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BHG - **Bore Hole Gradiometer**  
(Short Sensor, for down hole work)



# BHG-1

## Bore Hole Gradiometer

### Instruction Manual

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## Controls Description



1. **ON**..... Power ON
2. **OFF**..... Power OFF
3. **Volume** ..... Raise or lower volume
4. **Gain** ..... Increase or decrease gain from .3mG to 100mG
5. **Zero** ..... Manual adjustment of zero offset
6. **Auto Zero** ..... Automatic adjustment to “NULL” output
7. **Battery Check**..... Press to check battery voltage

## Warranty Statement

SubSurface Instruments, Inc. warrants the BHG-1 to be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of twelve (12) months from date of shipment to original purchaser, subject to the following conditions.

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## Included Accessories



Wall Transformer



Serial Port Cable

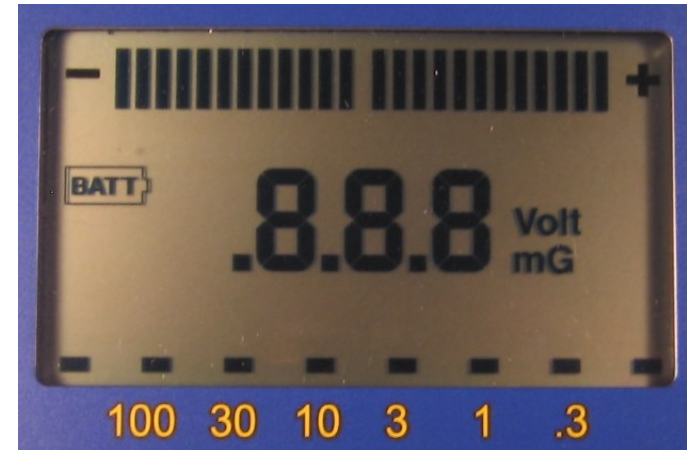


12 Volt Power Cable



Sensor Cable

## Display Description



1. **Bar Graph (top)**.....Shows signal strength and polarity
2. **BATT Icon** ..... Flashes when battery needs charging
3. **Numeric output** ..... Indicates signal value in Milligauss  
 ..... dependent upon range setting,  
 .....or battery voltage when BATT  
 ..... CHECK button is pressed.
4. **Bar Graph (bottom)**..... Indicates current Range selected  
 ..... by the GAIN buttons.
5. **Numbers across bottom**.....100, 30, 10, 3, 1, .3 are ranges  
 ..... in Milligauss.

## Function

The BoreHole Gradiometer (BHG) responds when the magnetic field strength measured at the two sensor elements inside the Sensor housing are different. This difference is measured in “Differential Milligauss” and is reported to the user via the LCD display and the audio speaker.

A headset may be used in noisy environments and will disable the speaker when connected.

The RS-232 interface allows control and recording using a personal computer with a serial COM port.



The Bar graph fills to the left or the right side of the display depending on signal polarity. Left is Negative and right is Positive. As the signal increases in strength, the audio pitch increases in frequency.

## Specifications

### Controls:

- ON, OFF
- Volume UP and DOWN
- Range setting (Gain or Sensitivity) UP and DOWN
- Zero, Plus and Minus
- Auto Zero - Automatic self-adjusting
- Battery Check

### Outputs:

- Audio Frequency pitch (Speaker & jack for headset)
- Visual LCD Display
  - Bar graph - Range GAIN setting - Milligauss
  - RS-232 PC connection (cable included)
  - Control all keypad functions
  - Data log range, keypad & signal settings
  - Works with hyper terminal or equivalent

### Power Options:

- Internal battery: 12 volt, 7.2Ah sealed lead acid
- Battery Life: 72 Hours continuous use
  - Charges to full overnight
- External Power 12 to 15 volt, cable included
- Internal battery charging circuit is enabled when external power or the wall transformer is connected .

