution*** is the minimum difference in range between two objects at the same bearing to be clearly distinguished on the radar display. False interpretation may occur if small boats or rocks are merged with the shoreline.
- ***Radar shadows*** occur when a large radar target masks another small object positioned behind it or when an object is obscured by the curvature of the Earth.
- ***The multiple echo*** occurs when a radar beam bounces back and forth between the ship and a relatively close-in target, i.e. another ship.
- ***A false echo*** is a type of false pip that appears on the display where there is actually no target at all. It occurs when a part of the energy is reflected to the antenna from a part of the ship's structure (indirect echo) or if energy from side lobes (in addition to the main lobe of the radar beam) is reflected back by a target (side-lobe effect).

In piloting most radar bearings are accurate only to within 3 to 5 degrees. A well-tuned radar gives ranges precise to within ± 100 yards out to the radar horizon. Therefore radar range LOP's are preferred over radar bearings.

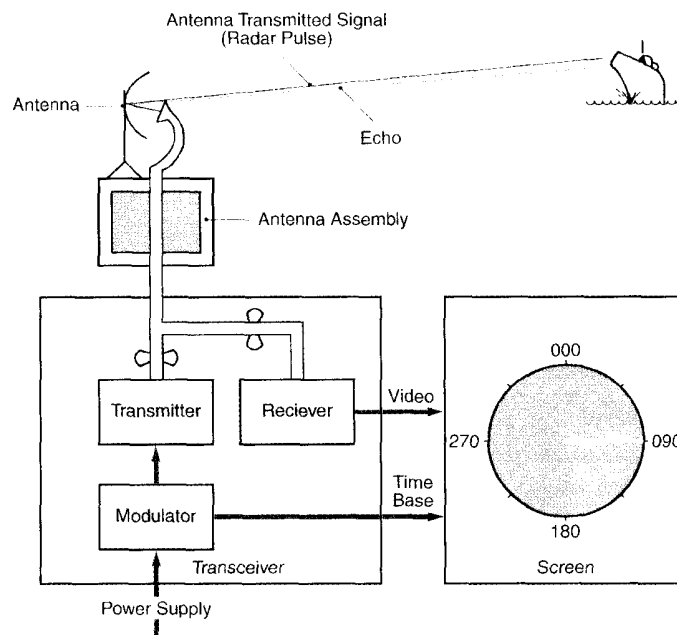
In a true motion radar, one's own ship and other moving targets move on the PPI in accordance with their true courses and speeds. All fixed targets appear as stationary echoes. It needs own ship's speed and course input. In a relative motion radar the position of one's own ship is usually fixed at the centre of the PPI, and all detected targets move relative to one's own ship.

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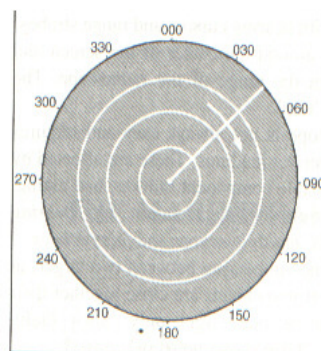
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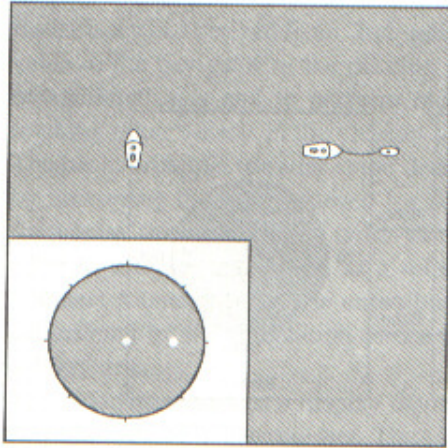
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Basic Block Diagram of a Radar

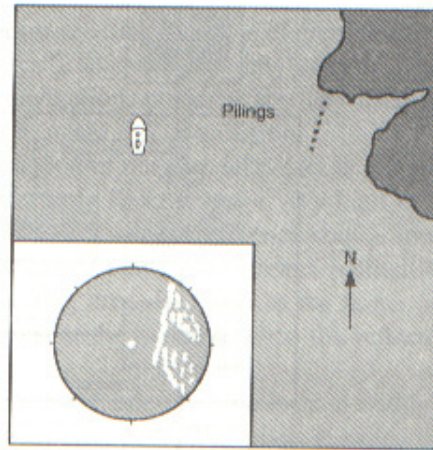


A PPI Radarscope, with Range Rings Illuminated





*Tug and Tow Merged Because
of Lack of Range Resolution*



*A False Shoreline Caused
by Lack of Bearing Resolution*

IMO STANDARD MARINE COMMUNICATION PHRASES

III/6.2.2 - NAVIGATIONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICE

6.2.2.1 - Request, identification, begin and end

Is shore based radar assistance available?

- Yes, shore based radar assistance available.
- No, shore based radar assistance not available.
- Shore based radar assistance available from ... UTC to ... UTC.

Do you want navigational assistance to reach ... ?

- Yes, I want navigational assistance to reach
- No, I do not want navigational assistance.

What is your position?

- My position ... degrees from ... distance ... kilometres/nautical miles.

How was your position obtained?

- Position obtained by GPS.
- Position obtained by DECCA.
- Position obtained by RADAR.
- Position obtained by cross-bearing.
- Position obtained by astronomical observation.
- Position obtained by

Repeat your position for identification.

I have located you on my radar screen - your position ... degrees from....

I cannot locate you on my radar screen.

What is your present course and speed?

- My present course ... degrees, speed ... knots.

What is course to reach you?

- Course to reach me ... degrees.

Is your radar working?

- Yes, radar working.
- No, radar not working.

What range scale are you using?

- I am using ... miles range scale.

Advise you change to larger range scale.

Advise you change to smaller range scale.

You are leaving my radar screen.

Change to radar ... (name) VHF Channel

Changing to radar ... (name) VHF Channel... .

I have lost radar contact.

A. Comprehension & vocabulary

A.1 Decide whether the following statements are true or false:

1. The pulses transmitted from the ship's antenna are reflected from the targets and are received and displayed on the screen.
2. Radar is based upon the time interval between the transmitting of the pulse and the return of its echo.
3. Range resolution requires two targets to be separated in bearing.
4. CRT is short for Cathode Ray Tube.
5. CPA is short for Closest Point of Approach.
6. TCPA indicates the time of CPA.
7. In the Head up display the radar display bears to the true north.
8. In the North-upward display the north is 0° on the display.

A.2 Explain the terms:

Ramark Racon CPA TCPA gain CRT PPI VRM sea clutter rain clutter

Consult any handbook on marine radars on the web or in your library!

A.3 Complete the text below with the appropriate words:

bearings distance crossing bearings radar landmarks

Determining ship's position by radar

There are three ways, generally, of determining the position of a vessel by 1._____. The first is by determining the distances to known 2._____. This method is useful when you are not sure of the 3._____ of these landmarks either because of gyro error or uncertainty of the magnetic compass.

The second is by obtaining the true bearing and 4._____ from known landmark. In this case you only need one object clearly visible on radar.

The third would be by 5._____ such as tangent bearings.

A.4 Choose the right answer:

1. The ability of a radar to distinguish separate targets on the same bearing, but having small difference in range, is called:
 - a) bearing resolution
 - b) range resolution
 - c) range elongation
 - d) propagation
2. The maximum measurable range of a radar set depends on:

- a) peak power in relation to the pulse repetition rate
 - b) beam width
 - c) range resolution
 - d) refraction
3. The common wave length in a marine radar is:
- a) 3 and 10 cm
 - b) 3 and 10m
 - c) 600 m
 - d) 500 kilocycles
4. Of the following the most accurate position by radar fix is:
- a) radar range and visual bearing
 - b) intersection of radar range circles
 - c) radar range and bearing
 - d) intersection of two radar bearings
5. You are observing a pip of a small ship by radar. Between you and the ship is a point of land. You are not able to see the pip because of:
- a) poor bearing resolution
 - b) super-refraction
 - c) shadow effect
 - d) side lobes
6. When the range of a ship is decreasing and its bearing remains constant, the ships are on:
- a) parallel courses
 - b) opposite courses
 - c) diverging courses
 - d) collision courses

A5 . Supply the right term:

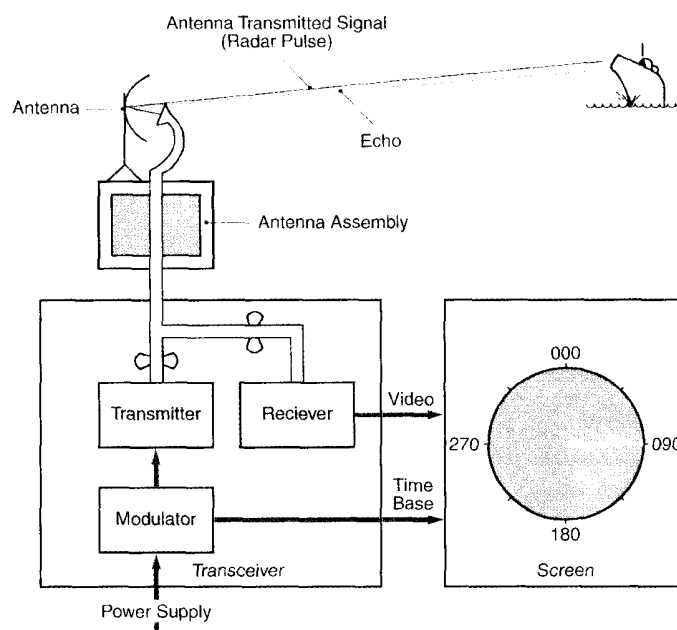
The radar display is often referred to as the _____ (PPI). On a PPI, the sweep appears as a radial line, centered at the center of the _____ and rotating in synchronization with the antenna. Any returned _____ causes a brightening of the display screen at the bearing and _____ of the object. Because of a luminescent coating on the inside of the tube, the glow continues after the trace rotates past the _____. On a PPI, a target's actual range is proportional to its _____ from the center of the scope. A moveable _____ helps to measure ranges and bearings. In the "headingupward" _____, which indicates _____ bearings, the top of the scope represents the direction of the ship's _____. In this unstabilized presentation, the orientation changes as the ship changes _____. In the _____ "north-upward" presentation, gyro _____ is always at the top of the scope.

A6 Match the term with the right definition:

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A7 Writing and speaking skills

Write down the operation of the radar using the Basic Block Diagram of a Radar and then present it orally to the student next to you.



B. Grammar

B.1 Supply the right link word to complete the sentences below. The meaning of the link word is given in brackets:

Radar provides a means of fixing the ship's position (*time*) 1. _____ other methods may not be available.

(*Reason*) 2. _____ both range and bearing could be obtained, only one identifiable object is necessary.

(*Condition*) 3. _____ a visual bearing is available, it is undoubtedly, more reliable than any radar bearing.

(*Reason*) 4. _____ radar range is more accurate than a radar bearing, the best fix is obtained by two or more ranges.

Fixes (*relative*) 5. _____ are obtained by a bearing and range are less accurate

(*comparison*) 6. _____ those obtained by using intersecting range areas.

B.2 Re-write all instances in the reading text where the word radar occurs as a "noun" and as a "noun modifier":

NOUN	NOUN MODIFIER
true motion radar	radar shadow

B.3 Supply the correct form of the verb in brackets:

Various aids to radar navigation (*develop*) 1. _____ to aid the navigator in (*search*)

2. _____ for radar targets and in (*amplify*) 3. _____ the echoes. Corner

reflectors (*fit*) 4. _____ generally on the tops of buoys or on cornered buoys. Radar

beacons are transmitters (*operate*) 5. _____ in the marine radar frequency band.

Racon (*provide*) 6. _____ both bearing and range to the target and Ramark

(*provide*) 7. _____ bearing information only. However, when the Ramark

installation (*detect*) 8. _____ as an echo on the radarscope, the range (*be*)

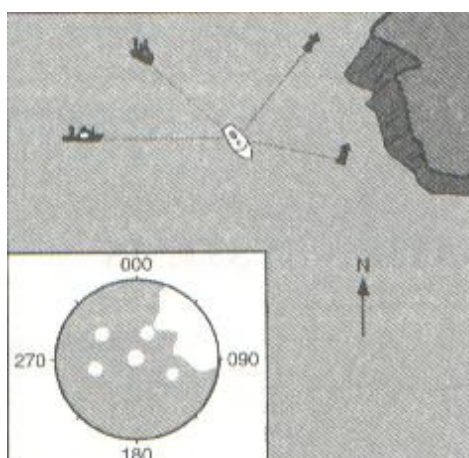
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Writing skills

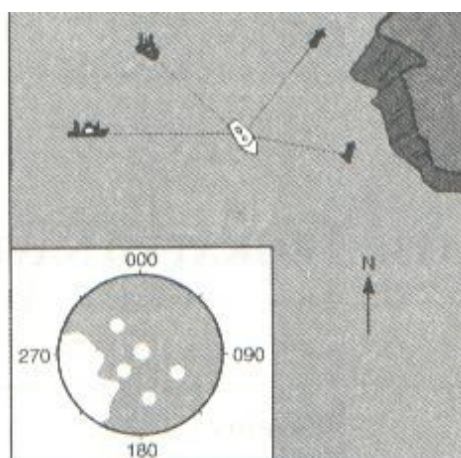
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*A PPI Presentation Oriented
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*A PPI Presentation Oriented
Relative to Ship's Head*



FURTHER READING

RADAR OBSERVATION GENERAL

Minimum Range

The minimum range, R_{min} , is defined by the shortest distance at which, using a scale of 1.5 or 0.75 nm, a target having an echoing area of 10 square meters is still shown separate from the point representing the antenna position.

