

# Leica PowerBlade

## User Manual



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## Introduction

### Purchase



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Congratulations on your purchase of the Leica PowerBlade machine control system. PowerBlade is an ideal tool for increasing productivity and land-levelling quality of construction earthmoving and agricultural land-levelling applications.

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This manual contains important safety directions as well as instructions for setting up the system and operating it. Refer to "6 Safety Directions" for further information. Read carefully through the User Manual before you switch on the product.

To ensure safety when using the system, please also observe the directions and instructions contained in the User Manual and Safety Handbook issued by the:

- Machine manufacturer.
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**Product identification**

The type and serial number of your products are indicated on the label on the base of the unit.

Enter the model and serial number in your manual and always refer to this information when you need to contact your agency or Leica Geosystems authorised service workshop.





Type:	MCP700/700E	Serial No.:	_____
Type:	MLS700/700E	Serial No.:	_____
Type:	MPM700	Serial No.:	_____

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**Symbols**

The symbols used in this manual have the following meanings:

Type	Description
 <b>Danger</b>	Indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.
 <b>Warning</b>	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.
 <b>Caution</b>	Indicates a potentially hazardous situation or an unintended use which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury and/or appreciable material, financial and environmental damage.
	Important paragraphs which must be adhered to in practice as they enable the product to be used in a technically correct and efficient manner.



To use the equipment in the permitted manner, please refer to the detailed safety instructions in the User Manual.

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## About This Manual

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### PowerBlade

Leica PowerBlade is a machine control system that provides the machine operator with visual guidance and/or automatic control of the working tool, for example dozer blade or scraper box, relative to a reference elevation (grade) provided by a rotating laser. The PowerBlade panel is designed to be easy to use, and provides the operator with a range of information and set-ups to assist machine control operation.

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### Major components

The PowerBlade system consists of several components, depending on the type of machine and the customer's needs to perform earthmoving tasks.

The basic components of the systems are a control panel, laser receiver, manual mast or power mast, and distinct hydraulic valve for the automatic control of the working tool for dozer, agriculture machines such as scrapers, or any kind of land-levellers. Some machines like farm drainage machines have already the hydraulic valves installed.

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### Applicability of this manual

This manual covers the following components:

For North and South America, Europe, Africa, Middle East, South-East Asia, Australia, New Zealand:

- MCP700 PowerBlade panel
- MLS700 Laser Receiver
- MPM700 PowerMast

For India only:

- MCP700E PowerBlade panel (regional variant of MCP700)
  - MLS700E Laser Receiver (regional variant of MLS700)
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# 1 Product Overview

## 1.1 General

### General

Leica Geosystems' PowerBlade system offers operators complete flexibility and control of the grade cut by many kinds of heavy machinery such as dozers, scrapers, boxblades, tractor-towed scrapers and trenching machines. PowerBlade is designed for accurate control and on-grade performance with superior reliability in the harshest construction or agricultural land-levelling applications. PowerBlade is a single channel control system for grade control (only elevation, no slope) of the working tool.

### Warning

This product may be installed on construction or agricultural machinery only by an appropriately trained and qualified specialist.

### Warning

Unauthorised modification of machines by mounting the product may alter the function and safety of the machine.

#### **Precautions:**

Follow the instructions of the machine manufacturer. If no appropriate instruction is available, ask machine manufacturer for instructions before mounting the product.

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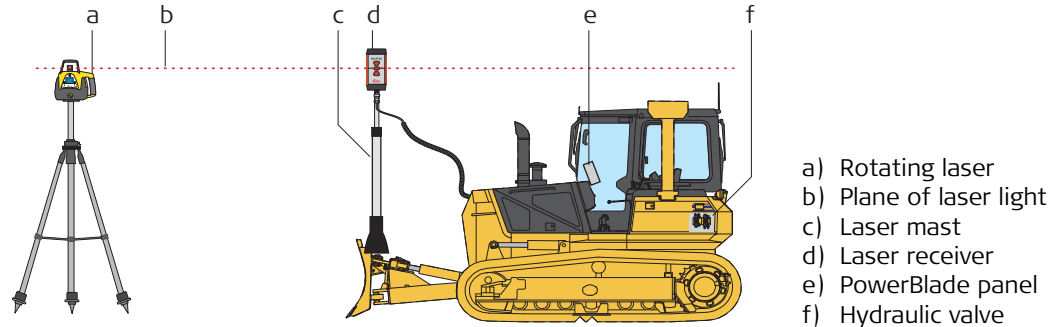


## Function of Automatic Control System

A rotating laser, for example Leica Rugby series, rotates to provide a reference plane of laser light over an entire jobsite. This plane of laser light can be level, single-slope, or dual-slope. A 360° Laser Sensor, mounted to a mast directly over the cutting edge of the blade, receives (senses) the plane of laser light. The Grade Position LEDs on the laser sensor flash to indicate the location of the blade's cutting edge relative to the required finished grade. (The control panel in the cab has a set of LEDs that mimic the laser sensor's LEDs.)

- In **manual control**, the operator watches the Grade Position Lamps and uses the machine's controls to keep the center LED lit, thereby keeping the blade **on-grade**.
- In **automatic control**, the automatic control system controls the working tool's hydraulic cylinder to keep the center LED lit, thereby keeping the blade **on-grade**.

## Components of Power-Blade system



## 1.2 MCP700/700E PowerBlade Control Panel

### General

The MCP700/700E Control Panel is the heart of the system.

It processes the signal sent to the panel from the laser receiver (and optionally the Power Mast) and regulates or controls the working tool elevation via the attached hydraulic valve.

The MCP700/700E Control Panel allows the operator to work in any of three modes: manual, automatic, or survey mode with the optional power mast.

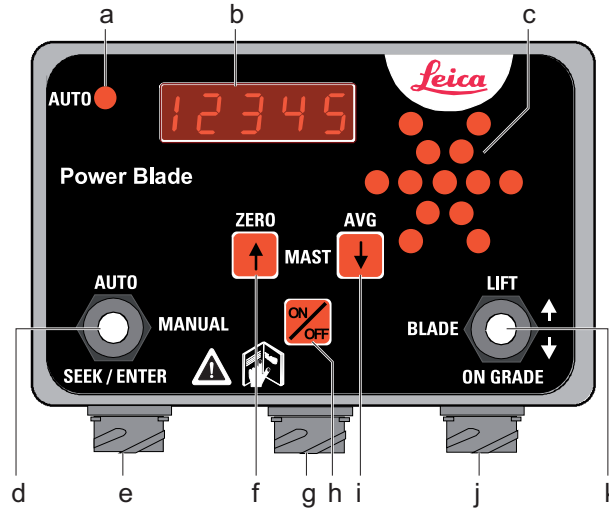
In the manual mode, the operator of the machine controls the hydraulics of the machine manually, watching either the flashing LED's of the sensor or the LEDs of the control panel, to keep the sensor centered on the beam and the machine **on-grade**.

