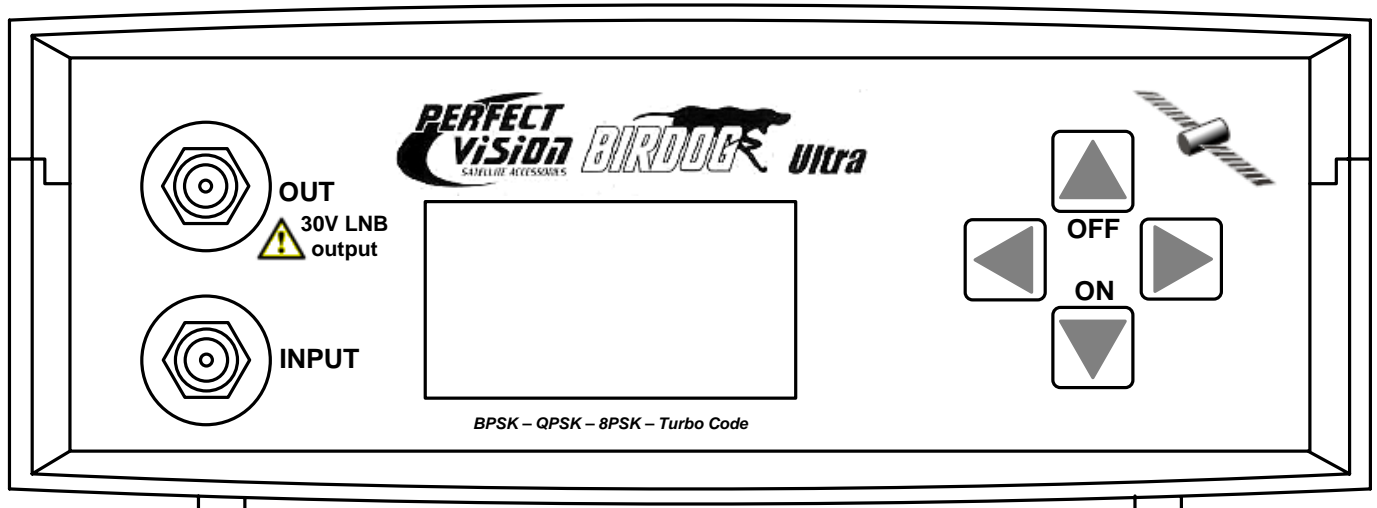




USER MANUAL

BIRDOG ULTRA



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Thank you for choosing to buy the BirDog ULTRA satellite meter. Please read through the instructions carefully before using your meter to familiarize yourself with all of the new features available.

The BirDog ULTRA is a compact, lightweight and easy to use satellite installation meter featuring an easy to read display that shows signal strength and digital signal quality. Finding your satellite is easy: use the left or right arrow keys to scroll through the selections, and your BirDog Ultra will lock onto the satellite shown in the display when it is in range. Everything you need is supplied with your meter, which includes a A/C charger cord, in-car charger and USB lead. The rain cover and carry case are already fitted.

The BirDog ULTRA can also be easily re-programmed from the BirDog website **www.birdog.tv** (via a link to the BirDog ULTRA downloads) with your choice of satellites, or with the current default file.

Spare Li-Po (Lithium-Polymer) battery packs are available directly from Perfect-10 or authorized dealers, and can be replaced without voiding your warranty. Replacement carry cases, rain covers, USB leads, A/C charging leads and in-car chargers are also available directly from Perfect-10 or authorized dealers.

Disclaimer

The satellite operators have complete control of the data stream information. They change the data stream methods and technology at will and for their own purposes. Perfect-10 has no control over the evolution of data streaming. While we will make every effort to provide you with current satellite identification downloads, this device could eventually lose its ability to identify specific satellites by the evolution of technology.

Safety



This symbol is intended to alert users of possible hazard or damage in operating this unit.

- **WARNING! This device is capable of generating 30 Volts. Always connect the LNBF to the INPUT only.**
- Do NOT expose this meter to rain or moisture!
- Clean only with a dry cloth.
- Always use the protective case and cover provided.
- Read the instructions carefully before operating your unit for the first time.
- Care should be exercised when using the carry strap as it can present a choking hazard; only use when slipping or falling is not a possibility.
- Do not disassemble your unit or interfere with the internal components; this will void your warranty and there is a possibility of electric shock.

“If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired”.



- Only use the provided battery, AC charger cord and DC car charger lead provided, as using other types may cause damage to your unit, which will void your warranty and may cause electric shock. Replacement battery packs are available directly from Perfect-10 or an authorized dealer.



Li-Po battery notes:

A damaged battery represents a hazard and should be replaced. Always replace damaged battery packs with the correct type – **never attempt to repair them.**

Remember:



- Do not short-circuit the battery terminals
- Do not dispose of in fire
- Do not disassemble

Satellite lists

You can change the pre-loaded satellite list which is currently in the memory of the BirDog ULTRA by going to the **www.birdog.tv** web site. The instruction set which follows in this manual, “Download”, was current at the time of the manual’s printing but is superseded by any revisions found on the web site.

Note that the BirDog ULTRA may not be able to positively identify the correct locations of satellites and in some instances cross identification can occur. Some of the satellites available for download from the BirDog website do cause the BirDog to indicate “Found” in one or more locations. You may download any of these other satellites but they are to be used with the understanding that misidentification may result. A thorough knowledge of the magnetic heading to the satellite you are attempting to positively identify can help you resolve some of the duplicate satellite locations.

The default satellite lists which are pre-loaded at the factory will be overwritten by any uploads that you perform. However, the factory default list is also available from the web site and can be re-loaded if desired. Note that the satellites you choose need to be selected in the sequence that you want them to appear in the BirDog ULTRA. If for example, you select a satellite located at 119° and then select one at 101°, the 119° satellite will come up first as you scroll through the list of satellites in the stored memory. This can be handy knowledge as you may prefer to have the satellites you use most, located at the first in the list.

You can load from one to four lists each with up to 255 selections to the BirDog ULTRA memory. The fewer lines you select for your custom list, the quicker you can find the one you want when lining up antennas. Up to four lists can be retained in the BirDog Plus memory. The previous list file is overwritten by the next upload you do.

We HIGHLY suggest that if more than one polarity is indicated on the web site for a particular satellite file, that you load both polarities in your BirDog ULTRA. See Page 19 “Download” for an example.

Accessories

Your BirDog Ultra is supplied with this Instruction Manual and these items below. Please check if you have all the following. If any items are missing please contact your supplier.



Only manufacturer's replacement parts should be used, otherwise safety of the meter may be impaired



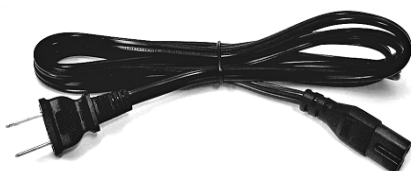
**DC Car Charger Lead
Fitted with 2 Amp Fuse
(LDSM12DC)**



USB Lead (AW998USB)



AC Charger Lead (LDSM020)



Li-Po Battery Pack (BP1524)



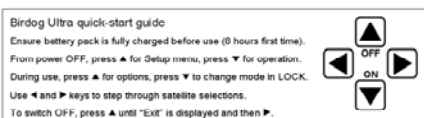
**Rain Cover (ARHDBDU)
(should be fitted at all times)**



Carry case (AL006BK)



Quick Start Guide (KM971)

