

# ACCESSORIES

## Bounty Hunter® Carry Bag

Rugged double-stitched construction. – CBAG2

## Bounty Hunter® Pouch & Digger Combo

Pouch with 2 large pockets & 9" heavy duty digging tool. – TPKIT-W

## Pinpointer

Pinpoints the exact location of buried metal objects. Audio signal indicator and vibrator. Runs on 1 -9-Volt Battery. – PIN POINTER-W

## Bounty Hunter® Sand Scoop

Large scoop with filtering holes. Made of strong plastic. – SAND SCOOPBH

## Replacement/Accessory Search Coils

8" Concentric Open Face Standard

Replacement Coil – 8COIL-7B13

5" Biaxial Accessory Coil – 5COIL-TEKB

10" Concentric Replacement Coil – 10COIL-TEKB

11" Biaxial Accessory Coil – 11COIL-TEKB

## Coil Covers

Protect your coil from abrasion and damage.

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5" Biaxial Coil Cover – 5COVER-CZ3

10" Concentric Coil Cover – F70COVER

11" Biaxial Coil Cover – COVER-11DD

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Metal blade with comfortable plastic handle and depth gauge – TROWEL-2

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Light and practical wide blade digging tool. – TROWEL-W

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100% cotton with Bounty Hunter® Logo. Sizes: S, M, LG, XL & XXL

– BHTSHIRT

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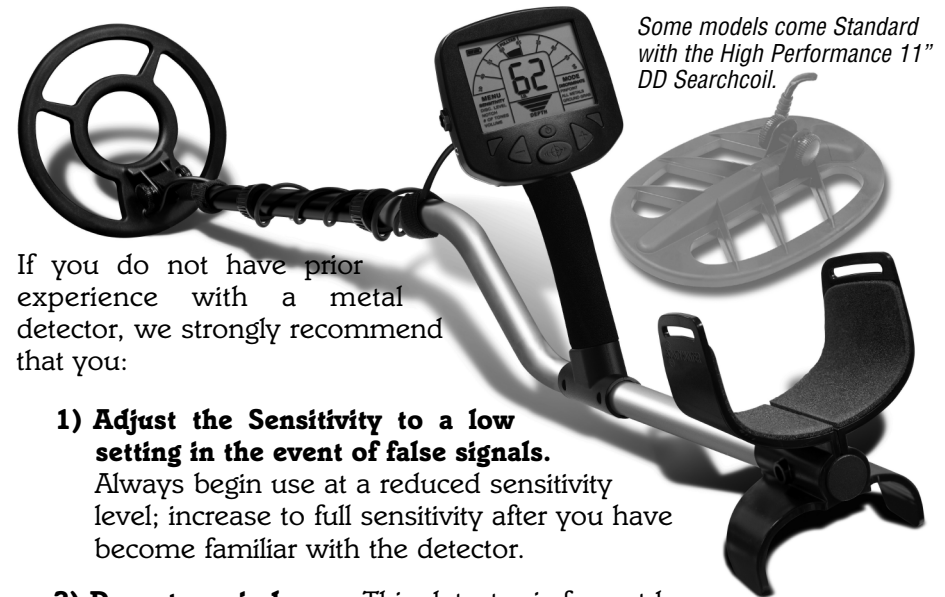
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14" Gold Pan	x	x	x
Classifier		x	x
2 - Shatterproof Vials	x	x	x
Snuffer Bottle	x	x	x
Black Sand Magnet		x	x
Treasure Scoop		x	x
Tweezers			x
Magnifier			x
Crevice Tool			x
Rock Pick			x
Instruction Booklet	x	x	x
Backpack		x	x

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# Platinum

PROFESSIONAL METAL DETECTOR

## OWNER'S MANUAL



Some models come Standard with the High Performance 11" DD Searchcoil.

If you do not have prior experience with a metal detector, we strongly recommend that you:

- 1) Adjust the Sensitivity to a low setting in the event of false signals.** Always begin use at a reduced sensitivity level; increase to full sensitivity after you have become familiar with the detector.
- 2) Do not use indoors.** This detector is for outdoor use only. Many household appliances emit electromagnetic energy, which can interfere with the detector. If conducting an indoor demonstration, turn the sensitivity down and keep the searchcoil away from appliances such as computers, televisions and microwave ovens. If your detector beeps erratically, turn off appliances and lights.
- 3) Use a 9-volt ALKALINE battery only.** Do not use Heavy Duty Batteries.

Also keep the searchcoil away from objects containing metal, such as floors and walls.

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## TREASURE HUNTER'S CODE OF ETHICS:

- Always check Federal, State, County and local laws before searching.
- Respect private property and do not enter private property without the owner's permission.
- Take care to refill all holes and leave no damage.
- Remove and dispose of any and all trash and litter found.
- Appreciate and protect our inheritance of natural resources, wildlife and private property.
- Act as an ambassador for the hobby; use thoughtfulness, consideration and courtesy at all times.
- Never destroy historical or archaeological treasures.
- All treasure hunters may be judged by the example you set; always conduct yourself with courtesy and consideration of others

### 5-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

The **PLATINUM** metal detector is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for five years from the date of purchase to the original owner.

Damage due to neglect, accidental damage, or misuse of this product is not covered under this warranty. Decisions regarding abuse or misuse of the detector are made solely at the discretion of the manufacturer.

**Proof of Purchase is required to make a claim under this warranty.**

Liability under this Warranty is limited to replacing or repairing, at our option, the metal detector returned, shipping cost prepaid to First Texas Products. Shipping cost to First Texas Products is the responsibility of the consumer.