For automatic operation, the system electrically regulates the hydraulics of the machine to raise/lower the working tool, keeping it "on grade". In normal operation the sensor and mast are fixed at a specific distance above the cutting edge of the working tool. In the survey mode with the optional power mast, the sensor and mast are moving. As the machine moves across the contours of the field, the changes in the mast's height are recorded in the panel. These recordings can then be averaged at the end of each row or after the finished survey to determine an optimal (averaged) target elevation for the working area, for example jobsite or field, for levelling.

The MCP700/700E Control Panel can operate in inches, feet, or centimeters with either 12 V DC or 24 V DC machine power. The MCP700/700E Control Panel provides power to the other system components. See specifications for further information.



## Control panel overview



- a) Auto Indication
- b) LED Display
- c) LED Height Indication
- d) Switch Auto-Manual-Seek/Enter
- e) Connector Sensor/Mast
- f) Zero Button (ZERO and Raise Button)
- g) Connector Power
- h) Power ON-Off Button
- i) Average Button (DOWN and Lower Button)
- j) Connector Hydraulic
- k) Switch Mast Control + Hydraulic

## Power On/Off -Switch



Allows operators to control power to the system.

- **ON** - Power is applied to the system
- **OFF** - Power is removed from the system.
- Turns the panel **ON** or **OFF**; used with the mode toggle switch to enter the Survey Mode and other special setup functions

**Mast Raise / Lower  
Push Button**

These buttons have multiple functions depending on the operating mode of the panel.

In the **Main Operating mode**:

- Raise arrow moves the mast up
- Lower arrow moves the mast down.

In the **Survey mode**:

- Raise arrow (ZERO) is pressed to clear the current average and set the number of readings to 0.
- Lower arrow (AVERAGE) is pressed to get the current average mast height and number of readings

In the **Setup mode**, the buttons have a special function to set the count in the display to a user-determined value in the units selected by the operator:

- Raise arrow increases the count value in the display
- Lower arrow decreases the count value in the display.

**LED Display**

The sensor height indication provides a numeric LED display for grade indication in automatic and manual modes.

**AUTO Indicator**

AUTO Indicator LED: Identifies the operating mode

- **ON** - Automatic Mode, Hydraulics controlled to laser beam
- **OFF** - Manual Mode, Hydraulics controlled manually
- **Flashing** - The panel is in automatic mode, but there is no laser beam detected.

## LED Height Indication



### LEDs

- top very slow flash
- top fast
- top and center fast
- center fast
- bottom and center fast
- bottom fast
- bottom very slow flash

### Meaning

Lost Laser  
Far above grade  
Above grade  
On grade  
Below grade  
Far below grade  
Lost laser

## AUTO, MANUAL, SEEK/ENTER Toggle Switch



The function of this switch depend on whether the panel is in Operating or Survey mode. The panel normally starts up in Operating mode; See later in this document for instructions on how to enter survey mode.

## Operating mode

In **Operating mode**, the switch functions are:

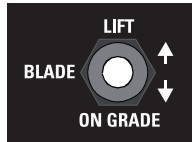
- **AUTO** - Automatic Mode - hydraulics controlled to laser beam
- **MANUAL** - Manual Mode - hydraulics controlled manually
- **SEEK** - Drives optional power mast to find laser beam. Not applicable to manual mast systems.

## Survey mode

In **Survey mode**, the switch functions are:

- **AUTO** - Automatic Survey Mode - Drives mast to stay on laser beam and takes mast height samples at 3 second intervals automatically.
- **MANUAL** - Manual Survey Mode - Drives mast to stay on laser beam; mast height samples only taken when the switch is moved to the "**Enter**" position.
- **ENTER** - Takes a single sample of the mast height each time the switch is moved to this position.

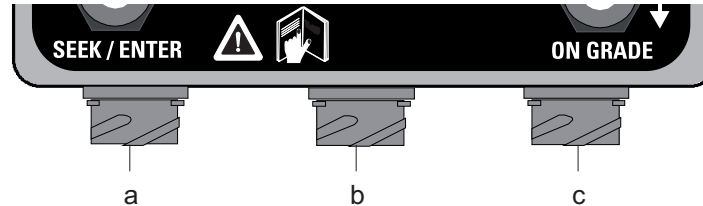
## Hydraulics Raise/Lower Switch



The functions of this switch depend on the operating mode of the panel and whether the optional power mast is installed.

- In **Manual Mode**, moving the switch to the up arrow position raises the blade; moving the switch to the down position lowers the blade.
- In **Automatic Mode** with the optional power mast, moving this switch to the **LIFT** position lowers the mast a pre-set amount so the blade is raised to keep the sensor on the laser beam. The blade will be raised one step each time the switch is moved to the **LIFT** position. Moving the switch down to the **ON GRADE** position causes the mast to be raised to the original height causing the blade to drive down to keep the sensor on the laser beam. When the Lift value is set to 0, or on a manual mast system, this switch acts like in Manual Mode.

## Connectors



The control panel has three connectors

- a) **Laser Sensor:** Provides a connection for the cable leading to the Laser Sensor or Power Mast.
- b) **Power Input:** Provides a connection to the machine's battery. (PowerBlade can operate on 12 or 24 Volt machines.)
- c) **Hydraulic Output:** Provides a connection for the communications cable with the Valve Assembly.

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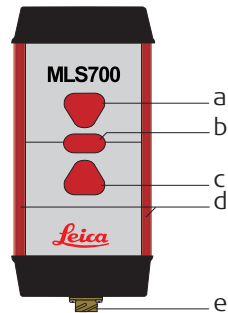
## MLS700/700E Laser Receiver

### General

The MLS700/700E Laser Receiver is the **eye** of the system. The sensor receives the rotating beam of laser light and indicates its position as it strikes the sensor. This information is then transferred electronically to the control panel.

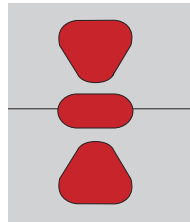
The sensor provides five distinct positions of the laser beam. Used for automatic or manual control, the flashing LED lights are ideally suited for all machine control applications.

