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## COMMANDER

### Owner's Manual

English - Metric

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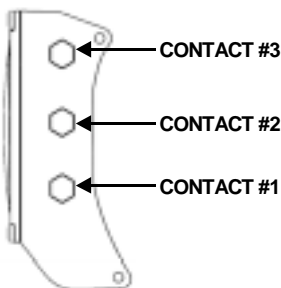


**PRODUCT INTRODUCTION:** The COMMANDER is quite simple to use and operate, but underneath that simplicity lies a significant level of sophistication. To get the safest and most effective use of this instrument, it is important that the user fully understand the product. Please read and understand this entire manual and know the principles and practices of safe diving before using this device.

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### **SIDE CONTACTS:**



The Contacts are used to let the user command the unit to do a number of functions, communicate with a PC for extracting information or configuring the unit, and determining water conductivity. When Contacts 1 & 2 are shorted, the COMMANDER can detect the difference between wet fingers, metal objects, fresh water, salt water, and a PC interface probe.

**TURNING ON THE COMMANDER:** Although the COMMANDER automatically turns on when it is submerged in water, it is **STRONGLY** recommended that the unit be manually powered up by wetting two fingers and simultaneously touching Contacts 1 and 2 for two seconds. This allows the diver to ensure that the unit is operating correctly and has adequate battery capacity prior to entry. Once activated, the unit will remain on for 60 minutes. If a dive is not initiated within this 60 minutes, the COMMANDER

automatically shuts off. Notice that when Contacts 1 & 2 are first bridged, a short beep is issued which indicates that the unit is recognizing the touch. Every time Contacts 1 & 2 are bridged with wet fingers, the unit will stay on for one full hour.

The COMMANDER will not turn on if the altitude is higher than 4,600 meters, the batteries are less than 1.6 volts, or a fault is detected during the self-test.

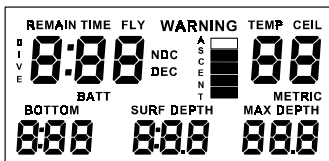


Figure 1  
SELF DIAGNOSTIC DISPLAY  
All Segments Illuminated

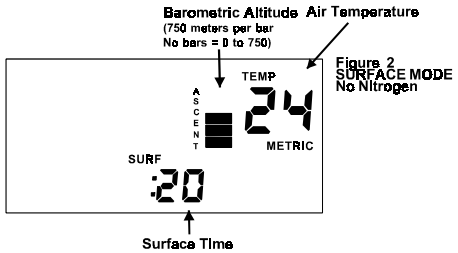
As the COMMANDER first recognizes a turn-on command, it begins a "Diagnostic" function where many aspects of the system will be exercised and tested. This procedure takes about three seconds and an audible beep is issued each second as certain tests are successfully completed. During this time, all of the segments in the display are turned on so that their operability can be confirmed by the user. Should a test indicate a malfunction or marginal test, the unit will turn back off again. The user should ensure that all of the display segments are on and operating correctly.

**TURNING OFF THE COMMANDER:** After the Post Dive Interval following a dive, the COMMANDER will remain on for one hour before automatically entering its "Sleep Mode". During the Sleep Mode, all calculations continue, but the display is off. This is a power saving feature of the COMMANDER. The unit will continue calculating Surface Interval, compartment off gassing as required, and any changes in altitude as it affects Nitrogen Loading. The current Surface Interval and PreDive Predictions can be viewed by reactivating the unit.

#### MAIN COMMANDER OPERATING MODES:

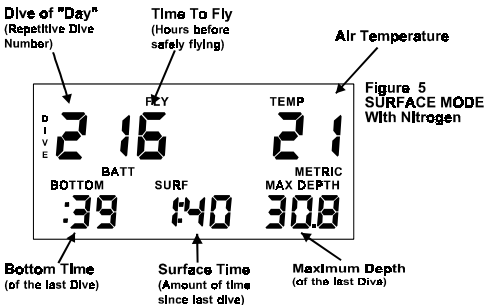
- Surface Interval (No Nitrogen Residual)
- Surface Interval (With Nitrogen Residual)
- Dive Mode (Normal No Deco)
- Decompression Mode
- Post Dive Interval
- Touch Programming

## SURFACE INTERVAL:



After completion of the Self-Diagnostic mode or after the Post Dive Interval following a dive, the COMMANDER enters the Surface Interval. The Screen displays, if applicable; current Surface Time, the previous dive's Maximum Depth, the previous dive's Bottom Time, Dive of Day number, current Time to Fly, Altitude and Temperature. Figure 2 shows the display with no residual Nitrogen (a clean Dive).

Figure 5 shows the display with residual Nitrogen (a repetitive dive).



"Surface Time" starts at zero after a dive and begins counting minutes. If the computer shuts off and is turned on with Nitrogen residual left, the Surface Time continues to count. If the computer shuts off and is turned on with no Nitrogen residual left, the Surface Time will be zero.

"Dive of Day" starts at zero and increments after each dive regardless of the calendar day. When there is no remaining Nitrogen residual, the Dive of Day is set to zero and the computer is referred to as a "clean" system.

"Time to Fly" is displayed as the number of hours remaining until the Nitrogen residual reaches zero

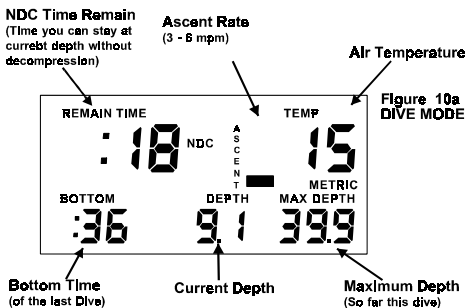
plus a twelve-hour safety factor. Flying is not recommended until Time to Fly reaches zero.

“Barometric Altitude” is indicated in six ranges via the Ascent Rate Bar Graph as follows (Altitude compensation is seamless up to 4,600 meters above sea level):

0 Bars	sea level to 760 meters
1 Bar	760 to 1,520 meters
2 Bars	1,520 to 2,280 meters
3 Bars	2,280 to 3,040 meters
4 Bars	3,040 to 3,800 meters
5 Bars	3,800 to 4,600 meters

The six ranges are for display purposes only: The COMMANDER actually senses and computes extremely small altitude changes and hence, is called “Seamless”. The term “Barometric Altitude” is used instead of just “Altitude” because the COMMANDER measures Barometric Pressure to determine Altitude. Barometric Altitude can vary from actual Altitude by over +/- 305 meters! What is important to the body when diving is Barometric Altitude.

## DIVE MODE:



Whether in the Surface Interval, PreDive Prediction Mode, Programming Mode or the Logbook Mode, the COMMANDER will automatically enter the Dive Mode whenever the unit determines that it is in water deeper than 1.5 meters.

On the Display Screen the Surface time will be replaced with the current Depth and be displayed in one tenth meter increments. Bottom (Dive) Time will begin once the COMMANDER senses that the diver has descended below 1.5 meters and continues until the diver has ascended above 1 meter. The maximum Bottom Time displayed is 9 hours 59 minutes. The maximum specified depth is 100 meters, but the unit will continue to measure and

display depths deeper than that. A Depth Sensor warning will be issued (See later discussion on Sensor Warnings) when the unit can no longer accurately measure depth.

A Depth Alarm which can be set to warn the diver should a certain depth be exceeded is set at 40 meters from the factory. The Depth Alarm issues an audible alarm and the "WARNING" legend and Depth Digits will flash on and off for five seconds. The depth alarm is disabled if in the Decompression Mode since flashing depth digits have another meaning in this Mode.

The maximum depth achieved on the current dive is shown as "MAX DEPTH". This is updated once per second.

"REMAIN TIME" (NDC) is the remaining time (in hours and minutes) that the diver can stay at the current depth without requiring decompression. A "Two Minute Warning" will be issued when this time reaches two minutes or less. An audible alarm will be issued and the "WARNING" legend and "REMAIN TIME" digits will flash. By immediately ascending to a shallower depth, the diver may avoid a required decompression stop.

