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The following limited warranties give you specific legal rights. You may have others, which vary from state/jurisdiction to state/jurisdiction.

Product Warranty Information

For applicable product warranty information, please refer to the Warranty Card included with this Trimble product, or consult your Trimble dealer.

Registration

To receive information regarding updates and new products, please contact your local dealer or visit www.trimble.com/register. Upon registration you may select the newsletter, upgrade or new product information you desire.

Notices

The product option Panel BT Attachment Part Number: 58240012 contains a Bluetooth® device with ID: QD ID B010797.

Australia and New Zealand

This product conforms with the regulatory requirements of the Australian Communications Authority (ACA) EMC framework, thus satisfying the requirements for C-Tick Marking and sale within Australia and New Zealand.



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Canada

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003

This digital apparatus does not exceed the Class B limits for radio noise emissions from digital apparatus as set out in the radio interference regulations of the Canadian Department of Communications.

Le présent appareil numérique n'émet pas de bruits radioélectriques dépassant les limites applicables aux appareils numériques de Classe B prescrites dans le règlement sur le brouillage radioélectrique édicté par le Ministère des Communications du Canada.

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The Radio Side Cover 2.4 GHz Part Number: 58050019, 58010011 and 58021007 contains radio module with IC: 4492A-2410G

The product option Panel BT Attachment Part Number: 58240012 contains radio module with IC: 5325A-090103S

Europe

This product has been tested and found to comply with the requirements for a Class B device pursuant to European Council Directive 89/336/EEC on EMC, thereby satisfying the requirements for CE Marking and sale within the European Economic Area (EEA). These requirements are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a residential or commercial environment.



The product option Panel BT Attachment Part Number: 58240012 contains a radio module that applies to the R&TTED 1999/5/EC.

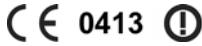


Devices marked with Part Numbers 58052019, 58012011 and 58022019 contain a radio module that applies to the R&TTED 1999/5/EC and are intended to be used only in France.



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Devices marked with Part Numbers 58050019, 58010011 and 58021019



contain a radio module that applies to the R&TTED 1999/5/EC and are intended to be used in all European Community member states, except France.

The compliance to the applicable requirements is detailed in the official Declaration of Conformity document, which is filed at Trimble.

For product recycling instructions and more information, please go to www.trimble.com/ev.shtml.

Recycling in Europe: To recycle Trimble WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment, products that run on electrical power.), Call +31 497 53 24 30, and ask for the "WEEE Associate". Or, mail a request for recycling instructions to:
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c/o Menlo Worldwide Logistics
Meerheide 45
5521 DZ Eersel, NL

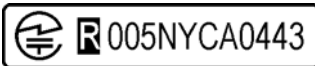


Japan

The Radio Side Cover 2.4 GHz Part Number: 58010011 contains radio module with certificate number: 005NYCA0416.



The product option Panel BT Attachment Part Number: 58240012 has certificate number: 005NYCA0443.



USA

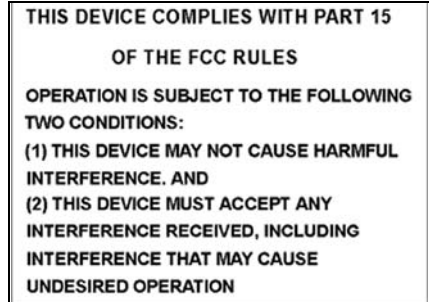
Class B Statement – Notice to Users. This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communication. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Changes and modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer or registrant of this equipment can void your authority to operate this equipment under Federal Communications Commission rules. The antenna used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter.

Devices marked with Part Numbers: 58050019, 58010011 and 58021019 contains radio module with FCC ID: HSW- 2410G

The product option Panel BT Attachment Part Number: 58240012 contains radio module with FCC ID: PVH090103S



Taiwan

Battery Recycling Requirements

The product contains a removable Lithium-ion battery. Taiwanese regulations require that waste batteries are recycled.



Important Information

Laser Safety

Before using the instrument, make sure that you understand this user guide, as well as all equipment and job site safety requirements.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with IEC 60825-1 2007, 21 CFR 1040.10, and 1040.11 except for deviations pursuant to Laser Notice No. 50, dated June 24, 2007.



Warning – Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous LED or laser radiation exposure. As with any bright light source, such as the sun, electric welding arcs or arc lamps, common sense applies. DO NOT look into the laser aperture when the laser is on. For further information regarding safe use of lasers, refer to the IEC 60825-1 June 24, 2007.

Queries

Address any questions you may have about laser safety to:

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Attention: Laser Safety Officer, Quality Assurance Group

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Fax (937) 233-9661

Trimble VX Spatial Station

The Trimble VX Spatial Station is a CLASS 2 LASER PRODUCT



The instrument contains visible and invisible laser sources

- A laser diode for the distance measuring function operating at 905 nm (infrared, non-visible light), with a beam divergence of 0.4×0.8 mrad and an output power of <1.1 mW, LASER CLASS 1.
- A laser diode for laser pointer function operating at 630 - 680 nm (visible light), with a beam divergence of 0.3 mrad and an output power of <0.7 mW, while the emission is coaxial with the telescope. This mode operates in LASER CLASS 2.
- As an option, an Autolock laser diode operates at 785 nm (infrared, non-visible light), with a beam divergence of 38.5 mrad and an out put power of <0.35 mW, while the emission is coaxial with the telescope. This mode operates in LASER CLASS 1.

