

# vLoc3-ML

## **Technical Specifications V1.4**











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## A. Description and Typical Applications

Item	Parameter
Model Name	vLoc3-ML
Model Number	VX220-01
Description	Multi-purpose precision locator receiver     Electronic marker-ball detection
Intended Use	<ul> <li>Locating &amp; pinpointing the position of buried pipes and cables</li> <li>Detection of any one of nine marker ball types buried to a depth of 2m (6ft)</li> </ul>

### **B.** Characteristics

Item	Parameter	
Construction	High-impact thermoplastic (ABS) injection molded housing	
Weight	5.7lbs (2.6kg)	
Dimensions	12.2in(L) x 6.3in(W) x 28.4in(H) (310mm x 159mm x 721mm)	
Display Type	High-Visibility Color Display 4.3"/10cm with 480 x 272 resolution	
Receiver Antennas	Two sets of Omnidirectional Antennas, each comprising:  Two Compass antennas  Two Horizontal antennas  Two Vertical antennas  One set of EMS transmit/receive antennas.	
Batteries	<ul> <li>Six x AA Alkaline batteries</li> <li>Rechargeable custom Lithium-ion batteries with 100-240V AC mains charger</li> </ul>	
Battery Life	<ul> <li>Alkaline – typically 12 hours of intermittent use at 70°F (21°C)</li> <li>Lithium-ion – typically 27 hours of intermittent use at 70°F (21°C)</li> <li>* With the backlight activated, battery life varies with temperature; re-charging cycles are approximately 500 times the life cycle</li> </ul>	
Environmental	IP65 and NEMA 4	
External Connectors	<ul> <li>Accessory Socket – to charge the internal batteries and attach accessories</li> <li>Mini-USB socket for data transfer and programming</li> </ul>	
Temperature Range	<ul> <li>Operating: -4°F to 122°F (-20°C to 50°C)</li> <li>Storage: -40°F to 140°F (-40°C to 60°C)</li> </ul>	







Compliance and Approvals	<ul> <li>Complies with European standard CE (Directive 99/5/EC)</li> <li>EN 55011</li> <li>EN 61000-4-2: A1 &amp; A2</li> <li>EN 61000-4-3</li> <li>EN 61000-4-8: A1</li> <li>ETSI EN 300 330-2</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>ETSI EN 301 489-1</li> <li>ETSI EN 301 489-3</li> <li>Complies with FCC Rules Part 15</li> <li>CFR 47 part 2</li> <li>CFR 47 Part 15</li> </ul>
Manufacturing	Designed and manufactured per ISO 9001:2	015
What's in the Box	<ul> <li>vLoc3-ML Receiver</li> <li>Custom Li-ion receiver battery</li> <li>100-240V AC mains charger</li> <li>Six x AA Alkaline battery holder</li> <li>Mini-USB data cable</li> <li>Soft carry bag</li> <li>User handbook</li> </ul>	
Compatible Accessories	<ul> <li>A-frame fault locator</li> <li>Remote Antenna (Stethoscope)</li> <li>Bluetooth Module</li> <li>Vehicle Charging DC Lead</li> <li>Range of Sondes (waterproof, self-contain</li> </ul>	ned transmitters for use in nonmetallic pipes & ducts)

## C. Marker Frequencies

Item	Parameter		
Marker Frequencies	Ref#	Utility	Frequency (Hz)
•	1	Power (Red)	169,800
	2	Water (Blue)	145,700
	3	Sanitary (Green)	121,600
	4	Telephone (Orange)	101,400
	5	Gas (Yellow)	83,000
	6	CATV (Orange/Black)	77,000
	7	Non-potable Water (Purple)	66,350
	8	EDF (French Power) (natural)	40,000
	9*	Power Europe (Blue/Red)	134,000
	* Not availa	ble in all markets	







### D. Operational

ltem	Parameter
Information Displayed	Dedicated Marker Screen:
	Marker type icon
	Marker signal strength bar graph (marker color-coded) with numeric value and peak level indicator
	Circular bar graph to indicate marker signal strength
	Dual - Marker and Locate Screen: (In addition to the Classic Locate screen)
	Marker type icon
	Marker signal strength bar graph (marker color-coded) with numeric value and peak level indicator
	Circular bar graph to indicate marker signal strength
	Status Bar Information:
	Line locate icon
	Marker detection icon
	Antenna configuration: Peak, Peak with arrows, Broad Peak, Null, Delta Null, Omni Directional Peak, Omni Directional Broad, Marker mode
	Line location - depth & current measurement
	Battery condition
	Speaker volume
	Bluetooth and GNSS status (If installed)
	Radio link to transmitter status (if installed)
	Locate screen (Classic display):
	Signal strength - moving bar graph & numeric value
	Bar graph color-coded, indicating distortion level
	Peak level indicator
	Proportional left/right indication
	Compass: full 360°-line direction indicator
	Gain level (in dB)
	Frequency selected
	Configuration menus, including GNSS status and data logging transfer status
	Depth and current
	Warnings (if activated)
	Plug and play automatic recognition of accessories
	Accessory specific custom screens
	Information screen:
	GPS coordinates