Temperature is measured for two purposes. One is to compensate the Depth Transducer for Temperature variations. The other is to compensate the Nitrogen algorithm for changes in Temperature that may affect the body. Both of these purposes require that the Temperature be very slow reacting, just like the Depth Transducer and the body. This slow-reacting Temperature is what is displayed. For Temperature effects on the body, the amount of compensation can be set from NORMAL to REDUCED with the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC software Interface (see Analyst<sup>®</sup> Section), if the diver is using a good dry-suit in cold water. Temperature compensation starts at 24 degrees C and gets progressively more conservative as the temperature decreases. There is no compensation above 24 degrees C.

Bottom Time will begin once the COMMANDER senses that the diver has descended below 1.5 meters (see Training Mode) and continues until the diver has ascended above one meter. The maximum Bottom Time displayed is 9 hours 59 minutes.

### **ASCENT RATE BAR GRAPH:**

The Ascent Rate bar graph and alarms are active in both the Dive Mode and Decompression Mode. The

five-segment bar graph is used to display the diver's rate of ascent.

Via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface, the Ascent Rate Alarms and Bar Graph can be set to the users preferences.

The first option is a VARIABLE-BY-DEPTH Ascent Rate. When on, the Ascent Rate Alarm is determined by depth. As the diver ascends to shallow depths, the Maximum Ascent Rate is lowered. The Maximum Ascent Rates and their associated depth are:

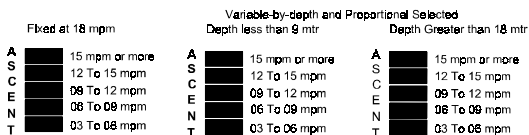
- 18 meters or deeper 18 meters per minute
- 18 to 9 meters meter per minute equal to the depth
- Less than 9 meters 9 meters per minute

If VARIABLE-BY-DEPTH is off, the Maximum Ascent Rate Alarm and Bar Graph is specified by the user and can be from 6 to 18 mpm, in one meter increments.

Another selection is the bar graph itself. The two selections are either FIXED or PROPORTIONAL.

With FIXED, each of the five bars indicates an additional 3 meter per minute of Ascent Rate regardless of the Maximum Ascent Rate selected.

With PROPORTIONAL, each of the five bars indicate 20% (one-fifth) of the selected Maximum Ascent Rate. For FIXED, the maximum ascent rate is 18 meter per minute. With this setting, no bars will illuminate if a diver is ascending at a rate less than 3 meter per minute.



**Figure 12a**  
**Ascent Rate Bar Graph**

If the diver has an Ascent Rate that exceeds the selected maximum, the entire Ascent Rate Bar Graph will flash, and the audible alarm will sound once per second, and the WARNING legend will illuminate.

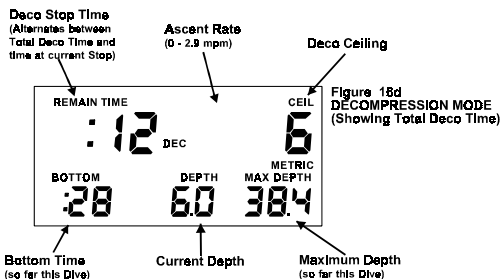
The sensitivity or responsiveness of the Ascent Rate may be selected via the Analyst<sup>®</sup>, eight different levels of sensitivity are available.

NOTE: Customizing the Ascent Rate and Ascent Rate Bar Graph are among many of the additional programmable features available when using the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface. Available features are described in the section "USER CONFIGURABLE OPTIONS".



As shipped from the factory, the Ascent Rate is set for VARIABLE-BY-DEPTH AND PROPORTIONAL.

## DECOMPRESSION MODE:



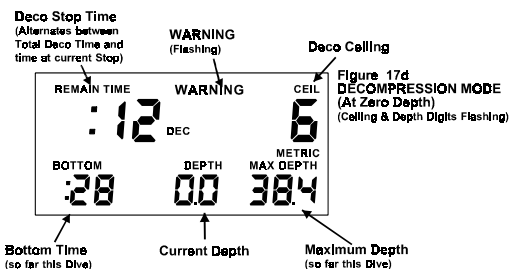
Should a no-decompression limit be overstayed, the COMMANDER will enter the Decompression Mode. In this mode, the Ceiling digits will display the depth at which the diver must stop and not ascend above during final ascent. The "TEMP" legend and two digits will be replaced with the "CEIL" legend and two digits. The Ceiling will start at 3 meter and increase in three-meter increments as the diver remains at a relatively deep depth.

The Remaining No-decompression Time and "NDC" legend will be replaced with Decompression Time and "DEC" legend (Figure 16d). Both STOP time and TOTAL time are displayed in the upper left hand three digits of the screen in hours and minutes. STOP and TOTAL time will alternate at the rate of once every two seconds. In this way, the diver can view the time to spend at a particular STOP depth, and the TOTAL time it will take to complete all STOPS. Clearly, the larger of the two alternating numbers is the Total Decompression Time of all stops, and the smaller of the two numbers is the time required at the current stop. At the three meter stop, the TOTAL and STOP times may be the same and therefore appear to not alternate.

When at a specific stop, the required decompression time at that stop is as shown, and will appear to count down as it is recomputed every second, based on the divers exact current depth. The Decompression times (both Stop and Total) are accurate only if the divers depth is exactly the same as the required Ceiling. However, it is not necessary to be precisely at that specified Ceiling. Appropriate In-gassing or Out-gassing will be computed regardless of the divers current depth.

A small margin shallower than the Ceiling also exists. Should a Ceiling be 'violated' (diver is shallower than Ceiling), the "WARNING" legend will illuminate and flash along with the Depth and Ceiling digits. An Audible alarm will sound once every two seconds. This warning will continue until the Depth has been corrected. Out-gassing will continue even though the diver is shallower than the Ceiling. There is no 'Gauge' mode or 'Lockout' on the COMMANDER.

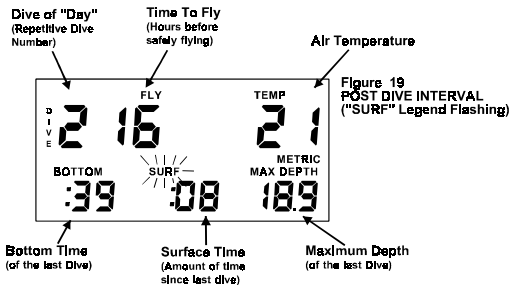
If the diver surfaces before satisfying his decompression obligation, the COMMANDER will continue to give out-gassing credit as if it were in a dive, but at a depth of zero meters and will satisfy the decompression time requirements of the required stops using an FO<sub>2</sub> of 21%. The unit will continue to log data and perform as if actually in a dive. When the decompression obligation is finally satisfied, the ten-minute "Post Dive Interval" will begin.



**NOTE:** COCHRAN does not intend for this instrument to be used for deliberate Decompression diving.

### POST DIVE INTERVAL:

During the first ten minutes (or up to thirty if the unit is in the Training Mode) after a dive, the COMMANDER is in the Post Dive Interval. The flashing "SURF" legend and a Surface Time of less than ten minutes (or up to thirty if the unit is in the Training Mode) indicate this. Should another dive be commenced before the completion of the Post Dive Interval, that dive will be considered an extension of the previous dive. In this case, Bottom Time will NOT include the time spent on the surface in this Post Dive Interval. However, when reviewing the profile with the Analyst<sup>®</sup>, the time spent on the surface in this period will be shown.



### **CONFINED WATER PROTOCOL (Training Mode):**

The COMMANDER is one of the first dive computers to offer an operating mode designed to record and store data from training dives. That is, dives performed in shallow water environments (swimming pools, shallow lakes, lagoons, etc.) or calm open water environments that have less than .3 meter seas. In the Training Mode, the COMMANDER enters the Dive Mode at a depth of .6 meters instead of 1.5 meters and will exit the Dive Mode at .3 meters instead of 1 meter. Also the Post Dive Surface Interval may be extended, via the Analyst<sup>®</sup>, from 10 minutes up to a maximum of 30 minutes in 1-minute increments after which the dive data is stored in the computer's memory. These changes permit the Instructor to record the complete training session, including in-water surface periods, as a single dive.