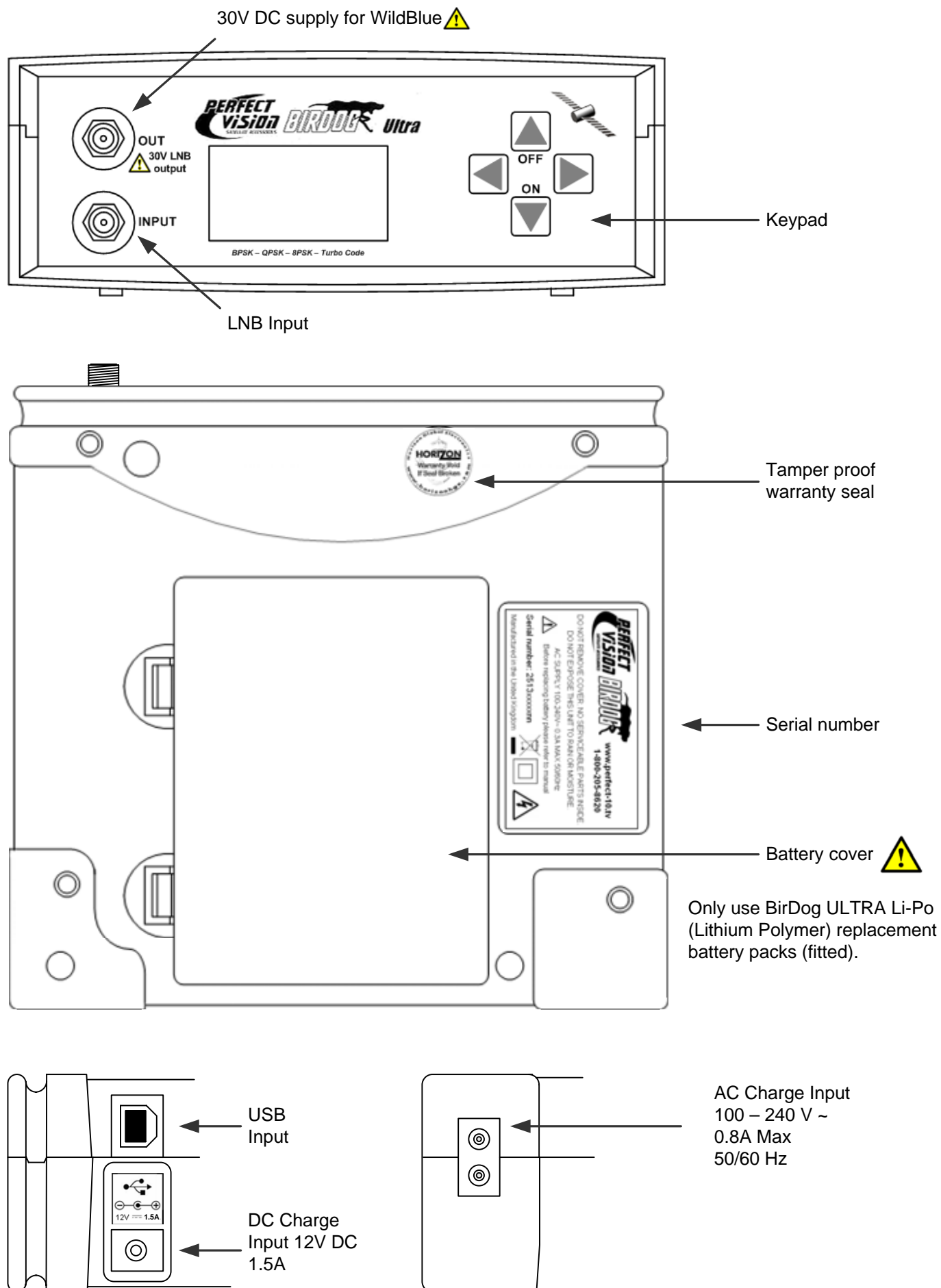


**Interchangeable High Frequency
connectors (supplied fitted)**



**Note: The items shown above are subject to change without notice.
Please dispose of the packaging carefully and recycle where possible.**

Your Meter



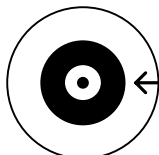
Maintenance



Note: Your new BirDog Ultra features replaceable high frequency connectors. Periodically these may require replacement and inspection to insure continued reliable operation. For the removal of connectors use a 7/16th or 11mm spanner.



Carefully clean the surrounding area with a dry lint free cloth to prevent debris falling into the high frequency connector socket well.

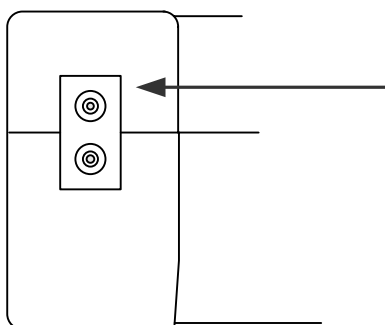


Tip: Check for any copper fragments that may have gathered in the well of the high frequency connector socket on the meter. These can be removed with a dry Q-tip. When re-fitting F barrels only tighten enough to prevent the barrel being removed by hand.

Battery charging

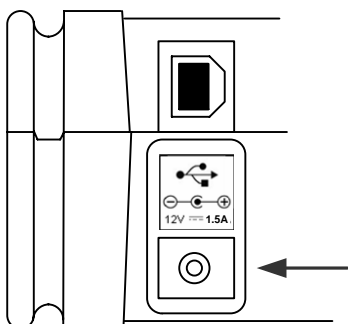
The meter will NOT be fully charged when you receive it. We recommend you charge it for an initial 8 hours before use. If your meter is not being used for a long period of time, we recommend disconnecting the battery.

You can also top off your battery from your vehicle with the in car DC Adapter supplied. You should top up the charge every 2 weeks. The battery pack is replaceable, but it should only be removed or disconnected in the event of a failure. Please see page 23 for battery removal.



Charging with the AC cord

On the bottom of the case there is a small velcro flap which covers the AC input for charging.



Charging from a vehicle

The vehicle 12V DC charge port is on the right side of the unit. Plug the car charger lead into the bottom socket and the other end to the vehicle's "aux" socket. Please note that on certain vehicles the aux socket is switched off unless the vehicle is running.

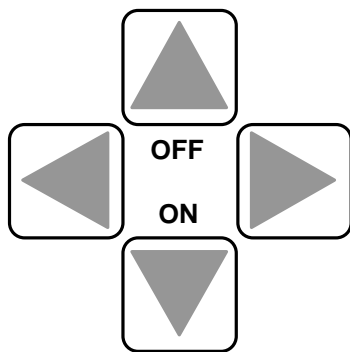
Note: Do not charge from a vehicle with a higher battery voltage or positive ground!

For in-vehicle charging only use the lead supplied. The use of another lead may damage the meter and will void the warranty. The BirDog ULTRA can remain connected to either power source in **"Trickle"** charge state for an extended period of time. Once **"Charge Complete"** appears on the display the BirDog Ultra will be in a trickle charge state.

Note: When charging your battery BirDog Li-Po battery please ensure that the ambient temperature is above freezing point 32° F (0° C) and not above 100° F (40° C) this will prevent damage to your battery pack.

Note: The meter will not operate while the unit is being charged.


Using your meter



The BirDog ULTRA keypad. All of the meter functions are accessed from here.

Once your dish mounting has been securely installed in a suitable direction connect the LNB to your BirDog ULTRA meter with a short length of cable (1.5m or 4 feet being ideal): note that this cable is **not** supplied – you should use a high quality satellite cable.

Tip: Your dish clamp should be just nipping the metal work allowing you to adjust the dish position, and it should hold when you release.

To turn the meter on press the  button once and the animated BirDog ULTRA logo will appear.



The next screen will display the meter information, including model, version, satellite list selected and battery percentage. **Note:** Satellites shown will be from the last used list.

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DirecTv / WB
Battery 99%




Use the LEFT or RIGHT arrow keys to cycle through the satellites available until the desired one is shown. You may need to use the sub menu to access your required satellite as the BirDog ULTRA can store up to 4 satellite lists.







Point the dish in the approximate direction of the required satellite, and slowly sweep the dish across the sky, adjusting your elevation at the end of each sweep. While you are sweeping the sky the rate of beeps will change as you pass each satellite; the scale on the meter will also change. If very low RF levels are found the dBu value will show << dBu (e.g. low-output LNB, long cable run or no visible carrier). For extremely high levels >> dBu will show (e.g. high-output LNB, very strong carrier or a high-gain distribution amplifier in circuit).

DTV Ka/Ku&3G 101
S  65 dB
Searching
65 dBμV 



Once a lock has been acquired the second bar will show you the signal to noise ratio, referenced in either M for Modulation Error Ratio (MER) or C (for carrier-to-noise). This reading is directly relative to quality of signal.

DTV Ka/Ku&3G 101
S  73 dB
M  11.3 dB
Found 65 dBμV 

Once a lock has been acquired, if you press the ON button once you can make fine adjustments to your antenna by using the linear signal level display and quality indicator (shown as L & Q). If the L and Q values exceed the graph at either end, press the ON button twice to re-center the bar graph display. This display shows “Carrier” and a magnifying glass symbol on the bottom line when in use.