To return your detector for service, please first contact First Texas Products for a Return Authorization (RA) Number. Reference the RA number on your package and return the detector within 15 days of calling to:

**First Texas Products L.L.C.**

1465-H Henry Brennan

El Paso, TX 79936

(915) 633-8354

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This warranty may vary in other countries, check with your distributor for details. Warranty does not cover shipping costs.

According to FCC part 15.21 Changes or Modifications made to this device not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the users authority to operate this equipment.  
This device complies with FCC Part 15 Subpart B Section 15.109 Class B.

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# TROUBLESHOOTING

TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE		
SYMPTOM	CAUSE	SOLUTION
Detector chatters or beeps erratically	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using detector indoors</li> <li>Using detector near power lines</li> <li>Using 2 detectors in close proximity</li> <li>Highly oxidized buried object</li> <li>Environmental electromagnetic interference</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use detector outdoors only</li> <li>Move away from power lines</li> <li>Keep 2 detectors at least 20' apart</li> <li>Only dig up repeatable signals</li> <li>Reduce sensitivity until erratic signals cease</li> </ul>
Constant low tone or constant repeating tones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discharged battery</li> <li>Wrong type of battery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace battery</li> <li>Use only 9V <b>alkaline</b> battery</li> </ul>
LCD does not lock on to one target ID or detector emits multiple tones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple targets present</li> <li>Highly oxidized target</li> <li>Sensitivity set too high</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move coil slowly at different angles</li> <li>Reduce sensitivity</li> </ul>
No power, no sounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dead battery</li> <li>Cord not connected securely</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replace battery</li> <li>Check connections</li> </ul>

# TERMINOLOGY

The following terms are used throughout the manual, and are standard terminology among detectorists.

## ELIMINATION

Reference to a metal being "eliminated" means that the detector will not emit a tone, nor light up an indicator, when a specified object passes through the coil's detection field.

## DISCRIMINATION

When the detector emits different tones for different types of metals, and when the detector "eliminates" certain metals, we refer to this as the detector "discriminating" among different types of metals. Discrimination is an important feature of professional metal detectors. Discrimination allows the user to ignore trash and otherwise undesirable objects.

## RELIC

A relic is an object of interest by reason of its age or its association with the past. Many relics are made of iron, but can also be made of bronze or precious metals.

## IRON

Iron is a common, low-grade metal that is an undesirable target in certain metal detecting applications. Examples of undesirable iron objects are old cans, pipes, bolts, and nails. Sometimes, the desired target is made of iron. Property markers, for instance, contain iron. Valuable relics can also be composed of iron; cannon balls, old armaments, and parts of old structures and vehicles can also be composed of iron.

## FERROUS

Metals which are made of, or contain, iron.

## PINPOINTING

Pinpointing is the process of finding the exact location of a buried object. Long-buried metals can appear exactly like the surrounding soil, and can therefore be very hard to isolate from the soil.

## PULL-TABS

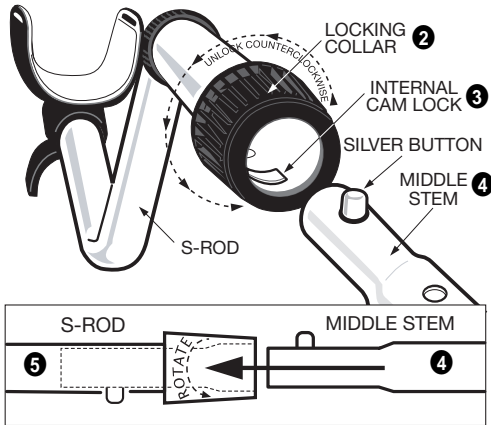
Discarded pull-tabs from beverage containers are the most bothersome trash items for treasure hunters. They come in many different shapes and sizes. Pull-tabs can be eliminated from detection, but some other valuable objects can have a magnetic signature similar to pull-tabs, and will also be eliminated when discriminating out pull-tabs.

## GROUND BALANCE

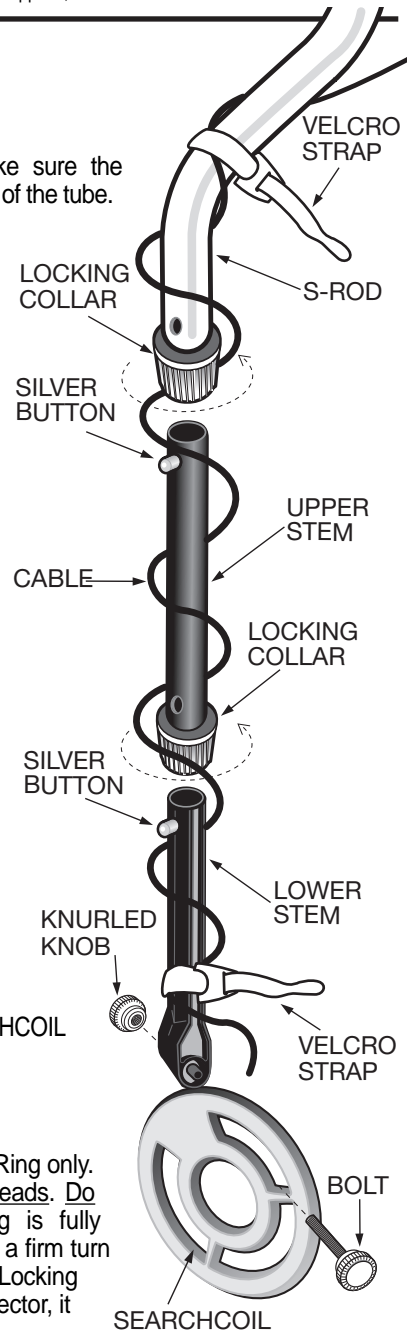
Ground Balancing is the ability of the detector to ignore, or "see through," the earth's naturally occurring minerals, and only sound a tone when a metal object is detected. This Detector incorporates proprietary circuitry to eliminate false signals from severe ground conditions

# ASSEMBLY **Caution:** Forcing in MIDDLE STEM with CAM LOCK raised may form a burr on camlock. If this happens, remove burr with knife to allow insertion.