It is mainly dependent on the pulse length, antenna height, and signal processing such as main bang suppression and digital quantization. It is good practice to use a shorter range scale as far as it gives favorable definition or clarity of picture. The IMO Resolution A. 477 (XII) and IEC 936 require the minimum range to be less than 50m.

Maximum Range

The maximum detecting range of the radar, R_{max} , varies considerably depending on several factors such as the height of the antenna above the waterline, the height of the target above the sea, the size, shape and material of the target, and the atmospheric conditions.

Under normal atmospheric conditions, the maximum range is equal to the radar horizon or a little shorter. The radar horizon is longer than the optical one about 6% because of the diffraction property of the radar signal. It should be noted that the detection range is reduced by precipitation (which absorbs the radar signal).

X-BAND and S-BAND

In fair weather, the above equation does not give a significant difference between X and S band radars. However, in heavy precipitation condition, an S band radar would have better detection than X band.

Radar Resolution

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Bearing Resolution

Bearing resolution is the ability of the radar to display as separate pips the echoes received from two targets which are at the same range and close together. It is proportional to the antenna length and reciprocally proportional to the wavelength. The length of the antenna radiator should be chosen for a bearing resolution better than 2.5 (IMO Resolution). This condition is normally satisfied with a radiator of 1.2 meters (4 feet) or longer in the X band. The S band radar requires a radiator of about 12 feet (3.6 meters) or longer.

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Range Measurement

Measurement of the range to a target is also a very important function of the radar. Generally, there are two means of measuring range: the fixed range rings and the variable range marker (VRM). The fixed range rings appear on the screen with a predetermined interval and provide a rough estimate of the range to a target. The variable range marker's diameter is increased or decreased so that the marker touches the inner edge of the target, allowing the operator to obtain more accurate range measurements.

RADAR OBSERVATION - EXERCISES

GENERAL

1. Supply the missing terms:

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2. Rearrange the chunks below to make sensible sentences:

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It should be noted that which absorbs the radar signal.

3. Match the terms with the corresponding definitions:

	Range Resolution	In fair weather, the above equation does not give a significant difference between X and S band radars. However, in heavy precipitation condition, an S band radar would have better detection than X band.	
	Bearing Resolution	the ability of the radar to display as separate pips the echoes received from two targets which are at the same range and close together. It is proportional to the antenna length and reciprocally proportional to the wavelength.	
	X-BAND and S-BAND	the ability to display as separate pips the echoes received from two targets which are on the same bearing and close to each other.	
	Range Measurement	One of the most important features of the radar is how precisely the bearing of a target can be measured. This basically depends on the narrowness of the radar beam. However, the bearing is usually taken relative to the ship's heading, and thus, proper adjustment of the heading marker at installation is an important factor in ensuring preciseness. To minimize error when measuring the bearing of a target, put the target echo at the extreme position on the screen by selecting a suitable range.	
	Bearing Accuracy	Measurement of the distance to a target is also a very important function of the radar. Generally, there are two means of measuring range: the fixed range rings and the variable range marker (VRM). The fixed range rings appear on the screen with a predetermined interval and provide a rough estimate of the range to a target.	

4. *Put the slash marks between the words in the text below and then read the text aloud.*

FALSE ECHOES

Occasionally echo signals appear on the screen at positions where there is no target or disappear even if there are targets. They are, however, recognized if you understand the reason why they are displayed. Typical false echoes are shown below.

5. *Write down question-word questions (i.e. those beginning in Who, Which, Whose, What, Why, How, When, Where, etc.?) to which the following sentences are responses:*

Multiple echoes

Multiple echoes occur when a transmitted pulse returns from a solid object like a large ship, bridge, or breakwater. A second, a third or more echoes may be observed on the display at double, triple or other multiples of the actual range of the target. Multiple reflection echoes can be reduced and often removed by decreasing the gain (sensitivity) or properly adjusting the A/C SEA control.

e.g. *When do multiple echoes occur?*

Multiple echoes occur when a transmitted pulse returns from a solid object like a large ship, bridge, or breakwater.

_____ ?
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 _____ ?
 _____ ?
 _____ ?

6. *Match the parts of the sentences on the right with the ones on the left:*

Sidelobe echoes

Every time the radar pulse is transmitted,	short ranges and from strong targets.
If a target exists where it can be detected by the side lobe as well as the main lobe,	careful reduction of the gain or proper adjustment of the A/C SEA control.
Side lobes show usually only on	some radiation escapes on each side of the beam, called "sidelobes".
They can be reduced through	the side echoes may be represented on both sides of the true echo at the same range.

Virtual image

A relatively large target close to your ship may be represented at two positions on the screen. One of them is the true echo directly reflected by the target and the other is a false echo which is caused by the mirror effect of a large object on or close to your ship. If your ship comes close to a large metal bridge, for example, such a false echo may temporarily be seen on the screen.

Shadow sectors

Funnels, stacks, masts, or derricks in the path of the antenna block the radar beam. If the angle subtended at the scanner is more than a few degrees, a non-detecting sector may be produced. Within this sector targets cannot be detected.

SEARCH AND RESCUE TRANSPONDER (SART)

A Search and Rescue Transponder (SART) may be triggered by any X-Band (3 cm) radar within a range of approximately 8 nautical miles. Each radar pulse received causes it to transmit a response which is swept repetitively across the complete radar frequency band. When interrogated, it first sweeps rapidly (0.4 microseconds) through the band before beginning a relatively slow sweep (7.5 microseconds) through the back band to the starting frequency. This process is repeated for a total of twelve complete cycles. At some point in each sweep, the SART frequency will match that of the interrogating radar and be within the pass band of the radar receiver. If the SART is within range, the frequency match during each of the 12 slow sweeps will produce a response in the radar display, thus a line of 12 dots equally spaced by about 0.64 nautical miles will be shown.

Search and Rescue Transponder (SART)

SART or Search and Rescue Transponder, is an extremely vital equipment on the ship as it performs the job of a signal-man. It is a vital machine during distress for it helps in locating the position of the vessel in case it goes off-track. SARTs are made of water proof components which protects it against damage by water. SARTs are essentially battery-operated, hence can be operative for a long time, as long as 100-hours if need arises in case of emergencies.

SARTs are of use in ships, lifeboats and life rafts. They are the most supportive machines in case of an unprecedented emergency. SARTs are designed to remain afloat on water for a long time in case the vessel finds itself submerged in water. The bright color of SARTs enables their quick detection, whereas the combination of transmitter and receiver enables it to transmit as well as receive radio signals. SART machines have been instrumental in rescuing several crafts and ships by reacting to the search signal sent from an X-band radar, typically of 9 GHz. These signals are known as homing signals. The response is usually displayed on radar screens as a sequence of dots on a S band-radar, which helps rescuers reach the vessels in time.



The battery of SART is kept safe and can last long because it lies dormant when not needed. The equipment is activated only when it needs to be, like when it comes in contact with water. Standard vessels of 500 tons or less are not supposed to go in the sea without a SART, whereas vessels above 500 tons are not supposed to venture out in the seas without two transponders. This signifies the importance of a SART on a ship. The device remains dormant until an emergency switch is on. This way, it saves on several watts of power, crucial for other equipments. It turns itself on, when it gets signals emitted by the radar of a vessel passing by. The crew on the ship is thus alerted that another vessel in the vicinity of 100 meters requires assistance. Audio and visual signals do the trick in most cases.

SARTs find themselves useful in rescue operations involving airplanes or ships stranded by air and sea accidents. They are designed to survive the toughest conditions and stay active on elevated positions like on a pole so that they could cover a diverse range. Talking of heights, a SART transponder on an airplane could have a range of 30 to 40 miles. This helps to scrutinize a huge range and huge area.

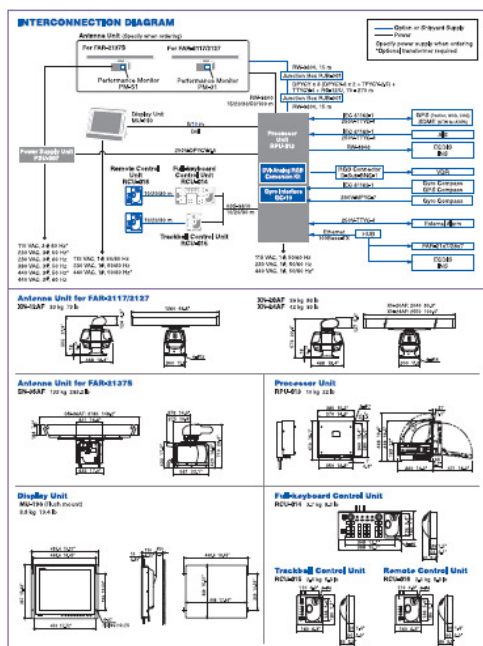
SART emits a sequence of 12 dots, the first dot represents the starting point, and the rest would simply rush to the ends. As the rescuing vessel or individual approaches the SART, the circumference of the arc would go up. The pattern differentiates it from that of a RADAR, which simply reflects the signals.

Looking at the facts, one can determine that SARTs are a marvel of human engineering, making them significant equipments on the ship venturing out in deep oceans.

Radar Reflectors

Marine radar reflectors are an important device that are fitted in boats especially in today's times when there is a constant threat of boats, ships, and yachts entering unknown water borders. Boats that are made of fibreglass do not reflect the radar pulses; this could cause unwanted collisions between boats or with ships. For this reason radar reflectors are designed specifically to help boats get located and avert any untowardly accident.

In order to understand how a radar reflector works, it is important to understand how the system of radar works. The Radar (Radio Detection and Ranging) system basically involves sending electromagnetic pulses or waves across in an intended direction. The difference in the time it takes for these pulses to reach back to the point from where they were emitted proves whether there are any objects that are moving or not.



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FEATURES OF FAR-21x7 series

- ▶ Advanced signal processing for improved detection in rough sea
- ▶ LCD display providing crisp radar images
- ▶ Designed to comply with SOLAS carriage requirements for ships below 10,000 GT
- ▶ Up to four radars can be interswitched in the network without an extra device
- ▶ Automatic plotting/tracking of 100 targets manually or automatically acquired
- ▶ Low spurious magnetrons meeting ITU-R unwanted emission standards
- ▶ Displays 1000 AIS-equipped targets



This series of radar comply with the latest IMO and IEC standards:

- IEC 60945 • IEC 62388 • IEC 61162 • IEC 61993
- IMO MSC.197(78) • IMO MSC.192(79) • IMO A.894(17)
- IMO A.1151(18) • IMO A.852(16)

▶ Easy operation by customizable function keys, trackball/wheel/palm module and rotary controls

EISL controls

Full-keyboard Control Unit
The control head has logically arranged controls in a combination of push keys and trackball. Well organized menu ensures that all operations can be done by trackball.

VHM controls

Palm Control Unit
Alternative to the Full-keyboard Control Unit or additional as a remote operation.

▶ 100 Base-TX Ethernet Network System

100 Base-TX
Other Radar Bridges
Chart Information
COG, SOG, STW, etc.

The radar can be connected to an Ethernet network for a variety of user requirements, SOLAS Chapter V as emergency requires X- and S-band radar for ships 3000 GT and over. Each of X- and S-band radar can be interswitched without using an extra device. Up to four sets of radar can be interswitched in the network. In addition, the essential navigational information including the electronic chart, L/L, COG, SOG, STW, etc. can be shared in the network.

FUNCTIONS OF FAR-21x7 series

▶ TT (ARPA) / AIS

OS data cell

- DATA Cell 1: Tracking data, Water Temp, Depth, Wind
- DATA Cell 2: Tracking data, Magnity
- DATA Cell 3: AIS Information

Targets automatically acquired. AIS-equipped target selected for data reading.

Data Display
A variety of navigational information, own ship status, radar plotting data, wind, water temperature and information from other shipborne sensors are displayed on the cell. These selected targets are marked with a square symbol on the radar display. Magnity is a special feature of the FURUNO radar FAR-21x7 series. This feature like a delay-sweep zoom which IMO strictly prohibits, but where Administration accepts, the Magnity feature enlarges part of radar display for special maritime activities.

Target Association (Fusion)
An AIS-equipped ship may be displayed by both AIS and TT symbols. This is because the AIS position is measured by a GPS in L/L, while the TT symbol size and data are measured by range and bearing from own ship and located on the radar PPI. When the symbols are within an operator-set criteria, the TT symbol is merged in the AIS symbol. The criteria are determined by the difference in range, bearing, course, speed, etc.

Marks and Symbols for ARPA (TT) and AIS

- Range marker on EISL
- Automatic acquisition (white circle)
- Target selected (orange circle)
- Post position
- EBL No. 1
- Heading Line
- Heading Marker
- Guard zone 1 (Target area limit)
- Manual acquisition (white circle)
- Manually acquired target (orange circle)
- Manually acquired target (white circle)
- Target 1 selected for TT data readout
- Dangerous target
- Activated Target (with EBL)
- New lines
- Lost Target
- Guard zone 2 (Point area limit)
- Shooting AIS Target
- Shooting AIS Target

AIS Information

Static Data
MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity)
IMO number (Where available)
Call sign & name
Length and beam
Type of ship
Location of position-fixing antenna on the ship

Voyage related data
Ship's draught
Hazardous cargo (type)
Destination and ETA (at masters discretion)
Dynamic data
Ship's position with accuracy indication and integrity status
UTC
Course over ground (COG)
Speed over ground (SOG)
Heading
Navigation status (manual input)
Rate of turn (where available)
Update rates dependent on speed and course alteration (2 x - 3 min)

Short safety-related messages
Free messages

FUNCTIONS OF FAR-21x7 series

▶ Guard Zones

Automatic Acquisition Zone
Two automatic acquisition zones may be set in a sector or any form. They also act as suppression zones, avoiding unnecessary overloading to the processor and clutter by disabling automatic acquisition and tracking outside them. Targets in an automatic acquisition zone appear as inverse triangles. The operator can manually acquire important targets without restriction.

