

**INSTALLATION AND OPERATING
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE**



VEHICLE-MOUNTED RADIATION DETECTION SYSTEM



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1 Introduction

The MiniRad-V is a personal radiation detection device outfitted for use aboard a vehicle. It quietly scans the environment around the vehicle to find any sources of gamma radiation. If gamma rays are detected, the MiniRad-V gives clear audio and visual alarms proportional to the presence of radiological materials nearby. The MiniRad-V features a very simple layout and automatically calibrates itself to natural background radiation.

2 System Overview

2.1 Modules

The MiniRad-V consists of two modules: the In-Cab Display (Figure 1) and the External Detector (Figure 2). The In-Cab Display receives power via a cable connected to the back of the unit. The unit can be powered by any of the following sources: a car adapter, two lead lines attached to the fuse box, or an AC power converter for standard 110VAC outlets. The In-Cab Display is connected to the External Detector via a communications cable.

Dimensions

- In-Cab Display – 2.8” × 1.82” × 1” Weight: 0.4 lbs
- Exterior Detector – 4.7” × 3.14” × 1.7” Weight: 1.2 lbs



Figure 1: In-Cab Display



Figure 2: Exterior Detector

2.2 Detector

The Exterior Detector houses a 0.5” diam x 1.5” Cesium Iodide Scintillation crystal with a high-sensitivity photo-multiplier tube. It detects gamma radiation in the energy range of 30 keV to 3 MeV. Readings are taken in less than one second.

2.3 Maintenance

The Exterior Detector is designed to MIL-STD-810 environmental standards for rain, shock, and vibration. The unit is sealed to reduce intrusion from dust, humidity, and salt fog. This unit may be cleaned safely with mild soap and water using a warm, wet cloth.

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3 Installation Suggestions

Note: Please refer to your vehicle manufacturer's manual for specific installation guidance for your particular vehicle particularly for mechanical mounting of the MiniRad-V modules, routing of the power and communication cables, and connection to vehicle power. The following are suggestions only to the installer and are to be used at the sole discretion and judgment of the user. D-tect Systems assumes no responsibility for damages to any vehicle, other electronic devices, or this product incurred during installation.

3.1 In-Cab Display Installation

The In-Cab Display is placed within easy reach of the operator and should be attached securely to a solid surface. The module is attached to a support that accommodates three ¼" screws spaced 1 ¼" apart. Make sure that the module does not block the view of the driver or interfere with vehicle controls or other equipment. Contact your local Department of Transportation for information regarding regulations on dashboard-mounted displays, as these may vary from state to state. The In-Cab Display must be connected to the External Detector via the communication cable. Depending on the vehicle model and configuration, this cable can usually run under the dashboard and through the engine compartment.

3.2 External Detector Installation

The External Detector houses the radiation detection components and is designed for placement on the exterior of the vehicle. It is attached to the vehicle with four ⅛" screws (spaced 2" apart on both ends of the module). The sensitivity of the device decreases with the amount of material between the detector and any potential radiation sources, so it is best to mount the device in a secure location with good exposure, such as behind the front grill or on the front bumper. Make sure that neither the mounting equipment nor the position of the module affects the operation of the vehicle in any way. Take special care if mounting under the hood to avoid placement near the engine block, exhaust lines, compressor, or other hot/cold areas, as exposure to extreme temperatures may damage the device. Also, make sure to avoid engine belts and electrical wires, and confirm that the power or communications cables of the modules are secured and isolated from moving parts and hot surfaces.

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3.3 Specifications

	
Mission	Vehicle-mounted radiation detector
Detector	0.5” diam x 1.5” Cesium Iodide scintillation detector with high-sensitivity photo-multiplier tube
Energy Range	30 keV – 3 MeV
Power	12V DC
Response Time	Less than 1 second
Calibration	Automatic
Dimensions	Exterior Detector: 4.7” x 3.1” x 1.7” In-Cab Display: 2.8” x 1.82” x 1”
Weight	Exterior Detector: 1.2 lbs In-Cab Display: 0.4 lbs
Environment	Exterior Detector: Driving rain, -10° F to 122° F In-Cab Display: Controlled environment Operates in high RF environments
Warranty	2 years parts and labor

4 System Operation

4.1 Start up

To operate the MiniRad-V you first need to connect the cables. Both the communication and power cables connect to the back of the In-Cab Display. To connect the cables, adjust the cable until it fits onto the post. Turn the cable connector until it locks firmly to the post. To release the cable, turn the connector the opposite direction until it stops. From there, the cable should pull away from the post. When power is applied to the In-Cab Display, the blue LED labeled ‘Power’ will light up and the unit will begin a power-up and calibration sequence, indicated by a beep and flashing blue LED. During the 30 second calibration interval, the unit will measure naturally occurring background radiation and calculate a threshold. (This threshold will be the baseline from which a radiological alert will be indicated to the operator.) The blue LED will blink once more to let you know the background calibration has finished. If the MiniRad-V stops detecting normal background radiation levels for a period of time (such as if it is taken into a parking garage), the MiniRad-V will recalibrate itself. The device will beep and the blue LED will flash to indicate the 30 second calibration phase. When calibration is complete, the MiniRad-V will beep once more and go into detection mode. This keeps the MiniRad-V at maximum sensitivity levels in all environments.



4.2 Power

The unit can be powered by any of the following sources: a car adapter plugged into a cigarette lighter or auxiliary power source, two leaded lines attached to the fuse box, or an AC power converter for standard outlets. After plugging in the unit, check to make sure the blue LED on the front face of the In-Cab Display is on.

4.3 Alarm

The In-Cab Display will alarm (audibly and with a blinking red LED on the front face of the display) when the presence of gamma radiation exceeds threshold background levels. The frequency of the audio and visual alarms will increase proportionately as the level of gamma radiation increases. The audio alarm can be silenced by pressing the 'mute' button on the front face of the In-Cab Display. The red LED will continue to flash until the detector no longer detects radiation above background levels.

5 Customer Service

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- c. Cracked or broken displays, buttons, or damage to other externally exposed parts caused by abnormal use and/or abuse of the Product.
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- e. Products on which serial numbers or date tags have been removed, altered or obliterated.

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