DTV Ka/Ku&3G 101
S  182
M  136
Carrier  

Pressing the ON button again will show the IRD level screen, pressing the ON button once more will return you to the initial measurement mode.

DTV Ka/Ku&3G 101
IRD Level
I  71
Found 65 dBμV 

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The BirDog Ultra has 4 operating modes which are selectable from the sub menu: **DirectTv / WB, Specific, Standard**, and **Custom**. This enables faster access to the the selections you need - as you will already have one list selected, the other 3 will be available from the menu. The BirDog ULTRA will also remember the last selection that you made when you switch your BirDog off and back on again.



Setup Menu

To access the Setup Menu ensure your BirDog ULTRA is off and press the UP (Off) button once. The options available from this menu are illustrated on the right.

By using the keypad as cursor keys you can navigate through the set up menu using UP and DOWN, and change values by using LEFT and RIGHT keys. Once you have made your selections return to the top of the menu highlighting **Exit** and press the left or right key to apply the changes and switch the meter off.

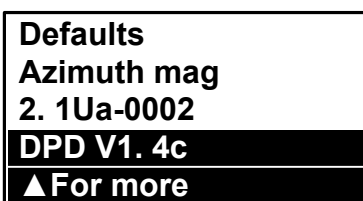
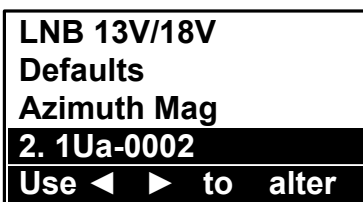
You can choose the **RF** measurement values of **dBuV**, **dBm** or **dBmV** along with **C/N** or **MER** measurement.

You can also go back to the default setup by selecting **Defaults**. This operation will not affect any of the satellite settings stored in memory.

The BirDog ULTRA supports **English**, **French** and **Spanish** languages and these are selectable from the setup menu.

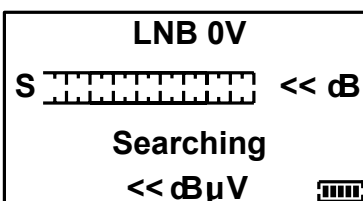
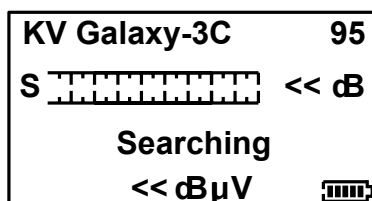
The **Azimuth** option allows you to select either **True** (relative to true North) or **Mag** (with magnetic offset applied). This option affects how the Orientation display is shown. See page 16 for more information.

Using the **Defaults** option will set your meter back to its default settings; the satellites stored in memory will remain unaffected.



LNB Voltage: This feature enables you to switch the LNB supply voltage off. While the LNB Voltage is set to 0 Volts the Satellite name on the top line of the display will alternate with "**LNB 0V**" to indicate that no LNB voltage is applied. This selection will remain active until it has been changed back to LNB 13V/18V, even if the meter is switched off. Only set LNB Voltage to 0 Volts if the LNB is being externally powered (see LNB/Cable Test).

Note: While the LNB Voltage has been selected as 0V then the satellite name on top line of the display will alternate as illustrated above.



The version number information **2. 1Ua-0002** towards the bottom of the Setup Menu has no function other than to inform you which version of firmware is in use. The **DPD V1. 4c** line references the Zip code look up table loaded.

Sub Menu

Your BirDog ULTRA has many features available from the **Sub Menu**.


To access the sub menu press the UP (off) button once from the searching or found screen. Using the keypad as cursor keys you can select the various options. At any time you can press and hold the UP button to switch the meter off. When **Exit** is highlighted, you can also use the RIGHT button to switch the meter off.


Selections for DirecTv are found in in the standard list and these include the Dual Display for SWM 101 / 119 and the Histogram Pass / Fail function described later in this document.

Note: The constellation feature is only available when a lock has been acquired.

The log all function is a new feature that allows you to log the measurement values of the satellite transponders belonging the major boradcasters such as DirecTv DishNetwork, Bell and ShawDirect, etc

Note: If you are operating the BirDog ULTRA with Standard List selected, then Specific, Standard and Custom lists are available. If DirecTv / WB has been selected, then Standard, StarChoice and Custom List are available. If the Sppecific has been selected, then DirecTv / WB, Standard and Custom List are available. If Custom list has been selected, then DirecTv / WB, Specific and Standard lists are available, along with the Customize function.

◀Exit 
DiSEqC
SW21/SW44
Spectrum
▼For more

Spectrum 
Constellation
Specific
▶Standard
▲▼For more

Custom
Customize
LNB 21V
▶Orientation
▲▼For More

Log as 00000
Log All
LNB Drift
▶LNB/Cable test
▲For more

DiSEqC

From the sub menu DiSEqC function shown here you can select a DiSEqC switch command to suit the needs of your installation. Press the right arrow button to access the switch commands available.

The DiSEqC function gives you the selections of A,B,C and D. Selecting **Exit** here will take you back to the sub menu. Use the Up and Down arrow buttons to highlight the desired DiSEqC command and press the right arrow button to send.

Exit
▶DiSEqC
SW21/SW44
Spectrum
▼For more

◀Exit
LNB A
LNB B
LNB C
LNB D

SW21/SW44 (Dish Network Switch 21 / Switch 44)

The very latest version of BirDog firmware also includes Switch 21 and Switch 44 functions that enable you to send the correct pulse data to operate Switch 21 and Switch 44 devices.

SW21 DISH 1 RH
SW21 DISH 1 LH
SW21 DISH 2 RH
SW21 DISH 2 LH

SW44 DISH 1 A
SW44 DISH 1 B
SW44 DISH 2 A
SW44 DISH 2 B

Note: RH and LH
refer to polarisation
(Right Hand Circular
Left Hand Circular).

◀Exit
SW21 DISH 1 RH
SW21 DISH 1 LH
SW21 DISH 2 RH
▼For more


Spectrum Display

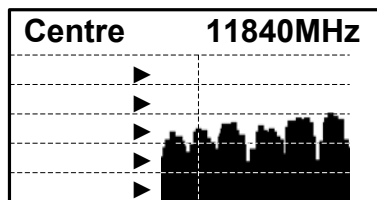
Spectrum mode is available from the Sub-menu (press the UP arrow while the signal level or carrier/noise display is on screen). Scroll down to highlight "Spectrum", and press the RIGHT arrow. The screen will change to display the spectrum.

The graphic will be centred on the frequency of the selected transponder: in our example of a Low Band setting, the display is centred on 11840MHz. The span (range of frequencies displayed on screen) is set by default to 240MHz; which gives a display of up to 8 adjacent carriers at 30MHz spacing. By pressing the DOWN button, you can cycle through a range of spans from 120MHz (to zoom in on the carriers in one area) to 1200MHz.

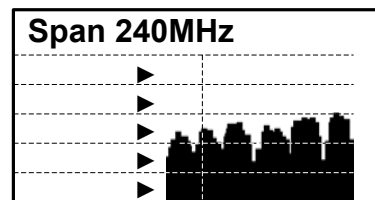
Centre the chosen frequency on the display by pressing the LEFT and RIGHT buttons. Note that you will not be able to go beyond the limits for each band, which are indicated by arrows pointing right (lowest frequency) or left (highest). Note that the Low Band coverage extends from 10700MHz to 11600MHz, and the High Band from 11550MHz to 12750MHz, so there is some overlap between the Low and High Band for Universal LNB's.

RF level is shown by a solid band at each sampled frequency (see image). There will be areas of low-level signal between the carriers, and the bigger the distance between peaks and valleys, the better the carrier-to-noise ratio. Good C/N ratio is important for trouble-free reception!

The top line of the screen alternates between "Center" plus the selected frequency (shown at the dotted vertical line in the centre of the display) and "Span" plus the frequency span in MHz. In "Span" view if a universal LNB is in use, and 22KHz is enabled, the tone symbol  will appear in the top left of the display.



The Spectrum information bar at the top of this screen will alternate between the current frequency and span in use



Note: You can exit spectrum mode at any time by pressing the UP button once. This will return you to the searching screen on the selection that you made previously.

In low signal level conditions use the  option to increase the amplitude so that carriers may be seen.

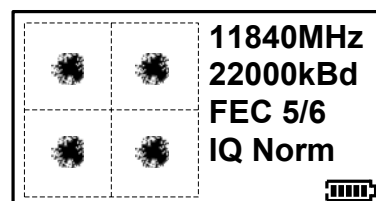
Tip: If you have defined a custom carrier you can view it in spectrum mode too (see **Customize** on page 11).