CPA Alarm Zone
Target tracking symbol changes to a triangle when its predicted course (vector) violates the operator set CPA/CPA. The operator can readily change the vector lengths to evaluate target movement trend.

Guard Zones and Anchor Watch Zone
Guard Zones generate visual and audible alarms when targets enter the operator set zones. One of Guard Zones may be used as an anchor watch to alert the operator when own ship or targets drift away from the set zones.

▶ Target Trails

The target trail feature generates monotone or gradual shading afterglow on all objects on the display. The shading afterglow paints the display just like on an analog PPI. The monotone trails are useful to show own ship movement and other ship tracks in a specific fishing operation. The trail time is adjustable for 15, 30 s, 1, 3, 6, 15, 30 min or continuous. The target trails are indicated in a different color from background. The unique feature in this radar is a choice of True or Relative Motion (only True in TV).

▶ Radar Map

Up to 200 waypoints and up to 30 routes can be stored. Each route may contain up to 30 waypoints. A radar map is a combination of map lines and marks whereby the user can define and input the navigation area, route planning and monitoring data. The radar map has the capacity of 3,000 points for lines and marks. The map data can be stored and recalled for repeated use as a routine navigation area.

▶ Chart Overlay

This radar incorporates a VideoPorter that allows to display electronic charts, plot own and other ship's track, enable entry of waypoints/routes, and make a radar map. Chart is displayed in combination of radar images. (For non-CCD AS ships only)

▶ Presentation Colors

Full-keyboard Control Unit (Palm Control Unit)

Antenna Radiators

1. Type
S-band waveguide array

2. Beamwidth and side-lobe attenuation

Parameter	Model	Model	Model
Radiation Type	21M15AR	21M20AR	21M24AR
Length	4.8	6.2	8.1
Beamwidth (1dB)	3.2	3.2	3.2
Beamwidth (3dB)	3.0	3.0	3.0
Side-lobe attenuation	-25 dB	-20 dB	-20 dB
Side-lobe rejection	-25 dB	-20 dB	-20 dB

3. Rotation

Rotation	X-Band	S-Band
Rotation	34 deg	48 deg
Scan rate	RSP-017	RSP-017
Scan rate	RSP-088	RSP-011
Scan rate	RSP-088	RSP-011

RF Transceiver

1. Frequency
X-Band: 8410 MHz, 30 MHz
S-Band: 3050 MHz, 30 MHz

2. Output power

Output Power	FAH-2117	FAH-2117	FAH-2117S
Transceiver	10/100	20/100	30/100
Transceiver	RTM-079	RTM-079	RTM-080

3. Pulse length/PRF

Range (m)	Pulse length (μs)	PRF (Hz)
0.125, 0.25	0.07	3000
0.75, 1.5	0.07, 0.15, 0.3	3000, 1500
3	0.15, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7	3000, 1500, 1000
6	0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 1.2	1500, 1000, 600
12, 24	0.5, 0.7, 1.2	1000, 600
48, 96	0.5	600

4. L/S
80 MHz, Logarithmic

5. Bandwidth
Short pulse: 40 MHz
Medium pulse: 10 MHz
Long pulse: 3 MHz

Radar Display

1. Display
19" color LCD (BXGA 1280 x 1024 pixels)
378.5 x 321 (V) mm

2. Range scale and ring intervals (nm)
Range: 125, 25, 5, 7.5, 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96
Ring: 205, 20, 1, 25, 25, 5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16

3. Minimum range
22 m

4. Range discrimination
26 m ring

5. Range ring accuracy
0.5 %

6. Presentation modes
Head-Up, Course-Keep, Course-Up, Heading-Up, North-Up, True Motion (sea or ground stabilization)

7. Heading information
Turns GPS compass is a recommended heading sensor as a backup of a gyrocompass.
Control with your Administration.

8. Parallel index lines
1, 2, 3 or 6 lines (menu selectable)

9. Radar map
20,000 points to create coastline, own ship safety contour, included underwater dangers, buoy, traffic routing systems, prohibited areas, highways as required by ICAO.

Target Tracking

1. Acquisition
100 targets (e.g. manually 50, automatically 50) in 0.2-24 nm

2. Tracking
Automatic tracking of all acquired targets

3. Guard zone
Two zones, one of them 0.5 nm length

4. Post position
5 or 10 post positions on all targets

5. Collision warning
CPA limit: 0.5 - 10 nm, TCPA limit: 0 - 99 min.

6. Trial maneuver
Dynamic or static, with selected delay time.

AIS Display (Data input from AIS is required)

1. Symbols
Steering, Activated, Dangerous, Selected, Lost targets

2. Number of targets
1, 200 targets max.

3. Data indication
Basic and expanded data

Power Supply (specify when ordering)

1. Processor Unit
100V/115/220/230 VAC, 1ø, 50/60 Hz
FAH-2117: 2ø A (BS A for HSC application) at 24 VDC
FAH-2117S: 8ø A (A for HSC application) at 24 VDC
FAH-2117S: 3ø A for 100-115 VAC
1.5 A for 220-230 VAC

2. Display Unit
100-230 VAC, 1ø, 50/60 Hz, 0.7 A
440 VAC, 1ø, 50/60 Hz with optional transformer RLW-1803

3. Antenna Unit
FAH-2117S:
200/280 VAC, 3ø/4ø, 3ø, 50 Hz; 220/440 VAC, 3ø/4ø, 50 Hz (A for HSC application), 3ø, 60 Hz
115 VAC, 3ø, 60 Hz with optional transformer RLW-5893
230 VAC, 3ø, 50 Hz with optional transformer RLW-6522
440 VAC, 3ø, 50 Hz with optional transformer RLW-6466A

EQUIPMENT LIST

Standard

- Display Unit MU-190
- Processor Unit PPU-1013
- Full-keyboard Control Unit RCU-1014
- Trackball Control Unit (Palm Control Unit) RCU-1015 (Specify when ordering)
- Antenna Unit with cable 1500/2050/100 m (Specify when ordering)
- Power Supply unit PSL-1027 for FAH-2117S
- Standard Spare Parts and Installation Materials

Option

- Performance Monitor PM-31 for FAH-2117/17S
- PM-51 for FAH-2117S (Specify when ordering)
- Remote Control Unit RCU-1016
- DI-Androg RGB Converter Kit (Butter board built in) CP-03-180
- RGB Converter CS1804/04 (for VDR)
- Card Interface Unit CU-100
- Transformer RL-1803/4/6/6-1/8/10/5/5/22
- Receiver RLW-04/07/06
- Junction Box JUB-001
- Antenna Cable RLW-600
- External Alarm Buzzer QPB-001
- Hand Crank PFC-008/840
- Transceiver CPD-008/02
- Hub HUB-100

Offers unmatched interface

X-band antenna



FAR-2117-BB: X-band, 12 kW, TR up
FAR-2127-BB: X-band, 25 kW, TR up

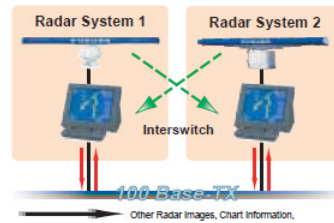
S-band antenna



FAR-2137S-BB: S-band, 30 kW, TR up

100 Base-TX Ethernet Network System

The radar can be connected to an Ethernet network for a variety of user requirements. Each of X- and S-band radars can be interconnected without requiring extra options. Up to four radar sets can be interchanged in the network. In addition, the essential navigational information including the electronic chart, L/L, COG, SOG, STW, etc., can be shared in the network.



Offers unmatched surface

X-band antenna



8 ft antenna
(4 or 6.5 ft also available)

FAR-2117-BB: X-band, 12 kW, TR up
FAR-2127-BB: X-band, 25 kW, TR up

S-band antenna

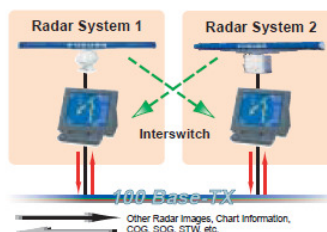


10 ft antenna
(12 ft also available)

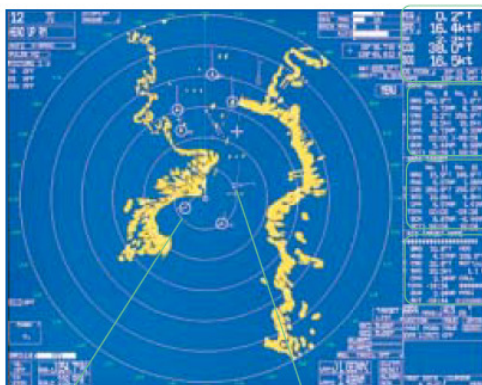
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AIS/ARPA



Automatically acquired targets AIS-equipped target

A variety of navigational information, own ship status, radar plotting data, wind, water temperature and information from other shipborne sensors are displayed in the cells.

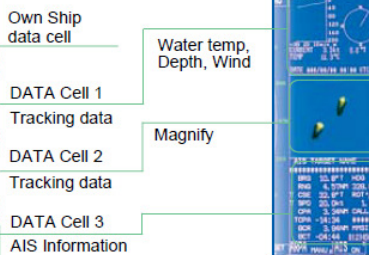
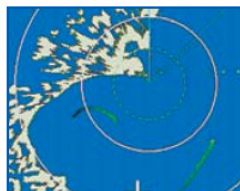


Chart Overlay



This radar incorporates a VideoPlotter that allows the user to display electronic charts (Navionics and Furuno Charts), plot own and other ship's track, enable entry of waypoints/routes, and make a radar map. A chart may be overlaid with the radar image. Optional card reader required.

Target Trails



The target trails feature generates monotone or gradual shading afterglow on all objects on the display. This feature is useful to show own ship movement and other ship tracks in a specific fishing operation. The trail time is adjustable at 30 seconds intervals or continuous.

Radar Map



Up to 200 waypoints and up to 30 routes can be stored. Each route may contain up to 30 waypoints. A radar map is a combination of map lines and marks. The radar map has the capacity of 20,000 points for lines and marks.

SPECIFICATIONS OF FAR-21x7-BB Series

Antenna Radiators

- Type Slotted waveguide array
- Beamwidth and sidelobe attenuation

Radiator Type	X-Band			S-Band	
	XN-12AF	XN-20AF	XN-24AF	SN-30AF	SN-36AF
Length	4 ft	6.5 ft	8 ft	10 ft	12 ft
Beamwidth(H)	1.9°	1.23°	0.95°	2.3°	1.8°
Beamwidth(W)	20°	20°	20°	25°	25°
Sidelobe (within ±10°)	-24 dB	-28 dB	-28 dB	-24 dB	-24 dB
Sidelobe (outside ±10°)	-30 dB	-32 dB	-32 dB	-30 dB	-30 dB

S-band 10 ft radiator usable for a HSC

3. Rotation

X-Band				
Rotation	24 rpm		42 rpm	
Gear Box	RSB-096		RSB-097	
S-Band				
Rotation	21/26 rpm		45 rpm	
Gear Box	RSB-098	RSB-099	RSB-100	RSB-101 RSB-102

RF Transceiver

- Frequency
X-band: 9410 MHz ± 30 MHz
S-band: 3050 MHz ± 30 MHz
- Output power

	FAR-2117	FAR-2127	FAR-2137S
Output Power	12 kW	25 kW	30 kW
Transceiver	RTR-078	RTR-079	RTR-080

- Pulselength/PRR
Range scale (nm) Pulselength (µs) PRR (Hz)
0.125, 0.25 0.07 3000
0.5 0.07, 0.15 3000
0.75, 1.5 0.07, 0.15, 0.3 3000, 1500
3 0.15, 0.3, 0.5, 0.7 3000, 1500, 1000
6 0.3, 0.5, 0.7, 1.2 1500, 1000, 600
12, 24 0.5, 0.7, 1.2 1000, 600
48, 96 1.2 600
- I.F. 60 MHz, Logarithmic
- Bandwidth
Short pulse: 40 MHz
Middle pulse: 10 MHz
Long pulse: 3 MHz

Radar Display

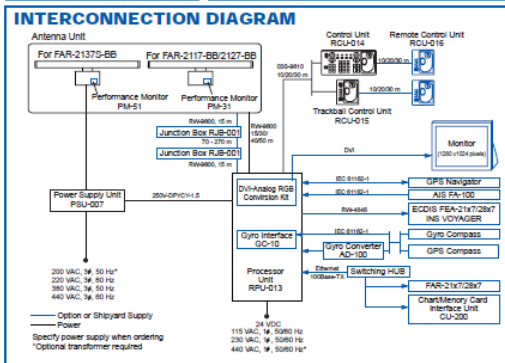
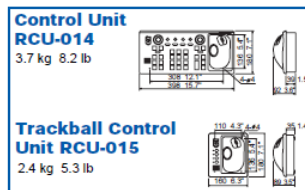
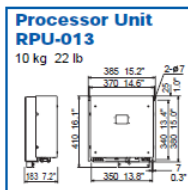
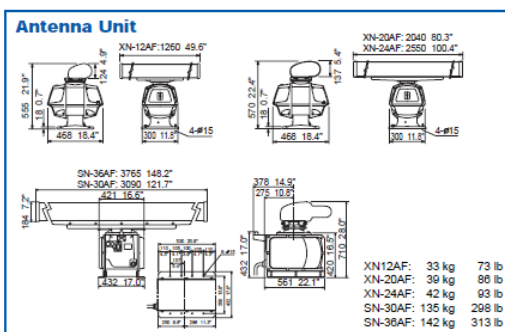
- Display Unit (Locally arranged)
Type: Non-interlaced, Multi-sync monitor (DVI-D)
Resolution: SXGA (1280 x 1024 pixels)
- Range scales and ring intervals (nm)
Range: .125, .25, .5, .75, 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96
Ring: .025, .05, .1, .25, .5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16
- Minimum range 30 m on 0.75 nm range scale
- Range discrimination 30 m on 0.75 nm range scale
- Range ring accuracy +0.2 %
- Presentation modes Head-Up, Course-Up, North-Up, North-Up TM
- ARPA
Acquisition: 100 targets
Tracking: Automatic tracking of all acquired targets in 0.1 to 32 nm
- AIS Display (Data input from AIS is required)
Targets: 1,000 targets

