



# BB 50/200

*Dual Frequency 50 & 200kHz Black Box Fish Finder*

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# User Manual

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# Important Information

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## CAUTION

- ◆ Please read through this manual before the first operation. If you have any questions, please contact the Company's customer service or your local dealer.
- ◆ The BB 50/200 is not built water proof. Please make sure to avoid water intrusion into the unit. Water damage is not covered by the warranty.
- ◆ Extensive exposure to heat may result in damage to the BB 50/200.
- ◆ Connection to the power source with reversed polarity will damage the BB 50/200 severely. This damage is not covered by the warranty.
- ◆ The BB 50/200 contains dangerous high voltage circuits which only experienced technicians MUST handle.

## WARNING

- ◆ When plugging in or unplugging a transducer to the BB 50/200 make sure power is turned off.

**NOTE** *We will not be liable for errors contained herein, or for incidental or consequential damages in connection with the performance or use of this material.*

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# About this User Manual

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## INTRODUCTION

The chart plotter combined with the sonar performance of the Fish Finder is one of the most advanced marine navigation system available.

Please read carefully this User Manual to learn the operating features for your unit. Refer to your chart plotter User Manual for all other unit operating instructions.

## CONVENTIONS USED

Throughout this User Manual, the labelled keys are shown in capital letters enclosed in square brackets, for example [ENTER]; the software keys are shown in small capital letters enclosed in square brackets, for example [EDIT].

Menu operations are in bold characters listed by keys sequence with the menu names enclosed between inverted commas, for example **[MENU] + "ALARMS"** + [ENTER] means: press the [MENU] key, using the cursor key select the Alarms menu and then press [ENTER].

Any menu operation and functions activation in this User Manual is related to the following chart plotter models (see the following table). Whenever it is necessary, a note has been inserted for those models with operational differences.

CHART PLOTTER NAME	DESCRIPTION	SOFTWARE
SW500e	5" Sunlight Readable Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver	S4x2SW5vc
SW500i	5" Sunlight Readable Color Display Internal GPS Receiver	S4x2SW5vc
SEAHORSE E	5" Sunlight Readable Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver	S4xgSW5vc*
SEAHORSE	5" Sunlight Readable Color Display Internal GPS Receiver	S4xgSW5vc*
BARRACUDA	7" Sunlight Readable Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver	S4xgSW7wc*
BARRACUDA iGPS	7" Sunlight Readable Color Display Internal GPS Receiver	S4xgSW7wc*
SW700e	7" Sunlight Readable Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver & Video Input	S4x2SW8wc
SW700i	7" Sunlight Readable Color Display Internal GPS Receiver & Video Input	S4x2SW8wc
STARFISH E	7" Sunlight Readable Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver & Video Input	S4xgSW8wc*
STARFISH	7" Sunlight Readable Color Display Internal GPS Receiver & Video Input	S4xgSW8wc*
SW1100	11" Sunlight Readable Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver & Video Input	S5e2SW11c
OYSTER 11	11" Sunlight Readable Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver & Video Input	S5egSW11c
SEAWAVE <sup>3</sup>	12" Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver & Video Input	S5egSW12c

MARLIN	15" Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver & Video Input	S5egSW15c
EXPLORER <sup>3</sup>	Controller for Color Display External Smart GPS Receiver	S5egSWctc

**NOTE\*** *New software name to run on internal GPS and external GPS hardware unit. Software adjusts its behavior automatically depending on hardware detected during start-up. New software versions use "XG" in software name, i.e. S4XGSW5VC. This SW should be used instead of older S4EGSW5VC and S4IGSW5VC.*

## MANUAL LAYOUT

- ◆ **CHAPTER 1: Overview**  
Introduction to the basic information on the Fish Finder, its features and use.
- ◆ **CHAPTER 2: Fish Finder**  
Helps you understand how the chart plotter is connected to the Fish Finder and how to operate to improve your fishing.
- ◆ **CHAPTER 3: Setup your Fish Finder**  
Description of the Fish Finder Setup menu.
- ◆ **CHAPTER 4: BB 50/200**  
Technical specification, dimension and installation of the BB 50/200 and set up of the hardware configuration.
- ◆ **CHAPTER 5: Transducers**  
Introduction to the basic information on the transducer (device that transmits and receives sound waves into the water).
- ◆ **CHAPTER 6: Frequently Asked Questions**

The Analytical Index is at the end of this User Manual.

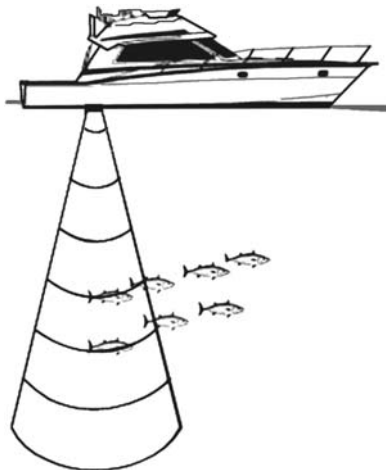
## IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE

If your chart plotter does not operate properly, please refer to the chart plotter User Manual.

# 1. Overview

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The Fish Finder consists of a high power transmitter, sensitive receiver and a transducer. The Fish Finder sends an electrical pulse to the transducer which contains an element that converts the pulse into acoustic (sound) wave which is sent through the water. As this wave travels from the transducer to the bottom, it may strike fish, structures, thermoclines (temperature changes in the water). When the wave strikes an object(s) a certain amount of the wave is reflected back to the transducer depending on the composition and shape of the object. When the reflected wave is returned to the transducer it is converted into a voltage and is amplified by the receiver, processed and sent to the display. The speed of sound in water is roughly 4800 ft./sec, so the time lapse between the transmitted signal and the received echo can be measured and the distance to the object determined.



*Fig. 1 - Fish Finder working principle*

## 1.1 FISH FINDER

### Features & Functions

- ◆ A-Scope (displays Sonar Echo in real time)
- ◆ 2X and 4X Zoom (capability to magnify any part of the Echogram image of a fixed rate)
- ◆ Full auto to manual, working preset modes (Fish, Cruise)
- ◆ Bottom Lock (capability to magnify a user defined range around the bottom)
- ◆ White Line (help distinguish between fish and bottom, when fish are swimming close to the bottom)
- ◆ STC (allows reducing or eliminating the surface clutter)
- ◆ Interference Rejection (allows reducing interference from other boats/ Fish Finders)

- Noise Filter
- Fish Symbol feature (\*)
- Automatic Setup Transducer. Recognition for  $X_{\text{MED}}$  devices (automatic transducer identification and parameters setup for best performance)
- Alarms Handling (Shallow Water, Deep Water, Fish Alarm, High Water Temperature, Low Water Temperature, Water Temperature Rate)

**NOTE\*** *On specific software version available.*

## 1.2 SELECTING THE FISH FINDER PORT

If the Fish Finder is connected to the Port 2 (see Par. 4.7), follow the procedure:

- [MENU] + "Advanced Options" + [ENTER] + "Input/Output" + [ENTER] + "Port 2 Input" + [ENTER] + "BBFF 50/200" + [ENTER]



## 2. Fish Finder

This chapter is intended to help you understand how the chart plotter with the Fish Finder connected operates to improve your fishing.

### 2.1 UNDERSTANDING THE FISH FINDER PAGE

The display on chart plotters shows a history of time of the echoes received by the transducer. The chart plotters have a menu that allows adjustments to receiver sensitivity, depth range and scrolling speed of the Fish Finder display.