- 1 Position S-Rod upright.
- 2 Rotate the LOCKING COLLAR fully in the counterclockwise direction.
- 3 Insert your finger inside the tube and make sure the INTERNAL CAM LOCK is flush with the inside of the tube.



- 4 Insert the MIDDLE STEM into the S-ROD, with the SILVER BUTTON pointed upward
- 5 Rotate the MIDDLE STEM until the SILVER BUTTON locates in the hole.
- 6 Twist the LOCKING COLLAR fully in the clockwise direction until it locks.
- 7 Repeat this process on the LOWER STEM.
- 8 Using the BOLT and KNURLED KNOB, attach the SEARCHCOIL to the LOWER STEM.
- 9 Adjust the LOWER STEM to a length that lets you maintain a comfortable upright posture, with your arm relaxed at your side, and the SEARCHCOIL parallel to the ground in front of you.
- 10 Wind the CABLE securely around the STEMS.
- 11 Connect CABLE PLUG to housing. Do not twist the Cable or Plug. Turn Locking Ring only. Use minimal finger pressure to start the threads. Do not cross-thread. When the Locking Ring is fully engaged over the threaded connector, give it a firm turn to make sure that it is very tight. When the Locking Ring is fully engaged over the threaded connector, it may not cover all of the threads.
- 12 Tighten both LOCKING COLLARS.



\* Note: Very tall users can purchase the optional Extended Lower Stem (TUBE5X), for extended reach.

# DEPTH AND TARGET DISPLAY

## READING THE DISPLAY

The Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) shows the PROBABLE identification of the targeted metal, as well as the PROBABLE depth of the target.

The detector will register a consistent target identification, upon each sweep of the coil, when a buried target has been located and identified. If, upon repeated passes over the same spot, the target identification reads inconsistently, the target is probably a trash item, or oxidized metal. With practice, you will learn to unearth only the repeatable signals.

The segment identifications are highly accurate, when detecting the objects described on the label. However, if an object registers in a given category for an unknown buried object, you could be detecting a metallic object other than the object described on the label, but with the same metallic signature. Also, the greater the distance between the target and the coil, the less accurate the target identification.

**GOLD TARGETS** Gold objects will register on the left side of the LCD scale.

- Gold flakes** will register under iron.
- Small gold items** will register under foil or 5c.
- Medium-sized gold items** will register between nickel and or s-cap+.
- Large gold items** will register under Zinc.

**SILVER TARGETS:** Silver objects will register to the right of the scale, under COINS.

**IRON:** All sizes of iron objects will register on the far-left side of the scale. This could indicate a worthless item such as a nail, or a more valuable historic iron relic.

**FOIL:** Aluminum foil, such as a gum wrapper, will register as foil. A small broken piece of pull tab may also register here.

**NICKEL:** Most newer pull-tabs from beverage cans, the type intended to stay attached to the can, will register here. Many gold rings will also register here.

**PT:** Older pull tabs, which always detached completely from the can, register here. Many medium size gold ring also register here.

**ZINC:** Newer US pennies (post-1982), and Canadian \$1 and \$2 coins register here. Many non-US coins of

recent vintage will also register here.

**DIME:** Dimes and older copper pennies (pre-1982) register here.

**QTR+:** Silver Dollars, Half-Dollars and Quarters, very large iron objects, like a sewer lid, will register here.

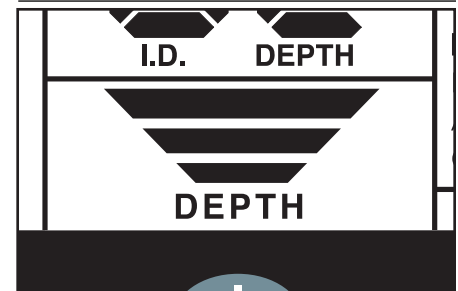
**Caution:** The target indications are visual references. Many other types of metal can fall under any one of these categories. While the detector will eliminate or indicate the presence of most common trash items, it is impossible to accurately classify ALL buried objects.

## 3-SEGMENT DEPTH INDICATOR:

The Depth Indicator is accurate for coin-sized objects. It indicates the depth of the target, in inches as follows:

### Segments Illuminated

Top Segment	= 0 to 3" deep,
Top & Middle Segment	= 3" to 6" deep
All Segments	= Over 6" deep.



Large and irregularly-shaped objects will yield less reliable depth readings

When passing over an object, the indicators will light up and stay illuminated for three seconds. If the depth indication varies with each sweep, try sweeping at different angles; there may be more than one target present. With practice, you will learn the difference between accurate readings, multiple targets, and highly erratic readings which evidence trash or irregularly shaped objects.

# TARGET IDENTIFICATION *continued*

## 2-Digit Target Identification

The 2-digit value in the middle of the screen provides a specific target value to help identify buried targets more accurately. With practice in the field, you will learn to associate target values with specific objects. Coins are more likely to yield the same value with each pass of the coil due to their concentric shape. The presence of multiple targets will yield multiple tones. Trash objects are more likely to yield a different number on each pass. The angle of the coil relative to an object may also influence target identification. If waving coins over the searchcoil for practice, wave with the flat side parallel to the searchcoil; this is the position you will most often find coins buried in the ground.