Power Supply (specify when ordering)

- Processor Unit
24 VDC or 115/230 VAC, 1ø, 50/60 Hz,
7.6 A (FAR-2117-BB: 24 rpm at 24 VDC),
8.8 A (FAR-2127-BB: 24 rpm at 24 VDC),
440 VAC, 1ø, 50/60 Hz with RU-1803
- Antenna Unit
FAR-2137S-BB:
200 VAC, 3ø, 50 Hz; 220 VAC, 3ø, 60 Hz; 380 VAC, 3ø, 50 Hz;
440 VAC, 3ø, 60 Hz; 110 VAC, 3ø, 60 Hz with RU-5693;
220 VAC, 3ø, 50 Hz with RU-6522;
440 VAC, 3ø, 50 Hz with RU-5466-1

EQUIPMENT LIST

- Standard**
- Processor Unit RPU-013 1 unit
 - Control Unit RCU-014 or Trackball Control Unit RCU-015 1 unit
(Specify when ordering)
 - Antenna Unit with cable, 15/30/40/50 m 1 pc
 - Power Supply unit PSU-007 for FAR-2137S 1 unit
- Option**
- Performance Monitor PM-31 for X-band, PM-51 for S-band
 - Remote Control Unit RCU-016
 - Gyro Interface GC-10
 - DVI-Analog RGB Conversion Kit OP03-180
 - RGB Connector DSUB-BNC-1 (for VDR)
 - Chart/Memory Card Interface Unit CU-200-FAR
 - Transformer RU-1803/5466-1/5693/6522
 - Rectifier RU-3424/1746B
 - Junction Box RJB-001 (for expanded antenna cable, 100-300 m)
 - Antenna Cable RW-9600
 - Switching Hub HUB-100



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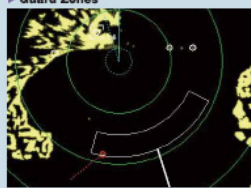
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FUNCTIONS OF FAR-2827A series

Guard Zones



Automatic Acquisition Zone
Two automatic acquisition zones may be set in a sector or any form. They also act as exclusion zones, avoiding unnecessary overloading to the processor and clutter by disabling automatic acquisition and tracking outside them. Targets in an automatic acquisition zone are shown with an inverse triangle. The operator can manually acquire important targets without restriction.

Guard Zones and Anchor Watch Zone
Guard Zones generate visual and audible alarms when targets enter the operator set zones. One of the Guard Zones may be used as an anchor watch to alert the operator when own ship or targets exit away from the set zones.

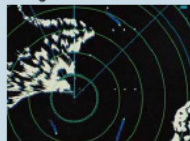
CPA Alarm
The target tracking symbol changes to a triangle when its predicted course (vector) violates the operator set CPA/TCPA. The operator can readily change the vector lengths to evaluate the target movement trend.

Symbols for ARPA (TT)



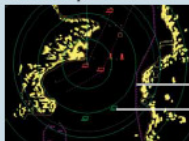
Past Position Display
The ARPA (TT) displays equally time-spaced data marking the past positions of any targets being tracked. A new set is added during preset time intervals until the preset number is reached. AIS also displays past position data.

Target Trails



The target trails feature generates a monotone or gradual shading along the trail of objects on the display. The trails are useful in showing own ship movement and other ship tracks in a specific fishing operation. The unique feature in this radar is a choice of True or Relative mode in Relative Motion (only True in TM). When changing modes, trails remain on the screen.

Radar Map



A radar map is a combination of lines and marks whereby the user can define and input the navigation area, route planning and monitoring data. The radar map can include up to 20,000 points for lines and marks. The map data can be saved to facilitate repeated use on a routine navigation area. Planned routes created on ECDIS can be transferred onto a radar display when interfaced with ECDIS.

Chart Overlay



The radar incorporates a ViewPort that displays electronic charts, plots own and other ship's track, enables entry of waypoints/routes, and makes a radar map. The Radar targets are overlaid on the chart. (For non-SOLAS ships only).

Presentation Colors



Antenna Radiators

Type: Slotted waveguide array

Beamwidth and side-lobe attenuation

	X-band			S-band		
Radiator Type	XN-12AF	XN-20AF	XN-24AF	SN-88AF	SN-88AF	SN-88AF
Length	1.0	1.6	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3
Beamwidth(Hz)	1.8	1.3	1.0	1.8	1.8	1.8
Beamwidth(V)	30	30	25	30	30	30
Side-lobe attenuation	-24 dB	-28 dB	-28 dB	-24 dB	-24 dB	-24 dB
Side-lobe attenuation	-20 dB	-20 dB	-20 dB	-20 dB	-20 dB	-20 dB

RF Transceiver

Frequency: 8410 MHz 30 MHz

Output power: 3650 MHz 30 MHz

Output Power	100W	50W	25W	10W	5W
Transceiver	FAH-2827	FAH-2827	FAH-2827	FAH-2827	FAH-2827

Public/Length/PRR

Range scale (nm)	Publength (s)	PRR (Hz)
0.5, 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96	0.07, 0.15, 0.3, 0.6, 1.2, 2.4, 4.8, 9.6	3000, 3000, 1500, 1500, 1000, 1000, 800, 800

Bandwidth: 60 MHz, Logarithmic

Short pulse: 40 MHz

Middle pulse: 10 MHz

Long pulse: 3 MHz

RADAR DISPLAY

Display: 23.1" color LCD (UXGA 1800 x 1280 pixels)

470 (H) x 323 (V) mm

Effective display diameter: 341 mm

Echo Color: yellow, green or white in 32 levels

Range scales and ring intervals (nm)

Range: 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.0625, 0.03125, 0.015625, 0.0078125

Ring: 1, 0.25, 0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8, 16

Minimum range: 20 m

Range discrimination: 10 m

Range ring accuracy: Within 1% of the current range scale or 10 m, whichever the greater

Presentation modes: HeadUp, CourseUp, NorthUp, CourseUp, True Motion (sea or ground stabilization)

Heading information: GPS compass SC40-110 is a recommended heading sensor as a backup for a gyrocompass. Confirm if your Administrations permit its use.

Parallel index lines: 1, 2, 3 or 6 lines (menu adjustable)

Radar map: 20,000 points to create coastal lines, own ship, safety contour, indicated underwater dangers, buoys, traffic routing systems, prohibited areas and fairways as required by ICA.

Target Tracking

Acquisition: Auto or manual

Auto tracking on: 100 targets in 0.2-0.4 (30) nm

Guard zone (Target Acquisition Area): 10 nm with sector, within 3-6 nm, desired bearing

1 nm with sector or polygon, desired range and bearing

Past positions: 5 or 10 past positions on all targets

Collision warning: CPA Limit: 0.1-10 nm, TCPA Limit: 1-60 minutes

Tidal maneuver: Dynamic or static, with selected delay time.

ABS FUNCTIONS (Data input from ABS is required)

Number of Targets: 1,000 targets max.

Past Position Hold Interval: OFF, 30 s, 1-60 minutes

POWER SUPPLY (specify when ordering)

Processor Unit: FAH-2827

100-115 VAC, 5.0 A (3.0 A for HSC), 220-230 VAC, 1.6 A (L7 A for HSC), 1 s, 50/60 Hz

FAH-2827

100-115 VAC, 3.0 A (3.0 A for HSC), 220-230 VAC, 1.6 A (L7 A for HSC), 1 s, 50/60 Hz

FAH-2827W

100-115 VAC, 3.0 A, 220-230 VAC, 1.6 A, 1 s, 50/60 Hz

FAH-2827S/2827SW

100-115 VAC, 3.0 A, 220-230 VAC, 1.6 A, 1 s, 50/60 Hz

Display Unit: 100-115 VAC, 3.0 A, 1 s, 50/60 Hz

440 VAC, 1 s, 50/60 Hz with optional transformer RUM1803

Antenna Unit: FAH-2827S/2827SW

220 VAC, 3.0 A, 3s, 50 Hz; 220 VAC, 3.0 A (3.0 A for HSC), 3s, 60 Hz; 380 VAC, 1.5 A, 3s, 50 Hz; 440 VAC, 1.5 A (L7 A for HSC), 3s, 60 Hz

for FAH-2827S only

100 VAC, 3s, 60 Hz with RU-4593; 220 VAC, 3s, 60 Hz with RU-4622; 440 VAC, 3s, 50 Hz with RU-4666

EQUIPMENT LIST

Standard

1. Display Unit MUM-01

2. Processor Unit RPU-014

3. Keyboard Control Unit RCU-015

(Specify when ordering)

4. Antenna Unit with cable (1500/600 m)

5. Power Supply Unit PSU-007 for FAH-2827S

6. Standard Spare Parts and Installation Materials

Option

1. Performance Monitor PM-01 for X-band, PM-01 for S-band

2. Remote Control Unit RCU-016

3. GPS Interface GCU-01

4. DVI-A/RGB RGB Converter Kit CPCB-180 (DVI-A output)

5. RGB Connector CSUB-01 (for VDR)

6. Memory Card Interface Unit CU-200

7. Transformer RUM-800/5466-1/5599/6522

8. Heister RU-342/17468

9. Junction Box RUB-01

10. Antenna Cable HUC-600

11. Hand Grip FPG-03840

12. Bracket FPG-03820

13. Switching Hub HUB-100

FURUNO's software interface makes operating the entire system seamless



FEATURES OF VOYAGER

Streamlined route planning
The ECDIS FEA-210V/FEA-2807, which came with the standard configuration of VOYAGER, fully meets the equality standards set by IMO and ECDIS. It is compatible with an ENC (557 Edition 3) chart, an ARCS chart and CMAP CMS3 883 and CMAP CM-ENC. The operators can conduct route planning, while taking into account the waypoints and destinations shown on the screen. Its sophisticated screen layout and graphic processing techniques allow the operator to observe the performance of all the functions including the route planning. Moreover, the ECDIS can share navigation information with radar and vice versa. The planned routes produced in the ECDIS can be transferred onto the radar screen, and the electronic chart can be overlaid with the data from radar.

Comfortable and intuitive operation
The ergonomic design of the control panel of VOYAGER provides comfortable operation. The wide operation of the system can be done easily with the use of the trackball and the thumbwheel.

Networked information handling
Thanks to its up-to-the-minute data communications technology, VOYAGER offers the possibility of inter-switching radar images amongst the radar networked within the system. Also, it enables the radar and ECDIS to share a variety of navigation information obtained from a variety of navigation sensors. The Ethernet-based network offers enhanced stability in data management. It also streamlines the wiring of the whole system, hence simplifying installation and maintenance.

Track Control System permits automatic navigation
VOYAGER features the Track Control System through the combination of ECDIS and an autopilot. The Track Control System enables the automatic navigation to the destination in a variety of situations ranging from sailing through narrow straits to open-seas. This has been achieved with the help of auto-steering control together with route-planning in minute detail. Moreover, area data for possible danger as well as important warning for navigation can be displayed before the vessel reaches the area.

X-band radar with TT function
The FAR-2827 series radar, which utilizes a high-resolution LIXIA LCC, is employed in VOYAGER. Whether it is X-band or S-band radar, the FAR-2827 series provides a sharp and clear presentation of radar images, TT and AIS symbols and markers. With the latest signal processing technology, a variety of functions including the echo trail, echo stretch and anti-clutter controls are available. These functions allow the operator to observe the targets' movement in different sea conditions, and assist the operator in obtaining even the smallest of the targets.

Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System (BNWAS)
BNWAS can be incorporated into VOYAGER INS to monitor fitness of Officer of the Watch (OOW). Also, it can collectively monitor the status of the bridge equipment as well as various navigation alarms to help facilitate safety and efficiency at sea.

Modular design facilitates flexible installation
VOYAGER is a combination of individual modules comprising of radar, ECDIS, etc. Therefore, the system configuration can be customized for almost any bridge environment. VOYAGER can be installed on both existing and newly built vessels. Its streamlined design makes it ideal for an operator-oriented bridge area.