- ① Warning message
- ② Echogram window
- ③ Color Bar
- ④ Digital Depth
- ⑤ Water temperature
- ⑥ Alarm Bar
- ⑦ Depth ruler
- ⑧ Variable Depth Marker (VDM)
- ⑨ Zoom Bar
- ⑩ A-Scope
- ⑪ Operating Frequency

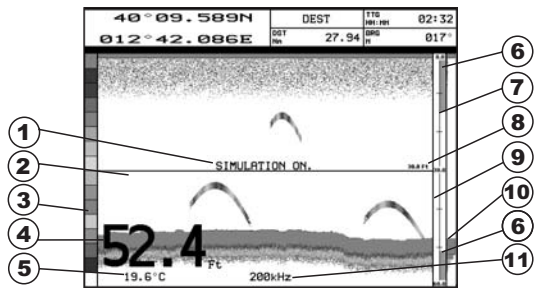


Fig. 2.1 - The Fish Finder page

The following is a short description of terms listed in the previous Fig. 2.1:

- ① **Warning Message**  
Flashing label "Simulation" when the echo sounder is in Simulation mode.
- ② **Echogram window**  
Graphic presentation of sonar soundings recorded as a continuous profile scrolling across the screen from right to left. Such recordings represent the image of the water beneath your boat, items appear as they pass under your transducer; the items on the right side of the screen are closer to you than those on the left. The correct interpretation of the Echogram allows retrieving useful information about what is under the boat. See the following Par. 2.1.1 for more information.
- ③ **Color Bar**  
Colored scale located on the left side of the screen that shows the colors used in the Echogram to represent the echoes strength. The color on the top of the bar represents the maximum sonar strength, while the color on the bottom of the bar represents the minimum sonar strength.

- ④ **Digital Depth**  
Readout of the current bottom depth.
- ⑤ **Water Temperature**  
Readout of the current water temperature returned by the TEMP 1 sensor included into specific transducers.
- ⑥ **Alarm Bar**  
Bar located on the right side of the Depth Ruler, showing the shallow water and deep water alarm values. The alarm is triggered when depth is outside the range.
- ⑦ **Depth Ruler**  
Vertical graduated bar located along the right side of the screen. It is a scale which reflects the depth of the area being displayed.
- ⑧ **Variable Depth Marker (VDM)**  
Horizontal line on to the Echogram window with a depth label. The up/down cursor keys can move it up and down. The label displays the depth of the cursor position. It can be moved to any location pinpointing the depth of a target.
- ⑨ **Zoom Bar**  
Bar located on the left side of the Depth Ruler, showing the portion of the Echogram currently represented in the zoomed window (on the left part of the screen). It is turned On selecting the Echo Sounder Split page.
- ⑩ **A-Scope**  
A real time representation of fish and bottom features passing through the beam of the transducer. It is drawn as horizontal lines whose length and hue is proportional to the sonar strength returned. When the default palette is selected, the strongest sonar returns will be shown as the color displayed of the top of Color Bar while the weakest as the bottom color.
- ⑪ **Operating Frequency**  
Readout of the selected operating frequency.

### 2.1.1 Understanding the Echogram display

The main elements that can be easily distinguished into an Echogram are:

- ① Fishes
- ② Thermoclines
- ③ White Line
- ④ Surface Clutter
- ⑤ Structures
- ⑥ Bottom Echo Profile

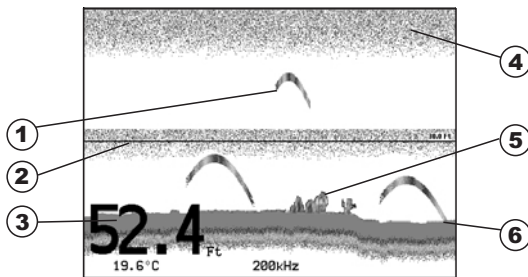


Fig. 2.1.1 - The Fish Finder Echogram

### ① **Fishes**

Fishes are represented as arcs because of the cone angle of the transducer. In fact as the boat passes over the fish the leading edge of the cone strikes the fish, causing a display pixel to be turned on. As the boat passes over the fish, the distance to the fish decreases turning each pixel on at a shallower depth on the display. When the boat is directly over the fish, the first half of the arch is formed and since the fish is closer to the boat, the signal is stronger and the arch is thicker. As the boat moves away from the fish, the distance increases and the pixels appear at progressively deeper depths forming the remaining half of the arch.

### ② **Thermoclines**

Are the zones where two layers of different water temperatures meet. The greater the temperature differential, the thicker the thermocline is shown on the screen. Thermoclines are represented as horizontal stripes of noise. They are very important for fishing since often many species of game fish like to suspend in, just above, or just below the thermoclines.

### ③ **White Line**

The White Line shows the difference between hard, soft bottoms and even distinguishes between fishes and structures located near the bottom. In this way it is easier to tell the difference between a hard and soft bottom and even to distinguish fishes and structures located nearby the bottom. For example, a soft, muddy or weedy bottom returns a weaker echo that is shown with a narrow white line while a hard bottom returns a strong echo that causes a wide white bottom line.

### ④ **Surface Clutter**

Appears like noise at the top of the screen extending many feet below the surface. It's caused by many things, including air bubbles, bait fish, plankton and algae.

### ⑤ **Structures**

Generally, the term "structure" is used to identify objects like wrecks and weeds rising from the bottom.

### ⑥ **Bottom Echo Profile**

Bottom profile recorded by the Fish Finder. When the echo sounder is set in auto-range mode it is automatically kept in the lower half of the screen.

## **Other Elements**

Large anchoring cables are returned by the echo sounder as very long and narrow arcs on the screen.

## **2.2 DISPLAYING THE FISH FINDER PAGE**

This section will take you through the frequently used operations and assist you to customize the look of the chart plotter using the Fish Finder.

**NOTE** *The Fish Finder display page is available only if the Fish Finder is connected and powered On.*

### **2.2.1 How to select the Fish Finder page**

The Page Selection menu allows you to change the Fish Finder page displayed. To access this menu:

**SEAHORSE E/SEAHORSE/BARRACUDA/BARRACUDA iGPS/STARFISH E/  
STARFISH/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>/EXPLORER<sup>3</sup>:**

➤ [MENU] + "Page" + [ENTER] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER]

**MARLIN/OYSTER:**

➤ [DATA] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER]

**SW500E/SW500i/SW700E/SW700i/SW1100/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>:**

➤ [PAGE] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER]

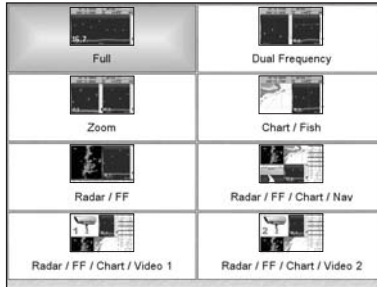


Fig. 2.21 - Example of Page Selection menu on OYSTER

The menu now shows the available selections related to the Fish Finder. Move the cursor to select the desired item and then press [ENTER].

**NOTE** When the Radar\* is connected, other displaying pages are available too. See the Radar\* User Manual for more information. Also please notice that if the chart plotter has the Video Input\*\* function, other pages are available.

(\*) NOT AVAILABLE FOR SEAHORSE E/SEAHORSE/SW500E/SW500i

(\*\*) NOT AVAILABLE FOR SEAHORSE E/SEAHORSE/BARRACUDA/BARRACUDA iGPS/SW500E/SW500i

### 2.2.1.1 Selection by Soft Key

The default soft keys configuration can be customized. When the Fish Finder is connected, any soft key can be assigned any of the Fish Finder pages.

Pressing and holding down any of the four soft key shows a pop-up window on the top of the soft key pressed that contains all possible data pages assignable to the soft key pressed. Move the cursor key up/down to place the selector on the desired item; move the cursor key to the right or press [ENTER] to set the selected item; move the cursor key to the left or press [CLEAR] to close the pop-up window.

In the picture below, the four soft keys are customized to select a Fish Finder page:

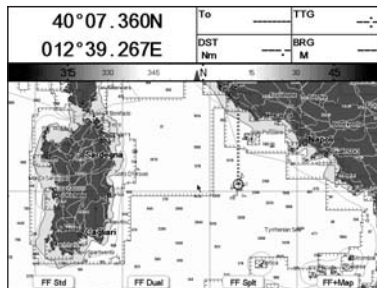


Fig. 2.2.1.1 - Fish Finder Page Selection by Soft Key on OYSTER

Press **[FF Std]** to show the Full page, **[FF Dual]** to show the Dual Frequency page, **[FF Splt]** to show the Zoom page and **[FF + Map]** to show the Chart/Fish page.