## 2-Digit TARGET IDENTIFICATION Values

Category	Numeric Value Range	Some Common Objects	Typical Values for Common Objects
Iron	10 - 39		
Foil	40 - 54		
Nickel	55 - 59	US Nickel	57
PullTab	60 - 64		
S-Cap+	65 - 74		
Zinc	75 - 79	US Zinc Penny (after 1982)	77
Dime	80 - 84	US Dime US Copper Penny (pre-1982)	83 82 - 83
Quarter+	85 - 99	US Quarter US Half-Dollar US Silver Dollar	88 - 89 91-93 96-98

# ASSEMBLY

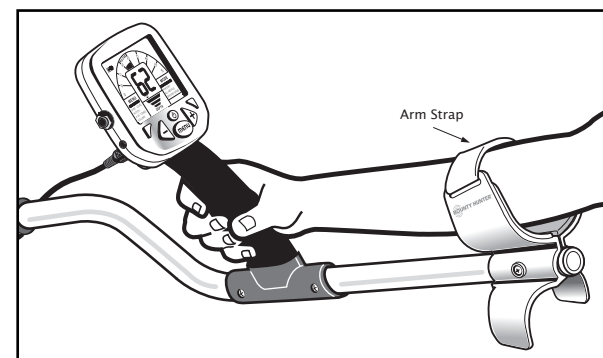
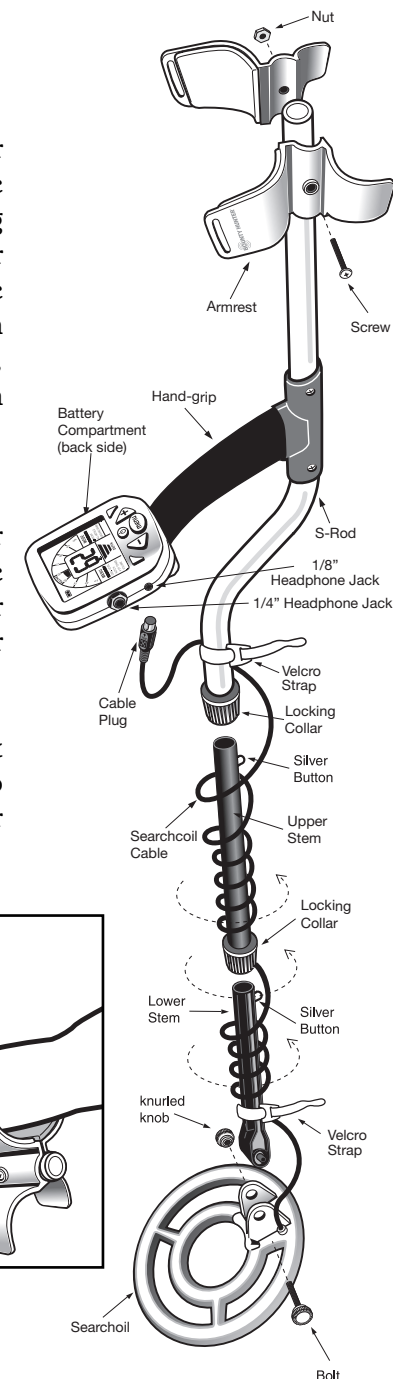
## Adjusting the Armrest

The armrest may be moved forward or backwards by removing the single screw and nut, and then repositioning the 2-piece armrest. Users with shorter arms may find the armrest more comfortable in the forward position. In order to move the arm rest backwards, the plastic plug must be removed from the aluminum tube.

## Armrest Strap

The strap is provided for your convenience. Some users prefer to use the strap when swing the detector vigorously, in order to hold the detector secure against the arm.

The detector can also be used without the strap, with no compromise to detector balance and stability under most conditions.



# BATTERIES

The detector requires a single 9-volt **ALKALINE** battery (battery not included).  
**Do not use ordinary zinc carbon batteries.**

Rechargeable batteries can also be used.  
 If you wish to use rechargeable batteries, we recommend using a Nickel Metal Hydride rechargeable battery.

The battery compartment is located on the back side of the housing.  
 Slide the battery door to the side and remove it to expose the battery compartment.

## BATTERY LIFE

Expect 20 to 25 hours of life from a 9-volt alkaline battery.  
 Rechargeable batteries provide about 8 hours of usage per charge.

## SPEAKER VOLUME AND BATTERY CHARGE

You may notice the speaker volume drop while one battery segment is illuminated.

With one segment flashing, low speaker volume will be very apparent.  
 For loudest speaker volume, select 1 or 2 tones under the # OF TONES menu selection.

## BATTERY INDICATOR

The 2-segment battery indicator has 3 stages of indication.  
 These indications are accurate for a 9-volt alkaline battery.

### Segments Illuminated

- 2 -segments
- 1 -segment
- 1 -segment flashing

### Battery Voltage

- more than 7.6 volts
- more than 6.2 volts
- less than 6.2 volts

After the battery indicator begins flashing, expect the detector to shut off within 10 minutes.

A rechargeable battery will usually illuminate both segments throughout most of its useful charge. But as soon as it drains to the 1-segment level, it will then discharge very rapidly.

# TARGET IDENTIFICATION

In DISCRIMINATION mode, targets are identified both audibly and visually as follows:

1. Different pitch tones for different types of metals
  2. A 2-digit target I.D.
  3. An illuminated icon within the target category best describing it
- The detector must be in DISCRIMINATION mode to identify targets.  
 The ALL METAL mode does not provide target identification.

## AUDIO TARGET IDENTIFICATION:

When in the default 4-tone mode, tones identify targets as follows:

### BASS TONE

Ferrous objects, such as iron and steel, like nails and tin cans.  
 Smallest-sized gold objects and steel bottle caps

### LOW TONE





Foil, pull-tabs (some new style), nickels, steel bottle caps.