FUNCTIONS OF VOYAGER

ECDIS (Electronic Chart Display and Information System)

- Fully complies with standards by IMO/IEC
- Compatible with ENC (557 Edition 3), ARCS chart and CMAP CMS3 883
- Available in the near future
- Un-updatable chart plotting
- Radar image overlay
- Presents data from ARPA and AIS
- Track Control System when connected with autopilot

ARPA/ARPA (Automatic Radar Plotting Aid)

- Fully meets the standards set by IMO/IEC
- Plots and tracks up to 100 targets
- Target tracking is conducted both manually and automatically
- Displays up to 1,000 AIS targets
- Sets up the specific guard zones
- Various alarm functions to alert of hazardous objects, objects entering the guard zones as well as CPA and TCPA
- Displays the data from ECDIS such as the planned route and user charts and others
- Enhanced detection capability for the targets in the short range, thanks to the most up-to-the-minute signal processing technology

Heading Information Display

- Works out the precise position of the vessels through the data from a Gyrocompass, positioning equipment and Speed and Distance Measuring Equipment
- The heading and rate of turn can be input and displayed
- Navigation mode and berthing mode

Route planning / Route monitoring

- Track Control System using combination of ECDIS and autopilot
- Flexible route planning in minute detail
- Optimization of the routes taking into account the running cost
- Plot data display
- Anti-grounding alarm function

Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System BR-500/1000

- Meets IMO resolution MSC.128(75) for "Bridge Navigational Watch Alarm System"
- Collectively manages and presents the alarm information on the display unit
- Alarm information is sorted and displayed according to the set priority
- Watch Safety System to monitor the watch officer's presence to minimize failure at avoiding approaching danger
- Transmits alarm to the backup officer in accommodation, if watch officer fails to respond to the active alarm or emergency call

BR-1000 BNWAS

CONSOLE INFORMATION DISPLAY



VOYAGER offers a multitude of functions that solidly support navigation safety

ARPA

The availability of low cost microprocessors and the development of advanced computer technology during the 1970s and 1980s have made it possible to apply computer techniques to improve commercial marine radar systems. Radar manufactures used this technology to create the Automatic Radar Plotting Aids (ARPA). ARPAs are computer assisted radar data processing systems which generate predictive vectors and other ship movement information.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) has set out certain standards amending the International Convention of Safety of Life at Sea requirements regarding the carrying of suitable automated radar plotting aids (ARPA). The primary function of ARPAs can be summarized in the statement found under the IMO Performance Standards. It states a requirement of ARPAs....*“in order to improve the standard of collision avoidance at sea: Reduce the workload of observers by enabling them to automatically obtain information so that they can perform as well with multiple targets as they can by manually plotting a single target”*. As we can see from this statement the principal advantages of ARPA are a reduction in the workload of bridge personnel and fuller and quicker information on selected targets.

computer technology to predict future situations. An ARPA assesses the risk of collision, and enables operator to see proposed maneuvers by own ship. While many different models of ARPAs are available on the market, the following functions are usually provided:

1. True or relative motion radar presentation.
2. Automatic acquisition of targets plus manual acquisition.
3. Digital read-out of acquired targets which provides course, speed, range, bearing, closest point of approach (CPA, and time to CPA (TCPA).
4. The ability to display collision assessment information directly on the PPI, using vectors (true or relative) or a graphical Predicted Area of Danger (PAD) display.
5. The ability to perform trial maneuvers, including course changes, speed changes, and combined course/speed changes.
6. Automatic ground stabilization for navigation purposes.

ARPA processes radar information much more rapidly than conventional radar but is still subject to the same limitations. ARPA data is only as accurate as the data that comes from inputs such as the gyro and speed log.

ARPA DISPLAY

From the time radar was first introduced to the present day the radar picture has been presented on the screen of a cathode ray tube. Although the cathode ray tube has retained its function over the years, the way in which the picture is presented has changed considerably. From about the mid-1980s

the first raster-scan displays appeared. The radial-scan PPI was replaced by a raster-scan PPI generated on a television type of display. The integral ARPA and conventional radar units with a raster-scan display will gradually replace the radial-scan radar sets.

The development of commercial marine radar entered a new phase in the 1980s when raster-scan displays that were compliant with the IMO Performance Standards were introduced.

The radar picture of a raster-scan synthetic display is produced on a television screen and is made up of a large number of horizontal lines which form a pattern known as a raster. This type of display is much more complex than the radial-scan synthetic display and requires a large amount of memory. There are a number of advantages for the operator of a raster-scan display and concurrently there are some deficiencies too. The most obvious advantage of a raster-scan display is the brightness of the picture. This allows the observer to view the screen in almost all conditions of ambient light. Out of all the benefits offered by a raster-scan radar it is this ability which has assured its success. Another difference between the radial-scan and raster-scan displays is that the latter has a rectangular screen. The screen size is specified by the length of the diagonal and the width and height of the screen with an approximate ratio of 4:3. The raster-scan television tubes have a much longer life than a traditional radar CRT. Although the tubes are cheaper over their counterpart, the complexity of the signal processing makes it more expensive overall.

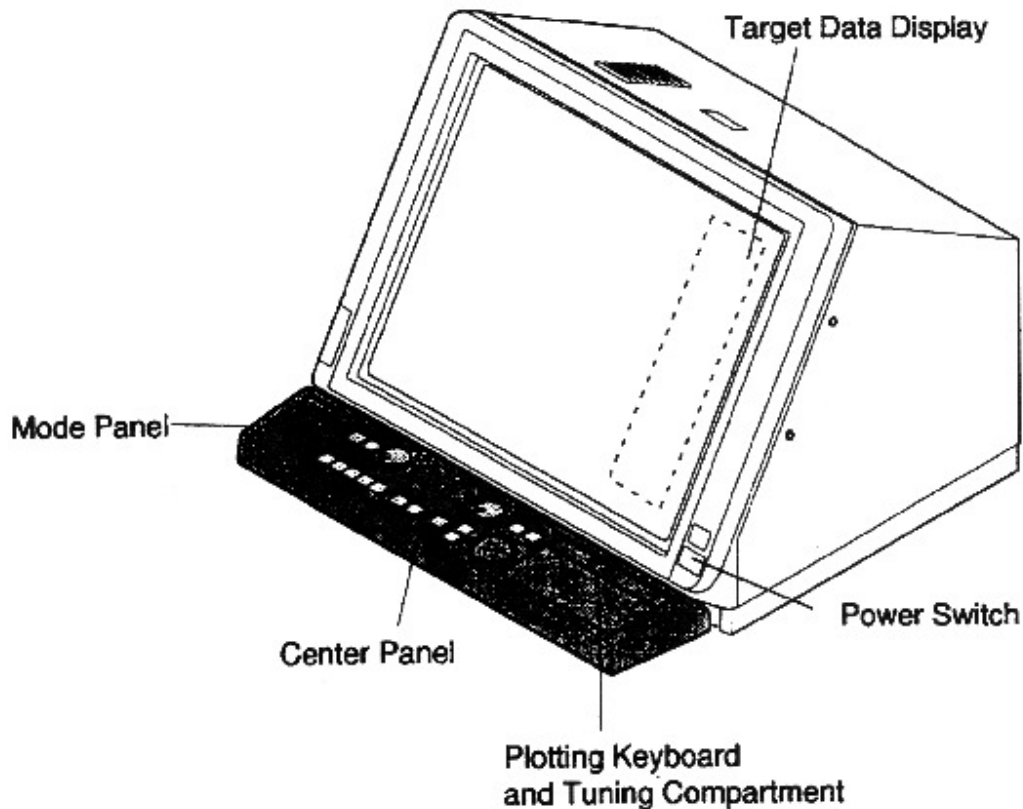
Raster-scan PPI

The IMO Performance Standards for radar to provide a plan display with an effective display diameter of 180mm, 250mm, or 340mm depending upon the gross tonnage of the vessel. With the diameter parameters already chosen, the manufacturer has then to decide how to arrange the placement of the digital numerical data and control status indicators. The raster-scan display makes it easier for design engineers in the way auxiliary data can be written.

Monochrome and Color CRT

A monochrome display is one which displays one color and black. The general monochrome television uses white as the color. This however is not an appropriate color for the conditions under which a commercial marine radar is viewed. Unlike a television screen, marine radar displays tend to be viewed from the shorter distance and the observer has a greater concentration on the details of the screen and therefore is subject to eyestrain. For this reason the color most common to monochrome raster-scan applications was green. The green phosphor provides comfortable viewing by reducing eye strain and stress.

The color tube CRT differs from its monochrome counterpart in that it has three electron guns, which are designated as red, green, and blue.



FEATURES

The FR-2805 and FAR-2805 series of Radar and ARPAs are designed to fully meet the exacting rules of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for installations on all classes of vessels.

The display unit employs a 28 inch diagonal multicolored CRT. It provides an effective radar picture of 360 mm diameter leaving sufficient space for on screen alpha-numeric data.

Target detection is enhanced by the sophisticated signal processing technique such as multi-level quantization (MLQ), echo stretch, echo average, and a built-in radar interference rejector. Audible and visual guard zone alarms are provided as standard. Other ship's movement is assessed by trails of target echoes or by electronic plotting. The FAR-2805 series ARPA further provides target assessment by historical plots, vectors and target data table.

On screen data readouts include CPA, TCPA, range, bearing, speed/course on up to 3 targets at a time. The ARPA functions include automatic acquisition of up to 20 targets, or manual acquisition of 40 targets. In addition, the ARPA features display of a traffic lane, buoys, dangerous points, and other important reference points.

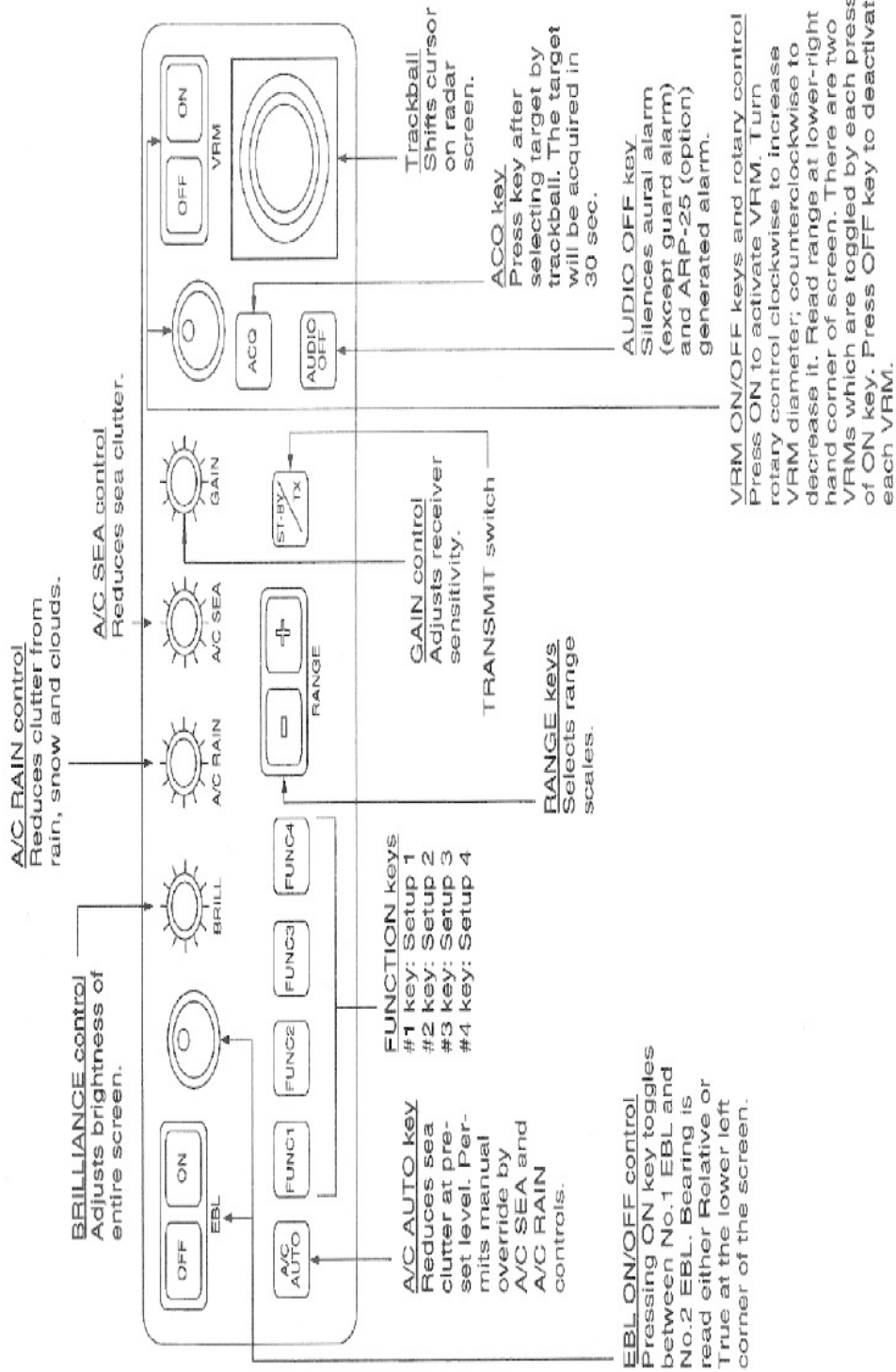
General Features

- Daylight-bright high-resolution display
- 28 inch diagonal CRT presents radar picture of 360 mm effective diameter with alphanumeric data area around it
- User friendly operation by combination of tactile backlit touchpads, a trackball and rotary controls
- Audio-visual alert for targets in guard zone
- Echo trail to assess targets' speed and course by simulated afterglow
- Electronic plotting of up to 10 targets in different symbols (This function is disabled when ARPA is activated)
- Electronic parallel index lines
- Interswitch (optional) built in radar or ARPA display unit
- Enhanced visual target detection by Echo Average, Echo Stretch, Interference Rejector, and multi-level quantization
- Stylish display
- Choice of 10, 25 or 50 KW output for X-band; 30 KW output for S-band, either in the transceiver aloft (gearbox) or RF down (transceiver in bridge)
- Exclusive FURUNO MIC low noise receiver

ARPA Features

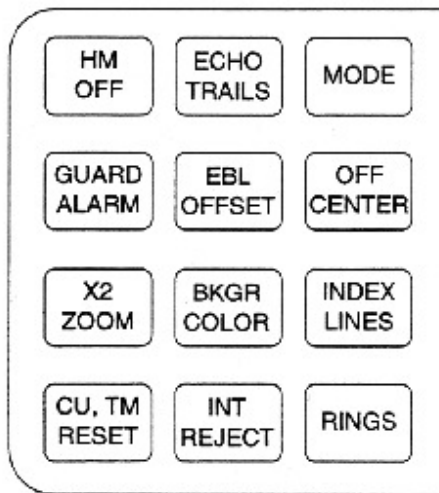
- Acquires up to 20 targets automatically
- Movement of tracked targets shown by true or relative vectors (Vector length 1 to 99 min. selected in 1 min steps)
- Setting of nav lines, buoy marks and other symbols to enhance navigation safety
- On-screen digital readouts of range, bearing, course, speed, CPA, TCPA, BCR (Bow Crossing Range) and BCT (Bow Crossing Time) of two targets out of all tracked targets.
- Audible and visual alarms against threatening targets coming into operator-selected CPA/TCPA limits, lost targets, two guard rings, visual alarm against system failure and target full situation
- Electronic plotting of up to 10 targets in different symbols (This function is disabled when ARPA is activated)
- Electronic parallel index lines
- Interswitching (optional) built in radar or ARPA display unit
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Main control panel



GAIN, A/C RAIN, A/C SEA and BRILL controls are of push-and-rotate type. Push in wanted switch lightly, and it will pop up. Rotate it to the wanted setting and push it in. The retracted position of the controls provides a better protection for water splash.