Constellation

Provided the meter is locked to a DVB, DSS, QPSK / 8PSK or Turbo modulated carrier the constellation mode is available from the Sub-menu (press the UP button while the signal level or carrier/noise display is on screen). If there is no lock, the option will be "grayed out". This type of diagram is almost meaningless when it cannot display formatted data – as dots would appear randomly in each quadrant, and there would be no visible pattern.

In the Sub-menu, scroll down to highlight "Constellation", and press the RIGHT arrow. The screen will change to the QPSK constellation display and a listing of the current transponder settings.

The screen shot on the right illustrates a typical QPSK constellation diagram. The tighter the display field the better the quality of the signal, if the constellation was spread this would indicate a high level of noise which can result in poor reception for the receiver and break up of signal.



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The graphic displays the 4 quadrants of a QPSK signal. A “good” display will show a cluster of dots centered in each quadrant. The more concentrated the cluster, the better the quality of the received signal; dots “straying” from the cluster indicate noise on the signal, phase errors, and other unwanted artifacts.

The aim is to achieve the best result possible, which a thorough alignment of the LNB should achieve. With the constellation diagram, you get reassurance that the adjustments have been done well.

At the right side of the screen is a list of the parameters for the currently chosen transponder:

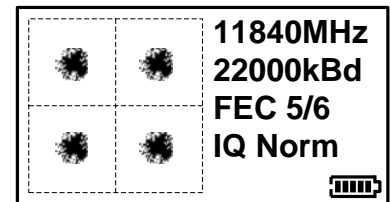
Frequency in MHz: this is the measured frequency after “pull-in” by the meter’s Automatic Frequency Control (AFC), so the displayed value may differ slightly from the nominated value in the configuration file;

Symbol Rate in kiloBaud (Kilo Symbols / Second): the data rate is critical in identifying and locking to the selected carrier;

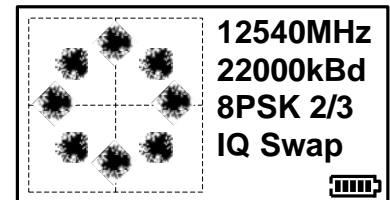
FEC (forward error correction) value: data on the selected carrier will conform to one of a short list of standard FEC values;

IQ Norm indicates that I or Q inversion is not being used.

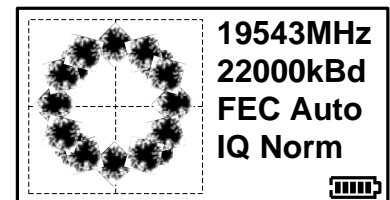
At bottom right, there is a display of the charge state of the battery pack.



QPSK



8PSK

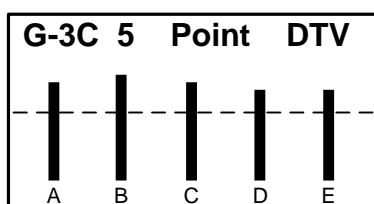


Turbo code (ring)

Tip: The constellation diagram can be used down stream from the LNB to trace problems caused by faulty components that introduce noise and affect the quality of the digital signal.

Five Point Scan

The BirDog ULTRA can also perform a five point scan of five transponders in a pre determined satellite setting file available for download as a satellite selection from the BirDog ULTRA web site.



A	72 dBμV	PASS
B	73 dBμV	PASS
C	73 dBμV	PASS
D	70 dBμV	PASS
E	71 dBμV	PASS

On the left is a representation of the type of display that you would see when you have selected a 5 point selection. The 5 nominated carriers are labelled A, B, C, D and E. In this example Galaxy-3C at 95° west is shown. These levels (from the Galaxy-3C satellite) show the RF level of the following DirecTv carriers...

A = 11840 **B** = 11900 **C** = 11930 **D** = 11960 and **E** = 11990MHz
These relate directly to the example of Galaxy-3C other five point scan selections will be made available via the BirDog web site.

By pressing the **On** button once you will see the pass/fail screen. The pass values are relative to the marker line we saw on the previous screen. If one of the carriers is below the level of the pass/fail marker line then FAIL will be shown on the right hand side of the display.

You can press the **On** button to toggle between these displays.

By pressing the left or right arrow button at any time you will step on to the next satellite selection available in the list you previously selected.

This is a useful feature for checking a spread of signal levels on long cable run installations or where a slope equalized amplifier has been used to ensure that the lower range of frequencies are not over amplified and that the performance of the slope equalized system is balanced.

Constellation
Specific
Standard

► Custom

▲ ▼ For More

On selecting one of the Custom settings on your meter the **Customize** function is enabled within the Sub Menu as shown on the left. You can now edit the chosen custom carrier to your preferences as described below.

DirecTv / WB
Specific
Standard

► Customize

▲ ▼ For More

There are 18 default custom carriers available that you can choose to edit which are illustrated in the table below. DVB, DSS, DCII (Digicipher2) and Turbo coding are supported. These default carriers can also be reconfigured from the BirDog ULTRA support web site www.birdog.tv

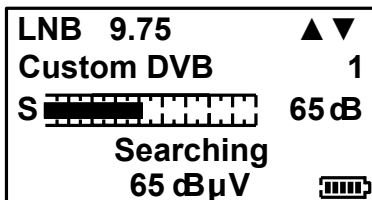
Custom DVB 1
Custom DVB 2
Custom DVB 3
Custom DVB 4

Custom DSS 1
Custom DSS 2
Custom DSS 3
Custom DSS 4

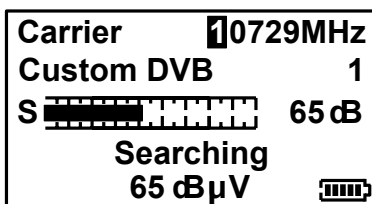
Custom DCII 1
Custom DCII 2
Custom DCII 3
Custom DCII 4

Custom Turbo 1
Custom Turbo 2
Custom Turbo 3
Custom Turbo 4

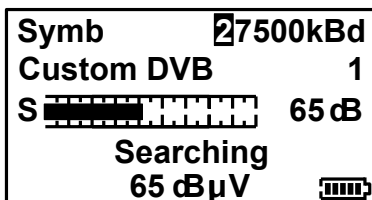
Custom WildBlue
Custom Xplornet



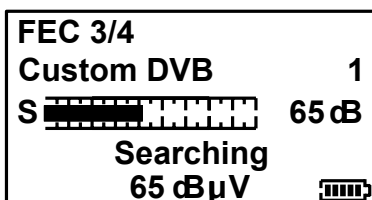
In this example we have chosen to edit "Custom DVB 1". Select your local oscillator first by using the UP and DOWN keys. Various local oscillators are available and some have 22KHz tone available also. The Local Oscillators are shown in the table at the bottom of page 12.



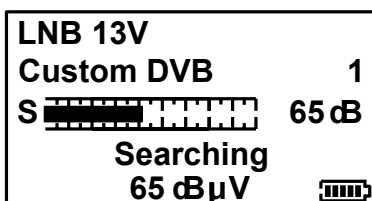
You can set the desired frequency by using the UP and DOWN arrow keys to change the highlighted number and LEFT and RIGHT to step to the next one. Once you have your desired frequency, press the right arrow to step on to the Symbol Rate screen. Note: You will not be able to select out-of-range values relative to the local oscillator. If you try to enter a number that is out of range, the meter will beep, and the number will not change. You may need to step left or right to adjust the value in the next column before stepping back to the current digit.



In much the same manner that you defined the frequency, set the Symbol Rate to match the wanted signal: highlight the numbers with the LEFT or RIGHT key and change the value with the UP and DOWN arrow keys. Symbol rates from 01000 to 45000 can be set. Once you have the desired symbol rate press the RIGHT arrow to step on to the FEC screen. The same applies here to values that are out of range – you may get a beep and a refusal to change the current digit.



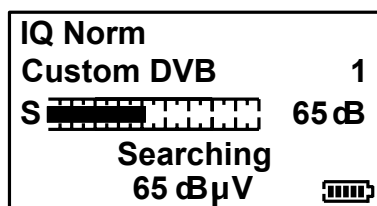
From this screen we can select the desired FEC. If the FEC is unknown then select **Unknown** and the BirDog ULTRA will try them all when searching from the Custom Carrier. Use the up and down keys to cycle through FEC options. Press the RIGHT arrow to step on to the LNB voltage screen. See **FEC Notes** for more information on the next page.