### Laser Receiver overview



- a) Off Grade High
- b) On Grade
- c) Of Grade Low
- d) 4 photocell columns for 360° reception of the laser plane
- e) Connector

### Height Indication



#### LEDs

- top very slow flash
- top fast
- top and center fast
- center fast
- bottom and center fast
- bottom fast
- bottom very slow flash

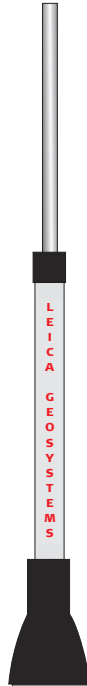
#### Meaning

- Lost Laser
- Far above grade
- Above grade
- On grade
- Below grade
- Far below grade
- Lost laser

## 1.4

### MPM700 Power Mast

#### Power Mast overview



The MPM700 Power Mast adjusts the laser receiver elevation to lock onto the laser reference beam. Once set, the mast provides a direct relationship to the cutting depth of the working tool. The mast can be raised or lowered from the cab of the machine by means of a switch on the control panel. The amount of change is shown in the LED display on the panel.

When used for surveying, the mast moves up and down as the machine moves across the field, keeping the sensor centered on the laser beam, recording the height changes (or contours) of the field into the panel's memory. These readings can then be averaged at the end of each row or after the finished survey.

Leica Geosystems recommends the use of a shock mount for all Power Mast applications to prevent the mast system from being damaged by severe mechanical shock.





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## Basic Operation

### 2.1

### Manual Operation

#### Manual Operation with Manual Mast

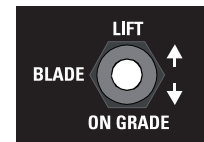
When the system is being used for manual operation, the Mode switch should be in the **MANUAL** position. When in MANUAL, there is no output signal sent to the hydraulics of the machine and the operator of the machine manually controls the hydraulics to keep the sensor centered on the laser beam.

In the manual mode, the following operations can be performed:  
The graphic LEDs will provide the high, low, or on grade indications.



#### Hydraulics Raise/Lower Switch

This switch is used to raise or lower the hydraulics of the machine, but only if the machine has been equipped for automatic control.



## Manual Operation with Power Mast

When the system is being used for manual operation, the Mode switch should be in the **MANUAL** position. When in MANUAL, there is no output signal being sent to the hydraulics of the machine and the operator of the machine manually controls the hydraulics to keep the sensor centered on the laser beam.



In the manual mode, the following operations can be performed:

### Mast Raise/Lower Pushbutton

These can be used to raise or lower the mast to a new position or to center the sensor on the laser beam.



### Grade Display

The graphic LEDs will provide the high, low, or on grade indications.

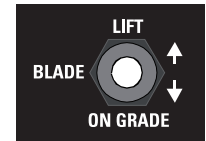


## Manual Operation with BLADE/LIFT/ON GRADE SWITCH

In Manual operation with a Power Mast the switch can be used to preform a lift, if the lift value is bigger then 0, but the driver still needs to raise the blade him self.

If the lift value is 0 then the switch is used to raise or lower the blade.

With the Mode switch in the **MANUAL** position, the hydraulics will raise or lower when the hydraulic switch is activated and will remain in this new position when the switch is released.



### Mode Switch

This switch should be in the middle neutral or MANUAL position for manual operation; it may be placed in the **SEEK** position (momentary action) to initiate the **SEEK** function.



### SEEK Function

This is used to drive the optional power mast to find the laser beam automatically.

After placing the Mode switch in the SEEK position and releasing it, all LEDs in the graphic grade display will flash.



Press either the Mast Raise/Lower Pushbutton to cause the mast to start moving in the up or down direction to find the beam.



If the mast reaches a limit without finding the beam, it will automatically reverse and travel in the other direction to find the beam.

If the mast reaches a second limit without finding the beam, the system will terminate the SEEK operation.

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## 2.2

## Automatic Operation

### Automatic Operation

When the system is being used for automatic operation, the system must be in the normal operating mode with the Mode switch in the **AUTO** position.

The machine must be equipped for hydraulic laser control. The panel will send signals to the hydraulic solenoid valves based on the laser sensor inputs to automatically raise and lower the cylinder and keep the sensor centered on the laser beam.

In the automatic mode, the following operations can be performed:

#### **Mast Raise/Lower Pushbutton**

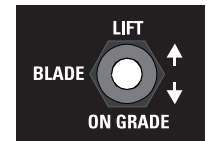
These can be used to raise or lower the mast to a new position or to center the sensor on the laser beam.

Changing the mast height with these buttons also changes the height of the grade.

#### **Raise/Lower Switch**

In Automatic Operation this switch can only be used to raise or lower the blade, if the LIFT value is set to 0.

Refer to "2.1 Manual Operation" and "Manual Operation with BLADE/LIFT/ON GRADE SWITCH" on page 19 for further explanations.



## External Automatic Switch

Mounted on the blade control lever or at a different location easily reached by the operator, the master switch enables the operator to use a single move to enable or disable automatic control on all channels with automatic control selected on the control panel.

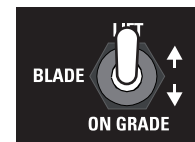
### Mode switch

This switch should be in the **UP** or **AUTO** position for automatic operation. The **SEEK** position of this switch is used to do a **SEEK** with the Power Mast.

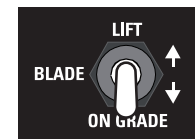


### Lift/On Grade Switch

The functions of the Blade Hydraulics Raise/Lower Switch:  
In the **AUTO** mode, momentary operation of this switch will allow the operator to lower the mast and, therefore, **LIFT** the blade of the machine one user-defined step each time the switch is activated.



When the switch is placed in the **ON GRADE** position, the blade and mast will return to their original positions. This gives the operator a method of consistently raising his blade and then returning again to their original grade.



- If the panel is switched to **MANUAL**, the **ON GRADE** function will be disabled until returned to **AUTO**.

## 2.3

## Survey Operation

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### General

With the optional power mast, the system has the ability to record and average the changes in the contours of the land. The survey function can be used for row, full field, and perimeter surveys. The average and number of readings can be displayed in the counter at any time.

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When surveying, the machine's blade is raised and the hydraulics do not react to information from the laser system. Instead, the mast will move up and down as the machine moves across the contours of the land and will keep the sensor centered on the laser beam. It is the movements of the mast that are being recorded and then averaged.

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### Entering Survey Mode

#### Preparation for/before Survey

- Turn on the panel.
- Put the blade at a height where it won't touch the ground during the survey.
- Make a Seek to find the laser beam, and adjust the mast height to the value you want the survey to start from. Keep in mind that the power mast should be around the middle of its total travel range to allow plenty of elevation change (of the field) in both directions.
- Turn off the panel.

#### Activate Survey Mode

- Activate Survey Mode by entering the Survey option in the USER MENU press and hold the MODE switch to Seek and simultaneously press the On/Off button.
- Navigate to survey option with Mast up/down keys, to select survey function release the MODE switch and toggle between ON or OFF with Mast up/down keys.



