

# PORTASCANNER<sup>™</sup> TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS



# **COLTRACO** Ultrasonics | since 1987

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# OUR MISSION: THE SAFESHIP™ & THE SAFESITE™

safety management.

The issue is not just about compliance with the regulations; it is about the safe ship offshore and the safe site onshore.

This helps our customers to ensure lower risk, higher protection and business continuity.

Safety for safety's sake.

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# PORTASCANNER™ II

# Portable Ultrasonic Water/Weather/Gastight Integrity Tester

# THREE CORE BENEFITS

### 1. World-Class Accuracy

### 2. Quick & Easy to use

The most mathematically accurate unit of its type locating a leak site via visual and audible readings and identifying its extent with a definitive numerical result. 0-5 means "watertight" > 100 means "weathertight" - anything above needs to be checked.

It is a simple solution with few limitations and is easy to learn how to operate. Testing can be completed far more quickly, by just one person, in comparison to labour and time intensive hose testing.

### 3. Enhances Safety

Tests can be conducted more frequently and can contribute to safety management and preventative maintenance procedures onboard. Protecting the valuable cargo, the vessel's structural integrityand thus also the crew.

# FEATURES

- IDEAL FOR inspecting hatch covers, watertight doors, cable transits, scuttles, bulkheads and any watertight compartment
- **PORTABLE** and very lightweight, allowing equipment to be transported, carried and operated with ease
- ULTRASONIC GENERATOR fitted with magnets so operators don't have to climb down ladders to place generator on the tank top
- Significantly more accurate and time efficient than high pressure hose or chalk testing
- Equipment comes with DVD or Online Training Videos for quick and effective training
- Full Classification Society Approval with RINA
- Accurate to +/- 0.06mm with a tolerance of 0.02mm



TYPE: Portable ultrasonic water/weather/gastight integrity tester FUNCTION: To verify the watertight integrity of sealed compartments; its main application is testing watertight/weathertight doors, hatch-covers and MCTs. PART NUMBER: 509004-0311 NSN: 6625-99-257-8336 IMPA: 652778





# FUNCTION

# **TYPICAL EXAMPLE IN 7 STEPS:**

- 1. Connect the Rod and Headphones to the Receiver and place the Generator into the com-partment to be tested.
- Fix the Generator by the magnet to any metallic surface not far from the seal being inspected.
- Switch the Generator 'On' and all the readings will 3 dramatically increase.
- 4. Leaving the cover of the seal being tested open and check around the seal to ensure a strong signal is being received at all points.
- 5. The compartment is then closed and the inspection of

the seal begins.

6. If there is a leak or area of weak seal compression

readings will increase.

By moving the Rod to where the signal is strongest, the operator can identify the exact location and extent of any leak site and steps can be taken to fix this issue.

# **ADVANTAGES**

- **ACCURATE:** locates leaks of minimum size 0.6 mm ± 0.02 mm
- SIMPLE: a wide range of people can learn to use it •
- EASY TO USE: enabling regular testing •
- **NON-INVASIVE TESTING:** does not affect cargo & one can test with contents in situ
- LIGHTWEIGHT & PORTABLE: can be easily carried around/into compartments with ease
- LCD DISPLAY: Gives 3 reading types: Bar Graph, Numerical and Audible, with a straightforward 'Go/No-Go' result
- MAGNETIC BASE: the quality of the of Generator means the crew do not have to climb in ۲ and out of compartments
- UNIQUE TONE OF AUDIO INDICATION: allows the user to distinguish whether it is the ultrasound signal or background noise being received
- **VERSATILE:** the equipment can be used at any point in a journey, whether vessels are in port, onshore or offshore
- GREEN: a clean method of testing that does not violate any environmental codes, unlike hose testing
- EFFICIENT: seals, hatch-covers, watertight/weathertight doors and MCTs can be tested efficiently and reliably, thus saving time and costs
- NO IATA TRANSPORTATION RESTRICTIONS: uses safe, clean & environmental ultrasonic technology and does not use liquid batteries
- **NO TRAINING COSTS:** free-of-charge online and 24/7 telephone and email training support-through-life
- **COST EFFECTIVE:** the most mathematically accurate W/T integrity test indicator with dual decibel & mathematical display
- **ARCTIC USE:** hose-testing is impossible to conduct in severe arctic conditions



# **OPERATION**

The Portascanner® II has two units – a generator and receiver. The ultrasound generator emits a specific frequency of ultrasound (40,000 Hz). It is magnetic so can be attached onto a wide range of surfaces within sealed areas. The receiver then picks up the signal and converts it into a result indicating W/T integrity.

