

# **Precision Pipe & Cable Locating Equipment**

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## Quality in Buried Utility Locating. Delivered.

# Pathfinder High Power Angle Locating System

The latest **Pathfinder** based on SAF technology is a **high precision pipe & cable locator** designed to provide the operators capability to perform:

- Route tracing of medium to Long distance Cable or Pipe Routes, with high accuracy.
- Route tracing & measure depth of cables or pipes at relatively high depth, typical of HDD installations.
- Perform route tracing of armoured optical fiber cables – Fast !
- Detect buried energised power cables.
- Detect a variety of buried metallic pipes & unenergized power cables, prior excavation.
- Built in signal current measurement for identifying specific utility from utilities running parallel/ alongside. Optionally signal current direction frequencies can be configured.

#### Features:

**Multifrequency:** The Pathfinder is a multi - frequency locator that provides the operators the option to add or delete **frequency options** based on field requirements ranging from 200Hz to 478kHz & higher to allow the operator choose low to high frequency most ideal for injecting into a specific utility locating environment. Currently, the user can configure **upto 36 available frequencies.** 

#### Why multiple operating frequencies are important in route tracing: The Pathfinder offers a number of low, medium & high frequencies, each with their own advantages.



200Hz, 256Hz, 273Hz, 340Hz, 400Hz, 460Hz, 512Hz, 560Hz, 570Hz, 577Hz, 640Hz, 760Hz, 797Hz, 815Hz, 870Hz, 920Hz, 940Hz,

## Over **36** Frequencies User Configurable

1.01kHz, 1.02kHz, 1.10kHz, 1.45kHz, 4kHz, 8kHz, --8kHz, 8.4kHz, 8.9kHz, 9.8kHz, 29kHz, 33kHz, -33kHz, 51kHz, 65kHz, 82kHz, -82kHz, 83kHz, 93kHz, 116kHz, 118kHz, 131kHz, 145kHz, 200kHz, 262kHz, 478kHz,

Low frequencies such as 512Hz are ideal for high precision longer distance route tracing and depth measurement with accuracy. Low frequency options range from 200Hz to 1.1kHz.

Medium frequencies such as 8 or 33kHz are more ideal for faster route tracing with acceptable accuracy and are easier for an operator to follow owing to a stronger signal vis a vis the finer signals of a lower frequency. This frequency range also provides good performance in induction mode. Medium frequency options range 1.2kHz to 44kHz.

High frequencies are especially important for application on difficult metallic utilities such as pipes with welded joints. Higher frequencies tend to bleed onto adjoining utilities & should be used in lower density utility environments, dry sandy soil conditions & short lengths of cable. Higher frequency range from 45kHz to 200kHz or higher.

The option of a wide range of low, medium and high frequencies available at disposal allows the operator to choose optimum frequency based on utility type, utility environment and desired result. In case of utility environment with possible interference, the wide range of frequency allows the operator to shift the frequency within a range to ensure that utility tracing can be conducted with efficiency.



## **Navigational Aids**





**Left Right Arrow:** Guides Operator to distance of utility



Compass: Keeps the operator in line with orientation of utility



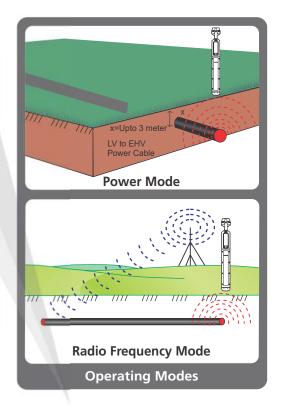
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## **Standard Operating Modes & Key Features**

Power Mode 50Hz Mode	Will locate primary and secondary power cable utilities or other utilities operating at 50Hz or 60Hz in this mode Depth measurement is possible directly in power mode & RF mode.
RF Mode	In RF mode, metallic utilities such as pipes and cables whether carrying current or not, can be located
CP Mode	In this mode, the receiver locates rectified signal of cathodically protected utilities at 120Hz & 100Hz.
Automatic Impedance matching	Maximizes transmission range while minimizing power consumption (5 to 25000 ohms)
Transmitter Mode	Active Route tracing by direct connection applying frequency range 200Hz to 476.2 kHz or signal induction of 33kHz to 476.2 kHz
Alerts	Vibrating handle, Audio alert, Visual Guidance while locating & route tracing metallic utilities



## Pathfinder Datalogging & GPS Option for Cable Pipe Route GIS Survey

The Pathfinder is available with model options which include **Built-In GPS** & Datalogging.