When the panel is powered down it will disable the survey mode



### Survey Procedure

- The user can start surveying when he has gone through the Activate Survey procedure. It can either be done by putting the Auto/Enter switch in to Auto, or toggle it down to Enter.
- By putting it into Auto the panel reads the mast height every 3. Sec and adds it to the sum value in the memory, and increment the number of recorded points by 1.
- Pressing the switch to Enter and release it, adds the current mast height to the sum value, and also increment the number of recorded points by 1.
- When the switch is in the manual position the panel still displays the Average/Count, but no new points are recorded. It is also possible to clear the Average/Count when the switch is in manual.

### Detailed Description of buttons and switches

Enter	Manually add one sample to the survey average.
Auto	Automatic Sampling (1 sample per 3 sec.)
Mast Up (keep pressed)	Clear Average Value and number of points taken.
Mast Down	Toggle the display of Average/Count (average is shown as standard when survey mode is activated.)
Blade Up	No action
Blade Down	No action

(Blade Up and Down doesn't have any function when the panel is in survey mode)



If at some point during the survey the power mast reaches its top/bottom limit, the display will show POLE to indicate that the average is now false since the mast cannot move further up or down. To start over press the Zero button, the current Average will be cleared and you must start surveying again.



If at any point during Survey Mode operation, the panel is switched off, it will automatically exit Survey Mode.



## Survey mode

In Survey mode, the following operations can be performed:

### Average Button

When the average button is pressed, the LED counter will display alternately the average of the readings taken and the number of readings taken.



### Zero Button

The average and the readings stored in the panel's memory can be cleared by pressing and holding the clear button until the display blinks.



### Mode Switch

This switch should be in the **UP** or **AUTO** position for surveying operations with automatic sampling, and the manual position for manual sampling:

With the Mode switch in the **AUTO** position, readings will automatically be taken at 3 second intervals and stored into memory.

With the Mode switch in the **MANUAL** position, the control panel will take a reading manually each time the Mode switch is moved to the **ENTER** position.

The Survey mode is exited by turning the panel off and then on again.



## Description of the Survey Function

Counter must be set to zero before starting surveying function.

Mast should be positioned somewhere in the middle of the range to allow movement up and down.

### Startup Survey Mode

- Turn on the panel.
- Put the blade at a height where it won't touch the ground during the survey.
- Make a Seek to find the laser beam, and adjust the mast height to the value you want the survey to start from. Keep in mind that the mast should be around the middle position to have the biggest travel range in both directions.
- Turn off the panel.

### Activate Survey Mode

- Activate Survey Mode by entering the Survey Option in the USER MENU press and hold the MODE switch to Seek and simultaneously press the On/Off button.
- Release the ON/OFF button and navigate to Survey Option with Mast up/down keys, to select survey function release the MODE switch and toggle between ON of OFF with Mast up/down keys.
- Grade Indication LEDs are constantly blinking, function of buttons and toggle switches change.

Enter	Manually add one sample
Auto	Automatic Sampling (1 sample per 3 sec.)
Mast Up (ZERO)(keep pressed)	Clear
Mast Down (AVG)	Toggle the display of Average/Count
Blade Up	No action
Blade Down	No action

### Exit Survey Mode

- Push On/Off button and LEDs stop flashing

## 2.4

## Setup Modes

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### Entering the Setup Modes

The MCP700/700E provides two setup modes:

- **USER** setup - for all general options selectable by the user.
  - **TECHNICIAN** setup - will be covered in the installation manual.
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### USER setup

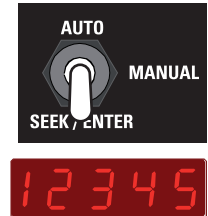
The USER setup mode is used for configuring system parameters and to go into the survey operating mode.

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### Enter User setup

The USER setup mode is entered as follows:

- Press ON / OFF button to turn off the panel.
  - Move MODE switch to SEEK position and hold it, while simultaneously pressing the ON / OFF button to turn on the system.
  - Continue to hold MODE switch in SEEK position, and use Mast up/down keys to select desired user menu option. Refer to "2.5 User Menu" for more information.
  - Release MODE switch, then use Mast up/down keys to set required value.
  - To select another user menu option, move MODE switch again to SEEK position, use Mast up/down keys to switch to desired option.
  - To save all changes and exit USER setup mode, go to the **blank** menu (LED display goes blank) and release MODE switch.
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## 2.5

### User Menu

#### General

If the Survey Mode is selected, the system will start operation in the Survey Mode and stay in Survey Mode until power is switched off. When the system is turned back on, it will come up in normal operating mode.

#### User Menu Options



**LIGHT** - Sets the display brightness - standard value is 15.



**LASER SENSOR DEADBAND** - Select laser sensor deadband value in user-selected units. - standard value is 3. Settings represent values in mm

- 1 = 2 mm
- 2 = 7 mm
- 3 = 11 mm
- 4 = 15 mm
- 5 = 25 mm



**UNITS** - Selects the desired units for the mast height display:



- **CEnt** - Metric - CCCC.C centimeters



- **FEET** - Feet - FFF.FF feet



- **InCH** - Inches - IIII.I inches



**Lift Steps** - sets the value of the mast height steps used in the **LIFT** function with optional Power Mast. LIFT Step value is in the user selected units. A lift step value of **0.0** disables the lift function.

A red LED display showing the word 'SURV' in a segmented font.

**Survey** Mode - puts the panel in survey operation mode.

A red LED display showing the word 'COUNT' in a segmented font.

**Count** direction -Two options are available .

A red LED display showing the word 'Pos' in a segmented font.

**Positive** - corresponds to mast grade level of the blade, count increases with increased mast height.

A red LED display showing the word 'NEG' in a segmented font.

**Negative** - corresponds to mast grade level of the blade, count decreases with increased mast height.

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## Check List

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### General

If the PowerBlade system is not functioning properly, the first step is to determine the problem component. Use the information in this section to isolate the problem.

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The following test equipment is needed:

- Voltage/Ohm Meter
  - Rotating laser or laser simulator
  - Cable Wiring Diagram (See cable schematics in this section.)
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To prevent serious damage to the PowerBlade system, never replace fuses with fuses that have a higher amperage rating than prescribed.

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PowerBlade is a highly sophisticated electronic system. Do not attempt repairs to the components. Contact Leica Geosystems or your local authorised Leica Geosystems dealer if you have any problems.