On this screen we can select the LNB voltage: 0, 13 and 18 volts. Press the RIGHT arrow button to step on to the IQ screen.

Note: the 30V option is only available on the WildBlue™ custom selection. The 21V option is only available for special selections e.g. SWM.

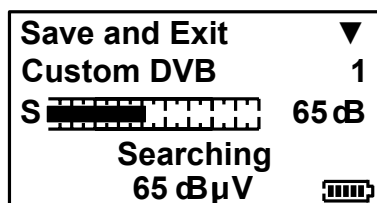
Note: If you are using a block type LNB for VSAT installation, 18 Volts is typically selected to power this kind of LNB, as the polarization is manually adjusted. Consult your LNB documentation for its operational requirements.



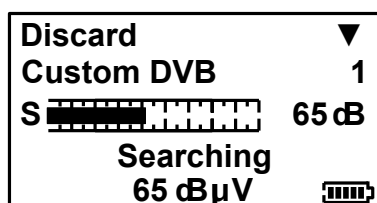
Here you can select non-inverted IQ (Norm), or invert either I or Q. Sometimes I/Q inversion is required to obtain a lock, but for most of the time this is left selected to Norm (Normal). Use the other selections if you failed to obtain a lock so far. There are four IQ options available.

IQ Normal, IQ Auto, IQ = (I, -Q) and IQ = (-I, Q)

Use the Up and Down Arrow keys to select. Press the right arrow key to step onto the Save and Exit screen once you have made your selection.
Note: IQ inversion is mostly applied to C-Band services.



Pressing the down arrow key here will apply your changes to the custom carrier slot that you have just edited. Pressing the left arrow button will enable you to go back and make changes before saving if required.



By pressing the DOWN arrow on this screen all of the values you have set will be discarded and the meter will return to searching mode on the last satellite selected before entering Custom Carrier mode. Alternatively, use the RIGHT button to cycle through the custom carrier options to change your settings.

Note: The BirDog ULTRA is not compatible with DVB-S2. When using lower symbol rates (less than 04000) it may take a little longer to obtain a lock, and it will require much slower motion when pointing your antenna.

Tip: Common carrier configurations can result in a multiple lock situation. For example, carriers that have an FEC of 5/6 and a Symbol Rate of 22000 will probably lock on multiple satellites. Where possible, look for unique Symbol Rates that are unlikely to be duplicated on other satellites at the defined frequency.

FEC Notes:

Once you have selected the custom carrier options the following FEC's and modulation schemes are available. It is also possible to select "Unknown" so that the BirDog ULTRA will scan the available FEC's relative to the custom carrier type.

DVB	DSS	DCII	Turbo Code
1/2	1/2	1/2	QPSK 1/2
2/3	2/3	2/3	QPSK 2/3
3/4	3/4	3/4	QPSK 3/4
5/6	5/6	3/5	QPSK 5/6
6/7	6/7	4/5	QPSK 7/8
7/8	7/8	5/6	8PSK 2/3
		7/8	8PSK 3/4
		5/11	8PSK 3/4 - I
			8PSK 3/4 - II
			8PSK 5/6
			8PSK 8/9

LNB Local Oscillators: (GHz)

Ku-Band

9.75	10.7	11.25 +22KHz Tone
10.6 +22KHz Tone	10.7 +22KHz Tone	11.3
10.0	10.75	11.3 +22KHz Tone
10.25	10.75 +22KHz Tone	
10.5	11.25	

Ka-Band

17.25
18.25
18.75
19.25
19.75
21.0 (WildBlue Customize Only)

C-Band

5.15 C-Band
5.76 C-Band
5.95 C-Band

Data Logging

Before using the logging function acquire the satellite that you have chosen, ensuring that the received levels are as good as they can be. Then access the Sub-menu by pressing the UP button once; navigate down and highlight the "Log as 00000" line. By pressing the right arrow at this point the levels from your satellite selection will be stored in to the memory and numbered; this number will increment each time your store your measurements. Note this number down as you will need to refer to it later when downloading the log information from your meter later.

The logging software required to extract the stored values is available from the www.birdog.tv web site.

Note: Before you start to use the logging program please ensure that the USB drivers have already been downloaded as described on pages 17 and 18.



To start the Log Reader program double click the BirDog ULTRA Log Reader program icon a small program will appear as illustrated.



Connect your BirDog ULTRA via the USB lead supplied to you PC. Wait for the BirDog Plus to settle in **Program mode** and then click **Read**.



Once the file has been read a pop up will appear "**Transfer Complete!**"

Once you click **OK** you will be presented with a table of your logged measurements. From here you can export this data in CSV (**C**omma **S**eparated **V**alues) format for use with other office programs.

Log Entries

Log ID	Transponder		Freq. MHz	Symbol	FEC	IQ	Mod.	Lock	dBm	dBuV	dBmV	MER dB	IRD Q
00002-000	Custom DVB	1	10728	21990	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.25	76.5	16.50	12.9	76.7
00003-000	Custom DVB	2	10714	21991	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-33.75	75.0	15.0	15.0	100.0
00004-000	Custom DVB	4	11874	27489	QPSK 2/3		DVB-S1	LOCK	-35.15	73.6	13.60	12.5	72.2
00005-000	Custom DVB	3	11816	27489	QPSK 2/3		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.55	76.2	16.20	11.6	62.2
00006-001	Bell Leg/Twin 91		12457	20000	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.25	76.5	16.50	12.9	76.7
00006-002	Bell Tv 91 TP1		12224	20000	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-33.75	75.0	15.0	15.0	100.0
00006-003	Bell Tv 91 TP2		12239	20000	QPSK 7/8		DVB-S1	LOCK	-35.15	73.6	13.60	12.5	72.2
00006-004	Bell Tv 91 TP3		12253	20000	QPSK 7/8		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.55	76.2	16.20	11.6	62.2
00006-005	Bell Tv 91 TP4		12268	20000	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.25	76.5	16.50	12.9	76.7
00006-006	Bell Tv 91 TP5		12282	20000	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-33.75	75.0	15.0	15.0	100.0
00006-007	Bell Tv 91 TP6		12297	20000	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-35.15	73.6	13.60	12.5	72.2
00006-008	Bell Tv 91 TP7		12311	20000	QPSK 7/8		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.55	76.2	16.20	11.6	62.2
00006-009	Bell Tv 91 TP8		12326	20000	QPSK 7/8		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.25	76.5	16.50	12.9	76.7
00006-010	Bell Tv 91 TP9		12341	20000	QPSK 7/8		DVB-S1	LOCK	-33.75	75.0	15.0	15.0	100.0
00006-011	Bell Tv 91 TP10		12355	20000	QPSK 7/8		DVB-S1	LOCK	-35.15	73.6	13.60	12.5	72.2
00006-012	Bell Tv 91 TP11		12370	20000	QPSK 7/8		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.55	76.2	16.20	11.6	62.2
00006-013	Bell Tv 91 TP12		12384	20000	QPSK 7/8		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.55	76.2	16.20	11.6	62.2

Export (.csv)

Close

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	Log ID	Transponder	Frequency MHz	Symbol Rate	FEC	IQ	Modulation	Lock	dBm	dBuV	dBmV	MER dB	IRD Q
2	00002-000	Custom DVB 1	10728	21990	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.25	76.5	16.5	12.9	76.7
3	00003-000	Custom DVB 2	10714	21991	QPSK 5/6		DVB-S1	LOCK	-33.75	75.0	15.0	15.0	100.0
4	00004-000	Custom DVB 3	11874	27489	QPSK 2/3		DVB-S1	LOCK	-35.15	73.6	13.60	12.5	72.2
5	00005-000	Custom DVB 4	11816	27489	QPSK 2/3		DVB-S1	LOCK	-32.55	76.5	16.50	12.9	76.7

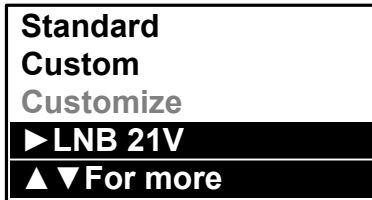
Remember: When you erase the meter log data the log counter on the meter will not be reset but the stored values will be cleared.