**The Training Mode can only be enabled/disabled via the Professional Edition of the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface.**

**TACLITE<sup>™</sup>:** The COMMANDER is equipped with the TACLITE<sup>™</sup> tactical low-light fiber-optic backlighted display. The standard TACLITE<sup>™</sup> color is night vision safe red, but it is also available in yellow<sup>®</sup> for those individuals who have vision difficulties with the color red. The TACLITE<sup>™</sup> can be activated on demand. To turn the TACLITE<sup>™</sup> on, tap the face of the COMMANDER and the TACLITE<sup>™</sup> will turn on for the preprogrammed number of seconds (1 to 98), then turn off. By tapping the face again the TACLITE<sup>™</sup> will turn on again. In this fashion the TACLITE<sup>™</sup> can be kept on for as long as wanted. If 0 is entered, the TACLITE<sup>™</sup> will never turn on. If 99 is entered, the TACLITE<sup>™</sup> will stay on continuously and only turn off when the COMMANDER does. The number of seconds that the TACLITE<sup>™</sup> stays on can be set via the Programming Mode or via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface, factory setting is 10 seconds. The TACLITE<sup>™</sup> will turn off when the COMMANDER turns

off. If the batteries get too low, the TACLITE™ will turn off and cannot be turned back on until fresh batteries are installed.

**CLOCK MODE:** The Clock operating mode of the COMMANDER is NOT enabled when shipped from the factory. It can be enabled via the Analyst® P.C. Interface or at an Authorized Cochran Dealer.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING MODE:** Can only be accessed when the unit is in the Surface Interval and allows the user to view or program into the dive computer:

- Setting Clock and Alarm Time
- The PreDive Prediction Mode
- Displaying Mode, mode value, & battery voltage
- A Maximum Depth Alarm
- An Added degree of Conservatism from 0 to 50%
- Programming the On Time for the TACLITE™
- Access the Logbook Mode

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CLOCK:** When the COMMANDER is placed into the Clock mode it will display the time of day in a 24 hour day format. The clock will continue to run when the COMMANDER is in the Dive Computer Mode. The COMMANDER can be placed into the Clock Mode from the Dive Computer Mode when the unit is in the Normal Surface Interval, while the unit is in Clock Mode the Dive Computer will be in the "Sleep" mode.

The Clock Mode can be selected with or without an Alarm. If the Alarm option is selected the unit will display the alarm set time as well as the current time.

When the alarm time is displayed the alarm is activated and at the programmed time the alarm will sound once every 24 hours. When the alarm is activated the unit will issue a medley of all the audible warning tones that the COMMANDER utilizes and the TACLITE™ will flash for one minute, this audible alarm can not be turned off, it will sound for the full one minute period.

The Clock Mode is selected via Touch Contact Programming.

**NOTE: This Time of Day clock is the same clock that is used to time stamp dives. Modifying the Time of Day clock will effect the Local Time as viewed via the Analyst®. The Date portion of the Local Time clock must be changed via the Analyst®.**

## **CLOCK PROGRAMMING PROCEDURE:**

Contacts 1, 2, & 3 are for programming sequences.

To begin the programming sequence:

1. Turn the unit on;
2. Using a coin or other conductive metal object, briefly bridge Contacts 1 and 2 until a short beep is heard and the Clock Menu is seen on the display.
3. To enter the Clock submenu, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 with wetted fingers. This will cause the unit to display the Clock Alarm selection – On or OFF. To Toggle the selection, bridge contacts 1&2 with wetted fingers.
4. Using a coin or other conductive metal object, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 to access the Clock Time or Alarm setting screen.
5. Shorting Contacts 1 & 2 with a coin will cause the first digit of the minutes to flash.
6. Shorting Contacts 2 & 3 with a coin will increment the numeric value, continue until the required value is displayed. A confirmation beep will sound with each increment.
7. Next using wetted finger, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 to select the next digit, once selected the digit will flash to identify that it is being programmed. Bridge Contacts 2 & 3 till the desired value is displayed.
8. To select Hours short Contacts 1 & 2 with a coin, increment as in step 6 and 7.
9. Repeat step 5 through 7 until all digits have been programmed.
10. To save the changes that have been made bridge Contact 1 & 2 with a coin or other conductive metal object. Once the next programming option is displayed the changes have been saved.

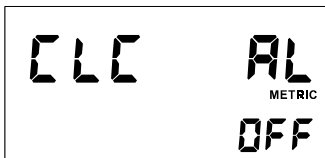
To exit the Clock Mode Bridge contacts 1 & 2 with wetted fingers and the computer will return to the Dive Computer Mode's Surface Display.

**NOTE: Ensure that the COMMANDER is in the Dive Computer Mode before commencing a dive.**

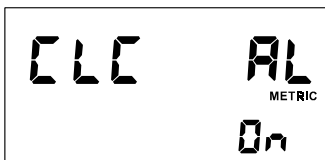
Figures 40, 41a, 41b, 42 and 43 show how the Clock display screens appear.



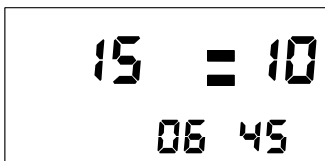
**Figure 40**  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Clock Menu)



**Figure 41a**  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Clock Alarm - On/OFF)

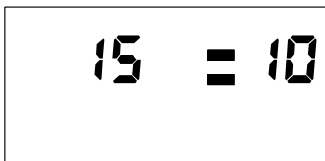


**Figure 41b**  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Clock Alarm - On/OFF)



**Figure 42**  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Clock with Alarm)

Time 15:10 (3:10 PM)  
Alarm 06:45 (6:45 AM)



**Figure 43**  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Clock without Alarm)

Time 15:10 (3:10 PM)

**NOTE:** Once the COMMANDER is placed in Clock Mode the unit will remain in that mode until exited by the diver.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING MODE:**

**NOTE:** To enable the Programming Mode, the COMMANDER must be on the Surface and not in the Post Dive Interval.

**NOTE:** All audible and visual alarms are suspended while the COMMANDER is in the Programming Mode. Upon exiting the Programming Mode all alarms are reactivated.

**NOTE: Once a value has been changed and the next menu option selected, the new value is stored.**

**NOTE: It is strongly recommended that the Programming Mode is activated again and a complete review of what was stored is accomplished.**

**NOTE: If the COMMANDER is left in the Programming mode for five minutes without the contacts being touched, the unit will automatically exit the Programming Mode and return to the Surface Interval. Once this occurs the COMMANDER will retain the modified programmed settings that have been stored. Options that have not been modified will retain their previous settings.**

### **TOUCH PROGRAMMING MODE - PROCEDURE:**

Contacts 1, 2, & 3 are for programming sequences.

To begin the programming sequence:

1. Turn the unit on;
2. Using a coin or other conductive metal object, briefly bridge Contacts 1 and 2 until a short beep is heard and the Programming Menu is seen on the display. The Programming Menu options depend on whether the unit is activated for Clock. The Menu options are displayed in sequence, incrementing to the next selection each time that Contacts 1 & 2 are bridged with a **coin**. The program option is displayed on the upper row of the display. The current setting for this option is displayed in the lower right of the display.
3. To reprogram the displayed menu values, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 with wetted fingers. This will cause the current setting to flash or in the case of multi-digit numbers, the least significant digit will flash. The clock will toggle between on and off.
4. Using a coin or other conductive metal object, bridge Contacts 2 & 3 to increment the numeric value. A confirmation beep will sound with each increment.
5. Next using wetted finger, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 to select the next digit, once selected the digit will flash to identify that it is being programmed. Bridge Contacts 2 & 3 till the desired value is displayed.
6. Repeat step 5 until all digits have been programmed.

- To save the changes that have been made bridge Contact 1 & 2 with a coin or other conductive metal object. Once the next programming option is displayed the changes have been saved.

All programming sequences use the same routine of using Contacts 1 and 2 to SELECT the next programming sequence and Contacts 2 and 3 to INCREMENT the specified value.

## PROGRAMMING MODE MENU:

The following table lists the various programming choices with their display identification and figure number.

