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OPERATORS INSTRUCTIONS



Manufacturers of The World's Largest Line of Mineral and Metal Detectors

MINERAL AND METAL
DETECTORS

ELECTRONIC
MAGNETOMETERS

SUPER GEIGER AND
SCINTILLATION COUNTERS

ULTRA VIOLET
LIGHTS

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS
for
GOLDMASTER 66TR-4B
(Series 2)

Please follow these instructions carefully, to operate the instrument correctly and practice with it at every opportunity.

INTRODUCTION

We do not believe that you can buy a finer instrument than you have chosen for the use that the instrument is designed for, but remember that the instrument is no better than its operator, (even though we have heard customers say that the instrument was smarter than they.) You are the operator, and the more familiar you become, through use and practice the better operator you will be. The better the operator, the more finds you will make.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

These instruments are completely transistorized (solid state), giving maximum sensitivity, excellent reliability, and economy in operation. They are designed specifically for coin hunting, but have features which allow them to be used for general exploration, and even prospecting on a limited basis.

The audio system is complete, offering both earphone and speaker operation, controlled by a common volume control. Turning the knob to the right increases the volume and to the left decreases it.

These instruments have a sensitive meter giving good reactions on finds, as well as testing both battery systems under operating conditions.

These instruments employ the balanced induction principle of operation, the loop being the heart of this system.

Batteries used are penlight, size "AA" 1 1/2 volt cells. Fourteen are required for operation. Six cells in a holder, yielding 9 volts, and eight in the other holder for 12 volts.

Tuning is accomplished with a ten-turn vernier control which gives precise settings for both metal and mineral.

The Model 66TR has a detector sensitivity control which adjusts the circuit sensitivity.

The Model 66TR has a meter sensitivity control which adjusts the sensitivity of only the meter.

The Model 66TR has a volume control to adjust the loudness of the tone.

The Model 66TR comes equipped with two loops.

ROD AND LOOP ASSEMBLY: (For Adjustable Loops)

Note Rod Mounting Bracket is located on the bottom of the instrument. The Rod has two sets of Retainer Pins in it, (See Figure #1). One set is located in the large end for locking the rod in place to the bottom of the instrument. The other set located in one end of the small section is for locking the two sections of Rod together.

To extend the rod, depress the two pins located in the small rod. Pull the small rod out of the large, align the retaining pins to match the holes in the large rod which has the small rod extending from it, snap in place. Place the loop on the free end of the small rod, secure with the screw provided, and tighten. Tightening this screw limits the ability of the loop to change position in relation to the rod. The loop should be adjustable to different angles, and yet hold desired position. Mount the loop at half way adjustment point (90° to the rod) during assembly.

Spiral the loop cable around the rod. Inserting the large end of the rod into the mounting bracket on the bottom the the instrument depress the retaining pins and align to match mating holes. Lock into place.

Plug the loop cable into the socket on the front end of the instrument. This plug and socket are keyed to allow mating with only the correct pin arrangement.

ROD AND LOOP ASSEMBLY (For Standard Loops)

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To extend the rod, depress the two pins located in the small rod. Pull the small rod out of the large, align the retaining pins to match the holes in the large rod which has the small rod extending from it, snap in place. Place the loop on the free end of the rod, removing the thumb nuts from the mounting bolts on the loop. Insert them through the holes in the small end of the rod, install the thumb nuts on the mounting bolts, finger tight.

Inserting the large end of the rod into the mounting bracket on the bottom of the instrument, depress the retaining pins and align to match mating holes. Lock into place. Spiral the loop cable snugly around the rod.

Plug the loop cable into the socket on the front end of the instrument. This socket and plug are marked with yellow alignment dots. Align these dots and insert the plug.

LOOP USAGE

The small loop is for small single objects and the larger loop is for general exploration and larger objects at more depth. The abilities of these loops overlap; the large loop will detect coins, under ideal conditions and the small loop will detect large objects, but not as deeply as the large loop. The general rule of thumb is that the small loop is for small objects and the large loop for larger objects at more depth.

