

**INSTALLATION AND OPERATING
INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE**

MiniRad-V

**VEHICLE-MOUNTED RADIATION DETECTION SYSTEM
Generation 2**

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1 Welcome

Congratulations on your recent purchase of the Mini Rad-V G2 Vehicle-Mounted Radiation Detector. The Mini Rad-V quietly scans the environment around the vehicle to find any sources of gamma radiation. If gamma radiation is detected, the Mini Rad-V gives clear audio and visual alarms proportional to the presence of radiological materials nearby. The Mini Rad-V features a simple layout and automatically calibrates itself to natural background radiation.

2 G2 Updates

The G2 model includes improved ruggedization enhancements to the internal electronics and the exterior housing. Upgrades to the surface mounting and component potting on the inside of the case and a more robust FET to contribute to a significantly improved durability and anti-shock capabilities. An anodized aluminum shield protects the detection unit at the cable penetration. A self-diagnostic feature based on various light sequences displayed on the display/alarm notify the user of specific , and the installation process was re-evaluated and is now simpler and more straightforward.

A new shield has been included to mitigate the collection of snow, ice and moisture on the Exterior Detector housing.

The entire installation process was re-evaluated as well and is now simpler and more straightforward. That required a new more robust FET and subsequently more revamping of the board.

3 Installation Warning

Warning: Do NOT apply power to the In-Cab Display module before connecting it to the External Detector module.

Please read all installation instructions in section 5 before installing the Mini Rad-V system.

Applying power to the In-cab Display module before connecting the other communication cable can provide an electrical shock and cause an electrical failure to the In-cab Display module and void the warranty. The In-Cab Display module should always be connected to the External Detector module BEFORE power is applied. Failure to follow the instructions in this manual may damage the unit.

4 System Overview

4.1 Modules

The Mini Rad-V consists of two modules: The In-Cab Display module (Figure 1: In-Cab Display Module) and the External Detector module (Figure 2: External Detector Module). The In-Cab Display module receives power via a cable connected to the back of the unit. The unit is powered by two lead lines attached to the fuse box. The In-Cab Display module is connected to the External Detector module via a communications cable.

Dimensions

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

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Figure 1: In-Cab Display Module

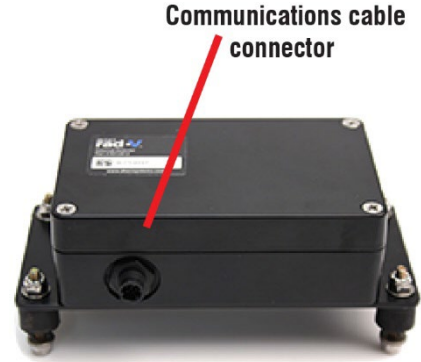


Figure 2: External Detector Module



Figure 3: Protective Shield



Figure 4: External Detector with Protective Shield

4.2 External Detector Module

The External Detector module houses a 0.5” diameter x 1.5” Cesium Iodide Scintillation crystal with a high-sensitivity photo-multiplier tube. It detects gamma radiation within the energy range of 30 keV to 3 MeV. It takes readings in less than one second.

4.3 Protective Shield

Included with the G2 model, the protective shield adds an increased level of environmental protection by prohibiting the buildup of snow and ice on the cable and connector on the External Detector module. The protective shield comes attached to the External Detector module.

4.4 Cables

There are 2 cables included with the Mini Rad-V – the Power cable and the Communication cable. The Power cable connect the In-cab Display module to the vehicle power. The Communication cable connects the In-Cab Display module to the External Detector module.

The standard cable lengths for both cables are 20 feet long. Longer cables lengths of 35’ and 50’ are offered as options.

4.5 Maintenance

The External Detector module 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. It may be cleaned safely with mild soap and water using a warm, wet cloth.

5 Installation Instructions

Please refer to your vehicle manufacturer’s manual for specific installation guidance for your vehicle, particularly for mechanical mounting of the Mini Rad-V modules, routing of the power and communication cables, and connecting the Mini Rad-V to vehicle power. D-tect Systems assumes no responsibility for damages to any vehicle, other electronic devices, or this product incurred during installation.

5.1 Installation Steps

Warning: Do not apply power to the In-Cab Display module until the External Detector module is connected to the In-Cab Display module with communication cable.

The In-Cab Display module must be connected to the External Detector module BEFORE power is applied, and the In-Cab Display module should NEVER be connected to power without the External Detector module attached.

Please follow these instructions exactly. Failure to do so may damage the unit.