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### Most Obvious Causes (Check First)

- Is the power switch on the PowerBlade Panel switched on and does the LED light come up?
  - Is the fuse in the battery cable good?
  - Is the connection to the battery good?
  - Is the PowerBlade system getting sufficient power from the battery?
  - Are the cables all connected correctly and in good condition?
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## **Control Panel**

1. Check if the power is switched on and the display lights up.
  2. Check the battery for proper continuity and connection.
  3. Check the power source (battery).
  4. Check the fuse at the battery cable.
  5. Check the fuses on the circuit board.
  6. A main fuse is accessible from outside the panel. Fuse size 10 Amps (Dim. 5x20mm)
  7. Power to circuit board electronics and Laser Sensor? Power Mast?
  8. Check if the PowerBlade Panel has been set-up correctly for the operation required
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## **Laser Sensor**

1. Check and clean the glass covering the sensor's photo cells.  
Condensation for example caused by placing a cold receiver into a warm working environment, and jobsite dust can cause serious interference to the laser signal.
  2. Check fuse on the control panel or if used with external battery cable check the fuse on the cable.
  3. Check the cable to the sensor for proper continuity.
  4. Check all cable connections for dirt, corrosion, bent or broken pins, etc.
  5. Do the Grade Position LEDs become lit and go through the proper sequence when the Power ON push button is pressed?
  6. Do the Grade Position LEDs function properly when laser light from a rotating laser or a laser simulator activates the photo cells?
  7. Does the laser receiver show erratic lights?  
Check for condensation, dust or secondary reflection of the laser beam from nearby glass, mirrored, reflective or highly-polished surfaces.
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## **Cables**

1. Check all cables periodically for wear, dirt, corrosion, bent or broken pins, or other damage.
  2. Check cable continuity. (See cable schematics in section 4.)
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**Hydraulics**

1. Check all hydraulic hoses and connections periodically for damage and wear.
  2. Check all adjustments and locking nuts for tightness.
  3. Check cables and electrical connections to the solenoids.
  4. Check for cylinder leaks.
  5. Check the settings for the hydraulic if it is set to the valve installed.
  6. Check the values of the hydraulic tuning if they are the same values as done during the installation.
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**Rotating Laser**

1. Check to be sure the rotating laser is functioning properly by testing it with a hand-held sensor (if available).
  2. Check to be sure that the Laser Sensor is within the specified operating range (elevation window) of the rotating laser.
  3. Check to be sure that the rotating laser's light is not reflecting off other surfaces, causing multiple readings by the Laser Sensor.
  4. Check if wind, rain, dust, engine exhaust, etc. is interfering with the laser receiver's reception.
  5. Check if the head rotating speed is set properly. (Refer to the rotating laser user manual.)
  6. Check that the rotating laser does not have dead zones enabled if available.
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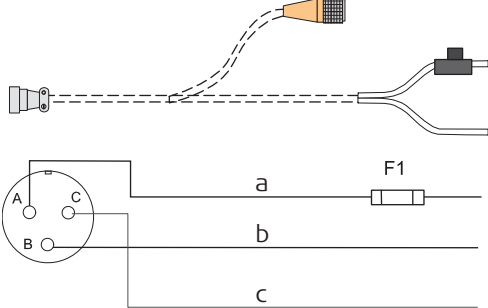
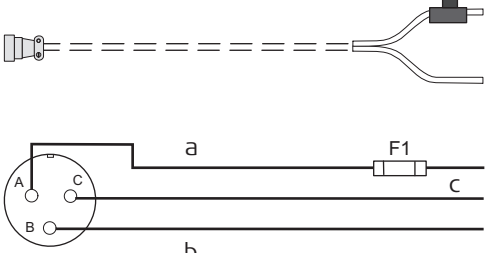
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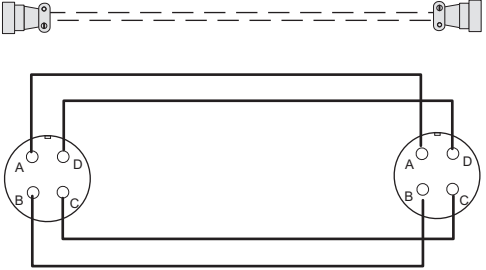
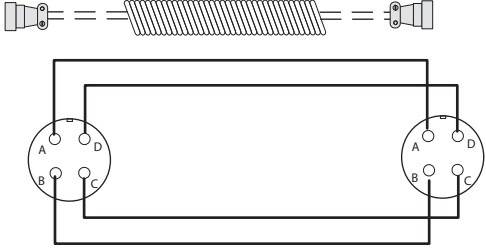
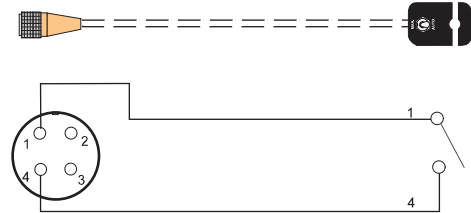
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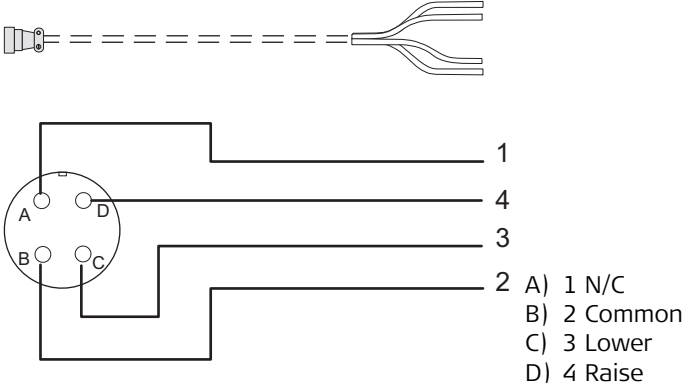


The following standard system cables cannot be used with MCP700E and MLS700E: MYC700, MSC701, MSC702, MSC705, MSC706, MCC700, MCC701, MVC700 and MVC702.

### Overview cable

Description	Product name	Schematic
Cable Panel to battery fused, 8 m	MYC700	 <p>a) Brown positive                  b) Blue negative                  c) -Auto/Man                  F1) Fuse 10 Amps</p>
Cable Panel to battery, fused	760871, Power cable, 3-pin, fused	 <p>a) Brown positive                  b) Blue negative                  c) -Auto/Man                  F1) Fuse 10 Amps</p>