BATTERY INSTALLATION

Now open the battery compartment by releasing the latches on each side and swinging the door open from the top. Free the battery connectors by removing the tape. Note one white connector and one black. Also, a white battery holder (8 cells), and a black holder (6 cells). The white is 12 volt D. C., and the black is 9 volt D. C.

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Be sure and match white to white, and black to black. Snap the battery connector onto the battery holder, noting the connector and battery holder are set up to match in only one polarity. Be sure to observe this polarity because damage can be done to the electronics if forced together in error. (See Battery Diagram)

FUNCTION SWITCH AND BATTERY TESTING

With the Function Switch in the OFF position, the batteries are disconnected from the circuitry.

With the Function Switch in the 9 or 12 position, the batteries are connected to the circuitry and the meter is connected to check the batteries. In the 9 position you may check the 9 volt pack (6 cells) and in the 12 position you may check the 12 volt pack (8 cells). Good batteries read 30 to 40 on the meter. When your reading drops to 30 on the meter, it is time to replace that set of batteries. For best performance the readings should not drop below 30 even when the instrument is sounding loudly. It is a good idea to carry an extra set of batteries with you for replacement when necessary.

When the Function Switch is in the operate position, the batteries are connected to make the circuit operate and the meter is connected to read intensity.

With the Function Switch in the OFF/ 1 cell position, you can test each "AA" cell by removing it from the battery pack and inserting it in the test holder on the battery door, of the instrument. Be sure to observe the polarity markings of the cells and holders. Readings below 30 indicate cells are in bad condition. You can use this test to assure that you are not throwing away good cells or to assure that the cells you intend to install in packs are good.

METAL AND MINERAL SETTINGS

The tuner adjusts the level of sensitivity as well as selecting Metal or Mineral. The tuner is a ten-turn control; actually the knob will turn around indefinitely, but you can tell when you have reached the end of the tuning range because at that point there is a sharp increase in the force required to turn the knob.

Approximately in the center (5 turns from either limit) of the tuning control is a quiet spot call the Null. On either side of the null the instrument sounds off loudly. At either edge of the null the sound starts softly and becomes louder as you turn away from the null. The point where the sound first comes on softly is known as the threshold point or threshold level. The threshold level is the best setting for maximum effective sensitivity. When you are tuned to the null you must turn counter-clockwise to reach the metal threshold level. You must turn clockwise to reach the mineral threshold level. The width of the null is at least two full rotations of the tuner control knob.

For effective results, the adjustments must be made with the instrument in the hunting position, (see Figure B, under operating instructions), holding the loop as close to the surface of the area to be explored as is practical for movement of the loop.

DETECTOR SENSITIVITY

The Detector Sensitivity control adjusts the circuit sensitivity. With the control set to high, the audio tone reacts to indicate detection of a given object at the maximum distance from the loop. With the control set to medium the same object must be closer to the loop to produce an audible response and with the control set to low the object would have to be closer still.

When the ground being searched is highly mineralized it is very difficult to keep an instrument tuned to its peak sensitivity threshold point, due to the fact that it is constantly reacting to the ground. You can minimize this problem by turning the Detector Sensitivity lower, if you are willing to sacrifice the ability to detect the deepest coins. By turning the Detector Sensitivity lower you can usually cover the area much faster. Beginning treasure hunters, searching mineralized areas should use the lower settings until they become more experienced.

METER SENSITIVITY CONTROL

The Meter Sensitivity Control is a continuous control providing a range of meter sensitivity settings. The sensitivity is highest when the control is fully clockwise. For areas where you consider the meter variations excessive, you may turn the control to lower sensitivity. Meter readings are not calibrated to give a direct indication of depth but may be considered a relative indication of the strength of the find. A strong signal could be a large object or it could be an object very close to the surface.

VOLUME CONTROL

The Volume Control adjusts the loudness of the speaker or headphones. The loudness is maximum when the control is set fully clockwise. When sensitive headphones are used with the instrument, be sure to start with the volume low and then turn it up to a comfortable level. It should be remembered that the volume setting also affects the audio sensitivity indirectly, in that a low setting makes it more difficult to hear responses.