### MEDIUM TONE

Newer pennies (post-1982 are minted from zinc)  
 Larger gold pieces, small brass objects, and most bottle screw caps.  
 Most recent-vintage non-US coins.  
 Pull-tabs (old style, some new style)

### HIGH TONE

Silver and copper coins, large brass objects  
 Older pennies (pre-1982 were minted from copper)  
 Dimes, quarters, half-dollars, silver dollars  
 Susan B. Anthony and Sacajawea dollar coins  
 Flattened aluminum cans (with a stronger signal than a coin)

BASS TONE	LOW TONE	MEDIUM TONE	HIGH TONE
 <p>Nails, Iron Objects, &amp; Smallest Gold Objects</p>	 <p>Pull Tabs, Nickels, &amp; Smaller Gold</p>	 <p>Zinc Pennies (Post 1982), Larger Gold Objects, Many screw caps</p>	 <p>Copper, Silver &amp; Brass Copper Pennies (Pre 1982)</p>

Audio Target Identification (ATI) classifies metals into four categories.

# OPERATION and CONTROLS *cont.*

## MODE SELECTIONS *continued*



### 4. GROUND GRAB™ COMPUTERIZED GROUND BALANCING

All soils contain minerals. Signals from ground minerals interfere with the signals from metal objects. All soils differ, and can differ greatly, in the type and amount of ground minerals present. This detector incorporates ground balancing algorithms which eliminate interference caused by the ground minerals found in most soils.

The GROUND GRAB™ Computerized Ground Balancing feature allows the user to more precisely calibrate the detector's internal circuitry to the specific ground you are searching. We call this calibration process *ground balancing*.

We therefore recommend that you use GROUND GRAB™ Computerized Ground Balancing to most accurately calibrate the detector to the specific ground conditions where you are hunting. It is a quick and automated process, and will instantly grab the ground reading of any patch of ground you are standing over. This process will maximize the detector's target identification accuracy and depth detection capability.

#### The Process is as follows:

1. Find a patch of ground which is free of metal.  
Use the DISCRIMINATION mode, with no targets discriminated out.
2. Enter the **ALL METAL** mode of operation.
3. Hold the detector with the searchcoil a foot or two above the ground.
4. Press-and-Hold .  
The GROUND GRAB™ Computerized Ground Balancing line is illuminated.
5. Lower the searchcoil down to within 2 inches of the ground.
6. After successfully ground balancing, release .

You have successfully ground balanced after a 2-digit number appears in the middle of the screen. After 3 seconds with the same 2-digit number displayed, you will hear a repeating high tone, indicating that ground balancing was successful.

If the detector is not able to ground balance, “ – – ” appears, a low-pitch warning sound alarms, and the message “Raise Coil” is illuminated. You could be over a piece of metal. If so, find another patch of ground. The detector will also not Ground Grab™ Computerized Ground Balancing on a wet salt-water beach.

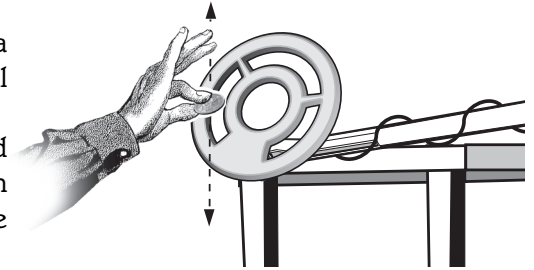
# QUICK-START DEMONSTRATION

## I. Supplies Needed

- a Nail
- a Nickel
- a Zinc Penny (dated after 1982)
- a Quarter


## II. Position the Detector

- a. Place the detector on a table, with the searchcoil hanging over the edge.  
Or better, have a friend hold the detector, with the searchcoil off the ground.



- b. Keep the searchcoil away from walls, floors, and metal objects.
- c. Remove watches, rings, and jewelry.
- d. Turn off lights or appliances, whose electromagnetic emissions may cause interference.
- e. Pivot the searchcoil back.

## III. Power Up

Press .

## IV. Wave each object over the searchcoil.


- a. Notice a different tone for each object:

<b>Bass Tone:</b>	Nail
<b>Low Tone:</b>	Nickel
<b>Medium Tone:</b>	Zinc Penny
<b>High Tone:</b>	Quarter

- b. Motion is required.

Objects must be in motion over the searchcoil to be detected in this mode.

## V. Press twice to enter the DISC. LEVEL program.

Then press .

- a. The word “IRON” disappears from the display

## VI. Wave the nail over the searchcoil.

- a. The nail will not be detected
- b. The nail has been “discriminated out.”

## VII. Press four more times.

- a. The words FOIL, NICKEL, PULLTAB, and S-CAP+ disappear.


*Quick-Start Demo continued on next page*

## QUICK-START *continued*

### VIII. Wave the nickel

- a. The nickel will not be detected.

### IX. Press the to toggle down to NOTCH.

Then press 

- a. The word "IRON" reappears on the display

### X. Wave the Nail.

- a. The nail is now again detected.
- b. The nail has been "notched in."

### XI. Press to toggle down to ALL METAL

### XII. Pass the quarter over the searchcoil.

- a. Notice that motion is not required. A motionless object induces a sound.
- b. Notice the single monotone hum. The ALL METAL mode produces only this single sound, regardless of the type of metal detected.
- c. Move the quarter closer to and farther away from the searchcoil. Notice the changing depth-display values. The 2-digit depth reading indicates the distance, in inches, away from the searchcoil.

## HEADPHONE JACKS

The detector has both 1/8" & 1/4" headphone jacks on the left side of the housing.

Optional Headphones come standard with a 1/4" stereo plug and a 1/4" -to-1/8" adaptor.

When the headphone jack is connected, speaker audio is disabled..