If you wish to erase the current log data within the BirDog ULTRA select the File drop-down menu and click on **Erase Log**.

Remember: To add the .csv file extension when saving your log files for use in other applications.

The DirecTv SWiM (Single Wire Multiswitch) is supported and can be installed using selections downloaded from the www.birdog.tv Configure web site. This will allow you to perform an installation even if the SWiM is part of the LNBF assembly. SWiM selections are clearly labeled on the BirDog Configure pick list.

Note: SWM selections are not designed for use with pre SWiM assemblies. SWiM systems with legacy outputs can use the existing DTV Ka/Ku & 3G selections on the legacy outputs if required.

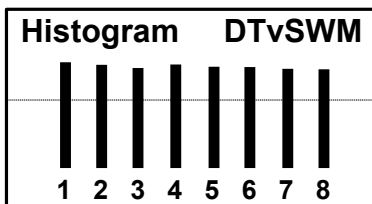


To correctly power the SWiM assembly directly use the 21 Volt option available from the BirDog Ultra sub menu as indicated on the right. The 21 Volt option is only enabled for SWiM, Dual SWiM and Histogram selections.

Note: To access the sub menu from the Dual SWiM setting press the off button once and use the down arrow key to navigate to "►LNB 21V" you will be asked "Are you sure?" press the right arrow button again, and 21 Volts will be applied.

SWiM Output test

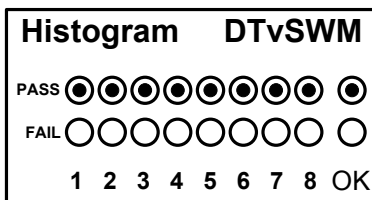
The Single Wire Multiswitch output can be quickly checked at the outlet plates of a (typically 8 way) distribution system using a new feature only available on the BirDog ULTRA. The SWiM selection should be used to verify the presence of the required services after the antenna installation has been completed using the 101 and 119 SWiM enabled selections.



Histogram function

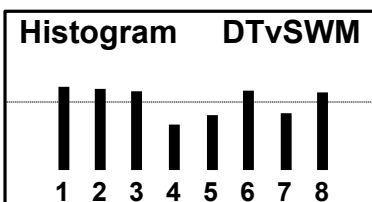
The illustration on the left shows the results found at the distribution points. In this case 8 simultaneous measurements in real time have been made. These 8 measurements reference the SWiM translated output frequencies. This quick and easy check tells us that the satellite set top box should function fine as all of the services are available.

The SWiM takes the satellite inputs and arranges them into a single continuous extended band. The Histogram displays the presence of these rearranged frequencies. The 8 frequencies are spaced at regular intervals across L-Band (950 to 2150 MHz)

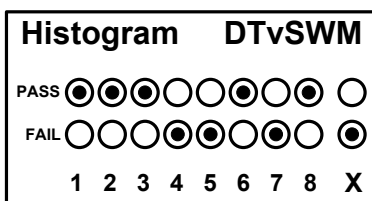


The Histogram function also features a easy to use Pass / Fail indicator. Pressing the On button will switch to the Pass / Fail indicator as indicated on the left.

The Histogram function is also available for download as a setting from the www.birdog.tv Configure web site.

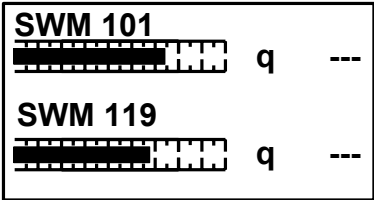


If the levels fail to reach the required level for a pass then this is indicated by levels under the pass line and a fail on the second display as shown.

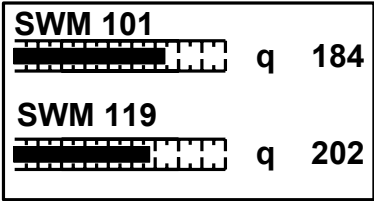


Failures can indicate that an existing cable run may not be suitable for re-use, or that investigation of connections is required.

DirecTv® SWiM Dual Display



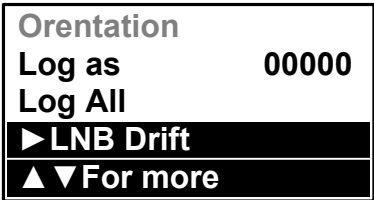
The Dual 101 / 119 SWiM setting is for use with the DirecTv SWiM LNB assembly. The screen shot on the left indicates an unlocked condition with the 3 dashes next to the q. The q is a numerical representation of the signal quality.



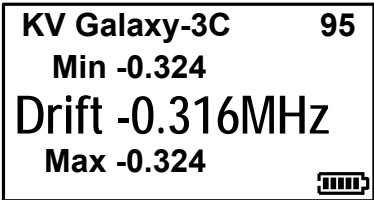
This screen shot indicates a locked condition where the quality figure is shown. Where possible we are looking to maximise the signal levels and the quality (number) indicator. Both 101 and 119 satellite are being simultaneously measured.

As DirecTv will be releasing various combinations of SWiM LNB assembly downloads suitable for these requirements will be made available via the www.birdog.tv web site.

LNB Drift



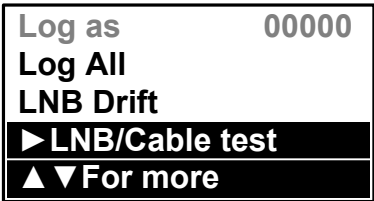
The LNB Drift function selectable from the BirDog Ultra Sub menu will enable you to check the LNB operating tolerance and also indicate a fault condition if there is excessive frequency drift.



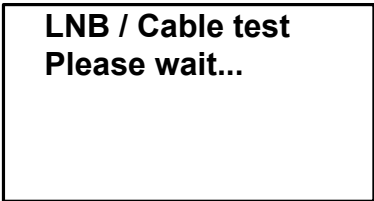
The LNB drift function illustrated on the left here will indicate how much the LNB Local Oscillator is offset against the calculated center frequency after down-conversion to L-Band. Excessive drift (greater than 3 MHz would indicate that there could be a problem with the LNB in use.

LNB/Cable Test

The LNB / Cable test is a quick function to check for possible fault conditions and will indicate if there is a problem.



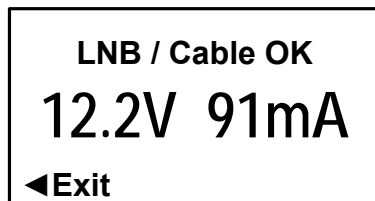
Highlight the LNB/Cable test option in the sub menu and press the right arrow key to begin.



The test results will appear after a few seconds as indicated in the table on the right.

LNB / Cable OK
LNB Fault
LNB / Cable Fault

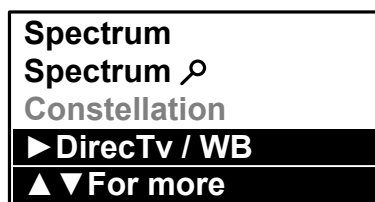
Note: The above function is for indicative purposes only and will not be suitable for DirecTv SWiM (Single Wire Multiplex) type systems. This feature tests for an open or short circuit in the cable or LNB and checks RF level with the LNB powered and not powered. It may not indicate 'Fault' if a problem is otherwise related.



On completing the LNB/Cable test the screen on the right will be shown indicating the voltage supplied to the LNBF and the current being drawn by the LNBF.

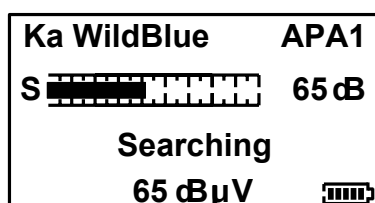
Common faults that would report a failure are, open or short circuit (caused by damaged cable or connectors) or LNB failure. If power is applied externally (not from a set top box) via a 'Tee' connection to the LNB then the LNB / Cable test will not go ahead. Instead, the voltage on the line is displayed on screen.

WildBlue™



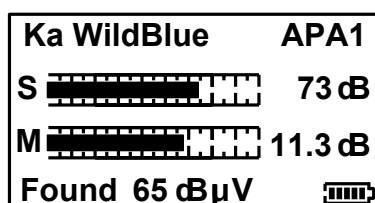
The WildBlue™ functions and settings are available from the BirDog ULTRA sub menu as illustrated on the left. Within this group of menus it is possible to go back to the previous screen by using the left arrow key.