EARPHONE JACK

To use the earphone, install its plug into the jack on the instrument. Note that this cuts off the speaker allowing privacy in listening. The earphone provides a concentrated tone close to your ear which excludes interfering noises about you. When sensitive headphones are used, the audible sensitivity of the instrument is thereby increased. Many Treasure Hunters use headphones much of the time for this reason.

HUNTING METHODS AND TECHNIQUES

For Metal Detection set the instrument on the METAL side of null, at the threshold level.

When passing the loop over a non-magnetic conductive metal, such as the metal sample you received with your instrument, the sound will increase in the speaker and a higher reading will be retained as long as the loop is held over the metal object.

As soon as the loop passes away from the metal object, the sound will lower in volume and the meter will lower in reading, and return to approximately the same reading as before the object was detected. No response will be heard when passing the loop over the mineral sample unless it is a false reading as discussed later in this section.

Tin cans, bottle caps, tin foil, aluminum foil, cartridge cases, coins, silver gold, copper, lead and brass are some of the high conductive metals that will read on the Metal setting.

The instrument is not designed to react to sticks, rags, bones, paper, non-magnetized rocks, nor other non-magnetic objects or non-mineralized objects. When looking for small metal objects, such as coins, the ability of the instrument to detect them will vary in different areas. The more mineralized the soil, the more difficult it is to detect them, and the less mineralized, the easier. Also the longer the metal object has been buried, usually the easier and deeper it may be detected, as the ground becomes electrically conductive from the metal object over a period of time. In some cases you may detect a very old tin can and after digging it up, still receive a reading over the spot the can was buried in.

To locate hidden or buried metal objects, slowly and systematically sweep the loop across the area to be checked, being very careful to hold the instrument so that the loop is held at as constant and uniform height as possible with the least up and down variation in relation to the formation or ground you are using the instrument over. When searching for small objects, such as a single coin, the instrument should be tuned in with the loop held as close to the ground as possible. Hold this height as close as you possibly can, and search the ground carefully, usually on the surface, if possible, depending on the surface you are using the instrument over. If the ground is rough, you may have to zero the instrument in higher. For larger objects, one can hold the instrument approximately 1 to 2 inches above the surface to be explored. Keep repeating this process until you have explored the entire area. If there is anything under the surface, and it is within detectable range of the instrument, you should be able to find it.

If the area being covered is highly mineralized and the unit is adjusted while the loop is at a height of about 1/2 inch above the ground, you will note that the tone increases in loudness as the loop is raised above that height and it decreases in loudness and dies out completely as the loop is lowered below that height. This is why it is more difficult to hunt in mineralized areas. When the tone dies out, sensitivity is reduced because you cannot hear the tone. When the tone is too loud, sensitivity is reduced because small changes are not easy to perceive at high volume level. For maximum sensitivity it is essential that the loop be at the correct height so that the tone is at or near its threshold level. Experienced hunters constantly adjust the height of their loop as they sweep in order to maintain maximum sensitivity. This may seem difficult at first but with a little practice it becomes much easier and in fact, becomes an automatic response.

When moving to a new area you may find that the mineral level of the ground has changed so that the loop is too high or too low, when held at the threshold level;

it is necessary then to retune the instrument with the loop held at the correct height. If the loop is too high it will not detect the deeper or smaller objects; if it is too low the ground may interfere with the smooth sweep required for hunting.

If an experienced hunter is working a highly mineralized area and wishes to cover it very thoroughly, he may sweep rapidly over each area two or three times, listening carefully to the tone level, until he is sure he has passed over that area at least once with the loop precisely at the correct height. You can reduce the mineralization problem by using the Detector Sensitivity Control. (See Detector Sensitivity Control). Many areas of the country have little or no mineralization and are therefore much easier to search.