**NOTE** When the Radar\* is connected, any soft key can be assigned any of the Fish Finder or Radar\* pages. See the Radar\* User Manual for more information.

(\*) NOT AVAILABLE FOR SEAHORSE E/SEAHORSE/SW500E/SW500:

### 2.2.2 Fish Finder Full page

To display the Fish Finder Full Page Echogram, follow this procedure:

**SEAHORSE E/SEAHORSE/BARRACUDA/BARRACUDA iGPS/STARFISH E/STARFISH/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>/EXPLORER<sup>3</sup>:**

➤ **[MENU] + "Page" + [ENTER] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Full" + [ENTER]**

**MARLIN/OYSTER:**

➤ **[DATA] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Full" + [ENTER]**

**SW500E/SW500i/SW700E/SW700i/SW1100/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>:**

➤ **[PAGE] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Full" + [ENTER]**

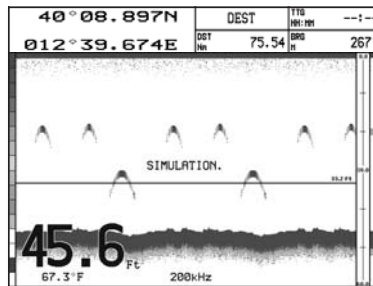


Fig. 2.2.2 - The 200kHz Fish Finder Full page

**NOTE** The frequency displayed depends on the selection done in the Frequency item (see Par 3.1.9).

#### The MENU key

Pressing **[MENU]** activates the Fish Finder Setup menu (see Par. 3.1). Pressing **[MENU]** subsequent times toggles between the Fish Finder Setup menu and the Main menu.

#### The Cursor key

Moving the Cursor key up/down adjusts the Variable Depth Marker (VDM) up or down on the screen.

#### The ENTER key

Pressing **[ENTER]** activates the Sensitivity menu (see Par. 3.1.1) that allows tuning the Gain, the Surface Noise Filter and the STC.

Sensitivity	
Gain	0 %
STC	Off
STC Length	0 Mt
STC Strength	0 %
Surf Noise Filter	Off

Fig. 2.2.2a - Sensitivity sub-menu

Pressing **[CLEAR]** turns off the Sensitivity menu.

### The CLEAR key

By pressing **[CLEAR]** the Variable Depth Marker (VDM) is hidden.

### The ZOOM IN and ZOOM OUT keys

From this page pressing **[ZOOM IN]** once changes to Zoom 2X, pressing **[ZOOM IN]** twice changes to Zoom 4X, while pressing **[ZOOM OUT]** reverts to Zoom 2X and no zoom.

## 2.2.3 Dual Frequency page

To display the Fish Finder Dual Echogram, follow this procedure:

**SEAHORSE E/SEAHORSE/BARRACUDA/BARRACUDA iGPS/STARFISH E/STARFISH/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>/EXPLORER<sup>3</sup>:**

- **[MENU]** + "Page" + **[ENTER]** + "Fish Finder" + **[ENTER]** + "Dual Frequency" + **[ENTER]**

**MARLIN/OYSTER:**

- **[DATA]** + "Fish Finder" + **[ENTER]** + "Dual Frequency" + **[ENTER]**

**SW500E/SW500I/SW700E/SW700I/SW1100/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>:**

- **[PAGE]** + "Fish Finder" + **[ENTER]** + "Dual Frequency" + **[ENTER]**

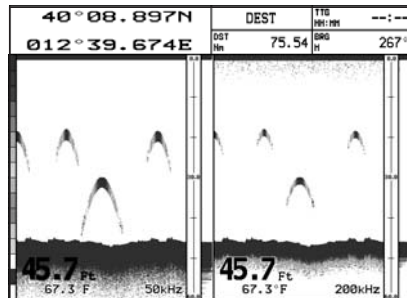


Fig. 2.2.3 - Fish Finder Dual Frequency mode

### The Cursor key

Moving the cursor to the right or the left moves the Variable Depth Marker (VDM) between the 50 and 200kHz displays. Moving the cursor up or down will move the VDM up and down. Press **[CLEAR]** to hide the VDM.

### The ZOOM IN and ZOOM OUT keys

From this page pressing **[ZOOM IN]** once changes to Zoom 2X, pressing **[ZOOM IN]** twice changes to Zoom 4X, while pressing **[ZOOM OUT]** reverts to Zoom 2X and no zoom.

## 2.2.4 Zoom page

To display the zoomed Fish Finder page on the left half of the screen and the unzoomed Fish Finder Echogram on the right half of the screen, follow this procedure:

**SEAHORSE E/SEAHORSE/BARRACUDA/BARRACUDA iGPS/STARFISH E/STARFISH/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>/EXPLORER<sup>3</sup>:**

- **[MENU]** + "Page" + **[ENTER]** + "Fish Finder" + **[ENTER]** + "Zoom" + **[ENTER]**

**MARLIN/OYSTER:**

- **[DATA]** + "Fish Finder" + **[ENTER]** + "Zoom" + **[ENTER]**

SW500E/SW500i/SW700E/SW700i/SW1100/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>:

- [PAGE] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Zoom" + [ENTER]

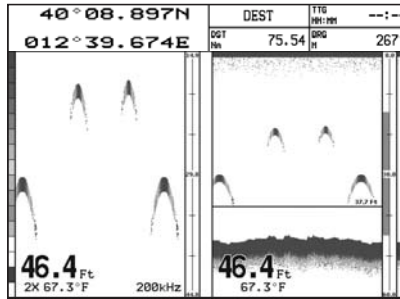


Fig. 2.2.4 - Fish Finder Zoom Page

The Depth Cursor is shown only on the unzoned Fish Finder Echogram.

### The ZOOM IN and ZOOM OUT keys

When in this page pressing [ZOOM IN] changes to Zoom 4X, pressing [ZOOM OUT] changes to Zoom 2X.

## 2.2.5 Chart/Fish page

To display the Chart page on the left half of the screen and the Fish Finder Echogram on the right half of the screen, follow this procedure:

SEAHORSE E/SEAHORSE/BARRACUDA/BARRACUDA iGPS/STARFISH E/  
STARFISH/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>/EXPLORER<sup>3</sup>:

- [MENU] + "Page" + [ENTER] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Chart/Fish" + [ENTER]

MARLIN/OYSTER:

- [DATA] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Chart/Fish" + [ENTER]

SW500E/SW500i/SW700E/SW700i/SW1100/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>:

- [PAGE] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Chart/Fish" + [ENTER]

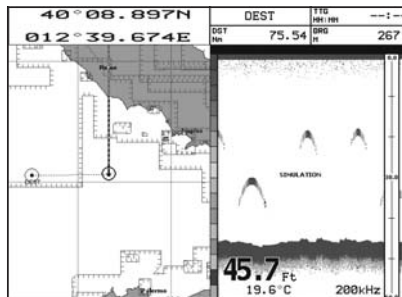


Fig. 2.2.5 - Fish Finder Chart/Fish page

### The MENU key (to change the active window)

When in Chart/Fish mode pressing [MENU]:

- ◆ if the focus (the active window) is on the Chart, the Main menu is shown. Pressing again [MENU] opens the Fish Finder Setup menu and moves the focus to the Fish Finder.