DISPLAY CONTROLS - MODE PANEL



HM OFF

Temporarily erases the heading marker.

ECHO TRAILS

Shows trails of target echoes in the form of simulated afterglow.

MODE

Selects presentation modes: Head-up, Head-up/TB, North-up, Course-up, and True Motion.

GUARD ALARM

Used for setting the guard alarm.

EBL OFFSET

Activates and deactivates off-centering of the sweep origin.

BKGR COLOR

Selects the background color.

INDEX LINES

Alternately shows and erases parallel index lines.

X2 ZOOM

enlarges a user selected portion of picture twice as large as normal. (R-type only)

CU, TM RESET

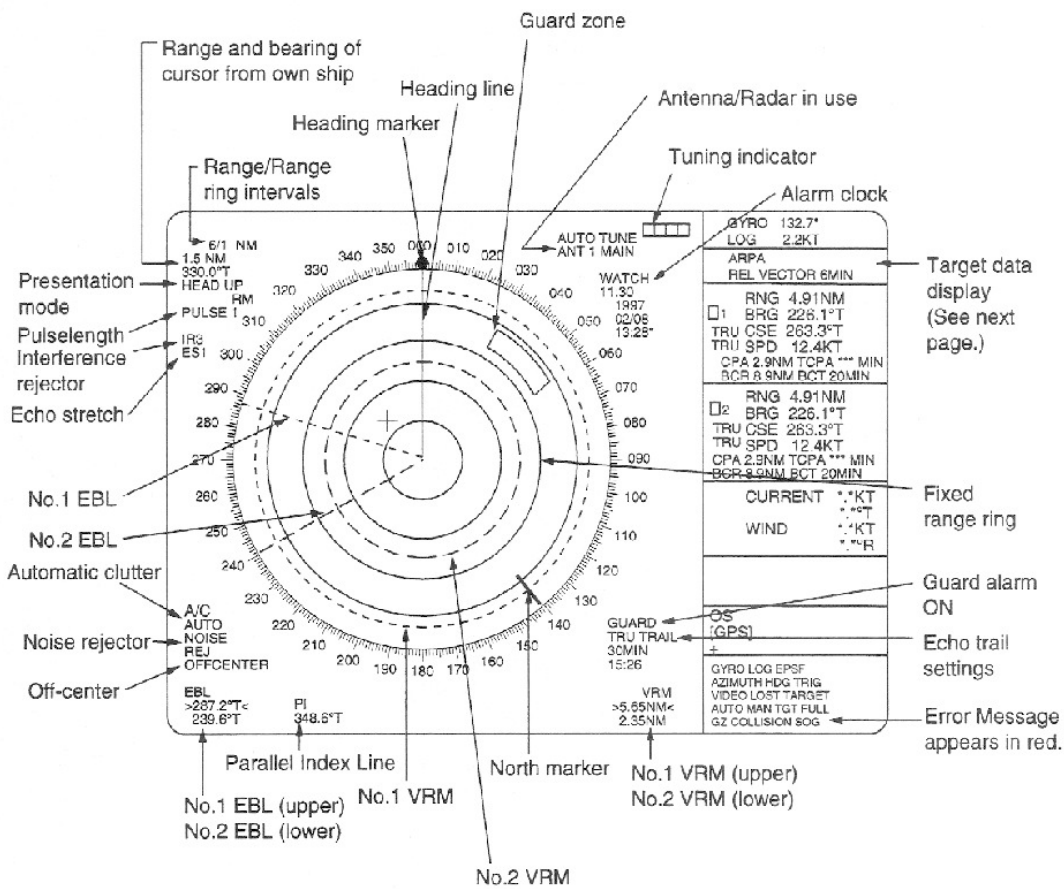
Resets the heading line to 000 in course-up mode; moves own ship position 50% radius in stern direction in the true motion mode.

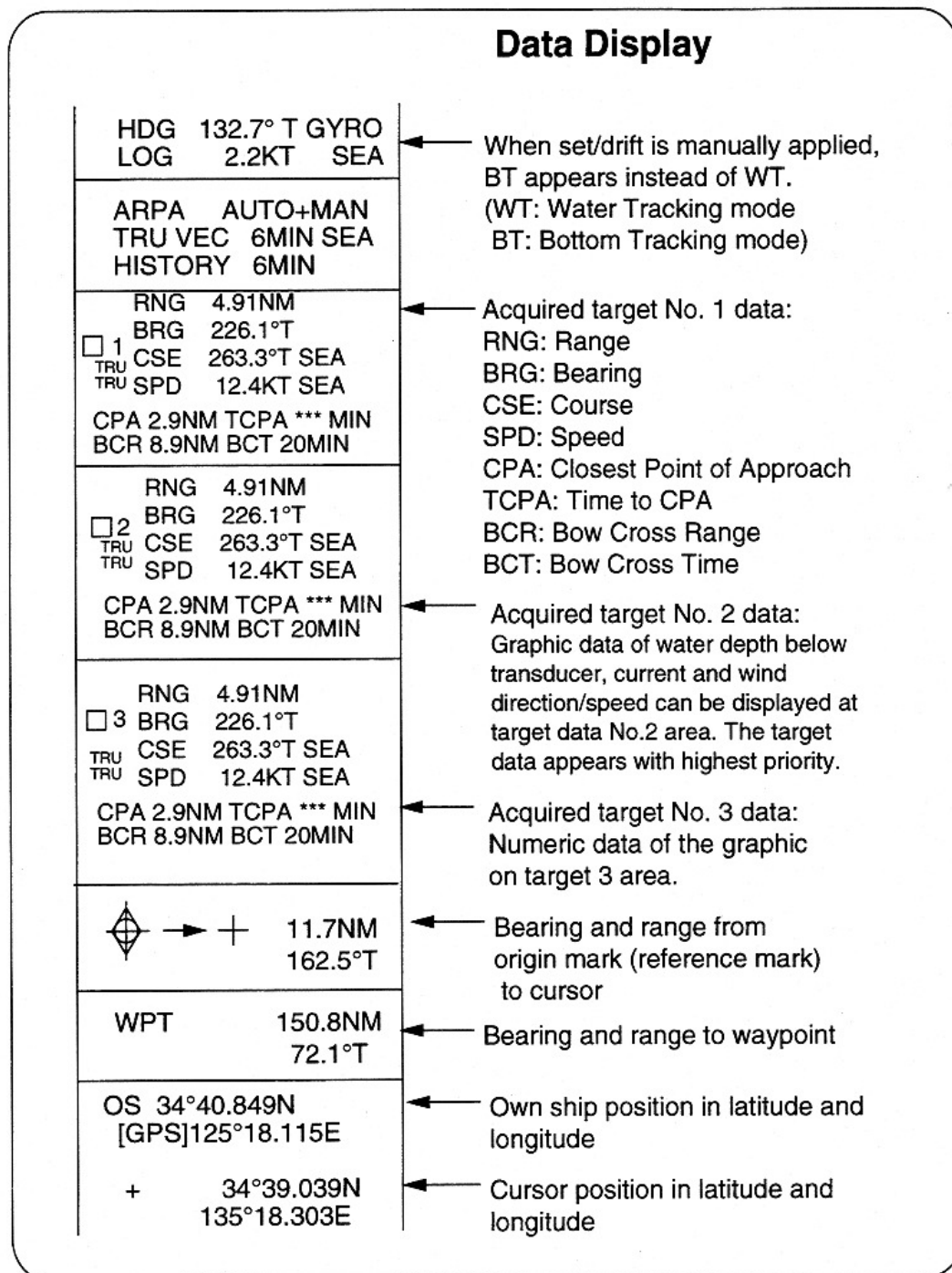
INT REJECT

Reduces mutual radar interference

RANGE RINGS

Adjusts the brightness of range rings.





DEGAUSSING THE CRT SCREEN

Each time the radar is turned on, the degaussing circuit automatically demagnetizes the CRT screen to eliminate color contamination caused by earth's magnetism or magnetized ship structure.

The screen is also degaussed automatically when own ship has made a

significant course change. While being degaussed, the screen may be disturbed momentarily with vertical lines. If you wish to degauss by manual operation at an arbitrary time, open and press the Degauss switch in the tuning compartment.

INITIALIZING THE GYRO READOUT

Provided that your radar is interfaced with a gyrocompass, ship's heading is displayed at the top of the screen. Upon turning on the radar, align the onscreen GYRO readout with the gyrocompass reading by the procedure shown below. Once you have set the initial heading correctly, resetting is not usually required. However, if the GYRO readout goes wrong for some reason, repeat the procedure to correct it.

1. Open the tuning compartment and press the HOLD button. The Gyro LED lights.
2. Press the UP or DOWN button to duplicate the gyrocompass reading at the on screen GYRO readout. Each press of these buttons changes the readout by 0.1-degree steps. To change the readout quickly, hold the UP or DOWN button for over two seconds.
3. Press the HOLD switch when the on screen GYRO readout has matched the gyrocompass reading. The Gyro LED goes out.

Note: The HOLD button is used to disengage the built-in gyro interface from the gyrocompass input in the event that you have difficulty in fine-adjusting the GYRO readout due to ship's yawing, for example. When initializing the GYRO readout at a berth (where the gyrocompass reading is usually stable), you may omit steps 1 and 3 above.

PRESENTATION MODES

This radar has the following presentation modes:

Relative Motion (RM)

Head-up: Unstabilized

Head-up TB: Head-up with compass-stabilized bearing scale (True Bearing)

Course-up: Compass-stabilized relative to ship's intended course

North-up: Compass-stabilized with reference to north)

True Motion (TM)

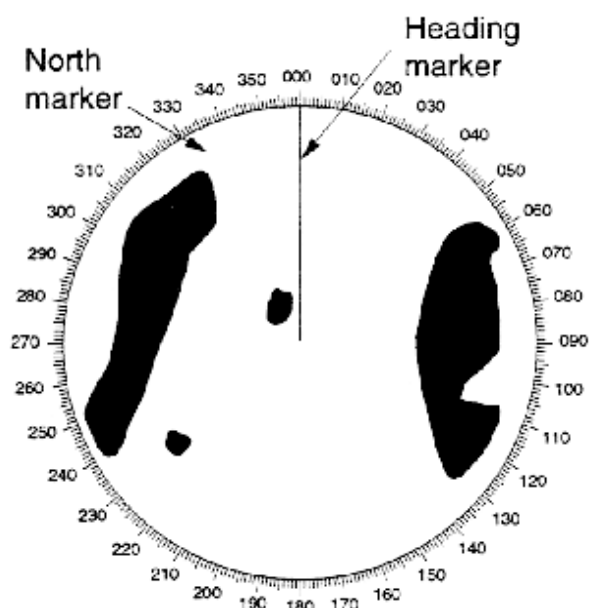
North-up: Ground or sea stabilized with compass and speed inputs

SELECTING PRESENTATION MODE

Press the MODE key on the mode panel. Each time the MODE key is pressed, the presentation mode and mode indication at the upper-left corner of the screen change cyclically.

Loss of Gyro Signal: When the gyro signal is lost, the presentation mode automatically becomes head-up and the GYRO readout at the screen top shows asterisks(***.*). The message SET HDG appears at the upper of the screen. This warning stays on when the gyro signal is restored, to warn the operator that the readout may be unreadable. Press the MODE key to select another presentation mode (the asterisks are erased at this point). Then, align the GYRO readout with the gyrocompass reading and press the CANCEL key to erase the message SET HDG.

Head-up Mode (Figure 5.7)

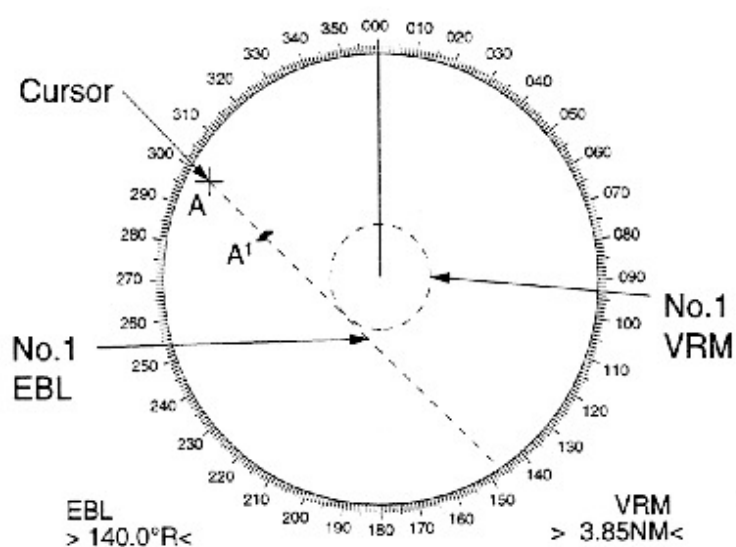


A display without azimuth stabilization in which the line connecting the center with the top of the display indicates own ship's heading.

The target pips are painted at their measured distances and in their directions relative to own ship's heading.

A short line on the bearing scale is the north marker indicating compass north. A failure of the gyro input will cause the north marker to disappear and the GYRO readout to show asterisks (**.*) and the message SET HDG appears on the screen.