### Operating temperature range:

-20F to 150F (-29C to 66C)

### Dimensions:

- Electronics: 18.5” X 14.5” X 7.5”
- Sensor: 1.625” X 17.5”

## Maintenance

Keep the unit as clean as possible, especially the Electronics keypad panel. Do not use an abrasive cleaner on the keypad overlay or the LCD lens.

The Titanium encased sensor has no user serviceable parts. In the event of a failure, the sensor should be returned to the factory at the address listed at the end of this manual.

The battery and charging circuit are located inside the electronics unit and should not need servicing for quite some time. In the event that the battery weakens or fails, return the unit to the factory for replacement.

### **Battery Charging:**

Connect the wall transformer to the CHARGE connector located on the right side of the case. The Red LED will illuminate during charging and will extinguish when the battery is fully charged. While plugged in it will provide a trickle charge but the LED will be off.

### **Repair Service:**

Should you need to return the system to the factory for service, send it to the address listed on the last page of this manual. Pack the unit properly to protect it during shipping. No authorization is necessary. Please include all your company information for returning the unit.

## Operation

Connect the sensor to the electronics using the sensor cable before turning the system on. Press the green ON button to turn on the BHG . To turn OFF press the red OFF button. The RS-232 interface cannot be used to turn the BHG on or off.

To check battery condition press the BATT CHECK button and the battery voltage will display on the LCD.

Place the sensor in the water using your towing arrangement.

As the sensor is towed across a target the audio output will increase in pitch relative to the strength of the target. The bar graph at the top of the display will also darken the bars to the left for a negative polarity and to the right for a positive polarity.

Adjust the GAIN up or down as needed to maintain proper sensitivity.

Towing the sensor horizontally will produce two peaks as the sensor passes over a target. Towing vertically will produce one peak over the same target.

When attaching the sensor to a tow rig, keep the sensor away from ferrous metals. Although the sensor cable can be used to tow the sensor, it is not recommended using it to tow a sled rig.

The sensor can be held by a diver to locate objects but will need communication between the diver and the topside operator.

Although the electronics case is water proof when closed, it is recommended that it be kept out of the elements as much as possible when open as water could seep through the foam. Water damage to the internal parts is not covered under warranty.

## Connections

The headphone jack has a water resistant cover. Lift open to plug in a stereo phone plug to listen with a headset in noisy environments.

Replace a blown fuse with a 1/4 amp slow blow.

Use the included RS-232 cable to connect the MUL to a computer.

To run on external power or to charge the battery in the field, connect the external DC power cable to the POWER connector. Connect the other end clips to a 12 to 15 Volt DC power source. Red to positive and Black to negative.

The sensor cable is connected to the SENSOR connector.



## RS-232 Interface

### COM Port settings:

Baud rate	9600
Bits	8
Parity	NO
Stop bit	1
Flow Control	None

### Program:

Use Hyper Terminal or custom software to communicate. Turn off echo. The unit will echo any character it receives to verify communication.

### Commands:

v	Lowers volume
V	Raises volume
g	Increases range (lower gain)
G	Decreases range (raise gain)
b, B	Check battery voltage
r	Turns OFF status report
R	Turns ON status report
?	Causes a status report to be sent
l	Specifies short status report
L	Specifies long status report
d	Turns off debug mode
D	Turns on debug mode
z	Zero + 1 step per command
Z	Zero - 1 step per command
a, A	Initiate auto zero
s, S	Toggle sample rate

### Report String Description:

Long version using send character = "L", Total characters = 58  
\$SIG= \_±XXE-X, \_GAIN= \_X, \_BAT= \_XXE-1, \_VOL= \_X, \_Z= \_XX, \_A= \_X!

Short version using send character "l" (lower case L), Total characters=22  
\$SIG= \_±XXE-X, \_GAIN= \_X

Underscore in string represents a SPACE character. It is not output as an underscore but as a space.

**Example:** \$SIG= ±XXE-X, GAIN= X, BAT= XXE-1, VOL= X, Z= XXX, A= X!