## USING HEADPHONES



Using a detector with headphones facilitates detection of the weakest signals and also extends the battery life.

It also allows you to hear subtle changes in the sound more clearly, particularly if searching in a noisy location. For safety reasons, do not use headphones near traffic or where other dangers are present. This device is to be used with inter-connecting cables/headphone cables shorter than three meters.

## OPERATION and CONTROLS *cont.*


### MODE SELECTIONS *continued*

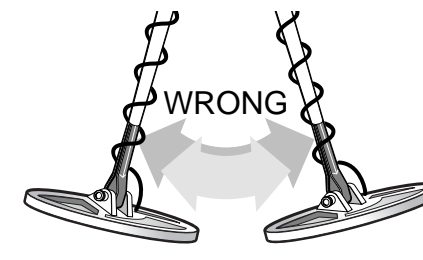
#### 3. PINPOINT

To activate this mode, you must first be in the DISCRIMINATION mode. Press and hold  to activate pinpoint. This mode is equivalent to ALL METAL, but is momentary; pinpoint detection is only active for as long as you keep  depressed.


Pinpoint is used to find the exact location of a target which was previously located and identified using the discrimination mode. As this mode does not require motion over the target, the user can move the coil more slowly and then narrow the detection field when near the target.

#### How to Pinpoint

Position the searchcoil an inch or two (2.5-5cm) above the ground, and to the side of the target. Then press and hold . Now move the searchcoil slowly across the target, and the sound will communicate the target's location. As you sweep from side to side, and hear no sound at the ends of the sweep, the target is located in the middle of that zone, where the sound is loudest. If the sound is loud over a wide area, the buried object is large. Use Pinpoint to trace an outline of such large objects.

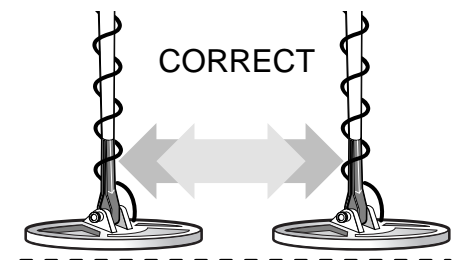


#### Narrow It Down

To further narrow the field of detection, position the searchcoil near the center of the response pattern (but not at the exact center), release , and then quickly press-and-hold it again. Now you will only hear a response when the searchcoil is right over the top of the target. Repeat this procedure to narrow the zone even further. Each time you repeat the procedure, the field of detection will narrow further.

#### Consider Purchasing a Pinpointer

When you kneel down to unearth an object, you may find it frustrating as the object can appear exactly like the surrounding soil. You may hold the object in your hand, and find it necessary to pass a handful of dirt over the searchcoil to see if it contains metal. An easier way is to use a handheld pinpointer. It is a probe-like device which is poked into the ground, making close up pinpointing a snap, reducing digging time, and minimizing the size of the holes you will dig. Bounty Hunter® offers a robust and inexpensive pinpointer designed for this purpose.








# OPERATION and CONTROLS *cont.*

## MODE SELECTIONS

There are four selections under the MODE section of the display.




- Press  to toggle between DISCRIMINATION and ALL METAL.
- While operating in the DISCRIMINATION mode, press  to activate PINPOINT mode.
- While operating in the ALL METAL mode, press  to activate GROUND GRAB™ Computerized Ground Balancing.

### 1. DISCRIMINATION Mode

This mode is the default mode, and requires the searchcoil to be in motion in order to detect and identify targets. This is the mode most commonly used for continuous searching. In this mode, targets are identified with distinct tones, and are classified in categories at the top of the display. A two-digit numerical value, on a scale of 10 to 99, is displayed in the middle of the screen. The depth range of the target is also displayed at the bottom of the display. All menu items can be selected and customized in this mode.

### 2. ALL METAL Mode

This mode is a no-motion mode. Metal targets are detected with the searchcoil motionless over the target. Target identification is not possible in this mode. All metal objects will induce a single monotone hum. The 2-digit value in the middle of the screen represents the approximate target depth, in inches. Only the SENSITIVITY and VOLUME menu items are adjustable in this mode.

The ALL METAL mode requires periodic retuning using the  button. The sensitivity will drift over time. If sensitivity drifts upward, the detector will sound off spontaneously. If sensitivity drifts downward, the detector will become less sensitivity without any obvious indication to the user. Upward drift is the norm, and can be quickly resolved by pressing  momentarily. Do not hold  down as this will cause the detector to enter the Ground Grab™ Computerized Ground Balancing mode. Drift is exacerbated by temperature change. If moving from a cool environment (e.g. indoor air conditioning) to a hot (e.g. summer day outside) environment, upward drift will occur very quickly. After the coil temperature has stabilized (about 20 minutes), drift time will return to normal.

# THE BASICS OF METAL DETECTING

A hobby metal detector is intended for locating buried metal objects. When searching for metals, underground or on the surface, you have the following challenges and objectives:

1. Ignoring signals caused by ground minerals.
2. Ignoring signals caused by metal objects that you do not want to find, like pull-tabs.
3. Identifying a buried metal object before you dig it up.
4. Estimating the size and depth of objects, to facilitate digging them up.
5. Eliminating the effects of electromagnetic interference from other electronic devices.

Your PLATINUM metal detector is designed with these things in mind.

### 1. Ground Minerals

All soils contain minerals. Signals from ground minerals can interfere with the signals from metal objects you want to find. All soils differ, and can differ greatly, in the type and amount of ground minerals present. You therefore want to “calibrate” the detector to the specific ground conditions where you are hunting. The detector incorporates a semi-automated ground-balancing feature which will eliminate false signals from most types of soils. But if you want to maximize the detector’s target identification accuracy and depth of detection, use the GROUND GRAB™ Computerized Ground Balancing function to calibrate the detector to the ground where you are searching. See the section on GROUND GRAB™ Computerized Ground Balancing for details.