In the short green grass, such as a lawn, it is possible to place the loop on the grass, tune it in, and slide the loop over the grass to locate the smaller objects. The loop automatically is kept at the same height by the grass, so a uniform and more constant meter reading may be maintained, which is important for the very small objects. For large objects, the instrument may be carried at a higher elevation, and it is not so critical to height variation, and will respond to the larger metal objects. To practice, lay some metal objects on a wood floor or on your lawn and move the loop over them, and notice the way the instrument responds.

It is a good policy to slightly adjust the tuning every 5 to 10 minutes to keep the instrument at its highest peak of sensitivity, when searching for small objects, such as single coins, along beaches, etc., and every 10 to 15 minutes or so for larger objects. This adjustment may need to be made more frequently, if there is a change in the mineralization of the ground you are searching.

To search for mineral objects hold the instrument so that the loop is near the ground in hunting position. Turn the tuner to the null and then turn it clockwise to the mineral threshold. Sweep systematically over the area to be searched while trying to maintain the threshold tone level by keeping the loop at a uniform elevation.

Passing the loop over the mineral sample, you received with the instrument, will cause the meter to read higher and the sound in the speaker will also increase, and this increase in sound and meter reading will be retained as long as the loop is held over the Mineral Sample. The meter will not read on coins, or on soft conductive metals, (when operated correctly), when set on the mineral setting, (but will usually read on steel bolts due to their hardness and shape.)

For Mineral Prospecting, set the instrument on the Mineral Side of Null with the desired volume and meter reading.

You may now locate and trace detectable mineralized veins that have all magnetic content with this fine instrument. The instrument will usually read the highest and sound the loudest over the highest mineralized spots in the veins.

False Readings can occur.

When you feel you are receiving a metal and mineral reaction from the same object, one of them is a false reading.

False Readings occur when an object is too close to the detecting head (loop).

The best method for determining if your reading is false is to move the loop away from the object, then bring the loop closer very slowly. The first indication is the true one.

You may experiment with this phenomenon by taking an object opposite to what you are tuned to, move this object into the field of the loop. Note the decrease in tone. Keep moving the object closer until at approximately 1/2 inch, you will hear a loud blast. This is a false reading. Note the sudden harsh sound of the false reading.

NOTE: A demonstration is worth a thousand words. For best results see your local dealer and ask him for a demonstration, if you have not received one.

SERVICE - WARRANTY - REPLACEMENT BATTERIES

This model contains two battery holders containing 14 AA Batteries. You may order new replacement batteries direct from our plant, if you cannot find them locally.

The new penlight battery system is better in many respects to the old type batteries:

1. Longer life
2. Readily available
3. Superior performance
4. Cheaper in replacement. (If one cell fails, you only need to replace the one cell.)

Replacements: Any AA penlight batteries.

Alkaline energizers and batteries of this type may be used and give even longer life.

Note: All batteries last longer if used in many short periods, rather than in a couple of long periods of use.

When through operating the instrument, turn the Mineral-Metal Control to NULL, (where no sound is heard), and be sure to turn the Power Switch OFF.

The instrument has a full two (2) year warranty on parts and labor (except batteries) to the original purchaser.

If ever in need of service, ship the instrument by insured parcel post, freight or stage, prepaid and enclose a letter advising the nature of your troubles. It may be returned to the factory address listed on Page 8 or to one of our Service Centers listed in the back.

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CAUTION: Care should be taken in excessively cold weather to protect the instrument, as well as the batteries from freezing.

The instrument should also be protected from exposure to excessive heat when not in use.

If the instrument is to be laid away for any great length of time, the battery pack should be unsnapped and the pack removed from the instrument and the batteries stored in a dry, cool place, such as on a shelf in a closet. This will prevent damage to the instrument in case one or more of the batteries are damaged or in case the power switch is left on or gets turned on accidentally. The damage to the instrument in this case is similar to what occurs in a flashlight, when the battery is discharged and the liquid escapes to damage the case and components.

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Proper Care of Your Detector

The following are precautions you should take to protect your instrument from harm, insure its long life, and avoid nullifying the warranty.