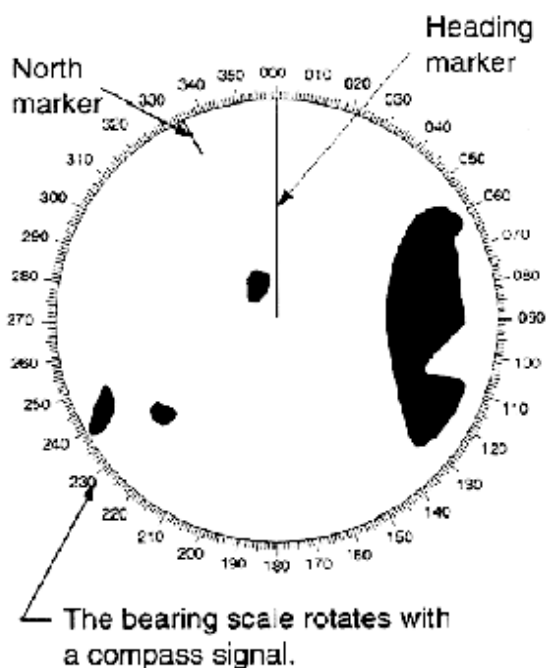
Course-up Mode (Figure 5.8)



An azimuth stabilized display in which a line connecting the center with

the top of the display indicates own ship's intended course (namely, own ship's previous heading just before this mode has been selected). Target pips are painted at their measured distances and in their directions relative to the intended course which is maintained at the 0 position while the heading marker moves in accordance with ship's yawing and course changes. This mode is useful to avoid smearing of picture during course change. After a course change, press the (CU, TM RESET) key to reset the picture orientation if you wish to continue using the course up mode.

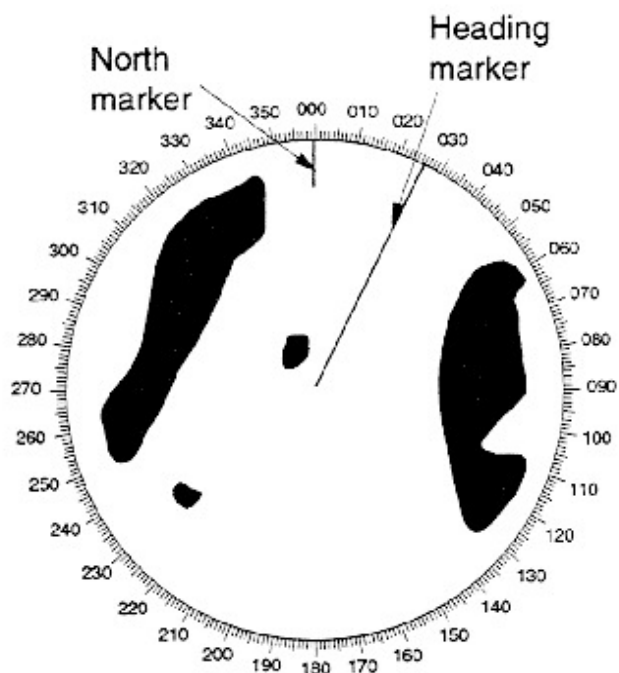
Head-up TB (True Bearing) Mode (Figure 5.9)



Radar echoes are shown in the same way as in the head-up mode. The difference from normal head-up presentation lies in the orientation of the bearing scale. The bearing scale is compass stabilized, that is, it rotates in accordance with the compass signal, enabling you to know own ship's heading at a glance.

This mode is available only when the radar is interfaced with a gyrocompass.

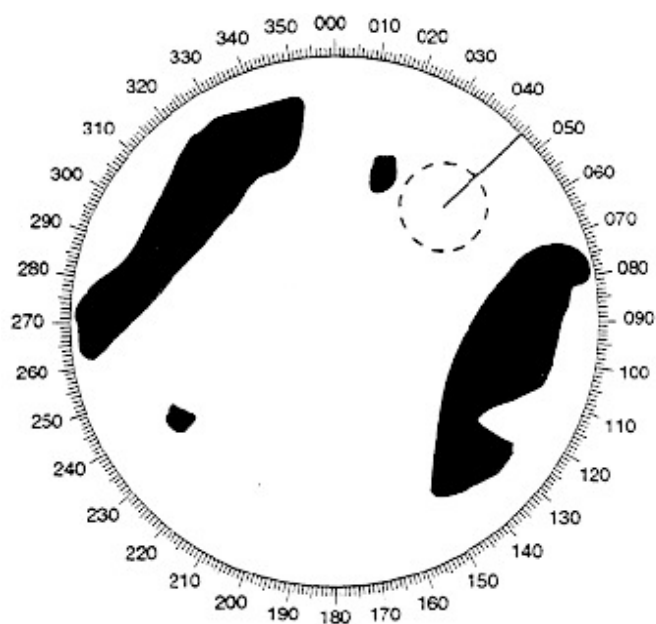
North-up Mode (Figure 5.10)



In the north-up mode, target pips are painted at their measured distances and in their true (compass) directions from own ship, north being maintained UP of the screen. The heading marker changes its direction according to the ship's heading.

If the gyrocompass fails, the presentation mode changes to head-up and the north marker disappears. Also, the GYRO readout shows asterisks (**.*) and the message SET HDG appears on the screen.

True Motion Mode (Figure 5.11)



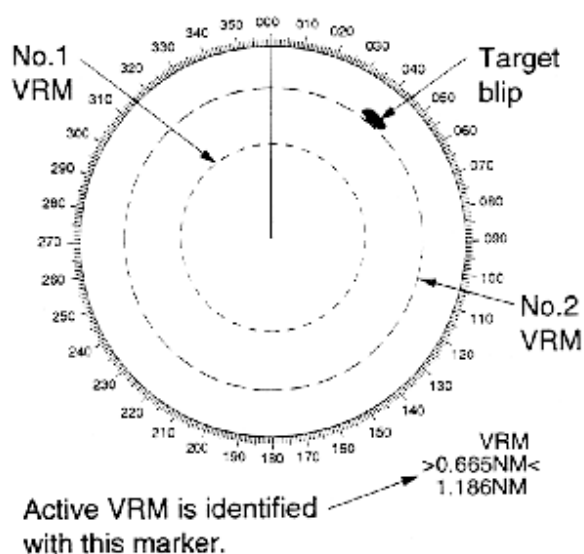
Own ship and other moving objects move in accordance with their true courses and speeds. All fixed targets, such as landmasses, appear as stationary echoes.

When own ship reaches a point corresponding to 75% of the radius of the display, the own ship is automatically reset to a point of 50% radius opposite to the extension of the heading marker passing through the display center. Resetting can be made at any moment before the ship reaches the limit by pressing the (CU, TM RESET) key. Automatic resetting is preceded by a beep sound.

If the gyrocompass fails, the presentation mode is changed to the head-up mode and the north marker disappears. The GYRO readout at the top of the screen shows asterisks (**.*) and the message SET HDG appears on the screen.

MEASURING THE RANGE (FIGURE 5.12)

Use the fixed range rings to obtain a rough estimate of the range to the target. They are concentric solid circles about own ship, or the sweep origin. The number of rings is automatically determined by the selected range scale and their interval is displayed at the upper left position of the screen. Press the RINGS key on the mode panel to show the fixed range rings if they are not displayed. Successive presses of the RINGS key gradually increase their brightness in 4 steps and fifth press erases the range rings.



Use the Variable Range Markers (VRM) for more accurate measurement of the range of the target. There are two VRMs, No.1 and No.2, which appear as dashed rings so that you can discriminate them from the fixed range rings. The two VRMs can be distinguished from each other by different lengths of dashes.

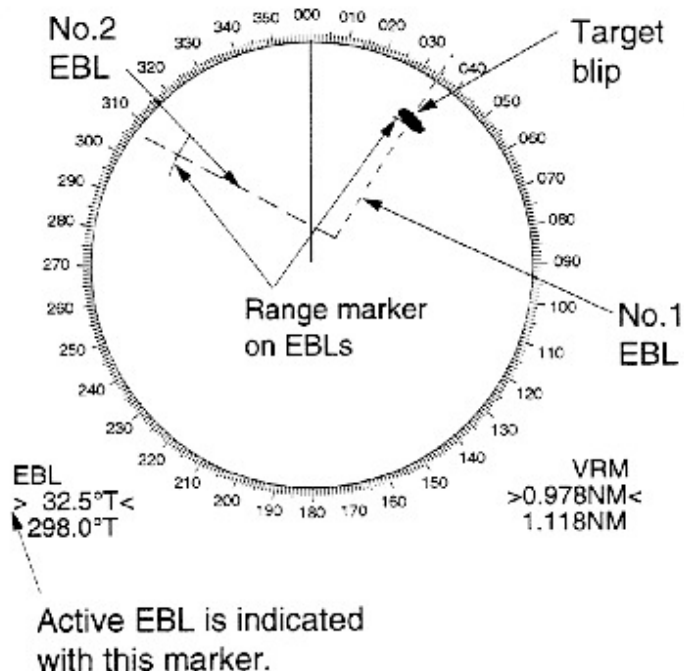
Press the VRM ON key to display either of the VRMs. Successive presses of the VRM ON key toggle the active VRM between No.1 and No.2 and the currently active VRM readout is circumscribed by >.....<.

Align the active VRM with the inner edge of the target of interest and read its distance at the lower right corner of the screen. Each VRM remains at the same geographical distance when you operate the RANGE+ or RANGEkey. This means that the apparent radius of the VRM ring changes in proportion to the selected range scale. Press the VRM OFF key to erase each VRM.

MEASURING THE BEARING (FIGURE 5.13)

Use the Electronic Bearing Lines (EBL) to take bearings of a target. There are two EBLs, No.1 and No.2 which are toggled by successive presses of the EBL ON key. Each EBL is a straight dashed line extending out from the own ship position up to the circumference of the radar picture. The fine dashed line is the No.1 EBL and the course dashed one is the No.2 EBL.

Press the EBL ON key to display either of the EBLs. Successive presses of the EBL ON key toggle the active EBL between No.1 and No.2 and the currently active EBL readout is circumscribed by >... <.



Rotate the EBL rotary control clockwise or counterclockwise until the active EBL bisects the target of interest, and read its bearing at the lower left corner of the screen. The EBL readout is affixed by “R” (relative) if it is relative to own ship’s heading, T (true) if it is referenced to the north, as determined by RADAR 2 menu settings.

Each EBL carries a range marker, or a short line crossing the EBL at right angles and its distance from the EBL origin is indicated at the VRM readout whether or not the corresponding VRM is displayed. The range marker changes its position along the EBL with the rotation of the VRM control. Press the EBL OFF key to erase each EBL.

COLLISION ASSESSMENT BY OFFSET EBL

The origin of the EBL can be placed anywhere with the trackball to enable measurement of range and bearing between any targets. This function is also useful for assessment of the potential risk of collision. To assess possibility of collision:

1. Press the EBL ON key to display or activate an EBL (No.1 or 2).
2. Place the cursor (+) on a target of interest (A in the illustrated example) by operating the trackball.
3. Press the EBL OFFSET key on the mode panel, and the origin of the active EBL shifts to the cursor position. Press the EBL OFFSET key again to anchor the EBL origin.
4. After waiting for a few minutes (at least 3 minutes), operate the EBL control until the EBL bisects the target at the new position (A’). The EBL readout shows the target ship’s course, which may be true or relative depending on the settings on the RADAR 2 menu.

If relative motion is selected, it is also possible to read CPA by using a VRM as shown in figure 5.14. If the EBL passes through the sweep origin (own ship) as illustrated in figure 5.15, the target ship is on a collision course.

5. To return the EBL origin to the own ship's position, press the EBL OFFSET key again.

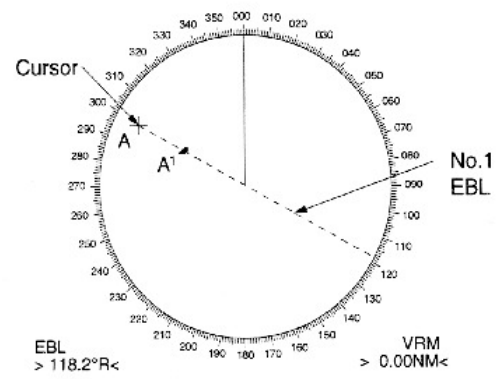
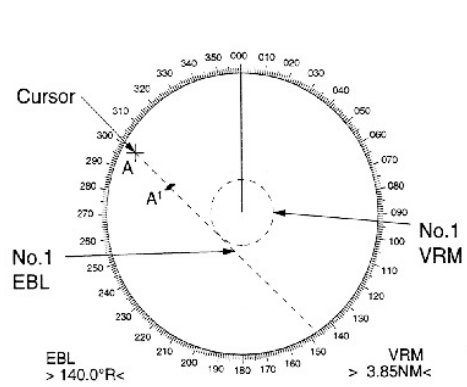


Figure 5.14 - Evaluating target ship's course and CPA in relative motion mode Figure 5.15 - Target ship on collision course

OPERATION OF ARPA

GENERAL

The FAR-2805 series with ARP-25 board provide the full ARPA functions complying with IMO A. 823 and IEC-60872-1 as well as complying with the radar performance MSC.64(67) Annex 4.

PRINCIPAL SPECIFICATIONS

Acquisition and tracking

Automatic acquisition of up to 20 targets plus manual acquisition of 20 targets, or fully manual acquisition of 40 targets between 0.1 and 32 nm (0.1 and 24 nm depending on initial setting)

Automatic tracking of all acquired targets between 0.1 and 32 nm (0.1 and 24 nm depending on initial setting)

Vectors

Vector length: 30 sec, 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 15, 30 min.

Orientation: True velocity or relative velocity

Motion trend: Displayed within 20 scans, full accuracy within 60 scans after acquisition.