Note: Whenever operating in WildBlue™ mode the BirdDog ULTRA will automatically make 30 Volts available on the Output connector so that you can power the WildBlue™ ODU (Out Door Unit) without the need to run cables from the satellite modem or use a step up adaptor to apply the 30 Volts required. This Makes the BirDog ULTRA a unique and compact solution for installing WildBlue terminals in difficult installation sites.



You can manually select the APA setting by using the left or right arrow buttons. To exit WildBlue™ from here you can press the up button to access the sub menu and from there you can easily access the other satellite lists.

Note: WildBlue™ uses a cellular downlink beam arrangement and you will need to select the correct beam from the extensive list available.



On acquiring the WildBlue™ satellite you will obtain a lock (**Found**). To exit WildBlue mode you will need to press the up button to access the sub menu for more options.

Note: The WildBlue™ service provider should be able to provide you with the spot beam identification number required. APA setting 1 is used in this example.

Orientation

Custom
Customize
LNB 21V
► Orientation
▲ ▼ For More

The BirDog ULTRA also has an antenna orientation feature which gives you a guide as to which direction to point the antenna relative to North and takes its reference from the last satellite you had selected. Change the numbers by using the up and down keys and the right arrow key to select the next number. Once the whole zip code has been set the antenna pointing values will be valid for the selected satellite.

Exit
► USA
CANADA

After selecting Orientation please choose either the USA or Canada for your required region, by highlighting your choice and pressing the right arrow button to select.

ZIP Code **7 2114**
Azumuth Mag **212.0**
Elevation **+44.9**
Skew (A) **+24.8**
Skew (B) **+65.2**

If you are using a compass it may be easier to set the Azimuth measurement to Magnetic in the setup menu so that the correct azimuth value is presented.

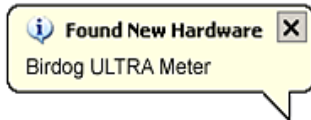
When installing a DirecTv, DishNetwork or WildBlue assembly use the **Skew (B)** Value, for other types of dishes where the LNB and not the dish is rotated for Skew use the **Skew (A)** value.

Use the key pad as cursor keys to edit the ZIP Code to that of the installation site. To exit the Orientation mode use the left or right arrow buttons until you return to the last satellite selected.

USB Driver Installation

Ensure your PC has access to the internet before you proceed.

- 1) Connect the meter for the first time to a PC equipped with USB port(s). If the USB drivers don't automatically load, then the "Found New Hardware Wizard" will appear.



Select "Yes, this time only".
Then click "Next"

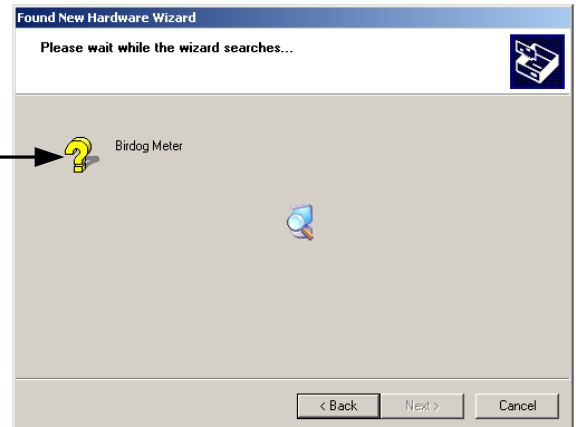


2)



Select "Install the software automatically"
Then click "Next"

- 3) While your PC is searching for the drivers a window like this will appear.



4)



The first stage of the driver installation is now complete; your computer will now proceed to download the additional driver required.

Click the "Finish" Button.

5)



To complete the installation of the new additional driver for the USB Serial Port, click the “**Next**” Button.

6)

While your PC is searching for the drivers, a window like this will appear.



7)



The BirDog USB Plus driver installation is now complete. You can now visit the www.birdog.tv website for downloads.

Click the “**Finish**” Button.



In the unlikely event of the driver download not automatically taking place the manual driver installation package is available for download from the **www.birdog.tv** web site.

Download

To change the satellite list in your BirdDog ULTRA go to the www.birdog.tv web site and select “**Configure**”. Scroll down to the bottom of the configure page until you see the pick list similar to that shown below.

Note: Satellite names and locations change quite often so don't expect what you see on the web site to be an exact duplicate of the illustration shown.

Option 1: Download Preconfigured

Preconfigured super lists

BirDog ULTRA

Select your super list above.

Note: This option will provide you with a loading program to overwrite all of your satellite lists with the selected super list.

[Download Superlist Now](#)

[Send Superlist By Email](#)

Email to:

Option 2: Refresh a single list

Lists

Bell Tv 91 TP
C-Band
Custom
DirecTv / WB
DirecTv 101 TP
DirecTv 110 TP
DirecTv 119 TP
DirecTv 95 TP
Dish 110 TP
Dish 119 TP
Dish 121 TP
Dish 129 TP
Dish 148 TP
Dish 61.5 TP
Dish 72.7 TP
DISH Network
DTV 72.5 TP
Shaw D 107.3 TP
Shaw D 111.1 TP
Specific

Transponders in list

as

Note: This option will allow you to refresh a single list on your Birdog Ultra. The Birdog Ultra has 4 list positions that can be refreshed or overwritten with a list of your choice. Use the drop-down box above to choose the list position you wish to update or overwrite. The default lists will be automatically directed for you, but you can change the list position.

[Download List Now](#) [Send List By Email](#)

Email to:

Option 3: Create your own list

Available transponders

Bell Tv 91 TP1
Bell Tv 91 TP2
Bell Tv 91 TP3
Bell Tv 91 TP4
Bell Tv 91 TP5
Bell Tv 91 TP6
Bell Tv 91 TP7
Bell Tv 91 TP8
Bell Tv 91 TP9
Bell Tv 91 TP10
Bell Tv 91 TP11
Bell Tv 91 TP12
Bell Tv 91 TP13
Bell Tv 91 TP14
Bell Tv 91 TP15
Bell Tv 91 TP16
Bell Tv 91 TP17
Bell Tv 91 TP18
Bell Tv 91 TP19
Bell Tv 91 TP20
Bell Tv 91 TP21

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List name:

Please Select

☒ Selection above
☐ Use My List

[Load List](#)
[Save New](#)
[Update List](#)
[Delete List](#)

My lists

Note: If you wish to have the option of loading, saving and deleting your own lists you will need to create an account to store them but this is optional. Opening an account is **not** the same as registering your Birdog.

Download as [Download My List Now](#)

Email to: [Send My List By Email](#)

Add one transponder only

Add this transponder to on my meter.

[Download Transponder Now](#) [Send Transponder By Email](#)

Email to:

Option 4: Log in

Email Address

Password

Lost password ? Click [Here](#).

[Log Out](#) [Login](#)

Create account ? Click [Here](#).

Note: By creating an account you can save and re-arrange your own lists within option 3.

Option 5: Zip Codes

Current zip code look up database file is:

ZIP V1.001

[Download Zip Codes Now](#)

[Send Zip Codes By Email](#)

Email to:

There are a number of ways you can download configuration files to your Birdog Ultra Meter and these are described on the next page.

Super List

A factory predefined super list contains settings for all the various types of transponder that the meter can support. Note that selecting a super list will replace ALL transponder settings currently in the meter. This is the easiest and most commonly used option.

Predefined List

Selecting a list will replace just the transponders in that list type with those in the new list. Any existing transponders in the relevant list will first be erased. So for instance if you downloaded a new DCII list transponders in the DVB, Wild Blue and Custom lists would not be affected.

Individual Transponders

You can select individual transponders for download to your meter.

Create your own list

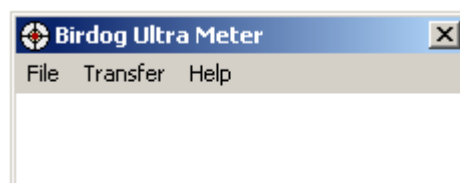
If you have registered with Birdog (a free option) you can elect to save your own list for later use. Note that if a list is saved then when it is downloaded next time it will replace all transponders of that list type currently in your meter. You can call up an existing list and add and remove transponders as you wish to update your own list. If you do not give your list a title then any transponders that you have selected will be added and any existing transponders already programmed in the meter will not be affected. If you give your list a title then your selection will replace all transponders of that type already in the meter.

Zip Code

The zip code database inside the meter can be updated using this option.

