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vLoc3-9800 System

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A. Description and Typical Applications

Item	Parameter
Model Name	vLoc3-9800
Model Number	VX221-01
Description	Multi-purpose precision buried utility locator receiver
Intended Use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Locating & pinpointing the position of buried pipes, cables and sondes - Fault-finding of damaged cables or pipe defects

B. Characteristics

Item	Parameter
Construction	High-impact thermoplastic (ABS) injection molded housing
Weight	4.4lbs (2kg)
Dimensions	12.6in(L) x 8.6in(W) x 26.6in(H) (321mm x 219mm x 676mm)
Display Type	High-Visibility Color Display, 4.3"/10cm with 480 x 272 resolution and automatic backlight
Receiver Antennas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One upper horizontal guidance antenna - One left displacement antenna - One right displacement antenna - One compass antenna
Batteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rechargeable custom Lithium-ion batteries with 100-240V AC mains charger (Standard) - Six x AA Alkaline batteries
Battery Life ¹	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lithium-ion – typically 30 hours of continuous use at 70°F (21°C) - Alkaline – typically 10 hours of intermittent use at 70°F (21°C)
Environmental	IP65
External Connectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessory Socket – to charge the internal batteries and attach accessories - Mini USB socket for data transfer and programming
Temperature Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Operating: -4°F to 122°F (-20°C to 50°C) - Storage: -40°F to 140°F (-40°C to 60°C) - Recommended storage temperature for lithium-ion batteries is typically: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term storage: 59°F to 77°F (15°C to 25°C) • Short-term storage: 104°F (Up to 40°C) • Avoid: Temperatures below -4°F (-20°C) or above 140°F (60°C) <p>Storing batteries in a cool, dry place and at around 50% charge helps preserve battery health over time.</p>

Compliance and Approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complies with European standard CE (Directive 99/5/EC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EN 55011 • EN 61000-4-2: A1 & A2 • EN 61000-4-3 • EN 61000-4-8: A1 • ETSI EN 300 330-2 • ETSI EN 301 489-1 • ETSI EN 301 489-3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complies with FCC Rules Part 15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFR 47 Part 2 • CFR 47 Part 15
Manufacturing	Designed and manufactured per ISO 9001:2015	
What's In the Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - vLoc3-9800 Receiver - USB data transfer cable - Custom lithium-ion battery pack - 100-240V AC mains charger - Alkaline battery holder 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - User handbook - Soft carry bag - Combination Bluetooth & WiFi module (factory embedded not accessible)
Network & Wireless Interfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wi-Fi: IEEE 802.11b/g/n (2.4 GHz) - ASCII password entry support - Bluetooth: Version 4.2 (BR/EDR and Low Energy) - Dual-mode operation: Supports simultaneous Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connections 	
Compatible Accessories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MLA (Marker Locator Adapter) to locate buried EMS Markers - A-frame Fault Locator - Remote Antenna (Stethoscope) - Vehicle Charging DC Lead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Range of Sondes (waterproof, self-contained transmitters for use in nonmetallic pipes & ducts) - Tall Adapter - Receiver clamp

C. Operational

Item	Parameter
Information Displayed	Information screen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Altitude - GPS coordinates available in DD, DDM, DMS format - Measured signal current in mA or Amps - Measured estimated depth of signal in Ft. and inches, Inches, or Meter - Data logging storage options: store or discard - Incremental data log count per survey