# RECEIVER

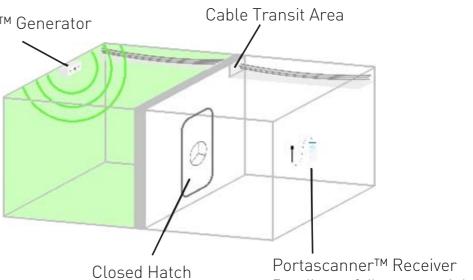
- The receiver is tuned to detect a specific frequency of ultrasound.
- The receiver comes with a sensor rod which allows a user to scan the entirety of a seal at close range.
- The receiver has both a visual and audio output. .
- The visual output is shown on the LCD screen of the receiving unit. It is read mathemati-۲ cally and in decibels.
- There is a numerical representation, which can be changed into a decibel (dB) reading, ٠ allowing seals to be tested to certification society standards.
- ٠ There is also a bar graph representation of the strength of the ultrasonic signal which is being detected.
- The audio signal is delivered via headphones which plug into the receiver unit (standard ٠ 3.5 mm jack).
- The receiver uses a process called heterodyning to change the ultrasound signal • received into an audio signal which the user can hear.

# **GENERATOR**

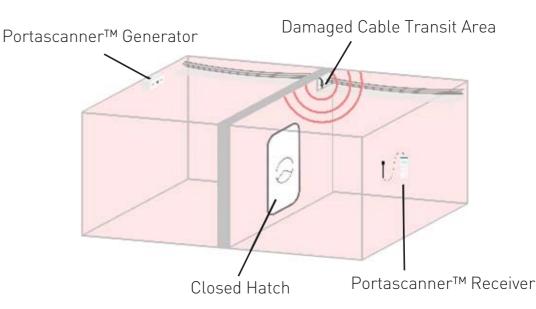
- The generator is placed on one side of a sealed compartment and turned on.
- The user stands on the other side of the compartment and uses the sensor rod to scan the seal.
- The receiver displays the strength of detected signal on the screen and the user can ٠ also hear it through the headphones.
- Leak sites will be apparent from an increased signal strength (see Figure 1). ۲
- This will be shown by an increase in the readings on the screen display and in the • volume of the audio signal.

# Figure 1. Watertight Compartment

### Portascanner<sup>™</sup> Generator



# Figure 2. Non-compliant Compartment



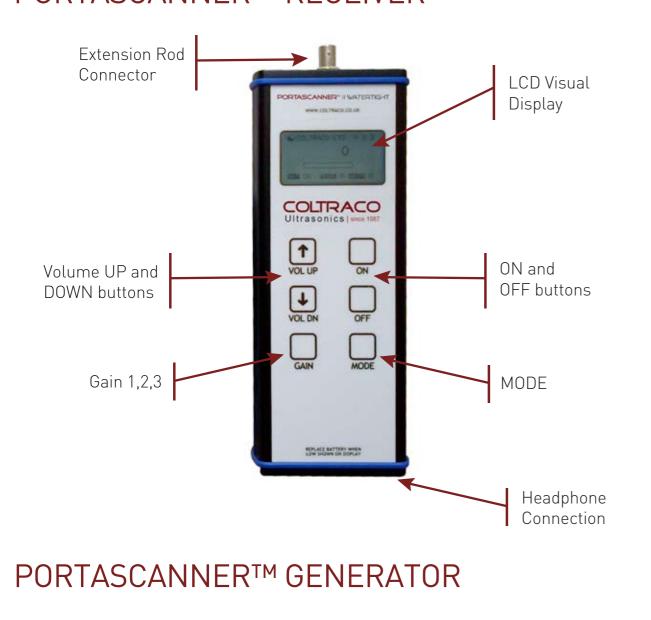
# RESULTS

The extent of the leak is indicated by the numerical readout. In terms of the numerical readout:

- "0 5" or "0 dB" indicates seal watertight integrity • "6 - 100" or "1 dB - 26 dB" indicates weather-tightness only
- "101+" or "27 dB+" indicates weak seal compression
- High values indicate a full leak site

Reading - Odb - watertight

# HOW PORTASCANNER<sup>™</sup> WORKS **PORTASCANNER™ RECEIVER**





# **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS PORTASCANNER™ RECEIVER**

INFO FOR TECH SPEC'S FOR THE RECEIVED		
Output	1 watt (ma	
	phones w	
Size	21.5cm x	
Weight	419 Gram	
Enclosure	1 x 9V PP3	
Battery life	10 hours	

The receiver uses ultrasonic technology to convert the 40KHz pulses sent by the generator into three easily comprehensible readings: audible, bar graph and numerical which enables the operator to understand if the seal is wholly watertight or to what extent a leak exists.