The other Fish Finder Combo page has the Video window instead of the Navigation window:

**NOTE\*** *Please notice that this page is available ONLY on the chart plotters shown below. In particular on STARFISH E/STARFISH/SW700e/SW700i there is only one Video Input, on the rest there are Video Input 1 and Video Input 2.*

**STARFISH E/STARFISH/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>:**

- [MENU] + "Page" + [ENTER] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Radar/FF/Chart/Video1\*" + [ENTER]

**MARLIN/OYSTER:**

- [DATA] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Radar/FF/Chart/Video1\*" + [ENTER]

**SW700E/SW700i/SW1100/SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup>:**

- [PAGE] + "Fish Finder" + [ENTER] + "Radar/FF/Chart/Video1\*" + [ENTER]

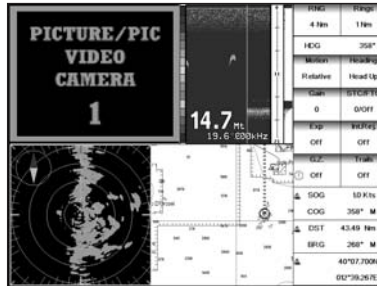


Fig. 2.2.6b - Combo page with Video Camera picture

When in Split/Combo pages, the active view is highlighted by a focus (Yellow frame). The keyboard commands are related to that focused view. To move the focus press [MENU] twice.

## 2.3 ZOOM MODES

### 2.3.1 The Bottom Lock Zoom

The Bottom Lock Zoom mode is activated when the Fish Finder is in Auto Range or Bottom Lock mode (see Par. 3.1.3) and the Variable Depth Marker (VDM) is not displayed on the screen.

In Bottom Lock Zoom mode the Fish Finder Echogram is automatically moved up/down as to keep the Bottom Line always visible in the lower half of the screen.

**NOTE** *Moving the Cursor key up/down displays the Variable Depth Marker (VDM) switching the Fish Finder in Marker Zoom mode.*

### 2.3.2 The Marker Zoom

The Marker Zoom mode is activated either when the Fish Finder is in Manual Range mode (see Par. 3.1) or the Depth Cursor is displayed on the screen.

In Marker Zoom mode the Fish Finder Echogram position is controlled by moving the Variable Depth Marker (VDM) and pressing and holding [ENTER] for 1 second on the selected position. Moving the Variable Depth Marker (VDM) over the top or below the bottom of the screen, automatically moves up/down the current zoomed Echogram view and re-position the Variable Depth Marker (VDM) at the center of the screen.

**NOTE** *Pressing [CLEAR] hides the Depth Cursor and if the Fish Finder is in Auto Range or Bottom Lock mode switches into Bottom Lock Zoom mode.*

## 2.4 SOUNDER ADJUSTMENTS WITH SOFT KEYS

When the Fish Finder page is active, by pressing one of the Soft Keys, the main functions to adjust the Fish Finder are shown on the Soft Keys labels on the screen. The Soft Keys labels disappear automatically if no keys are pressed after 5 seconds or by pressing **[CLEAR]**.

### The GAIN Soft Key

By pressing **[GAIN]** the Gain changes between AUTO GAIN and MANUAL GAIN. If MANUAL GAIN, use the cursor left/right to adjust it: a bar with the % symbol is displayed on the screen above the **[GAIN]** label. If AUTO GAIN, use the cursor left/right to adjust the Gain Offset: a bar with the % symbol is displayed on the screen above the **[GAIN]** label.

### The STC Soft Key

The **[STC]** changes the STC value between OFF/SHORT/MID/LONG. The current value of STC is shown on a window right over the **[STC]** label.

### The RANGE Soft Key

By pressing **[RANGE]** the window switches to the next RANGE status: MANUAL, BOTTOM LOCK and AUTO. If MANUAL, use the cursor up/down to adjust the Depth value by 10ft time and use the cursor left/right to adjust the Shift. When in meters the step is 2 meters and it increases to 10 meters when the key is pressed for more than 1 second. If BOTTOM LOCK, use the cursor up/down to adjust the Bottom Range value by 10ft at a time. If AUTO RANGE, the range value is set automatically by the ES and it cannot be changed by the user.

### The FREQ Soft Key

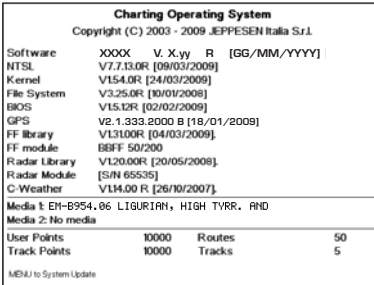
By pressing **[FREQ]** it is possible to select the Frequency to which the Sensitivity parameters are applied. This option is available only in the Dual Frequency page.

## 2.5 INFO ON FISH FINDER: SYSTEM INFORMATION

If you want to know information about the Fish Finder connected, follow the procedure:

- **[MENU]** + "About..." + **[ENTER]**

A window will be shown with the desired information on the Fish Finder Library row and on the Fish Finder module row.



Charting Operating System			
Copyright (C) 2003 - 2009 JEPPESEN Italia S.r.l			
Software	XXXX	V. X.yy	R [GG/MM/YYYY]
NTSL	V7.7.13.0R	[09/03/2009]	
Kernel	V154.0R	[24/03/2009]	
File System	V3.25.0R	[10/01/2008]	
BIOS	V15.12R	[02/02/2009]	
GPS	V2.1.353.2000	B [18/01/2009]	
FF Library	V13.00R	[04/03/2009]	
FF module	BBFF	50/200	
Radar Library	V120.00R	[20/05/2008]	
Radar Module	[S/N 65535]		
C-Weather	V14.00 R	[26/10/2007]	
Media 1	EH-B954_06	L1GURIRN	HIGH TVRR. AND
Media 2	No media		
User Points	10000	Routes	50
Track Points	10000	Tracks	5
MENU to System Update			

Fig. 2.5 - System Information page

### 2.5.1 The System Update menu

The System Update menu allows downloading the Fish Finder firmware into the Fish Finder device. To select this menu follow the procedure:

- [MENU] + "About..." + [ENTER] + [MENU] + "Update BBFF Firmware" + [ENTER]

The current Fish Finder firmware version is shown in the System Update window that appears on the screen.

Insert the MEDIA with the firmware in one of the chart plotter available slots, and the press [ENTER] to update. Now select "YES" and press [ENTER] to confirm.

#### **WARNING**

*Turn Off and after a few seconds turn On the BB 50/200 in case of failed firmware upload.*



# 3. Setup your Fish Finder

## 3.1 FISH FINDER SETUP MENU

The Fish Finder Setup menu provides access to additional functions, setup and layout/data field options.

From the Fish Finder page, access this menu by pressing:

➤ [MENU]

Fish Finder Setup	
Preset Mode	Fish
Gain Mode	Manual
Range Mode	Manual
Depth	0.0 Mt
Shift	0.0 Mt
Bottom Range	0.0 Mt
Frequency	200 kHz
Interf Reject	Off
Sensitivity Menu	➤
Display Setup	➤
Transducer Setup	➤
Alarms	➤
Save & Load	➤

Fig. 3.1 - Fish Finder Setup menu

### 3.1.1 Preset Mode

Preset modes are pre-defined settings of the Fish Finder operating parameters. You can use them to quickly set the Fish Finder in the most commonly used operating modes. These are Cruise (sets the Fish Finder in full auto mode with the sensitivity settings optimized for displaying at best the bottom) and Fish (sets the Fish Finder in full auto mode with the sensitivity setting optimized for target searching). See the following table.

➤ [MENU] + "Preset Mode" + [ENTER]

<b>Fish</b>	: Gain Mode = Auto, Range Mode = Auto, Frequency = do not change, Shift = 0, STC = Short if Freq=200kHz and Mid if Freq=50kHz, Scrolling Speed = 10, Fish Symbols = Echo, A-Scope = On, Surface Noise Filter = Off.
<b>Cruise</b>	: Gain Mode = Auto, Range Mode = Auto, Frequency = do not change, Shift = 0, STC = Short if Freq=200kHz and Mid if Freq=50kHz, Scrolling Speed = 10, Fish Symbols = Echo, A-Scope = On, Surface Noise Filter = 4.

### 3.1.2 Gain Mode

Selects Auto or Manual.