Identification	Description	Figure	Page
<b>CLC</b>	Clock – if enabled	40	12
<b>PdP</b>	PreDive Prediction	22	14
<b>InF</b>	<b>Misc.</b> Information	23	14
<b>dEP AL</b>	Depth Alarm, Max value is 99 meters	25	14
<b>Con</b>	Added Conservatism, Max value is 50%.	26	15
<b>Tac dL</b>	TACLITE™ On Time. Allowed value 0 to 99	33	15
<b>LOG</b>	Logbook	34a	15



Figure 22  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(PreDive PREDICTION MENU)

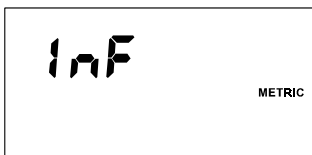


Figure 23  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Information Display Menu)



Figure 25  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Setting Depth Alarm)

Depth Alarm 38 meters





**Figure 26**  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Setting Conservatism)

Conservatism 15 %



**Figure 33**  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Setting TACLITE On Time)

On Time 10 sec

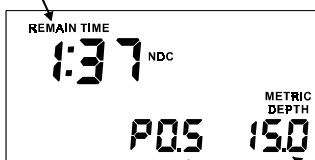


**Figure 34a**  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Logbook MENU)

### TOUCH PROGRAMMING - PREDIVE PREDICTION:

PreDive Prediction is accessed via the Touch Contact Programming Menu. This enables the diver to view the PreDive Prediction information at the touch of the Contacts. The COMMANDER's PreDive Prediction starts at 9 meters and increases in 3 meter increments. PreDive Predictions will terminate when the No-Decompression (NDC) time prediction reaches two minutes or a maximum depth of 100 meters is reached. Additional Conservatism, Residual Nitrogen and Barometric Altitude can effect PreDive Predictions. Once the maximum PreDive Prediction depth has been reached the unit will return to the Surface Interval.

**Predict NDC Time**  
(Time you can stay at  
predict depth without  
Decompression)



**FIGURE 14**  
PRE DIVE PREDICTION  
Constant FO2 Mode

Calculated PO2  
(Based on FO2  
Blend Set Point)

Predict Depth

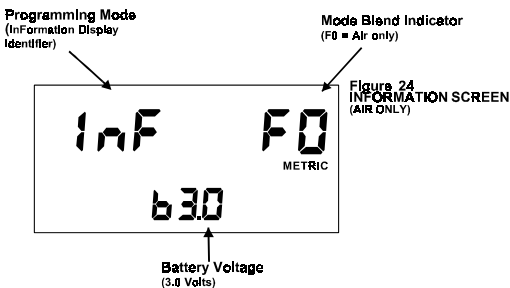
Refer to the Analyst<sup>®</sup> for information about how to modify parameters. During the PreDive Prediction Mode, the unit will compute and display the maximum safe time and the calculated PO<sub>2</sub> value at that depth.

### TOUCH PROGRAMMING INFORMATION DISPLAY:

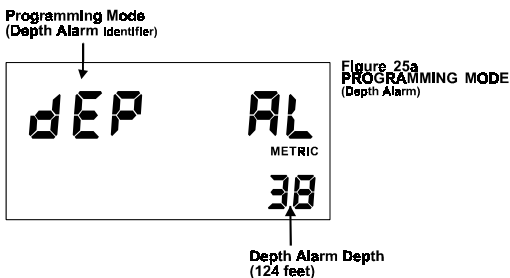
The Information display is accessed via the Programming Mode. The information presented will appear as in Figure 24. The information in the upper right of the screen indicates the unit is in the Air Only FO<sub>2</sub> Mode.

Identifier	Description
F0	Air only

The Battery voltage is displayed in the lower center of the screen as a two-digit number with a decimal point preceded by a lower case 'b'. Figure 24 shows what the display screen looks like for a Commander configured for Air Only.



**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - DEPTH ALARM:** The Depth Alarm allows the diver to select a maximum depth below which the diver does not wish to descend before an alarm is issued. This depth can be set from 0 to 99 meters in one meter increments.



**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CONSERVATISM:** This programming function allows the diver to input an added degree of Conservatism into the Commander's nitrogen algorithm. Via Touch Programming the Conservatism can be set from 0 to 50%.

Programming Mode  
(Conservatism Identifier)



Figure 26a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Setting Conservatism)

Added Conservatism  
(15%)

### TOUCH PROGRAMMING - TACLITE™:

The Taclite™ dwell (on) time can be set so that when the face on the COMMANDER is tapped the Taclite™ will stay on from 1 to 98 seconds. If the dwell time is programmed to '0' the Taclite™ will never come on, if programmed to 99 the Taclite™ will be on whenever the COMMANDER is awake.

Programming Mode  
(Taclite Identifier)



Figure 33a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Setting TACLITE On Time)

On Time                    10 sec

Taclite On Time  
(10 Seconds)

### TOUCH PROGRAMMING - LOGBOOK:

The Logbook of the COMMANDER has two screens, a Primary Screen and an Alternate Screen. To switch to the Alternate Screen just tap firmly on the face of the unit. The Logbook is accessed via the Touch Contact Programming (see page 13). This enables the diver to view dive statistics; the COMMANDER has the ability to provide diving data for the most recent 512 dives. The most recent dive will be displayed first. To view the next dive, touch the contacts 1 & 2 with wetted finger after pausing for a few seconds. Do not use a metal object such as a coin or knife-blade once in the Logbook since it will

cause the unit to exit the Logbook and return to the Surface Interval.

Information contained in the Logbook will include:

- Overall Dive Number
- Minimum NDC Time
- Fastest Rate of Ascent
- Minimum Water Temperature
- Bottom Time
- Surface Interval Before Dive
- Maximum Depth
- Ending Battery Voltage
- Beginning Dive Time & Date
- Maximum DEC Time (Deco Dive)
- Maximum Ceiling (Deco Dive)

It is not necessary to exit the Logbook Mode prior to initiating a dive. Once the diver has descended below 1.5 meters, the COMMANDER will immediately enter the Dive Mode.

**LOGbook**  
(Indicates Logbook  
Menu Programming  
Selection)

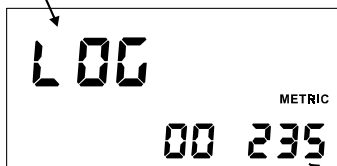


Figure 34  
LOGBOOK MODE

Logbook Dive Number

NOTE: The overall Dive Number that is displayed on the Logbook Menu screen (Figure 34) permits the diver to identify the total number of dives made with that COMMANDER. If the logbook example shown is the most recent dive made, it can be readily identified that 235 dives have been made with this specific unit.

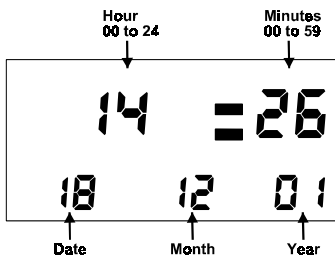


Figure 34b  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Logbook Menu  
Alternate Screen)

Figures 34b shows that dive 235 started at 14:26 hours or 2:26 pm on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December 2001.

Figures 35 & 37b display the Logbook of a Normal Dive

**NDC Time Remain**  
(Minimum NDC time during the dive)

**Ascent Rate**  
(Maximum recorded on dive 12-15 mpm)

**Water Temperature**  
(Minimum recorded during the dive)

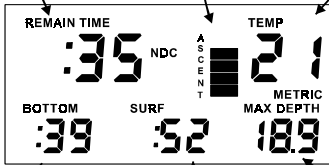


Figure 35  
LOGBOOK MODE  
(Primary Screen)

**Bottom Time**  
(of this Dive)

**Surface Time**  
(Amount of time since last dive)

**Maximum Depth**  
(of this Dive)



Figure 37b  
LOGBOOK MODE  
(Alternate Screen)

**Battery Voltage**  
(2.9 Volts)

Figures 36 & 38b display a Deco Dive.

**DEC Time Remain**  
(Maximum Deco time during the dive)

**Ascent Rate**  
(Maximum recorded on dive 12-15 mpm)

**Deepest Deco Ceiling**  
(Recorded during the dive)

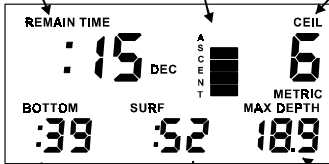


Figure 36  
LOGBOOK MODE  
DECO DIVE  
(Primary Screen)

**Bottom Time**  
(of this Dive)

**Surface Time**  
(Amount of time since last dive)

**Maximum Depth**  
(of this Dive)



Figure 38b  
LOGBOOK MODE  
DECO DIVE  
(Alternate Screen)

**Battery Voltage**  
(2.8 Volts)

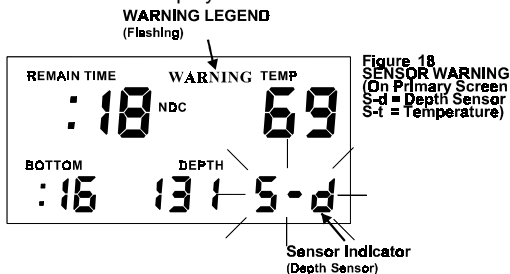
**Water Temperature**  
(Minimum recorded during the dive)

**WARNING INDICATIONS:** Failure to observe audible and/or visual warnings and take corrective action may result in injury or death. In general, if the WARNING legend is flashing, some other digits should be flashing to indicate the anomaly.