	Signal current and depth value of line or sonde		
	Log number		
	Logging options		
	Depth to marker		
	Customer definable start-up screen		
Locate Perspectives	- Classic Locate – moving bar graph with a value showing signal strength		
	- Vector Locate Screen – fully automatic locate including offset, depth and locate uncertainty		
	- Transverse Graph Screen - visual assessment of locate quality and distortion		
	<ul> <li>Plan View Screen – fully automatic graphical representation of the cable position independent of cable direction, including depth/current and locate uncertainty.</li> </ul>		
	- Sonde Locate Screen – directing arrow to move to the Sonde position along the polar axis		
Configuration	The Intuitive setup menu enables the user to configure:		
	- Set up frequency selection to toggle by "f" pushbutton		
	- Setup location mode selection to toggle by "m" pushbutton		
	- Setup screen views selection to toggle by long press "m" pushbutton		
	- Units of measure (feet/meters)		
	- Sound (Pitch) – normal or modulated		
	- Language		
	- Continuous depth and current options		
	- Loudspeaker level		
	- Backlight		
	- Bluetooth pairing, if installed		
	- Transmitter Radio Link if installed		
	- Warnings (Excessive Tilt, Overhead Signal, Shallow Cable, Signal Overload)		
	- Auto shut down – configurable to power down at five minutes, ten minutes, or never		
Data Logging	- 50 million records of internal storage		
	- Data can also be transferred for storage via cellular connectivity into the cloud using the Vivax Metrotech application, VMMAP		
	- All parameters stored at each location, including depth, current, date, time, mode, gain setting, frequency, locate uncertainty, longitude, latitude, and height above sea level		
Data Transfer	<ul> <li>Via the Vivax-Metrotech "MyLocator3" software application free of charge from www.vivax-metrotech.com. Data can be saved in csv, klm, shp, txt, xls and xlsx formats. The transfer is via a USB cable connection from the locator to the host computer.</li> <li>Or</li> </ul>		
	- Cellular transfer to the VMMap Cloud (Vivax-Metrotech Cloud) via the VMMap mobile app		







Operating Frequencies	- Configurable frequencies from 98Hz to	200 kHz
	- Power 50Hz and 60Hz	
	- Radio 10.0kHz - 22.7kHz bandwidth	
	- Signal Direction (SD) - enhanced freque 256Hz/512Hz, SD-Europe: 320Hz/640H	ency identifies the direction the signal flows. SD-USA:
Operating Modes	- Peak, Peak with arrows, Broad Peak	
	- Null, Delta Null	
	- Omni Directional Peak, Omni Directiona	al Broad
	- Marker locate	
	- Marker and line locate	
Gain Control	- Manual gain using "+" or "-" keys	
	- One-touch of "+" or "-" keys rescales to	60% of the bar graph scale
	- In Vector Screen, "+" and "-" keys act a	s zoom feature to keep the target utility in view
	- In the Transverse Graph screen, "+" ke	y saves the screen graph, "-" key clears the screen
Accuracy	Locate pinpointing accuracy:	- Over 9ft (3m) – 5% of the depth
		- Up to 9ft (3m) – 3% of the depth
	Depth measurement accuracy:	+/- 5% of depth
	Current measurement accuracy:	- 5% of actual current – over 9ft (3m)
		- 3% of actual current – up to 9ft (3m)
	Depth range:	Dependent on the strength of the signal radiating to the locator
	Marker Depth Accuracy:	- 4% of depth – up to 4ft (1.2m)
		- 10% of depth – up to 5ft (1.5m)
		Typical accuracy with ball markers
	* Performance rated using a single undistor	ted signal source
Compatible Transmitters	Loc series, Loc3 series, VM-550FF, VM-56	SOFF, FLS series

## E. Shipping and Packaging

Item	Parameter	
Shipping Weight	14.9lbs (6.76kg)	
Shipping Dimension	16.5in(L) x 11in(W) x 27.6in(H) (420mm x 280mm x 700mm)	







## F. Warranty

Item	Parameter	
Warranty	- Two years - Ontional extended warranty available	
	- Optional extended warranty available	

### **G. Software Updates**

Item	Parameter
Software	The software can be upgraded using a PC with a USB port. Program updates and locator software updates are available via the free MyLocator3 app.

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