### 2. Trash

If searching for coins, which will induce higher tone sounds, you want to ignore items like aluminum foil, nails, and pull-tabs. These undesirable items induce lower tones. You can listen to the sounds of all objects detected, and decide on what you want to dig up. Or you can eliminate unwanted metals from detection by using the DISCRIMINATION feature.

### 3. Identifying Buried Objects

When searching in the DISCRIMINATION mode, different objects induce different tones (high, medium, low) and are classified on the display

# THE BASICS *continued*

screen in different categories from left to right. A 2-digit numerical reading is also provided in the middle of the display for more precise target identification. The DISCRIMINATION mode requires motion: sweep the searchcoil over the metal object.

## 4. Size and Depth of Buried Objects

When using the detector in the motion DISCRIMINATION mode, the relative depth of an object is displayed at the bottom of the display in a 3-segment format: shallow, medium, or deep. A more accurate depth reading is available in a no-motion mode, using PINPOINT or ALL METAL mode. These modes display target depth in inches. These no-motion modes do not require the coil to be in motion to detect metals. The ability to hold the searchcoil motionless over the target also aids in tracing an outline of the buried object, or in pinpointing the exact location of the object using techniques described in the pinpointing section.

## 5. Electromagnetic Interference (EMI)



The searchcoil produces a magnetic field and then detects changes in that magnetic field caused by the presence of metal objects. This magnetic field that the detector creates is also susceptible to the electromagnetic energy produced by other electronic devices. Power lines, microwave ovens, lighting fixtures, TVs, computers, motors, etc.... all produce EMI which can interfere with the detector and cause it to beep when no metal is present, and sometimes to beep erratically.

The SENSITIVITY control lets you reduce the strength of this magnetic field, and therefore lessen its susceptibility to EMI. You may want to operate at maximum strength, but the presence of EMI may make this impossible, so if you experience erratic behavior or "false" signals, **reduce the sensitivity.**

# OPERATION and CONTROLS *cont.*

## MENU SELECTIONS *continued*

### 4. # OF TONES

While the # OF TONES line is highlighted, use  and  to program the number of different audio tones.



Different target categories are identified by different audio tones in order to give you the fastest real-time reference while searching. Most experienced users become familiar with the tones and search without always looking at the display.

Use this selection to program the number of audible tones the detector will emit. The default setting is 4 tones.

If you program less than 4 tones, the tones, by category, are as outlined here:

# Tones	<u>Iron</u>	<u>Foil</u>	<u>Nickel</u>	<u>PullTab</u>	<u>SCAP</u>	<u>Zinc</u>	<u>Dime</u>	<u>Qtr+</u>
1	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
2	Bass	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
3	Bass	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	High
4	Bass	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	Medium	High	High

### 5. VOLUME

While the VOLUME line is highlighted, use  and  to change the speaker volume.

The default volume setting is 10. Maximum is 10.

Minimum is 0 (volume off). At levels 1, 2 and 3, high tones will be inaudible or barely audible.

The speaker volume will diminish as battery voltage drops. For maximum speaker volume, use 1 or 2 tones, as the low and bass tones generate the loudest sounds.

Volume can be set while in either the DISCRIMINATION or ALL METAL modes, but only one setting applies to both modes. Volume in the two modes cannot be set independently.

# OPERATION and CONTROLS *cont.*

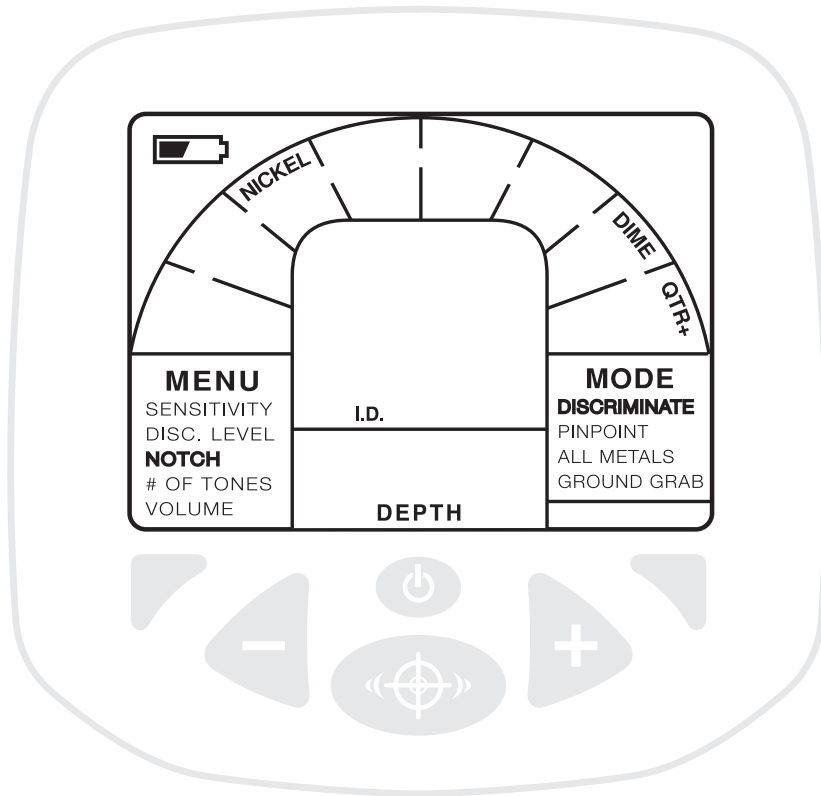
## MENU SELECTIONS *continued*

### NOTCH *continued*

At any time, the display screen indicates the current category notches or discrimination settings. Any category whose description is not visible will not be detected.