- If the diver is ascending faster than the selected maximum ascent rate, then the top bar of the ascent bar graph will flash and the “WARNING” legend will illuminate. The unique high to low audible sweep alarm will continue to sound once per second until the situation is corrected.
- If the diver descends below the user set Depth Alarm, the Depth digits will flash. A single beep audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds and will repeat every two minutes. The Depth alarm is not active in the Decompression Mode to avoid confusion with the “Shallower Than Ceiling” alarm.
- If the battery voltage declines to 2.1 volts, the “BATT” legend will illuminate, at 1.8 volts it will flash once per second.
- If the diver has less than two minutes of No-Decompression Time (NDC) remaining, the “WARNING” legend will illuminate and flash along with the Remaining NDC time digits. A single beep audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds and repeat every two minutes.
- If the diver enters the Decompression Mode, a single beep audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds.
- During a Decompression dive, if the Depth is less than the CEILING, the “WARNING” legend will illuminate and flash along with the Depth and Ceiling digits. A unique low to high audible sweep alarm will continue to sound once every two seconds until the situation is corrected.
- If the dive computer determines that either the Depth or Temperature sensor is malfunctioning. The “WARNING” legend will illuminate, the computer will issue a 5-beep two tone audible alarm once every two minute to alert the diver to this condition. On the Appropriate Screen the Maximum Depth will be replaced with “S-d” or “S-” to indicate the low-pressure transducer or “S-t” for the temperature transducer.

If an audible alarm is being issued, the computer will not switch to the Alternate display nor will the TACLITE™ activate.

**SENSOR WARNING:** The COMMANDER has the capability of monitoring the integrity of its' sensors, both the low-pressure (depth/altitude) and the temperature. When the computer detects an error in one of the transducers, the diver is alerted to this condition by the illumination of the "WARNING" legend, and the computer will also issue a 5-beep two tone audible alarm once every two minute to alert the diver to this condition. The Maximum Depth will be replaced with "S-d" or "S--" to indicate the low-pressure transducer or "S-t" for the temperature transducer (see figure 18). The "WARNING" legend, along with either the Temperature digits or the Depth digits and the error code will flash once per second. In the highly unlikely situation were both sensors are detected as having errors, the display will alternate between "S-d" or "S--" and "S-t". This warning will be issued whether the computer is in the Surface Interval, Dive Mode, Decompression Mode or Post Dive Interval. In the unlikely case that your computer issues one of these warnings the unit should be returned to the factory for evaluation and/or repair. Figure 18 shows a Sensor Warning, in this case a Depth Sensor, as it would be displayed in the Dive Mode. If the Sensor Warning was for the temperature sensor it would display "S-t".



**DATA STORAGE TYPES & CAPACITY:** The COMMANDER has the following internal distinct data storage activities that can be recalled, viewed, and stored with the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC computer interface:

- **Current Variable Information:** Local Time, Altitude, Battery voltage, Current unit Temperature, and 16 tissue loading.
- **Current Configuration Data:** As can be seen in "USER CONFIGURABLE ITEMS", below.
- **Historical Totals Summaries:** Dive Time, Number of Dives, Number of Marginal Dives, Number of Violated Dives, Number of Warnings, Decompression Dives, Decompression Time, Maximum Depth and Ceiling, Maximum Depth and Ceiling Dive Number.

- **Each Dive Beginning Statistics:** 16 tissue loading, Local Time Clock, Dive of Day, Dive Number, Surface Time, Altitude, Time to Fly, and Battery Voltage. Capacity is the most recent 512 dives.
- **Each Dive Ending Statistics:** 16 tissue loading, Bottom Time, Max Depth, Average Depth, Min NDC Time, Max Deco Time, Max Deco Ceiling, Missed Ceiling, Missed Deco Time, Max Ascent Rate, Max A/R Time, Max A/R Depth, Min Temperature, Average Temperature, Maximum Temperature, Min Battery Voltage, Time to Fly, and number of Warnings. Capacity is the most recent 512 dives.
- **Each Dive Configuration Data:** Full and complete configuration of the system, including User Conservatism. Capacity is the most recent 512 dives.
- **Profile Graphical Information:** Depth Graph, Ascent Rate Graph, and Temperature Graph. Capacity is 128 hours (or 550 hours with expanded memory upgrade) at one second sampling.
- **Inter-Dive Events:** Number of Initializations, Unit Activation, Altitude Changes of 150 Meters, Low Batteries, Sensor Malfunction, Analyst<sup>®</sup> interface with Dive Computer.

**INTER-DIVE EVENTS:** The COMMANDER stores important information between dives, even when the unit is not turned on. The information is stored as acquired and is called an “Inter-Dive Event”. These events can be viewed via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> P.C. Interface version 3.05 or higher. Some Inter-Dive events are:

- Initialization of the unit.
- The unit is turned on
- Low batteries
- Altitude Changes of over 150 meters
- Sensor Malfunction
- Analyst<sup>®</sup> P.C. Communication

**USER CONFIGURABLE ITEMS:** By using the optional Analyst<sup>®</sup> Personal Computer Interface, the user has the ability to change the following items:

**Caution: Items that can be changed via Touch Contact Programming may be different from the factory settings.**

**Dive Time/date Stamp:** This is the internal clock that is used by the system to time-stamp each individual dive as it occurs. Due to changes in battery voltage and temperature, the internal Time-of-day clock may



slowly drift from the ideal. It is recommended that this clock be periodically set to local time via the Analyst®.

**Metric or Imperial:** The diver may select whether the data is computed and displayed in Metric or Imperial units. The COMMANDER may be ordered either way as shipped from the factory.

**Selectable Ascent Rate Bar Graph (Fixed or Proportional):** This option determines whether the Ascent Rate bar graph indicates the speed of ascent or the percentage of the selected maximum ascent rate. The COMMANDER is shipped from the factory as 'Proportional' (percentage).

**Selectable Variable-By-Depth Ascent Rate Alarm (On or Off):** This option gives the diver the ability to utilize a fixed ascent rate warning or a warning based on depth. Should the diver prefer the fixed ascent rate warning the diver can select the maximum ascent rate limit from 6 to 18 meters per minute (See next topic). As shipped from the factory, this is set to ON. If the VARIABLE rate is selected then the warning will illuminate based on the following table:

DEPTH	AVERAGE ASCENT RATE
18 meters and deeper	18 meters per minute
18 to 9 meters	same as depth
Shallower than 9 meters	9 meters per minute

**Selectable Fixed Ascent Rate Alarm Limit:** If Variable-By-Depth Ascent Rate Alarm was set to OFF from the above topic, the user may enter the desired Ascent Rate for the alarm to sound.

**Ascent Rate for Deco Predictions (6 to 18):** This option allows the diver to select the ascent rate to be used in the forecasting of the displayed Total Decompression time. The COMMANDER is shipped from the factory with this option set to 18.

**Ascent Rate Responsiveness (0 to 7):** This option determines the responsiveness or sensitivity of the Ascent Rate Bar Graph. Zero is highly responsive and seven is very slow. This feature is set to three as shipped from the factory.

**Remaining Time Responsiveness (0 to 7):** This determines the responsiveness of the Remaining Time information that is displayed. Zero is highly responsive and seven is very slow. This feature is set to three as shipped from the factory

**Max Depth Alarm:** This option allows the diver to select a maximum depth below which the diver does not wish to descend before an alarm is sounded. This function is disabled when in the Decompression Mode. This option may also be set via the Touch

Contact Programming. As shipped from the factory, the Depth Alarm is set for 40 meters.

**Select Decompression Time Display (Total, Stop, Both):** There are three options for the manner in which the decompression time is displayed. If you select TOTAL, the decompression time displayed will indicate the total time you will spend in decompression.