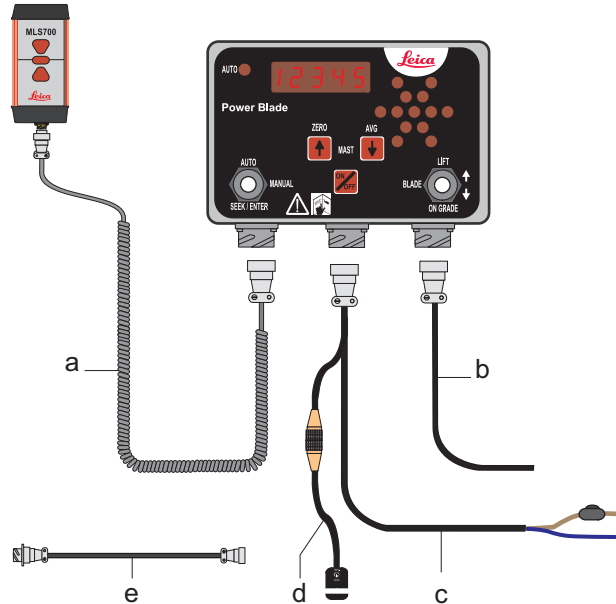
Description	Product name	Schematic
Straight Cable mast to panel, 8 m	MSC702	 <p data-bbox="1300 322 1468 434"> A A+ No. 1  B B- No. 2  C CAN No. 3  D CAN No. 4 </p>
Coiled sensor cable, 3 m or 12 m options	MCC700 (3 m) MCC701 (12 m)	 <p data-bbox="1300 591 1468 703"> A A+ No. 1  B B- No. 2  C CAN No. 3  D CAN No. 4 </p>
Remote Auto/Manual switch	MSC705	

Description	Product name	Schematic
Hydraulic Valve cable, 9 m	MVC700	 <p>                         1                          4                          3                          2                     </p> <p>                         A) 1 N/C                          B) 2 Common                          C) 3 Lower                          D) 4 Raise                     </p>

## 4.2

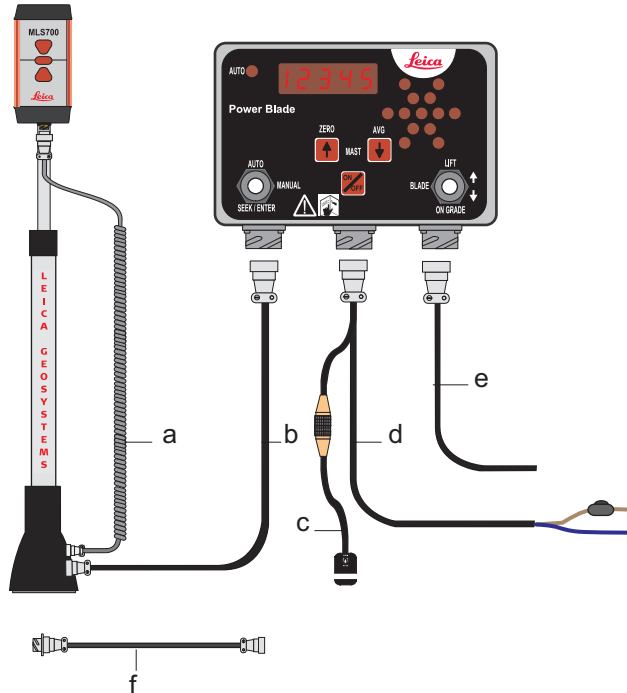
## Wiring Diagrams

PowerBlade with  
Manual Mast configura-  
tion (MCP700/MLS700  
systems only)



- a) **MCC700** Coiled Cable 3 m (ext.)  
**MCC701** Coiled Cable 12 m (ext.)
- b) **MVC700** Straight Cable, Hydraulic,  
9 m
- c) **MSC700** Y- Power Cable ,  
8 m w/fuse
- d) **MSC705** Auto/Manual switch
- e) **MSC703** Straight Cable extension,  
3 m  
**MSC704** Straight Cable extension,  
8 m  
**MVC702** Hydraulic Cable, Danfoss,  
9 m  
**MVC701** Hydraulic Extension Cable,  
3 m

**PowerBlade with Power Mast configuration (MCP700/MLS700/MPM700 systems only)**



- a) **MCC700** Coiled Cable 3 m (ext.)
- b) **MSC702** Straight Cable, 8 m
- c) **MSC705** Auto/Manual switch
- d) **MSC700** Y- Power Cable , 8 m w/fuse
- e) **MVC700** Cable Power, 8 m w/fuse
- f) **MSC703** Straight Cable extension, 3 m
- MSC704** Straight Cable extension, 8 m
- MVC702** Hydraulic Cable, Danfoss, 3 m
- MVC701** Hydraulic Extension Cable, 3 m



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## 5

## Care and Transport

### 5.1

### General Notices

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#### General information

Servicing the system only requires a minimum of time. All electronic components are enclosed in robust housings to safeguard them against mechanical damage.

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#### Periodic checks

If any PowerBlade components are or subjected to severe impact, be sure to check for proper operation prior to performing any work with the system.

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## 5.2

## Transport

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### Transport in the field

When transporting the equipment in the field, always make sure that you carry the product in its original transport container.

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### Transport in a road vehicle

Never carry the product loose in a road vehicle, as it can be affected by shock and vibration. Always carry the product in its transport container and secure it.

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### Shipping

When transporting the product by rail, air or sea, always use the complete original Leica Geosystems packaging, transport container and cardboard box, or its equivalent, to protect against shock and vibration.

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### Field adjustment

After transport inspect the field adjustment parameters given in this user manual before using the product.

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**5.3****Storage**

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**Product**

Respect the temperature limits when storing the equipment, particularly in summer if the equipment is inside a vehicle. Refer to "7 Technical Data" for information about temperature limits.

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**Field adjustment**

After long periods of storage inspect the field adjustment parameters given in this user manual before using the product.

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## 5.4

### Cleaning and Drying

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#### Product

- Blow off dust.
  - Use a clean, soft, lint-free cloth for cleaning. If necessary, moisten the cloth with water or pure alcohol.  
Do not use other liquids; these may attack the polymer components.
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#### Cables and Plugs

Keep plugs clean and dry. Blow away any dirt lodged in the plugs of the connecting cables.

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#### Damp products

Dry the products at a temperature not greater than 40°C/108°F and clean them. Do not repack until everything is completely dry.

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## 6 Safety Directions

### 6.1 General

#### Description

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The following directions should enable the person responsible for the product, and the person who actually uses the equipment, to anticipate and avoid operational hazards.

The person responsible for the product must ensure that all users understand these directions and adhere to them.

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## 6.2

### Intended Use

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#### Permitted use

- Automatic control of machine blade in height, based on reference height, reference line, and machine geometry.
  - Detection of a desired reference height.
  - Adjustment of machine hydraulic system performance and machine geometry
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#### Adverse use

- Use of the product without instruction.
  - Use outside of the intended limits.
  - Disabling safety systems.
  - Removal of hazard notices.
  - Opening the product using tools, for example screwdriver, unless this is specifically permitted for certain functions.
  - Modification or conversion of the product.
  - Use after misappropriation.
  - Use of products with obviously recognizable damages or defects.
  - Use with accessories from other manufacturers without the prior explicit approval of Leica Geosystems.
  - Inadequate safeguards at the work site, for example working on roads.
  - Controlling of machines, moving objects or similar monitoring application without additional control- and safety installations.
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#### Warning

Adverse use can lead to injury, malfunction and damage.