GPS Data can be automatically acquired during the route tracing process & can be selectively logged, based on user option, as follows:

- Breadcrumb logs of GPS data: GPS data can be captured automatically during the route tracing process, GPS is logged every 7 seconds or 1 seconds based on programming.
- GPS LOG Specific locations: The user can at their option, log specific locations for GPS data acquisition.

10000 data points or higher can be logged. Data when retrieved via SD Card or Bluetooth is downloaded to a .csv file with field identification of Breadcrumb & Specific logs which can be uploaded to freely available Google Earth application for viewing GIS trace of utility route surveyed. These can be further filtered or color coded per user option.









## 12 Watt & 5 Watt Pathfinder Transmitter :

Pathfinder Transmitter is available as 2 model Options: **12 Watt Max Output power & 5 Watt Max Output Power. Choose 12 Watt for Long distance tracing Or choose 5 Watt transmitter for medium distance tracing.** The Pathfinder Transmitter when used with the Pathfinder Receiver provides the operator with the capability to perform medium to long distance tracing ranging upto 20 kms or even higher depending on cable type (attenuation) and transmitter option chosen and measure depth of utility. A higher power transmitter should ideally be opted in case utilities being traced are at depths of 5 meters or higher.

High Power Output function (HPO): Power Boost in the HPO Setting, Max voltage can be increased to 130 Volts (Feature applicable only to 12W model).

10 Level Output Signal control: The transmitter allows the operator to cycle the Output Signal through 5 selections on the standard power setting and 5 selections on the HPO setting (5W model provides only 5 selections on power setting).

Signal Application Techniques: The Pathfinder Transmitters can be used to apply signature frequency to utility through following methods:

**Direct connection:** is the most efficient method to trace utilities. Direct connection method allows specific cables or pipes to be individually traced, identified and their depth measured with accuracy. Signal from the Transmitter is applied using direct connection leads at an access point. Direct connection method allows any of the transmitter frequencies to be injected into the metallic utility for pipe or cable route tracing.

**Induction:** provides the capability to induce a detectable and traceable signal to a utility where direct connection is not possible and to apply signal to previously unknown or inaccessible metallic utility, by placing the transmitter on the ground at a possible location of utility. This allows Blind search of utilities and significantly increases capability to locate or trace buried metallic utilities.

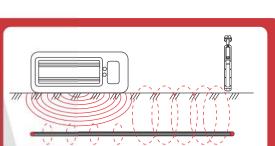
**Induction Signal Clamp:** is used to apply a signal to an armored cable such as armored optical fiber cable, JFTC when a direct connection to utility is inconvenient or when it is not possible to interrupt services. The signal clamp can be conveniently clamped around the cable to induce a signal into the utility – Signal couplers are available in 2 options : 4" Universal Hard Signal Clamp (Coupler) offered as default that allows coupling signal from transmitter at any chosen frequency to most utilities. Also available is the 7"Flexi Coupler that allows looping the flexible clamp onto larger utilities – the 7"flexi coupler is frequency specific and allows 85Hz & 82kHz signal to be applied.





Transmitter

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## 12 Watt & 5 Watt Pathfinder Transmitter :

Frequency Options: The pathfinder transmitter provides the operator to apply upto 36 user configurable frequency options ranging from 200Hz to 478kHz & 3 Dual frequency options.

**Visual & Audio Controls:** The Pathfinder transmitter provides easy to use push buttons with a visual LCD Display and audio feedback to the operator to allow navigate functions such as Frequency selection, Load Indicator, Output Signal level control.

**Multimeter functions:** The transmitter provides information on Relative resistance, Volts, Current etc, an important feature to check condition of circuit for ensuring precision locating.

**Cable Fault Locating Mode:** The Pathfinder transmitter provides a DFF (Directional fault finding) mode as standard. Should an A Frame accessory (Optional) be used, it is possible to utilise the transmitter in DFF mode and A-Frame to determines position of sheath fault on a buried cable.

**Power supply:** The Pathfinder transmitter is provided with built in rechargeable Lithium ion batteries as standard and an external charger to eliminate the need for replacement of batteries, saving cost and increasing operator efficiency.





#### **Optional Pathlink feature :**

Pathlink provides capability to the operator for Remotely Controlling the transmitter operation from upto 300m distance allowing single person usage. This feature enhances productivity for operators conducting GIS Cable route surveys.

## **3 Watt Transmitter :**

The 3 Watt transmitter when used with the Pathfinder receiver provides the operator an economical & capable locating kit for general cable detection & route tracing.