Watch the Ceiling depth change in order to identify when to ascend to the next stop depth. If you select STOP, the decompression time displayed will indicate the time you must remain at the current Ceiling. When this time is 0:00, the Ceiling depth will decrease and the new stop time will be displayed. If you select BOTH, the TOTAL time and STOP time will alternate at the rate of once every 2 seconds. From the factory, the unit is set to 'Both'.

**Repetitive Dive Dependent Nitrogen (Off or On):** This option allows the dive computer to consider recent dive history's effects on the nitrogen loading, particularly if the diver engages in inverted profile diving. If "On" the recent dive history is used to compensate the nitrogen loading for the current dive. The COMMANDER is shipped from the factory with this feature set to 'On'.

**Temperature Dependent NDC Computations (Normal or Reduced):** This feature compensates the decompression algorithm proportional to the ambient water temperature. See User & Environmental Adaptation, Water Temperature on page 34 for a detailed description of this function. The COMMANDER is shipped from the factory with this feature set to 'Normal'.

**Select Altitude < 610 meters as One Zone (Off or On):** This option provides "actual" altitude for any given day at any diving location as explained in the "ALTITUDE ACCLIMATIZATION" on page 35. With changes in barometric pressure due to temperature and weather systems, it is possible, even expected, to have a different apparent altitude at the same dive site from day to day.

While the seamless means of monitoring provides the most accurate decompression schedule, all altitudes less than 610 meters above sea level can be treated in the algorithm as sea level if so selected. With this option 'OFF', the unit is calculating altitude in a seamless fashion. With this option 'ON', altitudes less than 610 meters above sea level will be treated as sea level. Regardless of the selection, altitudes greater than 610 meters above sea level will be

treated in a seamless manner. From the factory, this is set to 'Off', seamless altitude from sea level to 4,600 meters.

**Select Alternate Screen Viewing Time (3 to 10):**

This option allows the diver to set the amount of time that the Alternate Screen will be viewed once it has been accessed. From the factory this is set to 4.

**Select Display Backlight On Time (0 to 99):** This option allows the user to set the amount of time, in seconds, that the TACLITE™ stays on once activated. If this option is set to "0" the TACLITE™ will never activate, if set to "99" the TACLITE™ will stay on all the time and only turn off when the COMMANDER does. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming. From the factory this is set to 10.

**Select Audible Beeper Alarm (On or Off):** This allows the user to enable or disable the Audible Alarms and beeper. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'On'.

**Select Ceiling Display Divided by 10 (On or Off):**

This option allows the diver to select when in the Decompression Mode the Ceilings are displayed as 1 = 10, 2 = 20, 3 = 30 etc. (On) or as 10, 20, 30 etc (Off). From the factory this option is set to 'Off'.

**Selectable NDC Conservatism (0% to 50%):** This feature allows the diver to input an added degree of conservatism to the decompression algorithm from 0 to 50 percent in one-percent increments. This may be desirable if the diver is dehydrated, tired, or has some other factor that warrants added conservatism. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming. Conservatism is set to '0%' as shipped from the factory.

**Confined Water Protocol (Training Mode) -**

**(Enabled or Disabled):** This option enables the Training Mode for the COMMANDER. In this mode the COMMANDER will enter the Dive Mode at .6 meters instead of 1.5 meter and exit the Dive Mode at .3 meters instead of 1 meter. The Training Mode also permits the selection of an increased Post Dive Interval period from 10 to 30 minutes in one-minute increments. These changes permit the Instructor to record a complete training session, including in-water surface periods, as a single dive. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'Disabled'. **This option can only be 'Enabled' via the Professional Edition of the Analyst®.**

### **Training Mode Post Dive Interval Period (10 to 30):**

If the Training Mode is enabled this allows the user to select the duration of the Post Dive Interval period from a minimum of 10 minutes to a maximum of 30 minutes in one-minute increments. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 10. **This option can only be set via the Professional Edition of the Analyst®.**

**Select Clock Functions (ON or OFF):** This option allows the diver to enable or disable the time of day Clock. If set to 'ON' the clock time can also be set via Touch Contact Programming. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'OFF'.

**Enter Clock Time:** This allows the diver to set the clock's time to that of the P.C. time.

**Select Alarm Clock Audible Alarm (ON or OFF):** This option allows the diver to enable or disable the time of day Clock's Alarm feature. If set to 'ON' the Alarm Clock time can also be set via Touch Contact Programming. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'OFF'.

**Enter Alarm Clock Hour (0 to 23):** This allows the diver to program the time of day Alarm Clock's hour setting. The Alarm Clock's time utilizes a 24 hour format, i.e. 00:00 = 12:00 am, 20:00 = 8:00 PM, etc. This is also settable via Touch Contact Programming.

**Enter Alarm Clock Minute (0 to 60):** This allows the diver to program the time of day Alarm Clock's minute setting. This is also settable via Touch Contact Programming.

**Restore Original Configuration Settings:** This allows the diver to restore the original factory default settings with a single command.

### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

Algorithm	16 Tissue Adaptive Modified Haldanean
Computation Period	Once every second
Activation	Manual and Water
Maximum Depth	100 meters, .1 meter increments
Depth Accuracy	+/- 1% of full scale (+/- 1 meter)
Maximum Altitude	4,600 meters, seamless
Altitude Accuracy	+/- 305 meters
Temperature Display	0 to 37 degrees C, 1 degree increments
Temperature Accuracy	+/- 2% of full scale (after the unit has stabilized from a change in Temperature)
Surface Time	0 to 9:59 hrs/mins, 1-minute increments
Bottom Time	0 to 9:59 hrs/mins, 1-minute increments
Time To Fly	0 to 36 hours, 1 hour increments
No-Deco Time	0 to 9:59 hrs/mins, 1-minute increments
Decompression Time	0 to 9:59 hrs/mins, 1-minute increments
Decompression Ceiling	0 to 99 meters, 3 meter increments
Dive Summary Storage	up to 512 Dives
Dive Profile Storage	up to 550 Dive hours at one second sampling depending on configuration
Profile Sampling	1 second increments

Typical Battery Life\*

Over 2000 dive hours under normal diving conditions or two years (whichever is first), TACLITE off.

Over 40 hours, TACLITE on continuously. With Clock Mode on, Battery Life is over 1000 dive hours or one year.

\* With fresh new ENERGIZER® brand alkaline batteries

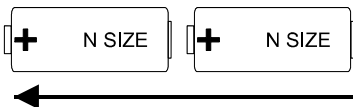
**Note:** Specifications are additionally +/- one least significant digit due to rounding. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

**ENHANCEMENTS:** The COMMANDER is capable of having its' capabilities enhanced. It can be upgraded to a one blend Nitrox ( can be done by an Authorized Dealer) or two blend Nitrox computer or a One or Two blend Nitrox/PO<sub>2</sub> computer. The Dive Profile Storage memory capacity can be upgraded from a base of 135 hours to 550 hours. **The COMMANDER must be returned to the factory for all upgrades except to that of a one blend Nitrox.**

**CLEANING THE COMMANDER:** Clean the unit only with fresh water after each use. Towel dry the unit, never use air pressure to dry the unit. This could damage the unit and will void the warranty. Do not use chemicals to clean the case or lens as this may damage the unit, or permanently fog the lens.

**CHANGING BATTERY:** The batteries should be changed when the 'BATT' legend is seen or battery voltage reaches 2.1 volts as can be seen on the Information Display. The unit will operate until the battery voltage drops below 1.6 volts. Only use fresh, name brand N-Cell size Alkaline batteries for maximum battery life. At this time, *Eveready Energizer Alkaline* is recommended. Care should be taken not to activate the TACLITE™ during battery replacement. Be sure to confirm that the batteries are REALLY new and have not been sitting on a shelf losing life. Cold temperatures tend to shorten apparent battery life. Change batteries every two years regardless of battery condition.