It is the task of the person responsible for the equipment to inform the user about hazards and how to counteract them.

The product is not to be operated until the user has been instructed on how to work with it.

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6.3

Limits of Use

Environment

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Suitable for use in an atmosphere appropriate for permanent human habitation: not suitable for use in aggressive or explosive environments.

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 Danger

Local safety authorities and safety experts must be contacted before working in hazardous areas, or in close proximity to electrical installations or similar situations by the person in charge of the product.

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## 6.4

## Responsibilities

### Manufacturer of the product

Leica Geosystems AG, CH-9435 Heerbrugg, hereinafter referred to as Leica Geosystems, is responsible for supplying the product, including the user manual and original accessories, in a completely safe condition.

### Manufacturers of non Leica Geosystems accessories

The manufacturers of non Leica Geosystems accessories for the product are responsible for developing, implementing and communicating safety concepts for their products, and are also responsible for the effectiveness of those safety concepts in combination with the Leica Geosystems product.

### Person in charge of the product

The person in charge of the product has the following duties:

- To understand the safety instructions on the product and the instructions in the user manual.
- To be familiar with local regulations relating to safety and accident prevention.
- To inform Leica Geosystems immediately if the product and the application becomes unsafe.

### Warning

The person responsible for the product must ensure that it is used in accordance with the instructions. This person is also accountable for the training and the deployment of personnel who use the product and for the safety of the equipment in use.

### Warning

Unauthorised modification of machines by mounting the product may alter the function and safety of the machine.

#### **Precautions:**

Follow the instructions of the machine manufacturer. If no appropriate instruction is available, ask machine manufacturer for instructions before mounting the product.

### Warning

This product may be installed on building machinery only by an appropriately trained and qualified specialist.

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## 6.5 International Warranty, Software Licence Agreement

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### International Warranty

The International Warranty can be downloaded from the Leica Geosystems home page at <http://www.leica-geosystems.com/internationalwarranty> or received from your Leica Geosystems dealer.

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### Software Licence Agreement

This product contains software that is preinstalled on the product, or that is supplied to you on a data carrier medium, or that can be downloaded by you online pursuant to prior authorization from Leica Geosystems. Such software is protected by copyright and other laws and its use is defined and regulated by the Leica Geosystems Software Licence Agreement, which covers aspects such as, but not limited to, Scope of the Licence, Warranty, Intellectual Property Rights, Limitation of Liability, Exclusion of other Assurances, Governing Law and Place of Jurisdiction. Please make sure, that at any time you fully comply with the terms and conditions of the Leica Geosystems Software Licence Agreement.

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## 6.6

## Hazards of Use

 **Warning**

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Only Leica Geosystems authorised service workshops are entitled to repair these products.

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 **Caution**

Installing near mechanically moving machine components may damage the product.

**Precautions:**

Deflect the mechanically moving machine components as far as possible and define a safe installation zone.

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 **Warning**

Accuracy of the cross-slope is directly related to the position of the rotation sensor on grader applications, and is degraded whenever the rotation sensor is not in line with the longitudinal (lengthwise) axis of the machine. The amount of degradation depends on the specific machine designs and will be different on various brands and models.

**Precautions:**

Exercise caution in steep slope applications to ensure the desired grade accuracy.

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 **Warning**

Beware of inadequate steering if machine is defective like after a crash or other damaging events or alterations to the machine.

**Precautions:**

Periodically perform control measurements and field adjustments on the machine as specified in the User Manual. While working, construction and grading should be checked by appropriate means, for example spirit level, tachymeter, before and after important measuring tasks.

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 **Warning**

While steering or navigating the machine accidents may occur due to a) the operator not paying attention to the surroundings (persons, ditches, traffic, etc.), or b) malfunctions (...of a system component, interference, etc).

**Precautions:**

The operator assures that the machine is operated, guided and monitored by a qualified user (e.g. driver). The user has to be able to take emergency measures, for example an emergency stop.

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 **Warning**

The absence of instruction, or the inadequate imparting of instruction, can lead to incorrect or adverse use, and can give rise to accidents with far-reaching human, material, financial and environmental consequences.

**Precautions:**

All users must follow the safety directions given by the manufacturer and the directions of the person responsible for the product.

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 **Caution**

Watch out for erroneous measurement results if the product has been dropped or has been misused, modified, stored for long periods or transported.

**Precautions:**

Periodically carry out test measurements and perform the field adjustments indicated in the user manual, particularly after the product has been subjected to abnormal use and before and after important operations.

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 **Danger**

Because of the risk of electrocution, it is very dangerous to use poles and extensions in the vicinity of electrical installations such as power cables or electrical railways.

**Precautions:**

Keep at a safe distance from electrical installations. If it is essential to work in this environment, first contact the safety authorities responsible for the electrical installations and follow their instructions.



 **Warning**

By surveying during a thunderstorm you are at risk from lightning.

**Precautions:**

Do not carry out field surveys during thunderstorms.

 **Caution**

During hydraulics testing parts of the machine are moved automatically, regardless of the position of the master switch. This could lead to bodily injury.

**Precautions:**





Make sure that no persons are standing within the operating range of the machine during hydraulic testing.

 **Caution**

System Components can protrude from the machine, which could lead to bodily injury and/or product damage.

**Precautions:**

Exercise caution in operation to avoid striking any objects or persons near the working area.

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-  **Warning** During dynamic applications, there is a danger of accidents occurring if the user does not pay attention to the environmental conditions around, for example obstacles, excavations or traffic.  
**Precautions:**  
The person responsible for the product must make all users fully aware of the existing dangers.
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-  **Warning** Inadequate securing of the work site can lead to dangerous situations, for example in traffic, on building sites, and at industrial installations.  
**Precautions:**  
Always ensure that the work site is adequately secured. Adhere to the regulations governing safety and accident prevention and road traffic.
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-  **Warning** If computers intended for use indoors are used in the field there is a danger of electric shock.  
**Precautions:**  
Adhere to the instructions given by the computer manufacturer with regard to field use in conjunction with Leica Geosystems products.
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-  **Caution** If the accessories used with the product are not properly secured and the product is subjected to mechanical shock, for example blows or falling, the product may be damaged or people may sustain injury.  
**Precautions:**  
When setting-up the product, make sure that the accessories, for example tripod, tribrach, connecting cables, are correctly adapted, fitted, secured, and locked in position.  
Avoid subjecting the product to mechanical stress.
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 **Warning**

If the product is improperly disposed of, the following can happen:

- If polymer parts are burnt, poisonous gas are produced which may impair health.
- If batteries are damaged or are heated strongly, they can explode and cause poisoning, burning, corrosion or environmental contamination.
- By disposing of the product irresponsibly you may enable unauthorised persons to use it in contravention of the regulations, exposing themselves and third parties to the risk of severe injury and rendering the environment liable to contamination.
- Improper disposal of silicone oil may cause environmental contamination.