Frequency Options: Upto 17 user configurable frequency options from 273Hz to 478kHz.

Visual & Audio Controls: The Pathfinder transmitter provides easy to use push buttons with a visual LCD Display and audio feedback for Frequency selection, Output Signal level control etc.

Multimeter Functions: The transmitter can provide information on Relative resistance, Volts, Current etc.

Power Supply: The Pathfinder transmitter is provided with built in rechargeable Lithium ion batteries as standard and an external charger eliminating the need for replacement of batteries, saving cost and increasing operator efficiency.



## Pathfinder Precision Pipe Cable Locating Receiver, Technical Specifications:



Parameters	STLOC3 : SnapTrack	STLOC5 : Pathfinder	STLOC10 : Pathfinder		
Transmitter Mode Available Operating Frequencies (Active)	>13 User configurable frequencies: 512Hz, 640Hz, 815Hz, 4kHz, 8.192kHz, - -8kHz, 89kHz, 92kHz, 98kHz, 33kHz, 65kHz, 82kHz,131kHz, 200kHz	200Hz, 256Hz, 273Hz, 340Hz, 577Hz, 640Hz, 760Hz, 797Hz, 8 1.02kHz, 1.10kHz, 1.45kHz, 4k 29kHz, 33kHz, 51kHz, 65kHz, 8	<b>igurable frequencies:</b> 400Hz, 460Hz, 512Hz, 560Hz, 570Hz, 315Hz, 870Hz, 920Hz, 940Hz, 1.01kHz, Hz, 8.192kHz, 8.4kHz, 8.9kHz, 9.8kHz, 52kHz, 83kHz, 93kHz, 116kHz, 118kHz, 200kHz, 262kHz, 478kHz,		
Passive Modes	Power Mode : 50H	z & 60Hz Live Sound , Radio Mode	e (RF) , Rectified CP		
Power Filters		Built in			
Power harmonics	50Hz, 60Hz, 150Hz,	180Hz, 250Hz, 300Hz, 350Hz, 42	0Hz, 450Hz, 540Hz		
Current Direction ***	Programmable CD frequency options betv 200/ 400Hz, 256/512Hz, 32	veen 400 ohms to 1k ohms or higl 0/640Hz, 460/920Hz & more with			
Antenna Mode	Simultaneous peak/null (dual horizonta directional guidance, pea	l antennas & vertical antenna), pin k (single horizontal antenna) & nul			
Display Indicators	Backlit segmented LCD bar graph, battery condition, continuous mode signal strength, depth measurement, l orientation, left /right line guidance, operating mode, volume level & function indicators				
Navigation features	Left Right Arrow, Comp	ass Mode for Orientation, for Cabl	e Route & Identification		
Push Button Selection	5 Buttons for Power, Frequency, Mode selection, Depth, Gain or Up & Down	6 Buttons for Power, Frequency, Mode selection, Shift/Log/Depth/P-L Gain or Up & Down. Shift button allows for selection of "Optional* functions such as Remote transmitter control connectivity, GPS On/C			
Audio Indication	Variable pitch & Tone change (solid / pulsed) on either side of target utility, 4 volume selections including mu				
Vibration	Vibrating handle				
Current Measurement		Display indicates relative current			
Display	Large LCD	) Display, Backlit, (4" Diagonal, 2.5	5″ x 3.1″)		
Power Source	6 "C" batteries	Lithium-Ion F	Rechargeable battery		
Battery Life	Continuous: 30 hours; Intermittent: 82 hours				
Signal Strength	LCD b	LCD bar graph, absolute signal strength 0-999			
Gain Control	Manual gain adjustment & automatic centering				
Dynamic Range		126 dB			
Interference protection from high tension lines	Automatic Overload Protection				
Depth Measurement	DIGITAL: 3-digit LCD readout .02m-10.6	DIGITAL: 3-digit LCD readout .02m-10.6m   Optional: 20m   Accuracy: ± 3% (Dependening on Frequency & de			
Units	Met	tric / Imperial, based on user select	ion		
Live Measurement	Depth & Current, simultaneous at user option				
Operating Temperature	-20° C to +55° C				
Dimensions   Weight	77cm x 24cm   1.9kg ± 0.1kg				
Environmental	IP65 water & dust proof				
Optional features*					
Datalogging	>=10000 datalogs (2GB SD Card) or higher				
GPS	Breadcrumb data captured automatically every 7 seconds. Additionally, Specific locations can be logged based on user selection.				
Communication	2GB Or higher SD Card, Mini USB Port*				
Wireless Communication	Bluetooth*				
Optional feature**	Pathlink: enables the user to remotely control the transmitter using the receiver. The frequency and power output of the transmitted signal can be controlled up to 800 meters.				