1. Mount the External Detector module to the bumper or other location as appropriate. Do NOT connect the communication cable to the External Detector module at this time.
2. Mount the In-Cab Display module onto the dashboard of the vehicle. Do NOT connect the detector cable to the External Detector module at this time.
3. Run the communication cable from the In-Cab Display module to the to the External Detector module. Do not connect the cable to the External Detector module. Secure the cable to the bumper with a zip tie. While running the cables through the vehicle, make sure to not twist the connector

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ends. Do not pull hard on or stretch the cables. Do not connect the cables to the External Detector module or the In-Cab Display module and then allow them to hang or dangle. This can cause the system to malfunction and fail.

4. Run the power cable from the power source to the In-Cab Display module. Do NOT connect the cable to the power source at this time.
5. Connect the communication cable to the External Detector module.
6. Connect the communication cable to the In-Cab Display module.
7. Connect the power cable to the In-Cab Display module.
8. Connect the power cable to the power source.
9. Test to make sure the Mini Rad-V powers up and responds to a radiation source.

5.2 External Detector Module Installation

The External Detector module houses the radiation detection components and is designed to be placed on the exterior of the vehicle. It is attached to the vehicle with four 1/8" 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 the External Detector module 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 and/or communications cables of the modules are secured and isolated from moving parts and hot surfaces.



Figure 5: External Detector Module

- Place on the exterior of the vehicle in a location with good exposure (i.e. BEHIND the front grill or on the front bumper).
- Avoid hot or cold areas of the vehicle, such as locations near exhaust lines, the engine block, or the radiator.
- Make sure the cable reaches from one unit to the other before firmly securing either unit.

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5.3 In-Cab Display Module Installation

The In-Cab Display module should be placed within easy reach of the operator and should be attached securely to a solid surface. The module is attached to a support that is secured by three ¼” screws spaced 1 ¼” apart. Make sure that the In-Cab Display module does not block the view of the driver or interfere with vehicle controls and/or other equipment.

Contact your local Department of Transportation for information regarding regulations for dashboard-mounted displays, as these may vary from state to state. The In-Cab Display module must be connected to the External Detector module via the communication cable. Depending on the vehicle model and configuration, this cable can usually be run under the dashboard and through the engine compartment.



Figure 6: In-Cab Display Module

- Place inside the cab where it is visible from inside the vehicle but does not obscure the driver’s view.
- Make sure the cable reaches from one unit to the other before firmly securing either unit.

5.4 Installing the Mini Rad-V Cables



Figure 7: Installing Cables

- The modules are connected by the communication cable (included).
- To connect the cable, adjust it until it fits onto the post, then turn the cable connector until it locks firmly into the post.
- Make sure that the cables do not interfere with the vehicle's other operating systems.
- Do not place excessive force on the cables or the connectors.
- Do not route cables where they may be pinched, worn excessively, or melted.

6 System Operation

6.1 Start up

To operate the Mini Rad-V, you first need to connect the cables. Both the communication and power cables connect to the back of the In-Cab Display module. To connect the cables, adjust the cable until it fits onto the post, then turn the cable connector to the right until it locks firmly onto the post. To release the cable, turn the connector in to the left until it stops. From there, the cable should pull away from the post.

When power is applied to the In-Cab Display module, the blue LED labeled ‘Power’ will light up and the unit will begin a power-up and calibration sequence, indicated by a beep and a 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 indicate that the background calibration has finished.

If the Mini Rad-V stops detecting normal background radiation levels for a period of time (such as if it is taken into a parking garage), the Mini Rad-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 Mini Rad-V will beep once more and go into detection mode. This keeps the Mini Rad-V at maximum sensitivity levels in all environments.

6.2 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 lead lines attached to the fuse box, or an AC power converter for standard outlets. After plugging in the unit, check to make sure that the blue LED on the front face of the In-Cab Display module is on.

6.3 Alarm

The In-Cab Display module will alarm (audibly and with a blinking red LED on the front face of the In-Cab Display module) when the presence of gamma radiation exceeds threshold background levels. The frequency of the audio and visual alarms will increase proportionately to increasing levels of gamma radiation. The audio alarm can be silenced by pressing the ‘mute’ button on the front face of the In-Cab Display module. To reactivate the audio alarm, press the mute button again. The red LED will continue to flash until the External Detector module no longer detects radiation above background levels.

6.4 Periodic Testing

A periodic test is recommended to ensure the Mini Rad-V is working properly. This test can be performed with the use of a small radiation source such as a 1.0 μCi Cs-137 check source. Hold the small radiation check source near the External Detector module. The In-Cab Display module will emit an audible alarm and the small red LED light will flash.