➤ [MENU] + "Gain Mode" + [ENTER]

### 3.1.3 Range Mode

Selects among Manual, Auto Range and Bottom Lock. When in **Manual Range Mode** it is possible to set Shift (the offset from the surface) (see Par. 3.1.6) and Depth (see Par. 3.1.5) on which the Fish Finder shall operate. When in **Auto Range Mode** the Fish Finder determines automatically the range as to keep the bottom visible in the lower left of the screen. In this mode, Shift is always set to 0. In **Bottom Lock Mode** the Fish Finder automatically tracks the range around

the bottom specified by the Bottom Range value.

- [MENU] + "Range Mode" + [ENTER]

### 3.1.4 Depth

This option is available only when Range Mode is Manual and it is disabled in Auto Range and Bottom Lock Mode.

- [MENU] + "Depth" + [ENTER]

### 3.1.5 Shift

This option is available only when Range Mode is Manual and it is disabled in Auto Range and Bottom Lock Mode.

- [MENU] + "Shift" + [ENTER]

**NOTE** *The bottom Range, Depth, Shift will apply to the currently selected frequency.*

### 3.1.6 Bottom Range

This option is available when Range Mode is Bottom Lock.

- [MENU] + "Bottom Range" + [ENTER]

### 3.1.7 Frequency

Allows you to choose the frequency between Auto, 50 kHz or 200 kHz when single frequency page is selected.

- [MENU] + "Frequency" + [ENTER]

### 3.1.8 Interference Rejection

Selects a filter to remove interference from other Fish Finders.

- [MENU] + "Interf Reject" + [ENTER]

### 3.1.9 Sensitivity

The Sensitivity menu is accessible both from the Fish Finder Setup menu and by pressing [ENTER] when in Fish Finder pages. All settings in the Sensitivity menu are related to the Frequency selected.

- [MENU] + "Sensitivity" + [ENTER]

Sensitivity	
Gain	0 %
STC	Off
STC Length	0 Mt
STC Strength	0 %
Surf Noise Filter	Off

*Fig. 3.1.9 - Fish Finder Sensitivity menu*

**NOTE** *The Frequency value is only displayed: to select the desired frequency see the previous Par. 3.1.7.*

#### 3.1.9.1 Frequency

This option is available only in the Dual Frequency page. It allows you to select the Frequency to which the Sensitivity parameters are applied.

#### 3.1.9.2 Gain

Allows you to control the Gain of the unit's receiver. To see more details on the screen, increase the receiver sensitivity by selecting a higher gain percentage. If there is too much detail or if the screen is cluttered, lowering the sensitivity may increase the clarity of the display.

### 3.1.9.3 STC

Sensitivity Time Constant: it is a time varying gain curve which attenuates the sonar receiver gain in shallow water, increasing the gain gradually as the depth increases. This is for the purpose of filtering out surface clutter.

### 3.1.9.4 STC Length

If STC is Custom, it is possible to change the Length of the Sensitivity Time Constant.

### 3.1.9.5 STC Strength

If STC is Custom, it is possible to change the Strength of the Sensitivity Time Constant.

### 3.1.9.6 Surface Noise Filter

This function implements an advanced time varying filter that allows suppressing the surface clutter efficiently while leaving fish targets visible.

**NOTE** *Thus imposing the capability of the Fish Finder to correctly detect the weakest echoes coming from a very deep bottom.*

## 3.1.10 Display Setup

The Display Setup Menu allows you to change the color scheme of the Fish Finder display, adjusts the chart scrolling rate, enables or disables the White Line and allows determining the graphical representation of fishes.

- [MENU] + "Display Setup" + [ENTER]

Color Settings	Blue Background
Scrolling Speed	0 %
White Line	Off
Fish Symbols	Echo
Water Temperature	Primary

Fig. 3.1.10 - Fish Finder Display Setup menu

### 3.1.10.1 Color Settings

Allows you to change the color scheme of the Fish Finder display. The available colors are Blue Background, White Background, Black Background, Gray Scale and Reversed Gray Scale.

### 3.1.10.2 Scrolling Speed

Adjusts the chart scrolling rate. Note that the scrolling rate is limited by the sound speed and the depth according with the following relation: the deeper the setting, the slower the scrolling rate. 100% is the maximum possible.

### 3.1.10.3 White Line

Controls how the chart plotter displays information about the bottom type (hard or soft).

### 3.1.10.4 Fish Symbols

This selection allows determining the graphical representation of underwater suspended targets. See the following table.

<b>Echo</b>	: shows echoes
<b>Echo + Icon</b>	: shows the Fish icon and echoes
<b>Echo + Icon + Depth</b>	: shows the Fish icon, depth values and the fish echoes
<b>Echo + Depth</b>	: shows depth values
<b>Icon</b>	: shows Fish icons
<b>Icon + Depth</b>	: shows Fish icons and their depth (accordingly to currently selected depth unit)

The Fish icons displayed are among four different shapes depending on the size of the Target (Small, Med, Big, Huge).

### 3.1.10.5 Water Temperature

Allows you to choose the Water Temperature label displayed over the echogram between Primary and External.

### 3.1.11 Transducer Setup

The Transducer Setup menu contains settings that does not require frequent changes.

➤ [MENU] + "Transducer Setup" + [ENTER]

Keel Offset	+0.0 Mft
Calibrate Sound Speed	90.00 %
Calibrate Water Speed	50 %
Calibrate Water Temp	+0.00 °C
Calibrate Aux Temp	+0.00 °C
Set Default Settings	

Fig. 3.1.11 - Fish Finder Transducer menu

#### 3.1.11.1 Keel Offset

It is the transducer depth offset from the surface. This makes it possible to measure depth from the surface instead of from the transducer's location.

#### 3.1.11.2 Calibrate Sound Speed

Allows calibrating the value of Sound Speed in the water, depending on the water temperature and salinity.

#### 3.1.11.3 Calibrate Water Speed

Allows calibrating the value of Water Speed sensor. The calibration value, in the range between -10% to +10%, will be applied to the water speed from the transducer.

#### 3.1.11.4 Calibrate Water Temperature

Allows the calibration on the Water Temperature sensor. Using the readings from a precise temperature measuring device, insert here a positive/negative offset to display right value on Fish Finder screens.

#### 3.1.11.5 Calibrate Aux Temperature

Allows the calibration of the Aux Temperature sensor. Using the readings from a precise temperature measuring device, insert here a positive/negative offset to display right value on FF screens.

### 3.1.12 Alarms

The Alarms menu allows you to define additional sonar alarm settings for Fish Alarm, Shallow Alarm, Deep Alarm and Temperature Upper/Lower/Rate.

➤ [MENU] + "Alarms" + [ENTER]

Shallow Water	Off
Deep Water	Off
High Water Temp	Off
Low Water Temp	Off
Water Temp Rate	Off
Fish Alarm	Off

Fig. 3.1.12 - Fish Finder Alarms menu



#### 3.1.12.1 Shallow Water

Triggers an alarm when depth becomes shallower than the value set.

#### 3.1.12.2 Deep Water

Triggers an alarm when depth becomes deeper than the value set.

#### 3.1.12.3 High Water Temp

Triggers an alarm when the transducer reports a temperature (from TEMP 1 sensor) above the value set.

#### 3.1.12.4 Low Water Temp

Triggers an alarm when the transducer reports a temperature (from TEMP 1 sensor) below the value set.

#### 3.1.12.5 Water Temp Rate

Triggers an alarm when the transducer reports a temperature (from TEMP 1 sensor) variation rate above the value set.

#### 3.1.12.6 Fish Alarm

The options for Fish Alarm set the size of the fishes that, if detected by the unit, switches an alarm to sound. These options are: Off, Small, Medium, Big and Huge. The alarm sounds if the set size (or bigger) is detected.