Optional features:

\* will result in model change to STLOC10 GPS (or STLOC5 GPS).

\*\* Pathlink: is a non-standard optional feature which should be specified as custom requirement.

\*\*\* Current direction frequency option can be optionally factory programmed, based on request, to be specified at time of ordering.

## Transmitter Technical Specifications:



Model Options	STLOC3 : SnapTrack	STLOC5 : Pathfinder	STLOC10 : Pathfinder	
Max Output power	3W	5W	12W	
Active line frequencies	Up to 17 user configurable frequencies: 273Hz, 512Hz, 577Hz, 640Hz, DFF, 815Hz, 1kHz, 8kHz, 9kHz, 33kHz, 65kHz, 82kHz, 83kHz, 116kHz, 118kHz, 200kHz, 478kHz, 3 Dual frequencies: 815Hz/33kHz, 815Hz /82kHz, 8kHz/82kHz	Upto 36 user configurable frequenci 512 Hz, 560 Hz, 570 Hz, 577 Hz, 640 920 Hz, 940 Hz, 1.01 kHz, 1.02 kHz, 8.4 kHz, 8.9 kHz, 9.2 kHz, 32.768 kH 93 kHz, 116 kHz, 117.850 kHz 262 kHz, 4 3 Dual fre 815Hz /82kHz, 82kH	Hz, 760 Hz, 797 Hz,815 Hz, 870 Hz, 1.1 kHz,1.45 kHz, 4 kHz, 8.192 kHz, Hz,65.53 kHz, 82.70 kHz, 83.00 kHz, 2,1131 kHz, 145 kHz, 200 kHz, 476.2 kHz equencies:	
Load matching	Automatic 5 to 25000 ohms			
Display	LCD			
Indicators	AC load assistance measurement, relative ohms, voltage, live voltage output, current output, frequency, mode, battery indication alert, low battery indicator audio/visual with modulated low battery warning transmitted to the receiver			
Output power setting	5 levels, 0.2 to 3 Watt (<44kHz)	5 power settings, 0.2 to 5 Watt (<8kHz)	10 power settings Low & Medium Frequency Range: 0.2 to 12 Watt (<8kHz); 10 Watt (8 to 44kHz)	
High Power Output Mode	No	No	Yes, Voltage Boost upto 130 Volts	
DFF mode	Yes, DFF Mode can be used for sheath fault locating if earth return probe (A frame is purchased separately)			
Power source	Alkaline battery 8 x "C" Cells Rechargeable Li-ion Batteries, 10 8V battery charge included		10.8V battery charge included	
Operating time	Continuous: 8 ~15 hours depending on load, frequency, power setting Intermittent: >=30 hours			
Weight	≤ 1.5 kG	2.7kG		
Size	21 cm x 15 cm x 6 cm 41 cm x 16 cm x 15 cm			
Operating Temperature	-20°C to 55°C			
Environmental rating		IP65		

Supply includes : Carry bag, User manual (Batteries will be built in as specified)

## **Pathfinder Product Selection Guide**

Ordering Code	STLOC3	STLOC5	STLOC5DL	STLOC5GPS	STLOC10	STLOC10GPS	STLOC10GPSP
Power Mode	•	•	•	•	•	•	٠
Radio Mode	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Transmitter Mode	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
User Configurable Active Line frequencies (Number)	13	36	36	36	36	36	36
Simultaneous Live Depth & Current	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Built in GPS Logging				•		•	•
Datalogging			•	•		•	•
Data transfer			•	•		•	•
Pathlink							•
Transmitter Max Power	3W	5W	5W	5W	12W	12W	12W
DFF Mode	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Power supply (For Tx & Rx)	Alkaline	Li-ion rechargeable					
A Frame accessory							•
Cable Identification Clamps					3		•

## Accessory Options for capability enhancement: SIGNAL INDUCTION CLAMPS

Signal Induction clamps also referred to as Induction couplers are used to apply a signal by clamping or wrapping the coupler around a utility where a direct connection is not possible.

**4 inch Signal coupler:** (Provided as standard with Pathfinder equipment, unless specified otherwise) is a universal induction signal clamp working on the Rogowski coil principle. It is possible to apply frequency options from 8kHz to 82kHz using the 4" signal coupler.