	<p>Status Bar Information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Antenna configuration: Peak, Sonde - Mode: Auto or Manual - Battery charge level condition and battery type (Li-Ion / Alkaline) - Speaker volume - Bluetooth status - GNSS Fix type status - Wi-Fi connection status <p>Locate screen (Classic display):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Left/Right Locate Screen (Auto mode) or Peak Locate Screen (Manual mode) - Signal strength numeric value - Continuous depth estimation - Continuous current measurement - Peak level indicator - Compass with full 360°-line direction indicator - Gain level 0dB to 140dB (Manual mode) - Frequency selected - Warnings when triggered - Plug and play automatic recognition of accessories - Accessory specific custom screens <p>Sonde Locate screen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Peak curtain-style bar graph showing the signal strength - Continuous depth reading to sonde <p>Customer definable start-up screen</p>
<p>Locate Perspectives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classic Locate - Sonde Locate
<p>Configuration</p>	<p>The intuitive setup menu enables the user to configure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Display Backlight (Low, Medium, High, Auto) - Frequency menu - Pipe diameter - Locate Perspective (Classic, Vector, Transverse Graph, Plan View, Sonde) - Measurement units (Feet, Inches, Metres) - Speaker Volume (Low, Medium, High, Off) - Continuous information (Depth, Signal current, Depth & Current, Off) - Warnings (Overhead cable, Swing alert, Shallow depth, Signal overload) - Sound configuration (AM, FM) - Antenna configuration (Peak, Peak with arrows, Null, Broad, Broad with arrows, Delta Null, Omni Directional Peak, Omni Directional Broad)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Auto Power off (5 mins, 10 mins, Never) - Coordinate Format (DMS, DDM, DD) - Language (31 different languages available) - Survey type (Electric, Gas, Communications, Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Sewer, Temporary Survey, Proposed Excavation, Oil) - Adapter (Tall, Survey, Long Survey, Not attached) - Marker type (when MLA is connected: Power, Water, Sanitary, Telephone, Gas, CATV, Non-Potable Water, Power-Europe) - Bluetooth/WiFi Connection Enable/Disable/Auto Connect - Bluetooth Pairing - WiFi Network connection - Set up frequency selection to toggle by “f” pushbutton - Change antenna mode by toggling “Enter” pushbutton - Change screen views selection to toggle by long press “Enter” pushbutton
Data logging	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 50 million records of internal storage - Data can also be transferred via Bluetooth to the VMMap Mobile App and VMMap Cloud - All parameters stored at each location, including depth, current, date, time, mode, gain setting, frequency, longitude, latitude, and more
Data Transfer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Via the Vivax-Metrotech “MyLocator3” software application available free of charge from www.vivax-metrotech.com. Data can be saved in csv, kml, shp, dxf, txt, xls and xlsx formats. The transfer is via a USB cable connection from the locator to the host computer <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Via Bluetooth from the locator to the VMMap App and also into the VMMap Cloud (Vivax-Metrotech Cloud)
Operating Frequencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Configurable frequencies from 98Hz to 131kHz - Dedicated Power 50Hz and 60Hz - Radio 10.0kHz - 22.7kHz bandwidth - Power harmonics for 50Hz or 60Hz regions
Operating Antenna Modes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Classic locate left/right indication - Peak Locate - Sonde Locate
Integrity Test	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Calibration Self-test <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses direct signal injection to test antenna transfer function (TRF) - Distorted Frequency Test (DFT) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aids in selecting optimal locate frequencies in noisy environments
Gain Control	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Automatic gain control - Manual gain using “+” or “-” keys - One touch of the “+” or “-” keys rescales to 60% of the bar graph scale

Accuracy²	Locate pinpointing accuracy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to 9ft (3m) – +/- 3% of depth - Over 9ft (3m) – +/- 5% of depth
	Depth measurement accuracy:	+/- 3% of depth
	Current measurement accuracy:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - +/- 3% of actual current – up to 9ft (3m) - +/- 5% of actual current – over 9ft (3m)
	Depth range:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dependent on the strength of the signal radiating to the locator - Maximum depth displayed 98ft (30m)
Sensitivity	5 uA rms @ 1m depth, 32768Hz to yield +20dB SNR referred to a <10Hz> bandwidth	
Compatible Transmitters	Loc3 series and any Vivax-Metrotech transmitter with matching frequencies	

D. Communications

Item	Parameter
Bluetooth & Wi-Fi	Internal Bluetooth for communicating with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • External GPS, data logging devices or Apps • Apple® devices • Android™ devices • Windows® devices Internal Wi-Fi for Over the air updates and future applications

E. Shipping and Packaging

Item	Parameter
Shipping Weight	10.2lbs. (4.6kg)
Shipping Dimension	16.5in(L) x 11in(W) x 27.6in(H) (420mm x 280mm x 700mm)

F. Warranty

Item	Parameter
Warranty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 24 months - Extended warranty available

G. Software Updates

Item	Parameter
Software	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The software can be upgraded using a PC with a USB port. Program updates & locator software updates are available via the free MyLocator3 app. - Software updates provided over the air (OTA) when connected to a WiFi hotspot.

- 1) Battery life varies with usage conditions such as backlight, brightness, speaker volume, and Wi-Fi/BT connectivity; continuous operation may reduce the runtime compared to typical intermittent use. Lithium-ion battery performance will gradually degrade over time and with repeated charge cycles, leading to reduced operating duration under continuous use. Re-charging cycles are approximately 500 times the life cycle.
- 2) Locate and depth accuracy are quoted for 20°C and average soil conductivity. It is also assumed the return current localisation is deep compared to the target cable.

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Actual performance may vary depending on environmental conditions, user technique, and signal interference.

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Battery & Power Disclaimer

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Calibration Disclaimer

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The system is intended for professional utility locating and should not be used for purposes outside the manufacturer's defined scope.

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