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7 Specifications

Mission	Vehicle mounted radiation detection system
Detector	1.3 cm diam x 3.8 cm Cesium Iodide detector with a high-sensitivity photo-multiplier tube (PMT)
Calibration	Automatic
Sensitivity	Alarms at about 55 μ Rem/hr
Response Time	Less than 1 second
Display	Large LED indicator for in-cab viewing
Alarm	Loud audible alarm (with acknowledge button)
Alarm Volume	> 90 dB at 10 cm
Power	12V DC
Energy Range	30 keV – 3 MeV
Environment	In-Cab Display: Controlled environment, operates in high RF environments External Detector: IP 66 Compliant, -10 $^{\circ}$ F to 122 $^{\circ}$ F (-23 $^{\circ}$ C to 50 $^{\circ}$ C)
Dimensions	In-Cab Display: 2.8" x 1.8" x 1" (7.1 cm x 4.6 cm x 2.5 cm) Exterior Detector: 4.7" x 3.1" x 1.7" (11.9 cm x 7.9 cm x 4.3 cm)
Protective Shield	21-gauge anodized aluminum
Weight	In-Cab Display: 0.4 lbs. (6.4 oz) Exterior Detector: 1.2 lbs. (19.2 oz) Exterior Shield: 0.125 lbs. (2.0 oz)
Cables	Power Cable length: 20' Communication Cable Length: 20', Optional 35' and 50'
Warranty	2-Year parts and labor. See warranty for details

8 Trouble Shooting Guide

The Mini Rad-V In-Cab Display module emits various signals under certain conditions during bootup and calibration, during radiation alarms, and when the system is experiencing a type of failure. The trouble shooting table below describes various sequence, conditions and suggestions for each situation.

Table 1: Trouble Shooting Table

Sequence	Condition	Suggestion
At power on, the blue light flashes for 30 seconds, followed by an audible beep and simultaneous flash of the red light.	This is the expected sequence at initial boot up and calibration.	N/A
While on, the blue light starts flashing for 30 seconds, followed by an audible peep and simultaneous flash of the red light.	This is a normal sequence. When the device senses lower background radiation levels, it will recalibrate.	N/A
While the blue light is on, the red light begins to flash, and the audio begins to beep.	This is the expected behavior when detecting the presence of gamma and x-ray radiation.	Radiation is detected. Use a Mini Rad-D to localize the source, then use a Rad-ID to identify the type of radiation present. If it is confirmed a radiation source is not near, and the device continues to alarm, then contact customer service.
Constantly repeating flashing blue light and audible beep every 30 seconds.	Device is stuck in boot up mode.	Power cycle (turn off/on) to see if device self-corrects. If it does not power up properly, contact customer service.
Solid blue light and flashing red light and audible beep every 5 seconds.	Detector failure or electrical failure.	Contact customer service.
Slowly flashing blue light and quick, double beep every 5 to 6 seconds.	Detector failure or electrical failure.	Contact customer service.
No blue light and no red light. Constant audio beep.	Detector failure or electrical failure.	Contact customer service.
No lights turn on when power is on.	Electrical failure.	Contact customer service.

9 Customer Service

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1. What this Warranty Covers and for How Long

D-tect Systems (“D-tect Systems”) warrants this device (the "Product") against defects in materials and workmanship under normal use for a period of two years from the date of purchase. This warranty extends to the first end-user purchaser only and is not transferable. This warranty does not extend to other ancillary and/or consumable products including but not limited to batteries, calibration sources, straps, and shipping cases. D-tect Systems, at its option, will at no charge either repair, replace or refund the purchase price of any Products that do not conform with this warranty. Repair may include the replacement of parts with functionally equivalent reconditioned or new parts. Replacement may include providing a functionally equivalent Certified Reconditioned/Pre-owned or a new Product. Products that have been repaired or replaced are warranted for the balance of the original warranty period or for 90 days from the date that the repaired or replaced Product is received by you, whichever is longer. All Products for which replacements have been provided will become D-tect Systems property.

2. Other Warranty Conditions

This warranty is D-tect Systems’ complete warranty for the Product. D-tect Systems assumes no obligation or liability for changes to this warranty unless made in writing and signed by an officer of D-tect Systems.

If D-tect Systems agrees to perform services requested and approved by the customer that are not included in either the Limited or Extended Warranty, these services will be billed to the customer at D-tect Systems’ standard prices and terms.

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- b. Normal “wear and tear” of the Product such as scratches, scuffs, and marks on the LCD, case and other external features.

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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.
- d. Products disassembled or repaired in such a manner as to adversely affect performance or prevent adequate inspection and testing to verify any warranty claim.
- e. Products on which serial numbers or date tags have been removed, altered or obliterated.

4. How to Get Warranty Service

To get warranty service, please contact your distributor or D-tect Systems at www.dtectsystems.com.

You will receive directions on how to mail the Product to D-tect Systems. All Products shipped to D-tect Systems must be shipped with freight and insurance prepaid. Along with the Product you must include a receipt, bill of sale, or some other comparable proof of purchase, a written description of the problem and, most importantly, your address and telephone number. If additional information is needed, please contact D-tect Systems at the web address indicated above.

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