**7 inch Flexi coupler:** The optional Flexible coupler can be wrapped around larger diameter utilities for route tracing of power cables or metallic pipes by applying 815Hz or 82kHz signal.

## CLAMPMITTER ACTIVE SIGNAL COUPLER

Clampmitter is a **Self contained transmitting Active Inductive coupler**, which serves the function of a Wireless transmitter provided in the form of a transmitting inductive coupler with **built in 3 frequency options** to allow apply signal by clamping the inductive coupler around the metallic pipe or cable and selecting the frequency to inject.

### **Clamp meter Technical Specifications :**

Operating Frequencies Model	33kHz (32,768Hz), 65kHz (65,536Hz) & 131kHz (131,072Hz)
Output Power Levels	Low Power / High Power
Power Source/ Battery Life/ Charging	Rechargeable Li-Ion Battery/ Upto 14 Hours continuous/ Charged through USB
Dimensions/ Inside Diameter/ Weight	14.2cm x 27.4cm x 2.4cm/ 4.2 Inches (10.67cm)/ 0.36/kg

## **CTRAK Traceable Rodder for tracing Route of Non Metallic Pipes**

The CTRAK is a maxi traceable rodder for tracing route of buried/underground non metallic telecom HDPE ducts or plastic pipes of 36mm dia or higher. Ideal for locating HDPE/Plastic Pipe duct route and/ or blockages during outside plant optical fiber cable installation projects. The CTRAK is based on a sturdy composite rod of 9mm dia with a built in 1mm copper wire that is rigid yet flexible enough to guide into non metallic HDPE ducts/plastic pipes and metal pipes up to lengths of 300 meters.

The base of the frame contains a terminal box that provides a connection to the inbuilt copper tracer wire of the duct rod. Use any Digital Pipe & cable locating receiver to trace the route of the buried pipe.

## CTRAK Technical Specification :

Length Options	200m(650'), or 300m(984')		
Dimension	91 x 53 x 94 cms "AB frame"		
Rod Dia	9.0mm (Nominal)		
Size of Copper Wire	1mm Dia		







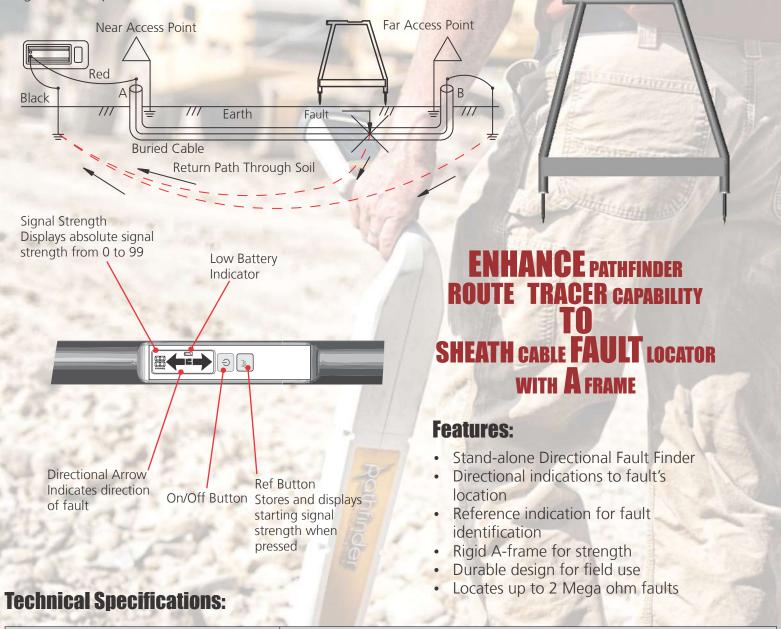




#### Fault Locating using Pathfinder Staff A Frame (Outional Accessory):



STAFF is an **A frame directional fault finder** that is utilised with the Pathfinder transmitter on standalone basis to determine position of **Buried Cable Sheath faults** (insulation break on an underground conductor) on buried cables and **earth return faults**. The STAFF provides **directional arrow guidance** with signal strength indicator to guide the operator determine location of fault.



Display Indicators	LCD directional arrow, low battery, current strength & reference indicators			
Audio Indication	Pezio response			
Power Source	9V, 6"AA" cell batteries			
Battery Life	Continuous: 40 hours; Intermittent: 82 hours			
Operating Temperature	-20°C to +55°C			
Size	30.3" x 30.4" (77cm x 24cm)			
Weight	3 lbs (1.3kg)			



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STLOC-3



STLOC-5/ DL/ GPS



STLOC-10/ GPS/ GPSP

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