### 3.1.13 Save & Load

Insert the USER MEDIA into the slot, then follow the procedure:

- [MENU] + "Save & Load" + [ENTER]

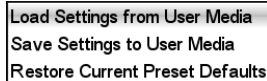


Fig. 3.1.13 - Fish Finder Save & Load menu

#### 3.1.13.1 Load Settings from User Media

Load the complete settings from the UER MEDIA and changes the active menu settings.

#### 3.1.13.2 Save Settings to User Media

This is useful to avoid the user havin to retune up Fish Finder after a Clear RAM operation or a software update.

#### 3.1.13.3 Restore Current Preset Defaults

Restors the default values only for the current presets (see Par. 3.1.1, Preset Mode) and does not affect the other presets.



# 4. BB 50/200

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This chapter provides instructions to assist in planning the installation of the BB 50/200.

## 4.1 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- ◆ Display Colors : 16 colors
- ◆ Display Vertical Resolution : up to 400 pixels (depending on chart plotter screen resolution)
- ◆ Power Requirements : 10 - 35 Volt dc
- ◆ Over Voltage protection
- ◆ Reverse Polarity protection
- ◆ Power Consumption - operating: 17W max
- ◆ Power Consumption - stand by : 1.7W max
- ◆ Operating Frequency : Dual 50 and 200kHz
- ◆ Output Power : 600/1000W (4000/8000Wpp)
- ◆ Depth Range\*
  - 1KW/200kHz : 2.5Ft (0.76m) to 1200Ft (366m)  
Max Typical = 980Ft (299m)
  - 1KW/50kHz : 5Ft (1.52m) to 4000Ft (1219m)  
Max Typical = 2700Ft (823m)
  - 600W/200kHz : 2.5Ft (0.76m) to 700Ft (213m)  
Max Typical = 600 Ft (183m)
  - 600W/50kHz : 5Ft (1.52m) to 1500Ft (457m)  
Max Typical = 1350 Ft (411m)

**NOTE\*** *This is not a guaranteed specification. The actual maximum depth capability of the system depends on the type of transducer fitted, the reflectivity of the bottom, water condition, etc.*

- ◆ Status LED
- ◆ External Buzzer : 12VDC, 400mA
- ◆ Speed Sensor : if available on transducer
- ◆ Temperature Sensor : one channel TEMP1 (if available on transducer), optional second channel TEMP2
- ◆ NMEA Output sentences : Depth: \$SDDPT, \$SDDBT  
Speed: \$VWVHW  
Trip Log: \$VWVLW  
Water Temperature: \$YXMTW  
TEMP2 Temperature: \$YXXDR
- ◆ Operating temperature range : 0°C to +50°C
- ◆ Storage temperature range : -20°C to +70°C
- ◆ Weight : 1 kg (2,20 LBS)
- ◆ Water Proof Specification : IP 54
- ◆ Case Size : 7.73" (196.4mm) x 6.5"(164.96mm)  
x 1.96" (50mm)

When the package containing the BB 50/200 is first opened, please check it for the following contents (if any parts are missing contact the dealer the BB 50/200 was purchased from):

- BB 50/200 (with Power Serial and optional devices cables already connected)
- Fuse 5 Amp. + fuseholder
- User Manual

## 4.2 DIMENSIONS

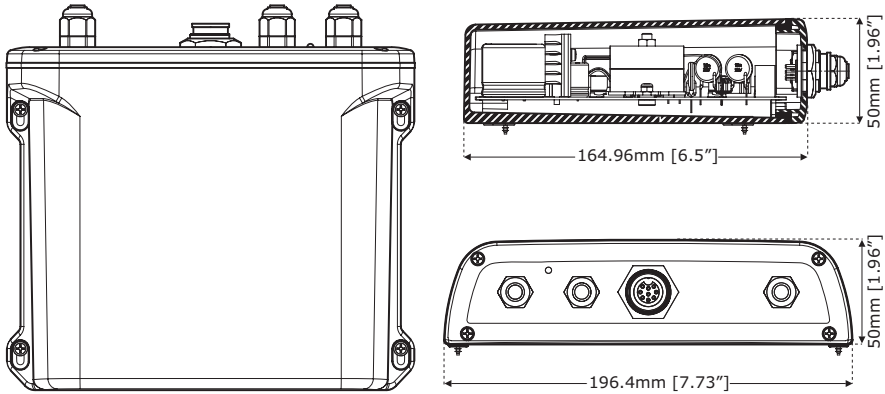


Fig. 4.2 - BB 50/200 Dimensions

## 4.3 MOUNTING THE FISH FINDER

The BB 50/200 should be preferably mounted in a dry and well ventilated location. Do not mount it where it will be submerged in liquids or exposed to high temperature.

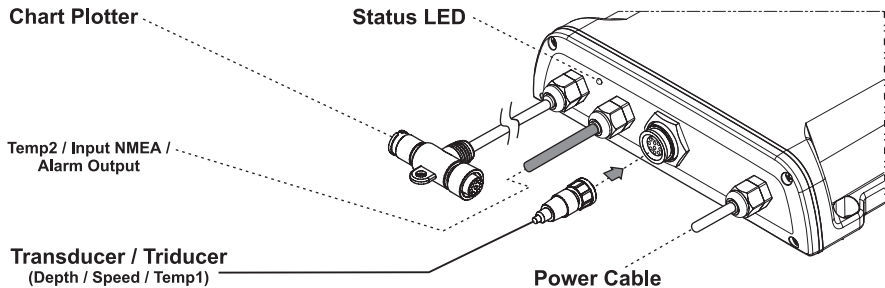


Fig. 4.3 - The BB 50/200

### 4.3.1 Installation

Picture showing actual example of the BB 50/200 installation.

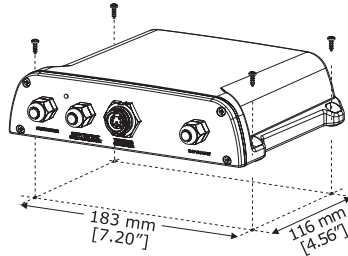


Fig. 4.3.1 - The BB 50/200 Installation

- ♦ Fix the BB 50/200 to the mounting location using the four screws (holes diameter 4 mm), see Fig. 4.3.1.
- ♦ Route the CHART PLOTTER cable to the chart plotter.
- ♦ Mount the transducer according to the instructions provided with it.
- ♦ Connect the POWER cable to the battery. Please be advised that the BB 50/200 when not operating will remain in Stand-By mode.

### 4.3.2 Installing Optional Devices

See the External Connection diagram.

## 4.4 STATUS LED

There are different LED behaviors, representing different diagnostic conditions. These are described below.

- ♦ **OFF**  
The BB 50/200 is not powered or maintenance/update routines are running.
- ♦ **ON, CONTINUOUSLY**  
There is not communication with the chart plotter, and no transducer is connected.
- ♦ **1 long flash every 2 seconds**  
A transducer is connected properly, but there is no communication with the chart plotter.
- ♦ **2 short flashes every 2 seconds or 1 short flash every 2 seconds**  
The BB 50/200 and the transducer are operating properly. This is the normal behaviour when everything is working.
- ♦ **3 short flashes every 2 seconds**  
The BB 50/200 has detected a transducer without transducer ID. On the chart plotter a warning window is shown, select "IGNORE" and press [ENTER]: the BB 50/200 is working at low power.
- ♦ **4 short flashes every 2 seconds**  
The BB 50/200 has detected a transducer without transducer ID. On the chart plotter a warning window is shown, select "CANCEL" and press [ENTER]: the BB 50/200 is not sending any signal.