Once you have made your selection you can proceed to click "Generate" where you have the choice of having your file zipped and emailed to you or download to your desktop by leaving the Do not email box unchecked.

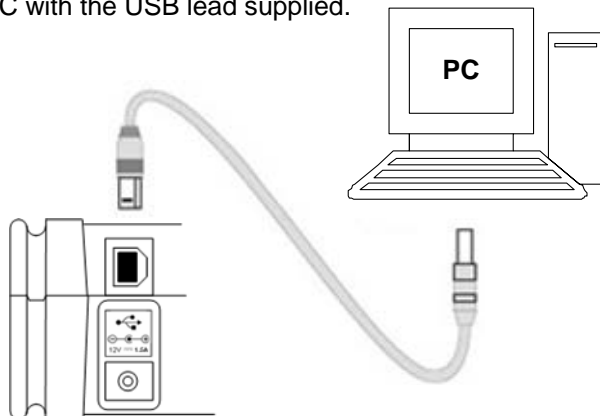
Once you have received your BirDog Ultra loading program as illustrated on the right here you will be ready to connect your BirDog ULTRA to your PC via the provided USB cord and follow the steps on page 21.



Transferring Data

Now that your USB drivers are installed, you can download selections from the **www.birdog.tv** website for updates or to create your own preferred list. Please follow the steps illustrated below to upload new selections to your meter.

- 1) Connect your BirDog Ultra to your PC with the USB lead supplied.

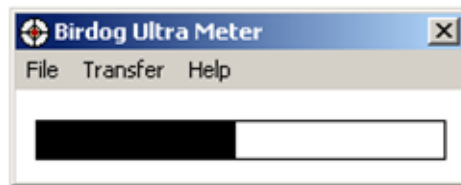


Wait for the BirDog Plus to display “**Program Mode**”

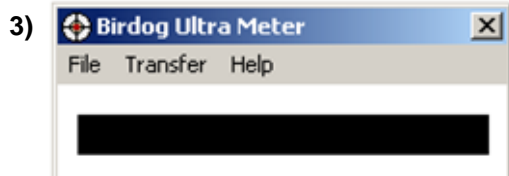


While establishing communication the display may flash and the sounder may beep. This is normal.

- 2) Then click Transfer



After a few seconds a progress bar will appear...



When complete you will see a popup window that says “Transfer Complete!”. Click “OK” and close the program.



Disconnect the meter from the computer, power it up and it will be ready for use.

Trouble shooting file transfer problems.



If you get this error message “USB Port Error”. Check that the USB interface connection is correctly made and that the USB cable is undamaged.



This type of error indicates that your BirDog Ultra is not connected.

Downloads are not working and I am getting error messages

The BirDog ULTRA is designed to operate with BirDog ULTRA settings and downloads only and is not backwards compatible with previous models of BirDog. Always use the **www.birdog.tv** web site for downloads.

USB Port Error

- 1) Drivers not found (drivers available from website).
- 2) Check that the USB Lead is connected correctly.
- 3) USB Lead may become damaged or a poor connection may cause communication errors.
- 4) USB Port Damaged.

Meter will not power up

Change battery (see page 5).

Meter Shutting Down

- 1) Low Battery Charge.
- 2) Sleep timer – check timer setting in the Setup menu.
- 3) LNB short circuit or drawing excessive current.

Meter does not show a lock.

Make sure you have a current download of files in your meter; if it's been a while since you have downloaded you should do so again.

Meter will not power down

Disconnect battery for 1 minute (see page 23) and reconnect.

Apple Mac

The software is not Apple Mac compatible.

Storage

To keep your battery in good working order we recommend a full overnight charge at least once every two weeks for light usage. For every day usage we recommend to put your unit on overnight charge prior to the next working day to ensure maximum battery power is available.

Specifications

Charging

- Universal AC Battery Charger 100V~240V ~ 0.8A MAX 50/60Hz. Intelligent charger
- DC 12V Charger 1.5A Max
- Figure 8 A/C input connector.
- 2.1mm female plug for external charge via 12 Volt DC 2 Amp fused car charger.
- Run time with full charge, average 6 hours from 2.4Ah Li-Po (Lithium Polymer) battery

Connections

- LNB input via `F` type female connector. Impedance 75 ohms with short circuit protection - 750mA maximum current limiter
- Interchangeable High Frequency connectors
- Computer Interface: USB port for updating satellite settings
- 30 Volt DC Output (for powering WildBlue™ ODU) 250mA maximum current.

Operating Specifications

- RF input range 950 ~ 2150MHz; 40dBuV to 110 dBuV (approximate)
- LNB Supply Voltage: 13V for V and 18V for H @ 250 mA nominal. 21V DTV SWM and 30V WildBlue.
- LNB Short circuit protection @ 900mA
- 4x255 Transponders or 127 Satellites, horizontal & vertical
- DVB-S, QPSK, 8PSK, Turbo code, C, Ku and Ka-Band, VSAT compatible.
- Input dynamic range -70dBm to 0dBm
- RF Level can be displayed in dBuV (general accuracy +/-1dB) or linear scale (256 steps).
- Input impedance 75 Ohms
- Symbol Frequency rate from 1Msps~45Msps
- MER (Modulation Error Rate) or C/N (carrier to noise) is displayed in dB
- The Quality indicator locks on faster making it easier to identify the satellite initially; typically locks in less than 100mS
- Audible and visual tune-in, with selectable and adjustable display backlight and contrast.

Battery removal / replacement

The Li-Po battery pack is replaceable in the event of a failure. Handle the battery with care avoiding shock or impact.

Remove the BirDog Ultra from its carry case and on the underside of the meter release the two catches and detach the battery door. Press the battery down at the end closest to the connector (this will cause the battery to pop up at the bottom). Now cover the battery with your hand and turn the meter over so that you catch the battery. Carefully detach the battery connector. You can now fit your replacement battery in the reverse order of removal. Note: Avoid pulling the battery cable as it is short to ensure a snug fit.

Manufacturers Notes

The BirDog ULTRA meter has a design temperature range of 32° to 100° F at humidity levels less than 85%. Beyond these limits the meter may not operate properly. At temperatures below 32° the internal battery can lose up to 60% of its rated capacity; additionally, the LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) can stop displaying information.

It is very important that, in cold weather conditions, the meter is kept in a dry and warm place prior to use.

Satellite selections which utilize left hand circular polarization demand more power from the battery than selections which are right hand polarized. Specifically, LHCP requires 18VDC and RHCP 13VDC.

The Manufacturer suggests that, in cold weather conditions, the meter be kept warm, fully charged and connected solidly to the LNBF before attempting to turn the meter "ON".

Two error codes you might encounter with the BirDog meter are "Empty Table" and "I2C Error".

The "Empty table" text display indicates that the download from the **www.birdog.tv** web site did not complete correctly. Re-select desired satellites from the BirDog web site and download the file again.

The "I2C" Error indicates that the internal electronics are not receiving correct communication with the internal tuner. This can be caused by low batteries (typically in cold weather), a high current demand the LNBF/Switch set, loose connections between the meter and the LNBF or switching from LHCP with a weak battery.

Replacement Part Numbers

A/C Charger Cord	LDSM020	Protective Case	BIRDOGULTRACASE
D/C Auto Charger Cord	LDSM12DC	Port Saver	PVFIX-2
USB Interface Cord	AW998USB	Rechargeable Battery Pack	BP1524

Utility of this device

The satellite operators have complete control of the data stream information. They change the data stream methods and technology at will and for their own purposes. Perfect 10 has no control over the evolution of data streaming. While we will make every effort to provide you with current satellite identification downloads, this device could eventually lose its ability to identify specific satellites by the evolution of technology.

Warranty

Perfect 10 Satellite Distributing will, at our option, repair or replace any BirDog meter found defective in manufacture within a warranty period of one year. This warranty period is determined from the date of purchase. Keep your receipt as proof of purchase date. Otherwise, the warranty is determined by the date of manufacture. This warranty does not apply to damage caused by accident, misuse or tampering with the unit. Removal of tamper seals attached to the meter or installation of replaceable battery packs not provided by or approved by either Perfect 10 or Horizon Global Electronics Ltd. (the manufacturer) will void this warranty. Connection cords and cables provided with the meter are warranted for ninety (90) days.

*To register this meter and receive further benefits such as Product News, Tips and Updates, please go to **www.birdog.tv***

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