**CAUTION!!! COMPLETE LOSS OF BATTERY POWER MAY CAUSE ALL PREVIOUS DIVE NITROGEN LOADING TO BE LOST. THIS MAY AFFECT NITROGEN CALCULATIONS ON NEAR-FUTURE DIVES. AFTER A BATTERY CHANGE, CONFIRM THAT NO-DECOMPRESSION TIME DATA IS REASONABLE DURING PRE-DIVE PREDICTION MODE. DIVE-OF-DAY NUMBER GOING TO ZERO IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHANGING BATTERIES IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF A LOSS OF NITROGEN LOADING.**



**Plus end goes in First.**

When installing new batteries, ensure that the positive “+” end of the battery is inserted into the battery compartment first. Inspect the battery cap O-rings for nicks and scratches. If either O-ring is damaged carefully remove both O-rings and replace with new silicone O-rings. Lightly lubricate each end of the batteries with silicone grease or petroleum jelly to help minimize corrosion and therefore extend battery life.

When reinstalling the battery cap, lubricate the O-rings lightly and slowly twist the cap into place using a coin (US Quarter supplied). Press the coin into the battery cap slot firmly to prevent slipping and damaging the slot. Ensure there is no dirt or debris on the O-rings or the mating surface and that the O-rings are properly installed.

As the battery cap is screwed in, carefully observe that the double O-rings install correctly. Ask an Authorized Cochran Dealer for a demonstration.

It is best to have the new batteries ready to immediately install since the COMMANDER was designed to allow for battery changes without resetting and losing any Nitrogen residuals. This period of time is typically 30 seconds, but varies with temperature and the voltage of the batteries being replaced. It can be significantly less if batteries are not replaced promptly when the ‘BATT’ legend first comes on. Again care should be taken not to activate the TACLITE™ during battery replacement, if the TACLITE™ is activated it will significantly reduce the time that the COMMANDER allows for battery changes without losing Nitrogen residuals.

If the batteries are allowed to discharge too low, or if removed for too long, the COMMANDER may enter a state where it will not turn on even with new batteries. If this occurs, remove the batteries and allow the unit to set for 30 minutes and then install fresh batteries. This will, of course, erase any residual accumulated Nitrogen from previous dives making the next dive appear as a ‘clean’ dive. This procedure could also effect the internal Time of Day Clock’s settings and these settings should be verified via the Analyst® P.C. Interface.

**ASSISTANCE, REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:** The Cochran Commander does not require an Annual Maintenance, but if you suspect that your COMMANDER is not operating correctly, please contact our Customer Support Department in the USA for assistance at 972.644.6284 or FAX details to 972.644.6286 or E-mail details to [service@divecochran.com](mailto:service@divecochran.com). Most problems can be resolved without returning the unit. The unit may also be returned to the place of purchase and request the dealer to contact us. If this is not possible or is inconvenient due to a change in location, contact us for the name of the nearest Team Cochran Authorized Dealer.

- **NEVER TEST OR SUBJECT THE PRODUCT TO PRESSURIZED AIR! (Voids Warranty)**
- **NEVER REMOVE THE LENS FROM THE UNIT! (Voids Warranty)**
- **ONLY USE FRESH WATER TO CLEAN UNIT! NEVER USE SOLVENTS! (Voids Warranty)**
- **DO NOT USE A SCREWDRIVER TO REMOVE BATTERY CAP! (Voids Warranty)**
- **ALWAYS KEEP FRESH ENERGIZER® BRAND BATTERIES INSTALLED!**
- **LUBRICATE BATTERY ENDS WITH THIN FILM OF SILICONE GREASE!**

#### **REPLACEMENT PARTS:**

Batteries (2)  
Battery Cap O-rings  
Battery Cap Assembly  
Pins (2) Replacement  
Wrist Strap (long Gray)  
Wrist Strap (long, black)  
Retractor Only  
Retractor with Compass  
Lens Protector (Pkg. of 3)

#### **ANALYST® Personal Computer Interface**

The ANALYST® Personal Computer Interface is a complete hardware/software system that uploads data from the Cochran COMMANDER to an IBM or compatible Personal Computer with a Windows® 95/98/NT operating system. The ANALYST® Personal Computer Interface allows the diver to retrieve dive data, customize the dive computer and also to enter and store information for each dive in a logbook.

## **FCC LABEL    FCC ID: LYP744556-03**

**This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.**

### **INTERFERENCE STATEMENT**

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device. If not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, it may cause interference to radio communications. The limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential situation. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment on and off, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna of the affected radio or television.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the affected receiver.
- Connect equipment and the affected receiver to power outlets on separate circuits.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### **MODIFICATIONS**

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Cochran Consulting, Inc. could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### **SHIELDED CABLES**

This product is designed to be used only with the Analyst<sup>®</sup> interface cable (RS-232) to maintain compliance with FCC Regulations.

### **PATENT INFORMATION**

Protected under one or more Foreign or US patents.

5,899,204	5,794,616
5,617,848	5,570,688

Other patents may be pending.

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## **CE**

The CE mark is used to mark conformity with the European Union EMC directive 89/336/EEC. Cochran dive instruments fulfill all the required EU directives.

### **PREN 13319**

PREN 13319 "Diving accessories – Depth gauges and combined depth and time measuring devices – Functional and safety requirements test methods" is a European diving depth gauge standard draft. Cochran dive instruments are designed and tested to comply with this standard draft.

### **LIMITED WARRANTY**

To the original purchaser ("OWNER") only, Cochran Undersea Technology, a division of Cochran Consulting, Inc. ("COCHRAN"), represents this Product to be free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal SCUBA use for 24 months from the date of shipment from COCHRAN to the Authorized Dealer or Distributor. For purposes of establishing warranty eligibility, this date of shipment may be noted on the original Product box, or can be determined by contacting COCHRAN.

Any defective Product, unless cause is specifically excluded in the "Warranty Conditions and Limitations" section below, will at the sole discretion of COCHRAN, be repaired or replaced with a new or refurbished unit of comparable or better function and/or condition. COCHRAN is not responsible for any incidental or secondary damages as a result of Product malfunction.

### **WARRANTY CONDITIONS and LIMITATIONS**

Product must have been obtained from a COCHRAN Authorized Dealer. Contact COCHRAN for verification of dealer status. This Limited Warranty is not transferable.

The Warranty Registration card must be sent to COCHRAN within 15 days of purchase in order to validate Limited Warranty.

Failure to provide proper care for this Product will render this Limited Warranty null and void. Damages or malfunction resulting from accidental or deliberate abuse, tampering, battery leakage, exceeding maximum intended operating depth or other parameters, extreme heat or cold, or other conditions

which COCHRAN may deem to be outside the intended scope of this Limited Warranty are not covered. Plastics, O-rings, batteries, battery life, and flooded battery compartments are NOT covered by this Limited Warranty.

This Limited Warranty will be rendered null and void if an attempt is made to establish communications with the computer with any hardware and/or software other than the Cochran approved Analyst<sup>®</sup> Interface. OWNER is responsible for shipping this Product to COCHRAN for service, and paying all associated costs, including shipping, insurance, and import duties. OWNER may take Product to an Authorized Dealer to arrange service under terms of this Limited Warranty. COCHRAN will return Product to OWNER or Dealer via a method and carrier of its choosing. Costs for requested expedited return shipping will be the responsibility of OWNER. Product returned for service under terms of this Limited Warranty must be accompanied by a photocopy of the original sales receipt in order for warranty repair or replacement to be performed if the Warranty Registration Card is not on file.

#### **STATEMENT of LIMITED LIABILITY**

A mathematical model is used by this Product to calculate physiological effects of SCUBA diving related to use of compressed air or other breathing mixtures while at depth. Such effects specifically relate to nitrogen absorption into and elimination from body tissues, as well as effects of oxygen used in Enriched Air Nitrox breathing mixtures.

However, because of the number of variables and the varying degrees to which they may affect individuals engaged in SCUBA diving, COCHRAN DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT USE OF THIS PRODUCT WILL PREVENT DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER CONDITION OR INJURY INCURRED WHILE USING THIS PRODUCT.

These influencing variables may include, but are not limited to, dehydration, obesity, age, old injuries, or other physical conditions on the part of the diver, or environmental extremes of heat or cold, or poor training, or diving practices, any of which may promote the onset of decompression sickness or other harmful effects.

This Product is sold and intended to be used only as a guide, providing the TRAINED and CERTIFIED diver

the information needed to make safe diving decisions. It is expressly understood that by buying and/or using this Product the Diver assumes ALL RISK as to its operability, reliability, quality, performance, accuracy, and suitability for his diving style.