## 4.5 EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS

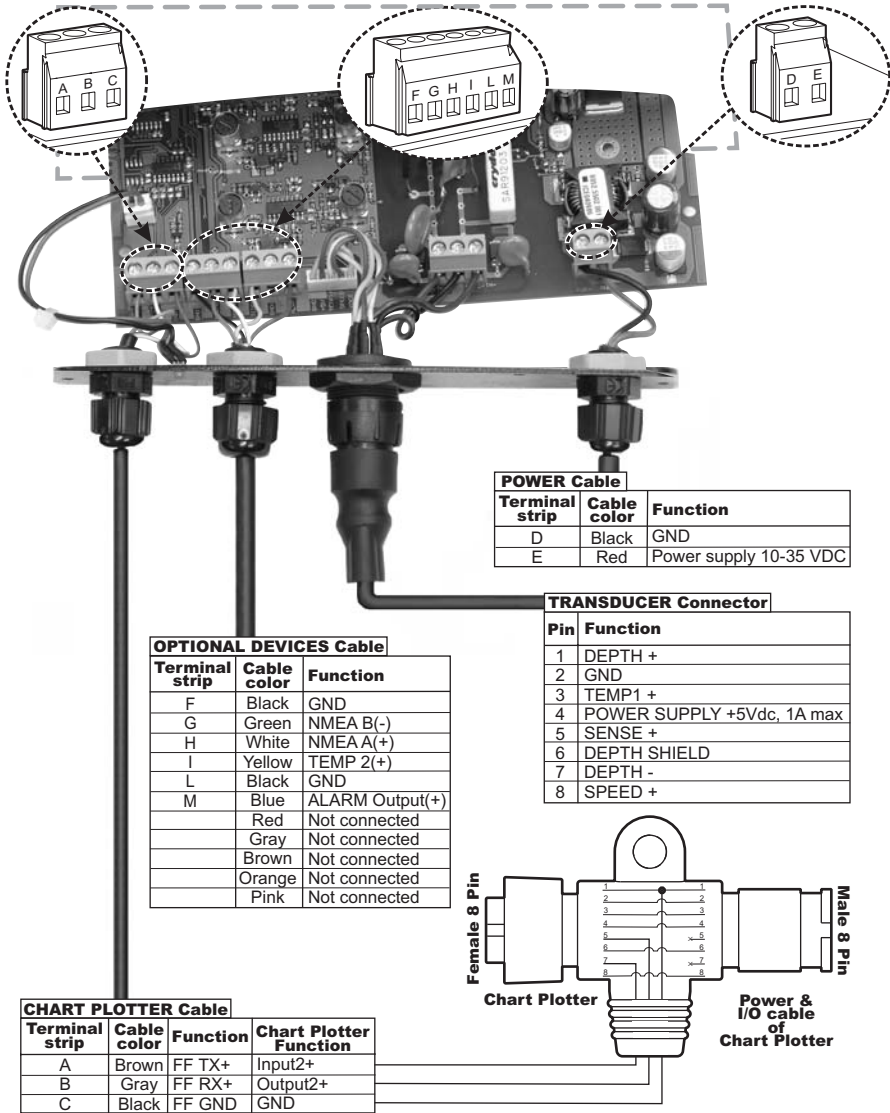


Fig. 4.5 - BB 50/200 External Wiring

## 4.6 POWER SUPPLY WIRING DIAGRAM

We recommended the installation of a switch and a (5A) fuse in the positive DC supply to the BB 50/200. The BB 50/200 is active sending the digital depth through the NMEA interface even when the power (chart plotter) is turned off, thus the need for a switch.

In the example below you will notice the positive DC power connection is run through a switch and a fuse before connecting it to the BB 50/200 and the chart plotter.

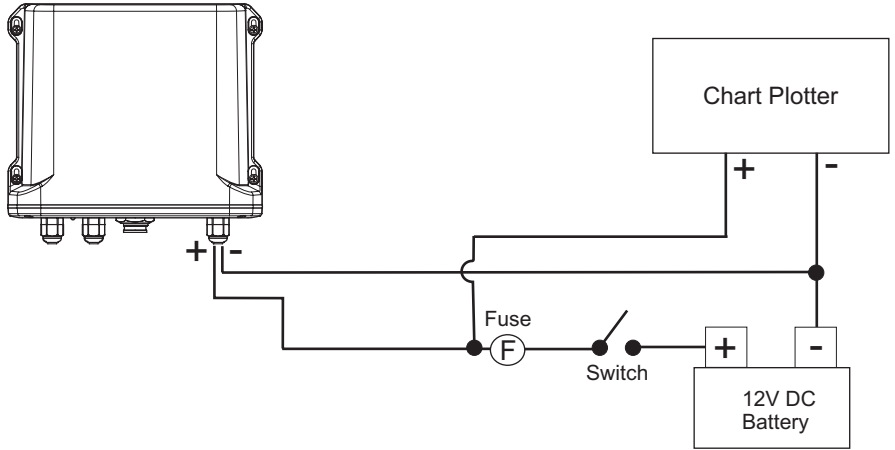


Fig. 4.6 - The BB 50/200 and the chart plotter could be turned Off

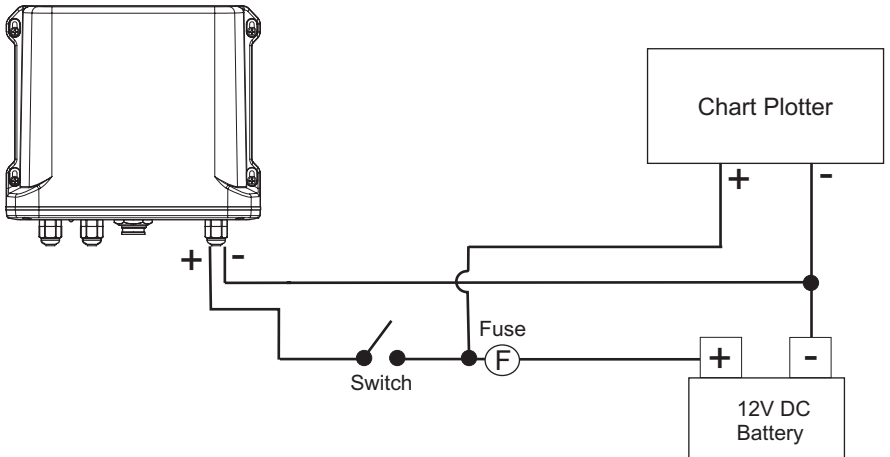


Fig. 4.6a - The BB 50/200 could be turned Off without turning Off the chart plotter

## 4.7 SUGGESTED PLOTTER CONNECTIONS

The following are suggested "Fish Finder - chart plotter" connections.

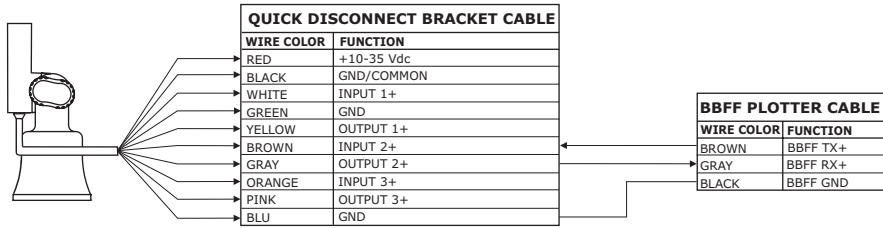


Fig.4.7 - Connection to the Fish Finder for chart plotter with quick disconnect bracket

If the chart plotter has a 8 pin Power & I/O connector see the following picture:

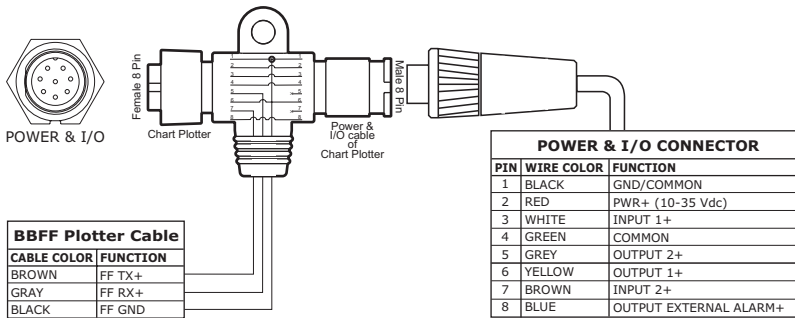


Fig. 4.7a - Connection to the Fish Finder for chart plotter with 8 pin Power & I/O connector

Only for the SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup> chart plotter see the following picture:

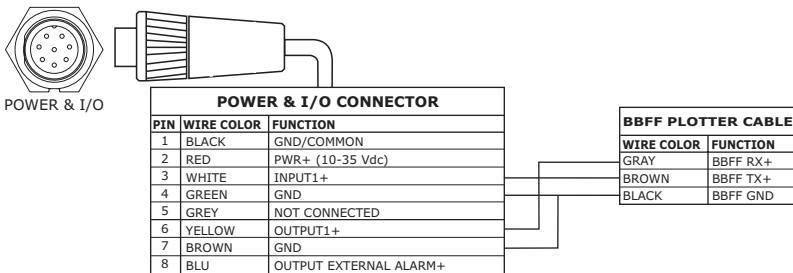


Fig. 4.7b - Connection to the Fish Finder for SEAWAVE<sup>3</sup> chart plotter



# 5. Transducers

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The transducer is a device that transmits and receives sound waves into the water. The active component inside the transducer is commonly referred to as an element but actually is a piezoelectric ceramic material.