Cleaning: The loop and rod or probe are waterproof. They can be cleaned with fresh water and a mild cleanser. After cleaning, however, dry the instrument thoroughly. Caution! The instrument case is not waterproof, and water—if allowed to enter it—may damage electronic components.

Weather Conditions: Protect your detector from excessively cold weather. Freezing can damage the electronic components, the case and/or the batteries. Excessive heat can also damage the instrument. Never leave it in the sun. It's best to lay it in the shade when temporarily not in use. If it's left in a car on a hot day, cover it with a blanket or something similar to protect it from the direct rays of the sun, and then leave the windows slightly open to permit ventilation. Needless to say, protect your detector if you operate it in the rain, as water may get into the instrument case.

Salt Water: Salt water is very corrosive! Immediately after your detector has been exposed to salt water, rinse it thoroughly with fresh water, being careful not to allow water to enter the instrument case. Then wipe it with a cloth dampened with fresh water and dry it thoroughly.

Storage: If you plan to store your detector for any length of time, unsnap the battery and remove it from the instrument. Whenever your detector is not in use, turn the **VOLUME** knob all the way to the "**PWR OFF**" position.

Service And Warranty Information: If your new metal detector is ever in need of service, ship it to us at the factory address below or to one of the Service Centers listed on the back of the warranty statement. Insure it fully, prepay the charges, and enclose a letter describing the nature of the problem. As long as your detector is under warranty there is no charge other than a small handling and postage fee.

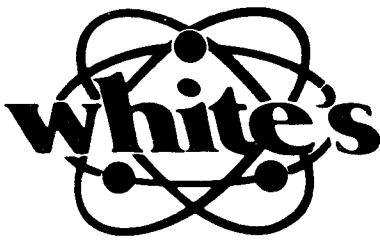
Read your warranty card carefully. It describes completely what is covered and the length of the coverage. If you have any questions don't hesitate to write us. We will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

HELPFUL HINTS AND TIPS

1. "How deep will it go?" Detection depth is determined by five main factors.
 - a. The **SIZE** of the object.
 - b. The **SIZE** of the loop.
 - c. The **LENGTH OF TIME** the object has been buried.
 - d. The **SKILL** of the operator.
 - e. The ground **MINERAL CONTENT**.

The longer an object has been buried, the better you will be able to detect it. A chemical reaction called a "halo effect" between such objects as silver or copper coins and the surrounding soil may cause your detector to register a much larger increase in volume than might otherwise be expected for a small coin. If the halo effect is strong enough, your detector may continue to register even after you have dug up the coin.

2. "What will my detector locate?" Silver, lead, copper, bottle caps, tin foil, pull tabs, cartridge cases, rings, brass and tin cans are just a few of the conductive objects that can be detected. Your detector will not locate sticks, rags, bones, paper, wood or other non-metallic objects.
3. Learn how to interpret the different types of responses from your detector. A nail lying flat in the ground will sometimes produce a double or single reading depending upon whether your loop passed across it lengthwise or across its width. So it's a good idea to sweep your finds from several different directions to try to learn as much as possible about the object you have located. Coins will usually only produce one reading regardless of sweep direction.
4. Rather than waste time, check around the trees for junk items such as foil, pull tabs, bottle caps, etc. This will frequently indicate whether or not someone has already been in the area with a detector.
5. Always "criss-cross" an area when hunting it.
6. After you have dug up a coin, always check the hole again for more. As many as 10 coins have been found in one hole!
7. When beachcombing the best place to look for coins is near the concession stands.
8. Check the shallow water in swimming areas. Most rings and coins are lost when people enter the water.
9. If you make plans for coinshooting, check the history records of the area.
10. Always carry a plastic bag for your detector in case you get caught in the rain.
11. Never ask permission to treasure hunt over the phone. People tend to visualize you using a pick and shovel, making large holes.
12. Join a local historical society or get acquainted with its members.
13. In lawn areas, use a screwdriver of no more than eight inches as your tool. Limit the size of the hole to a **MAXIMUM** of two inches in diameter. Don't forget to fill in the hole. Public and private officials and property owners will be more likely to allow continued treasure hunting if you do no environmental damage.



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