# **PORTASCANNER™ GENERATOR**

INFO FOR TECH SPEC'S FOR THE GENERATOR			
Output	0.1 watt/100dB unidirectional		
Mounting Arrangements	Permanent magnet		
Size	Waterproof IP65		
Weight	15cm L x 9cm W x 5cm H		
Powered by	431 Grams		
Battery life	2 x 9V batteries 10 hours minimum		

The generator is an ultrasonic generator with three transducers. This will produce a strong signal in one direction i.e. directly from the transducer which fills the compartment being tested with ultrasound pulses e.g. providing sufficient coverage to fill the hold when the hatch-covers are closed. The generator is permanently fitted with a powerful magnet which allows it to be attached to the vessel's structure where required. A magnet cover is provided when the magnet is not in use.

naximum) audible signal (via calibrated head-

vith visual 4 digit LCD display and graph)

8.5cm W x 3.5cm H

ns

P3 batteries with low battery indecation

continuous use minimum

# **KIT CONTENTS READY-TO-GO PACKAGE**



# APPLICATIONS THE PORTASCANNER™ 3 MAIN APPLICATIONS:

1. Hatch-covers 2. Watertight Compartment Doors 3. Multiple Cable Transits

## Shipping and Marine Applications

- Bulk carriers
- General cargo vessels •
- Container operators
- Reefers
- Ro-Ro vessels
- Supply vessels •
- Tankers •
- to identify leak areas
- •

# Defence Applications

- Warships
- Military aircraft airtight seals
- Submarines
- Tank testing
- Auxiliary vessels •
- Naval support vessels
- Armoured vehicle NBC/CW seals •
- Control (NBCD)
- •

# • Offshore Oil & Gas Application

- Drill-ships •
- Rigs •

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- Platforms
- And other vessels



Most suitable for Shipbuilders and Shipyards during construction activities Ideal for Class Hull Surveyors during survey of ships to identify leaks

Most Ideal for identifying leaks in a Citadel for Nuclear Biological Damage Safe to use onboard any vessel thanks to using ultrasonic technology

# WHY BUY PORTASCANNER™ FROM COLTRACO?

### STORY OF COLTRACO

Since 1987 Coltraco Ultrasonics have been designing and manufacturing ultrasonic instrumentation for safety and servicing. In 2012 we partnered with a fellow wellrespected UK OEM of thickness gauges to design our current models.

# QUALITY

Our Portascanner™ is carefully hand built and undergoes rigorous quality testing to ensure it meets the high standards expected by our customers, and t o provide them with long-term reliability.

# OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFETY

We are dedicated to being a Safeship® and Safesite<sup>®</sup> company, encouraging safety for safety's sake. Our Portascanner™ is part of our range of 14 products and systems which are all designed to offer alternative methods to traditional means of testing, for example fire suppression systems, watertight integrity, flow testing and more.

## OUR COMMITMENT **TO SCIENCE**

We are committed to designing and manufacturing the most mathematically



# AFTER SALES **ACCESSORIES**

### EXTENSION ROD

- 310mm L x 25 mm, Cable Length: 1m
- Supplied in 3 parts
- Alternative lengths can be supplied

### OPTIONAL: Permascanner™ Extended Hi-Life Generator

Additional standard generators can be used when testing large holds and the Extended Hi-Life Permascanner<sup>™</sup> Generators can provide up to 10 days' continuous testing whilst at sea.

## INTERACTIVE TRAINING PROGRAMME

We have developed aprogramme to educate users (particularly non-native English speakers) quickly and simply on how to use our equipment.

## PORTACARE™

Opt in package provides through-life maintenance support, enabling customers to cap the cost of ownership and optimise operational availability.

For one annual fee, Coltraco will cover all repairs and calibration costs, and the customer is guaranteed priority assistance in spares and repairs.

In the event of component obsolescence, Coltraco guarantees to exchange the unit for a like-for-like model type at no additional charge.

The Portacare<sup>™</sup> package does not cover customer-induced damage, but as a Portacare<sup>™</sup> customer you have priority to repairs and spares with a 25% discount.

Upgrade to Portacare<sup>™</sup> TMSS PREMIER which covers all repairs, calibration, and guarantees an advance exchanged unit is always ready-to-ship.

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### **HEADPHONES**

• Type: Head-band electrodynamic headphones • Frequency response: 20 – 18,000 Hz • Impedance: 32 Ohms ± 5% • Sensitivity: 105 dB SPL at 1kHz • Adaptor plug: 3.5 mm to 6.3 mm type