Please refer to your dealer and/or installer to choose your transducer. Seiwa suggest **AIRMAR** transducers.



# 6. Frequently Asked Questions

## 6.1 How can I disconnect the cables from the BB 50/200 in case I need to do so for the installation?

- ◆ Open the BB 50/200 box unscrewing the four screws (see the following figure).

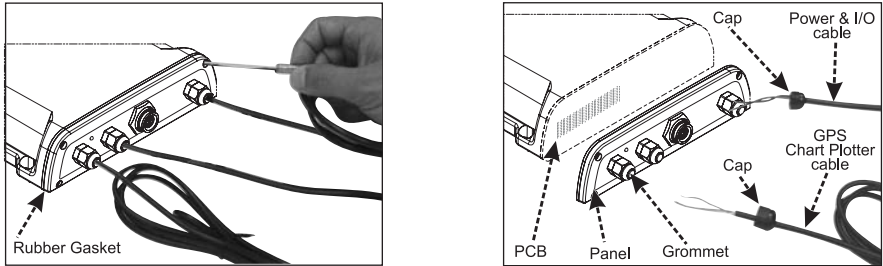


Fig. 6.1 - The BB 50/200

- ◆ Once the screws are removed, pull out the panel and the Printed Circuit Board (PCB). Unscrew the cables from the PCB.
- ◆ Wire the cables as needed.
- ◆ Reconnect the cables to the PCB (see the Fig. 4.5 for reference).
- ◆ Push the panel towards the case (be sure to have well positioned the rubber gasket). Close the BB 50/200 box screwing the four screws.

## 6.2 How can I set optimal operating parameters.

Optimal operating parameters can be set accordingly with the intended use of the Fish Finder, anyway to quickly get optimal operational parameters for fishing it is possible to select the FISH preset from the Fish Finder Setup menu, while for cruising it is possible to select the CRUISE preset.

## 6.3 What are preset modes?

Preset modes are pre-defined settings of the Fish Finder operating parameters. You can use them to quickly set the Fish Finder in the most commonly used operating modes. These are:

- ◆ CRUISE: sets the Fish Finder in full auto mode with the sensitivity settings (GAIN OFFSET, NOISE level and STC) optimized for displaying at best the bottom.
- ◆ FISH: sets the Fish Finder in full auto mode with the sensitivity setting optimized for target searching.

## 6.4 How can I restore the Fish Finder default operating parameters?

Simply select the CRUISE or the FISH preset. This will restore optimal operating parameters for either cruising or fishing.

## **6.5 Can I always leave the Fish Finder in Full Auto/(Auto Gain and Auto Range) mode?**

Yes, but note that the full auto mode suits 90% of the cases, however in extreme situations the auto modes may fail and thus it is necessary to switch to the Manual mode.

## **6.6 What are extreme situations in which Auto modes may fail?**

When the bottom is very deep, at high boat speed, when the bottom is very shallow (< 5Ft), when the water is full of materials in suspension, with bad sea conditions.

## **6.7 What should I do if the Auto modes fail?**

Failure of auto modes can happen for various reasons. Hereafter you can find a range of possibilities.

### **6.7.1 Auto Range fails in very shallow waters displaying a digital depth readout deeper than the actual value. What should I do?**

This usually happens if the STC is set to LONG or MID and the bottom is shallow or SHORT if the bottom is very shallow causing the Auto Range to hook to the second or third echo from the bottom (since in shallow waters the sound bounces more times back and forth from the surface to the bottom). Try decreasing the STC value to SHORT in shallow waters or to switch it to VERY SHORT or OFF.

### **6.7.2 Auto Range fails, and the digital depth readout displays a very shallow reading. What should I do?**

This usually happens if the STC is off or is set to a low value causing disturbances from surface clutter to be stronger than bottom echoes. Try increasing the STC value. As general rule STC has to be set as in shallow waters and LONG in depth waters.

### **6.7.3 Auto Range fails in very deep waters displaying a digital very shallow depth readout. What should I do?**

The Fish Finder capability to detect the bottom decreases as the bottom depth increase. If the bottom composition is soft as mud, if the sea conditions are bad, if there are thermoclines or the water is full of materials in suspension it can further decrease thus causing the digital depth readout to fail. When this happens the Auto Range algorithm also fails. To recover from this situation it is necessary to switch to Manual Range mode and to set the Manual Depth mode. When Manual Depth mode is selected the algorithm that calculates the digital depth readout searches for the bottom within the range manually selected by the user. At this point it is necessary to increase manually the Range until the bottom becomes graphically visible. If the echoes from the bottom are strong enough, the Fish Finder shall look to the bottom giving a correct depth reading and shall be possible to return in Auto Range mode. Please note that if one or more of the conditions that reduce the echoes from the bottom listed above is true the bottom may be not visible at all, in this situation a strong thermocline or surface clutter may be interpreted by the Fish Finder as the bottom.

## **6.8 At a very shallow range upper half of the screen appears almost completely filled by the surface clutter. How can I eliminate it?**

This is normal in shallow waters. To clean up the surface clutter without degrading

the digital depth readout algorithm functionality there are two modes: 1) if Surface Declutter = OFF, it is possible to set the STC value to custom setting the STC length to the same size of the surface clutter, and increasing the STC strength until the image on the screen cleans up. Please note that in very shallow waters it is usually better to switch to manual gain mode to reduce gain fluctuation due to rapidly changing bottom conditions. 2) Using Surface Declutter, increase the Surface Declutter value until the surface declutter disappears completely.

## **6.9 Why do I never see fishes in the range between 0 to 0.7 meters?**

The minimum range of the Fish Finder is 0.7 meters. In this interval the Fish Finder can detect neither the bottom nor any target.

## **6.10 How can I reduce the surface clutter?**

You can act by: properly setting the STC as described at 6.12 and also by increasing the NOISE LEVEL and reducing the GAIN or the GAIN OFFSET (if you are in auto gain mode). However please note that a strong attenuation of surface clutter may also reduce the capability to detect targets.

## **6.11 The Fish Finder is in Auto Gain mode but the picture displays too many small targets, what shall I do to reduce the screen clutter?**

Try increasing the NOISE LEVEL or decreasing the GAIN OFFSET.

## **6.12 In very shallow waters when the Auto Gain mode is selected there are fluctuations in the bottom profile width and its color representation. What should I do?**

In very shallow waters the environment situation (bottom/water condition) vary very quickly thus causing the auto gain algorithm to create oscillations while trying to set optimal GAIN value for each situation. To avoid this it is advisable to switch to MANUAL GAIN mode and fine tune the GAIN to a fixed setting.

## **6.13 In very deep waters even setting the Gain to its maximum value I cannot see the bottom what shall I do?**

Try decreasing the NOISE LEVEL. If still the bottom is not visible there is nothing you can do, the bottom echo is simply too weak to be detected.



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