Past positions: Choice of 5 or 10 past positions at intervals of 30 sec, 1,2,3 or 6 min.

Alarms: Visual and audible alarms against targets violating CPA/

TCPA limits, lost targets, targets crossing guard zone

(guard ring), system failure and target full status.

Trial maneuver: Predicted situation appears in 1 min after selected delay (1-60 minutes).

KEYS USED FOR ARPA

The Auto Plotter uses the keys on the plotting keypad on the right side of the radar screen and two keys on the control panel. Below is a brief description of these keys.

CANCEL: Terminates tracking of a single target specified by the trackball if the key is pressed with a hit-and-release action. If the key is held depressed for about 3 seconds, tracking of all targets is terminated.

ENTER: Registers menu options selected.

VECTOR TRUE/REL: Selects a vector length of 30s 1, 2, 3, 6, 12, 15 or 30min.

TARGET DATA: Displays data on one of tracked targets selected by the trackball.

TARGET BASED SPEED: Own ship's speed is measured relative to a fixed target.

AUTO PLOT: Activates and deactivates the ARPA functions.

TRIAL: Shows consequences of own ship's speed and course against all tracked targets.

LOST TARGET: Silences the lost target aural alarm and erases the lost target symbol.

HISTORY: shows and erases past positions of tracked targets.

ACQ: (on control panel): Manually acquires a target.

AUDIO OFF: (on control panel): Silences aural alarm.

AUTOMATIC ACQUISITION

The ARPA can acquire up to 40 targets (20 automatically and 20 manually or all 40 manually). If AUTO ACQ is selected after more than 20 targets have been manually acquired, only the remaining capacity of targets can be automatically acquired. For example, when 30 targets have been acquired manually, then the ARPA is switched to AUTO ACQ. Only 10 targets can be acquired automatically. A target just acquired automatically is marked with a broken square and a vector appears about one minute after acquisition indicating the target's motion trend. Three minutes after acquisition, the initial tracking stage is finished and the target becomes ready for stable tracking. At this point, the broken square mark changes to a solid circle. (Targets automatically acquired are distinguished from those acquired manually, displayed by bold symbol).

Enabling and disabling auto acquisition

1. Press the E, AUTO PLOT key if the ARPA is not yet activated. Note that the label ARPA appears in the box at the upper right on the screen.
 2. Press the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to show the ARPA 1 menu.
 3. Press the (1) key to select menu item 1 AUTO ACQ.
 4. Further press the (1) key to select (or highlight) ON (enable auto acquisition) or OFF (disable auto acquisition) as appropriate.
 5. Press the ENTER key to conclude your selection followed by the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to close the AUTO PLOT 1 menu. Note that the label AUTO+MAN is displayed in the box at the upper right on the screen when auto acquisition is enabled; MAN when auto acquisition is disabled.
- Note:* When the ARPA has acquired 20 targets automatically, the message AUTO TARGET FULL is displayed in the box at the right hand side of the screen.

Setting auto acquisition areas

Instead of limits lines, auto acquisition areas are provided in the system.

There are two setting methods:

- 3, 6 Nautical Miles: Two predefined auto acquisition areas; one between 3.0 and 3.5 nautical miles and the other between 5.5 and 6.0 nautical miles.
- SET: Two sector shaped or full circle auto acquisition areas set by using the trackball.

To activate two predefined auto acquisition areas (3 & 6 NM):

1. Press the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to show the ARPA 1 menu.
2. Press the (2) key to select menu item 2 AUTO ACQ AREA.
3. Further press the (2) key to select (or highlight) menu option 3, 6 nautical miles.
4. Press the ENTER key to confirm your selection followed by the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to close the ARPA 1 menu.

To set auto acquisition areas with trackball:

1. Press the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to show the ARPA 1 menu.
2. Press the (2) key to select menu item 2 AUTO ACQ AREA.
3. Further press the (2) key to select (or highlight) SET option.
4. Press the ENTER key to conclude your selection. At this point the AUTO ACQ SETTING menu is displayed at the screen bottom.
5. Press the (2) key to select menu item 2 1/2 and press the ENTER key.
6. Place the cursor at the outer counterclockwise corner of the area and press the ENTER key.
7. Place the cursor at the clockwise edge of the area and press the ENTER key.

Note: If you wish to create an auto acquisition area having a 360 degree coverage around own ship, set point B in almost the same direction (approx.




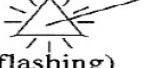
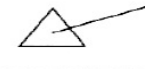


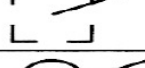
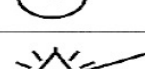
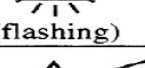
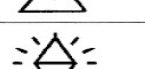

+/-3) as point A and press the ENTER key.




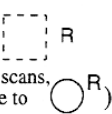

8. Repeat steps 5 and 7 above if you want to set another auto acquisition area with the trackball.

9. Press the (1) key followed by the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to close the ARPA 1 menu.

An auto acquisition area like the example shown above appears on the display. Note that each auto acquisition area has a fixed radial extension width of 0.5 nautical miles.

Note that the auto acquisition areas are preserved in an internal memory of the ARPA even when auto acquisition is disabled or the ARPA is turned off.

Item	Symbol	Status	Remarks
Automatically acquired targets		Initial stage EPVS symbol NO. 3	Broken square around an echo to indicate the target under acquisition and initial stage of tracking, before steady-state tracking.
		EPVS symbol NO. 3	Between 20 and 60 scans of antenna after acquisition (vector still unreliable)
		Steady tracking EPVS symbol NO. 4a	Solid circle with vector indicating steady state tracking (60 scans after acquisition)
	 (flashing)	CPA alarm EPVS symbol NO. 8	Plot symbol changes to an equilateral triangle flashing to indicate the target is predicted to come into CPA or TCPA.
		CPA alarm acknowledge EPVS symbol NO. 8	Flashing stops after CPA/TCPA alarm is acknowledged.
	 (flashing)	Lost target EPVS symbol NO. 9	Lost target is indicated by flashing diamond symbol. The diamond is formed from two equal triangles.
Manually acquired targets		Initial stage EPVS symbol NO. 3	Plot symbol selected for a target acquired manually is shown in bold broken lines.
		EPVS symbol NO. 3	Bold broken square for 20 - 60 scans of antenna after acquisition.
		Steady tracking EPVS symbol NO. 4a	Manual plot symbol in a bold solid circle (60 scans after acquisition)
	 (flashing)	CPA alarm (collision course) EPVS symbol NO. 8	Plot symbol changes to an equilateral triangle flashing if a target is predicted to come into the preset CPA or TCPA.
		EPVS symbol NO. 8	Flashing stops after CPA/TCPA alarm is acknowledged.
	 (flashing)	Lost target EPVS symbol NO. 9	Lost target is indicated by flashing diamond symbol. The diamond is formed from two equal triangles (one apex up and the other apex down).

Item	Symbol	Status	Remarks
Guard zone	 (flashing)	On target passing through operator-set guard zone EPVS symbol NO. 7	Plot symbol changes to an equilateral triangle apex down, flashing together with vector if target entering guard zone (guard ring).
Automatic acquisition area		5.5-6.0 nm, 3-3.5 nm or anywhere EPVS symbol NO. 2	Sector or full circle as selected by the operator.
Target selected for data readout	 1	On selected target EPVS symbol NO. 12	Target data (range, bearing, course, speed, CPA and TCPA).
Reference target	 (In 60 scans, change to )	On reference target	Used to calculate own ship's over-the-ground speed (target-based speed) for ground stabilization. Note: Only one point is useable.
Trial maneuver	T (flashing)	Bottom center EPVS symbol NO. 10	Appears during execution of a trial maneuver.
Auto Plotter performance test	XX (flashing)	Bottom center EPVS symbol NO. 11A	Appears during execution of a performance test (Track Test).

SETTING CPA/TCPA ALARM RANGES

The ARPA continuously monitors the predicted range at the CPA and predicted time to CPA (TCPA) of each tracked target to own ship.

When the predicted CPA of any target becomes smaller than a preset CPA alarm range and its predicted TCPA less than a preset TCPA alarm limit, the ARPA releases an aural alarm and displays the warning label COLLISION on the screen. In addition, the ARPA symbol changes to a triangle and flashes together with its vector.

Provided that this feature is used correctly, it will help prevent the risk of collision by alerting you to threatening targets. It is important that GAIN, A/C SEA, A/C RAIN and other radar controls are properly adjusted.

CPA/TCPA alarm ranges must be set up properly taking into consideration the size, tonnage, speed, turning performance and other characteristics of own ship.

CAUTION: The CPA/TCPA alarm feature should never be relied upon as the sole means for detecting the risk of collision. The navigator is not relieved of the responsibility to keep visual lookout for avoiding collisions, whether or not the radar or other plotting aid is in use.

To set the CPA/TCPA alarm ranges:

1. Press the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key on the plotting keypad to show the ARPA 1 menu.
2. Press the (6) key to select menu item 6 CPA, TCPA SET. At this point, a highlight cursor appears at the "CPAx.xNM" field.
3. Enter the CPA alarm range in nautical miles (max 9.9 min) without omitting leading zeroes, if any, and press the ENTER key. The highlight cursor now moves to the:TCPAxx.xMIN" field.
4. Enter the TCPA alarm limit in minutes (max.99.0 min) without omitting

leading zeroes, if any, and press the ENTER key.

5. Press the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to close the menu.

Setting a Guard Zone

When a target transits the operator-set guard zone, the buzzer sounds and the indication GUARD RING appears at the screen bottom. The target causing the warning is clearly indicated with an inverted flashing triangle.
CAUTION: The Guard Zone (Guard Ring) should never be relied upon as a sole means for detecting the risk of collision. The navigator is not relieved of the responsibility to keep a visual lookout for avoiding collisions, whether or not the radar or other plotting aid is in use.

Activating the guard zone

No. 1 Guard Zone is available between 3 and 6 nm with a fixed range depth of 0.5 nm. No. 2 GZ may be set anywhere when No. 1 GZ is valid.

To set and activate the guard zone:

1. Press the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key on the plotting keyboard to show the ARPA 1 menu.
2. Press the (3) key to select menu item 3 GUARD RING.
3. Further press the (3) key to select (or highlight) ON to activate the guard zone.
4. Press the ENTER key to conclude your selection.
5. Press the (4) key to select menu item 4 GUARD RING SET. At this point the GUARD SETTING menu is displayed at the screen bottom.
6. Press the (2) key and enter key. (2) (2) (ENTER) when setting the no. 2 ring.
7. Place the cursor at the outer left corner of the area (point 1) and press the ENTER key.
8. Place the cursor at the right edge of the area (point 2) and press the ENTER key.

Note: If you wish to create a guard zone having a 360-degree coverage around own ship, set point 2 in almost the same direction (approx. +/- 3) as point 1 and press the ENTER key.

9. Press the (1) key followed by the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to close the ARPA 1 menu.

Deactivating the guard zone (guard ring)

1. Press the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key on the plotting keyboard to show the ARPA 1 menu.
2. Press the (3) key to select menu item 3 GUARD RING.
3. Further press the (3) key to select (or highlight) OFF to deactivate the guard zone.
4. Press the ENTER key to conclude your selection followed by the E, AUTO PLOT MENU key to close the ARPA 1 menu.

Silencing the guard zone (guard ring) audible alarm

Press the AUDIO OFF key to acknowledge and silence the guard zone audible alarm.

Operational Warnings

There are six main situations which cause the Auto Plotter to trigger visual and aural alarms:

- CPA/TCPA alarm
- Guard zone alarm
- Lost target alarm
- Target full alarm for manual acquisition
- Target full alarm for automatic acquisition
- System failures

The audible alarm can be set to OFF through the AUTO PLOT 2 menu.

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The radar display is often referred to as the **plan position indicator** (PPI). On a PPI, the sweep appears as a radial line, centered at the center of the scope and rotating in synchronization with the antenna. Any returned echo causes a brightening of the display screen at the bearing and range of the object. Because of a luminescent coating on the inside of the tube, the glow continues after the trace rotates past the target. On a PPI, a target's actual range is proportional to its distance from the center of the scope. A moveable cursor helps to measure ranges and bearings. In the "headingupward" presentation, which indicates relative bearings,

the top of the scope represents the direction of the ship's head. In this unstabilized presentation, the orientation changes as the ship changes heading. In the stabilized "north-upward" presentation, gyro north is always at the top of the scope.

Diffraction is the bending of a wave as it passes an obstruction. Because of diffraction there is some illumination of the region behind an obstruction or target by the radar beam. Diffraction effects are greater at the lower frequencies. Thus, the radar beam of a lower frequency radar tends to illuminate more of the shadow region behind an obstruction than the beam of a radar of higher frequency

or shorter wavelength.

Attenuation is the scattering and absorption of the energy in the radar beam as it passes through the atmosphere. It causes a decrease in echo strength. Attenuation is greater at the higher frequencies or shorter Wavelengths.

Refraction

If the radar waves traveled in straight lines, the distance to the radar horizon would be dependent only on the power output of the transmitter and the height of the antenna. In other words, the distance to the radar horizon would be the same as that of the geometrical horizon for the antenna height. However, atmospheric density gradients bend radar rays as they travel to and from a target. This bending is called refraction.

Factors Affecting Radar Interpretation

Radar's value as a navigational aid depends on the navigator's understanding its characteristics and limitations. Whether measuring the range to a single reflective object or trying to discern a shoreline lost amid severe clutter, knowledge of the characteristics of the individual radar used are crucial.

Marine radars are usually short range radars that are used by ships to pinpoint locations about other ships and land in the area. The **frequencies** with which these radars are operated are known as *x-band* or *s-band* frequencies. The *x* stands for secret, as the ship radar was mainly a hidden frequency while used for the purpose of tracking ship during the Second World War. The *s* stands for small range in the second type.

The Display