**Precautions:**

Dispose of the product appropriately in accordance with the regulations in force in your country.

Always prevent access to the product by unauthorised personnel.

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## 6.7 Electromagnetic Compatibility EMC

### Description

The term Electromagnetic Compatibility is taken to mean the capability of the product to function smoothly in an environment where electromagnetic radiation and electrostatic discharges are present, and without causing electromagnetic disturbances to other equipment.

### Warning

Electromagnetic radiation can cause disturbances in other equipment. Although the product meets the strict regulations and standards which are in force in this respect, Leica Geosystems cannot completely exclude the possibility that other equipment may be disturbed.

### Caution

There is a risk that disturbances may be caused in other equipment if the product is used in conjunction with accessories from other manufacturers, for example field computers, personal computers, two-way radios, non-standard cables or external batteries.

#### **Precautions:**

Use only the equipment and accessories recommended by Leica Geosystems. When combined with the product, they meet the strict requirements stipulated by the guidelines and standards. When using computers and two-way radios, pay attention to the information about electromagnetic compatibility provided by the manufacturer.

### Caution

Disturbances caused by electromagnetic radiation can result in erroneous measurements. Although the product meets the strict regulations and standards which are in force in this respect, Leica Geosystems cannot completely exclude the possibility that the product may be disturbed by very intense electromagnetic radiation, for example, near radio transmitters, two-way radios or diesel generators.

#### **Precautions:**

Check the plausibility of results obtained under these conditions.

 **Warning**

If the product is operated with connecting cables attached at only one of their two ends, for example external supply cables, interface cables, the permitted level of electromagnetic radiation may be exceeded and the correct functioning of other products may be impaired.

**Precautions:**

While the product is in use, connecting cables, for example product to external battery, product to computer, must be connected at both ends.

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**6.8****FCC Statement, Applicable in U.S.**

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 **Warning**

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC rules.

These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates, uses and can radiate frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communication.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which there ceiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

 **Warning**

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Leica Geosystems for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.



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## Labelling MCP700 PowerBlade Control Panel

**Type: MCP700**

Power: 10-30V  $\overline{\text{---}}$ , 0,2A max  
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CH-9435 Heerbrugg  
Manufactured 2007  
Made in Denmark



Art.No. 7xxxxx  
S.No. 123456



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## Labelling MCP700E PowerBlade Control Panel

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MLS700 Laser Receiver

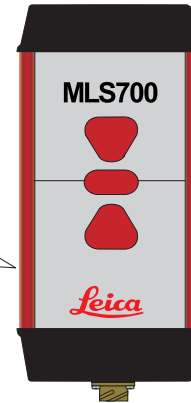
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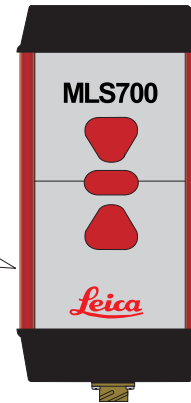
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**Labelling**  
**MPM700 Power Mast**

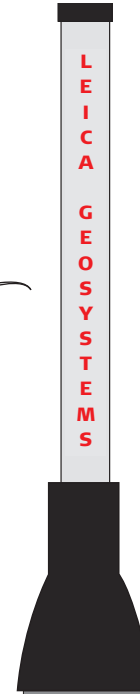
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## 7 Technical Data

### 7.1 General Technical Data



The MCP700/700E is designed to operate from standard vehicle power systems at 12 V DC or 24 V DC - check to ensure proper connection and polarity.

#### Environmental

Parameter	Specification
Humidity	max. 95% RH, non condensing

#### System Accuracy MCP700/700E

System Accuracy  $\pm 2\text{mm}$  \* (Standard Deviation)

\* Depending on sensors in use, operating range (distance between laser transmitter and receiver), stated accuracy of laser transmitter, calibration of laser transmitter, atmospheric condition (wind speed, temperature, humidity, pressure, presence of dust, etc.), machine condition, machined material.

#### Temperature

Unit	Operating temperature [°C]	Storage temperature [°C]
MCP700/700E Control Panel	-20 to +60	-30 to +70
MLS700/700E Receiver	-20 to +60	-30 to +70
MPM700 Power Mast	-20 to +60	-30 to +70

#### Waterprotection

MCP700/700E: IP 65  
 MLS700/700E: IP 68  
 MPM700: IP 45

## MCP700/700E Control Panel

Parameter	Specification
Voltage range	12/24 Volts dc (nom.)
Current consumption	< 800 mA without Power Mast < 2.5 A with Power Mast
Interfaces	1x CAN-Interface
Hydraulic Output Settings	Proportional Valves
Dimensions	6.7 x 3 x 4.7 inches ( 17 x 7.5 x 12 cm)
Weight	3.3 lbs (1.5 kg)

**MCP700/700E Laser Receiver**

Parameter	Specification
Voltage range	12/24 Volts dc (nom.)
Current consumption	< 500 mA
Accuracy Dead Bands	1 = 2 mm 2 = 7 mm 3 = 11 mm 4 = 15 mm 5 = 25 mm
Stand alone	7 mm Narrow Band 25 mm Wide Band
Sensor Pick-Up Range	7.5 in. (19 cm)
Laser Requirement	All rotating lasers (HeNe or Infrared Laser diodes visible and invisible)
Pulsed Display	5 pulses per second
Operating Range	1000 ft. (300 m) Radius
Weight	5.5 lbs. (2.5 kg)



The Laser Receiver can be used for manual (visual) control by connecting directly to the battery.

## MPM700 Power Mast

Parameter	Specification
Voltage range	12/24 Volts dc (nom.)
Current consumption	< 2.5 A
Mast travel	48 inches (1.2 m )
Mast Height (transport length)	72.6 inches (1.84 m)
Mast Travel Speed	3.35 inches (85 mm) per second (12 V machines); 3.93 inches (100 mm) per second (24 V machines)
Weight	66 lbs. (30 kg)

**Total Quality Management: Our commitment to total customer satisfaction.**



Leica Geosystems AG, Heerbrugg, Switzerland, has been certified as being equipped with a quality system which meets the International Standards of Quality Management and Quality Systems (ISO standard 9001) and Environmental Management Systems (ISO standard 14001).

**Ask your local Leica Geosystems dealer for more information about our TQM program.**

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