For example, the following settings tell us that:

- The nickel, dime, and quarter categories will be detected.
- All other categories of targets (iron, foil, pulltab, s-cap+, and zinc) will not be detected.



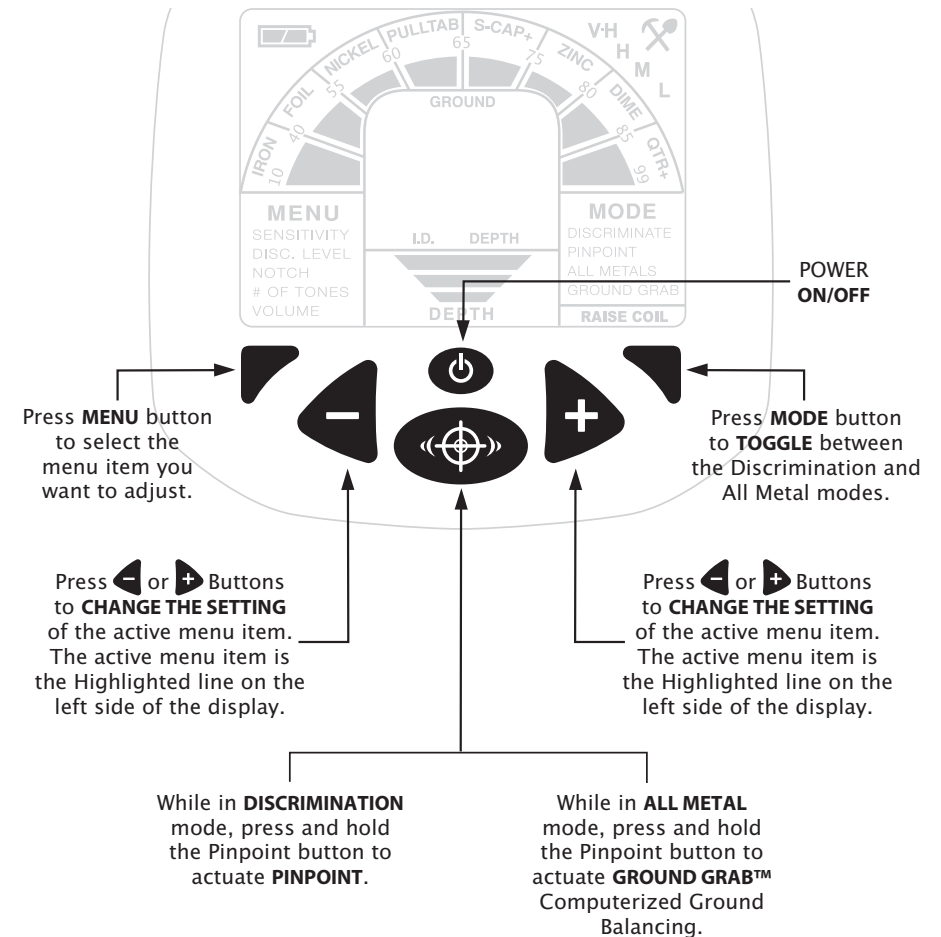
# OPERATION and CONTROLS

## POWERING UP

Press 

- The detector always starts in the DISCRIMINATION mode. Motion is required.
- Sensitivity is at 70% of maximum
- All target categories are illuminated, meaning that all metal objects will be detected.



## HOW TO WORK THE CONTROLS



# OPERATION and CONTROLS *cont.*

## MENU SELECTIONS

### 1. SENSITIVITY

Use  and  to increase or decrease sensitivity while the SENSITIVITY line is highlighted.

Maximum sensitivity setting is 10.

Minimum sensitivity setting is 4.

If the detector beeps erratically or beeps when there are no metal objects being detected, **reduce the sensitivity.**

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### HOW DEEP WILL IT GO?

The Platinum Metal Detector will detect a coin-sized object, like a quarter, to a distance of about 9" from the searchcoil. Large metal objects can be detected to a depth of several feet. Detectability is directly related to the size of the metal object -- the larger the object, the deeper it can be detected.



Accuracy of target identification is also related to distance from the coil. Beyond a distance of 8", the accuracy of target identification begins to diminish.


Discrimination and All Metal modes have independent sensitivity settings. First highlight the mode, then adjust the sensitivity level for that mode.



# OPERATION and CONTROLS *cont.*


## MENU SELECTIONS *continued*

### 2. DISC. LEVEL



Use  and  crease or decrease DISCRIMINATION level.

Each time you press , a target category is eliminated from detection. Elimination occurs from left to right. When a category description (for example "IRON") disappears from the display, then targets classified in that category will not be detected.



Pressing  reverses the discrimination process. With each press of , a category description will reappear, indicating that targets classified in that category will again be detected.

Discrimination is a cumulative elimination system. Targets can be eliminated from left to right on the scale, with each additional press of , resulting in more objects being eliminated from detection.





### 3. NOTCH

Use  and  to notch target categories IN or OUT while the NOTCH line is highlighted.

Whereas the discrimination feature eliminates all categories sequentially from detection, the NOTCH control allows you to selectively include or exclude target categories from detection.

With each press of  or , the notched category moves across the display screen. As you move the position of the notched category, you are *changing the detection status of the selected category.*

- If a target category was previously eliminated (word not visible) then notching that category will return it to detection.
- If a target category was previously retained (word is visible) then notching that category will remove it from detection.

Only one target category at a time can be selected for notching. To notch multiple categories in or out, press  again while NOTCH is highlighted. Each subsequent press of  allows you to set an additional notch. Each time you press , followed by , the notch program will begin by changing the status of the IRON segment.