Furthermore, Diver recognizes that this Product is an electronic instrument being used in a hostile environment and is subject to failure, which may manifest itself in a number of ways. COCHRAN and its distributors and retailers will not be held liable for any personal injuries or other damages resulting from its use, even if COCHRAN has been advised of such occurrences or damages.

These products must be handled with care and properly maintained to assure the optimum performance. Users must possess the proper training for SCUBA diving activities and should be fully educated in the operation of this product. Users are encouraged to possess and utilize a redundant (backup) computer for their dive planning and execution. Divers are always encouraged to dive with a buddy at all times.

COCHRAN strongly supports and agrees with maximum depth limits of 40 meters for recreational SCUBA diving, as established by recognized training and certification agencies, and in no way encourages diving beyond these or any prudent lesser limits as may be necessitated by environmental, diver-specific, or other conditions.

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**USER & ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTATION:** The COMMANDER is one of the new breed of Dive Computers that adapts its algorithm to the users diving environment and style as originally pioneered by COCHRAN. All of COCHRAN's newer dive computers incorporate this capability. The factors that

are used for this "Adaptation" in the COMMANDER are:

Water Temperature  
Microbubble  
User Conservatism

Salt/Fresh Water Compensation  
Altitude Acclimatization  
Previous Dive Profiles

**WATER TEMPERATURE:** Diving in cold water can lead to a lower diver core and skin temperature which can affect the gas exchange rate of the body's tissues. The COMMANDER features two modes of Temperature Compensation, Normal or Reduced. The COMMANDER progressively makes its nitrogen algorithms more conservative as the water temperature declines below 24 degrees C. Above this water temperature, there is no temperature compensation. In the Reduced Mode, the algorithms are made more conservative by approximately one-half the amount of the Normal Mode. If the diver is wearing an insulated dry suit and is relatively warm even in cold water, this temperature compensation factor may be set to Reduced Mode at the divers discretion using the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC software.

**MICROBUBBLE:** There are several theories regarding the exact method by which a nitrogen bubble forms from a microbubble which was formed from micronuclei. Currently the predominant theory states that more rapid ascents accelerate bubble formation. The COMMANDER comprehends and adjusts for this phenomenon.

**USER CONSERVATISM:** Current dive computers cannot tell if the diver is dehydrated, tired, smokes, overweight, or has some other physical issue that may require additional conservatism in the nitrogen algorithm. The COMMANDER allows the diver to input an added degree of conservatism to the nitrogen algorithm from 0 to 50 percent in one-percent increments. This can be done via the Touch Contact Programming Mode or with the Analyst<sup>®</sup> Personal Computer Interface.

**PREVIOUS DIVE PROFILES:** Under some circumstances, recent dive activity can have an effect on nitrogen loading, particularly if the diver engages in inverted profile diving. This occurs when a deep dive is followed by an even deeper dive. This recent dive history is used to compensate the nitrogen loading for the current dive. This can be enabled or disabled with

the Analyst<sup>®</sup> Personal Computer Interface.

**SALT/FRESH WATER COMPENSATION (High/Low Water Conductivity):** There is approximately a three percent difference in depth readings taken in salt water versus fresh water. Some dive computers are calibrated in feet of fresh water and some are calibrated in feet of seawater. Diving in a medium different from what the dive computer is calibrated for will cause apparent depth errors. Only COCHRAN dive computers, including the COMMANDER, actually determine the type of diving medium and compensate the depth reading accordingly. This is accomplished by measuring the conductivity of the water during a dive. Caution must be taken in interpreting this reading since some apparent fresh water is actually high in minerals or contaminants and is correctly compensated as salt water (High Conductivity). This commonly occurs in some caves, springs, and lakes.

**ALTITUDE ACCLIMATIZATION:** Driving or flying to a dive site significantly higher in altitude requires special modifications to the "sea level" algorithm. The COMMANDER regularly samples the ambient barometric pressure to determine these changes in altitude whether the unit is On or Off. Accordingly, the decompression algorithm is changed to reflect these barometric pressure changes. Note that temperature and weather systems also affect barometric pressure and hence, apparent altitude. Using the Time-To-Fly digits, the number of hours required to "adapt" to the new altitude is immediately known to the diver. If a significant altitude change occurs, a minimum of one hour should pass before diving to allow the unit to adapt to this new altitude. Rapid changes in altitude should be avoided. The dive computer may interpret a rapid change from a higher altitude to a lower altitude as a dive. Should this occur, removing the batteries for ten minutes will reset the computer, however, all tissue nitrogen loading will also be lost.

Should it be desired to initiate a dive PRIOR to completing the adaptation time, the COMMANDER will treat this dive as a repetitive dive in its algorithm, taking into account the "residual" nitrogen present due to travel to altitude. There are two methods of compensating for altitude. Via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface, ZONE or SEAMLESS altitude compensation may be selected.

In **ZONE** all altitudes less than 610 meters above sea level use the sea-level algorithm. At altitudes greater than this, altitude compensation is "seamless";

literally, every small fraction of gained altitude is considered in adjusting the algorithm. ZONE will reduce the occurrences of obtaining slightly different altitude readings and corresponding no-decompression (NDC) limits when diving within a given area. However, ZONE reduces the accuracy of the altitude compensation for the first 610 meters above sea level, since all altitudes below 610 meters are treated as sea level. The advantage in ZONE is that changes in apparent altitude due to temperature or weather changes at sea level will not affect the NDC computations.

In **SEAMLESS**, the algorithm is adjusted for extremely small changes in altitude. However, a difference in altitude may be seen from day-to-day at a given dive site due to temperature or weather systems and their effect on barometric pressures. SEAMLESS will provide the most accurate altitude compensation algorithm, but normal variations in atmospheric barometric pressure may affect the no-decompression time which is more predominantly seen in the Pre-dive Prediction forecast.

**CAUTION: The COMMANDER will not perform Altitude Acclimatization if the touch contacts are shorted or bridged. Rinse the unit with clean fresh water and dry it with a towel after each dive. Transporting and storing the unit in its case will help prevent the possibility of the contacts being shorted or bridged.**

**WARNING: While your COMMANDER will automatically adjust its no decompression algorithm for altitude, you should NOT attempt to dive at altitudes greater than 300 meters above sea level without first completing a sanctioned altitude diving course from a recognized training agency for recreational diving. The COMMANDER should not be used for this type of diving by anyone without this important training.**

**METRIC/IMPERIAL MODES:** Most dive computers always compute in either Metric or Imperial units and merely convert the display to the other units. The COMMANDER actually computes and displays in the selected units giving maximum accuracy and user familiarity. If the computer is computing and displaying in Metric, the "METRIC" legend will be illuminated when the computer is on. Metric/Imperial selection is made using the Analyst<sup>®</sup> software.

Changing Modes does not affect any profiles or data stored in the computer.

**LOW BATTERY INDICATIONS:** Fresh ENERGIZER® brand alkaline batteries should read about 3.2 volts on the Information Screen. When the battery voltage drops to 2.1 volts, the “BATT” legend will be illuminated. It is recommended to change the batteries at this point, but several dives might still remain possible. When the battery voltage decays to 1.8 volts, the “BATT” legend will begin to flash on and off. Once the “BATT” legend begins to flash the TACLITE™ is deactivated, to conserve the remaining battery power even though the unit may be on a dive, and can not be activated until fresh batteries are installed. While there should be sufficient battery power to normally complete a dive, it is not recommended to begin a new dive until fresh ENERGIZER® brand alkaline batteries are installed. After the computer automatically turns itself off (enters Sleep Mode) 70 minutes after a dive, it cannot be turned back on if the battery voltage is less than 1.6 volts. Fresh ENERGIZER® brand alkaline batteries must be installed. See the “BATTERY CHANGES” section of this manual for detailed information on how to change batteries.

**CAUTION!!! COMPLETE LOSS OF BATTERY POWER MAY CAUSE ALL PREVIOUS DIVE NITROGEN LOADING TO BE LOST. THIS WILL AFFECT NITROGEN CALCULATIONS ON NEAR-FUTURE DIVES. AFTER A BATTERY CHANGE, CONFIRM THAT NO-DECOMPRESSION TIME DATA IS REASONABLE IN THE PRE-DIVE PREDICTION MODE. DIVE-OF-DAY NUMBER GOING TO ZERO IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHANGING BATTERIES IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF A LOSS OF NITROGEN LOADING.**

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