When operating in prism mode with Autolock and/or distance measurement the accessible radiation does not exceed the limits of LASER CLASS 1

Trimble Target ID

The Trimble Target ID is a LASER CLASS 1 PRODUCT

CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT

Trimble MultiTrack Target

The Trimble MultiTrack Target is a LASER CLASS 1 PRODUCT

CLASS 1 LASER PRODUCT

Battery Safety



Warning – Do not damage the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery. A damaged battery can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or property damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not use or charge the battery if it appears to be damaged. Signs of damage include, but are not limited to, discoloration, warping, and leaking battery fluid.
 - Do not expose the battery to fire, high temperature, or direct sunlight.
 - Do not immerse the battery in water.
 - Do not use or store the battery inside a vehicle during hot weather.
 - Do not drop or puncture the battery.
 - Do not open the battery or short-circuit its contacts.
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Warning – Avoid contact with the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery if it appears to be leaking. Battery fluid is corrosive, and contact with it can result in personal injury and/or property damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- If the battery leaks, avoid contact with the battery fluid.
 - If battery fluid gets into your eyes, immediately rinse your eyes with clean water and seek medical attention. Do not rub your eyes!
 - If battery fluid gets onto your skin or clothing, immediately use clean water to wash off the battery fluid.
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Warning – Charge and use the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery only in strict accordance with the instructions. Charging or using the battery in unauthorized equipment can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or equipment damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not charge or use the battery if it appears to be damaged or leaking.
 - Charge the Lithium-ion battery only in a Trimble product that is specified to charge it. Be sure to follow all instructions that are provided with the battery charger.
 - Discontinue charging a battery that gives off extreme heat or a burning odor.
 - Use the battery only in Trimble equipment that is specified to use it.
 - Use the battery only for its intended use and according to the instructions in the product documentation.
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Environmental Information

NOTICE FOR TRIMBLE'S EUROPEAN UNION CUSTOMERS

Trimble is pleased to announce a new recycling program for our European Union customers. At Trimble, we recognize the importance of minimizing the environmental impacts of our products. We endeavor to meet your needs, not only when you purchase and use our products, but also when you are ready to dispose of them. That is why Trimble is actively pursuing, and will continue to pursue, the expanded use of environmentally friendly materials in all its products, and why we have established a convenient and environmentally friendly recycling program.

As Trimble makes additional recycling facilities available for your use, we will post their locations and contact information to our Recycling Instructions web page.

For product recycling instructions and more information, please go to www.trimble.com/environment/summary.html

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To recycle Trimble WEEE,

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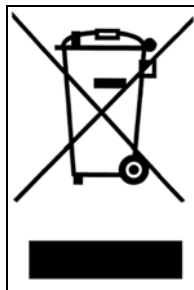
Mail a request for recycling instructions to:

Trimble Europe BV

c/o Menlo Worldwide Logistics

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Declaration of Conformity

Trimble VX Spatial Station



P/N 57009021 Rev. A

Declaration of Conformity (DoC)



Issuer's name: Trimble AB
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Object of declaration: Trimble® VX Spatial Station

Type/Model	Part Number
VX	58455021
VX DR Plus	58475021
X = Code of accuracy	

The object of declaration described above fulfils the requirements of the Low Voltage Directive 2006/95/EC (LVD) and is in conformity with the essential requirements of the EMC Directive 2004/108/EC (EMCD) and R&TTE Directive 1999/5/EC (R&TTED) based on the following European harmonised standards:

LVD: IEC/EN 60825-1:2007 (Safety of laser products)

EMCD: EN 61326-1:2006 (EMC for electrical equipment for measurement, control & laboratory use)
Emission: Group 1 / Class B ISM equipment.
Immunity: Requirements for equipment intended for use in industrial locations.

R&TTED:

Health and Safety,	Art. 3(1)(a)	EN 50371:2002, EN 60950:2001 + A11:2004 + COR:2004
EMC,	Art. 3(1)(b)	EN 301489-17 V1.3.2 (2008-04)
		EN 301489-1 V1.8.1 (2008-04)
Spectrum,	Art. 3(2)	EN 300328 V1.7.1 (2006-10)

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Trimble VX Spatial Station Accessories



Rev.A

EC-Declaration of Conformity

to the Essential Requirements of the applicable Directives, 89/336/EC including amendments by the CE marking Directive, 93/68/EEC

Product: Trimble USB to RS232 converters

<i>Types / Models</i>	<i>Part Numbers</i>
USB to RS232 Adaptor	53001007, 53001021
Cable H6 USB to DB9 RS232	53002007, 53002021
Cable 1.5m H6 USB to LEMO7M RS232	53004007, 53004021

Manufacturer: Trimble AB
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This declaration is based on the full compliance of the products with the following European harmonized standards:

EMC: EN 61000-6-2:2001
EN 61000-4-2 (1995) + A1 (1998) + A2 (2001)
EN 61000-4-3 (1996) + A1 (1998) + A2 (2001)

EN 61000-6-3:2001
CISPR 22 (1997), Class B



As manufacturer, we declare under our sole responsibility that the equipment follows the provisions of the Directive stated above.

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Trimble Target ID



Rev.A

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to the Essential Requirements of the applicable
Directives, 89/336/EC and 73/23/EEC
including amendments by the CE marking Directive, 93/68/EEC

Product: **Accessories – Trimble S6 Series**

Types / Models

Target ID

Part Numbers

58314001, 58314019

Manufacturer: **Trimble AB**
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EMC: **EN 61000-6-2:2001**
EN 61000-4-2 (1995) + A1 (1998) + A2 (2001)
EN 61000-4-3 (1996) + A1 (1998) + A2 (2001)

EN 61000-6-3:2001
CISPR 22 (1997), Class B

Electrical Safety: **EN 61010-1:2001**

Laser Safety: **EN 60825-1:1994 + A1 (2002) + A2 (2001)**



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Trimble 2.4 GHz Radio



EC-Declaration of Conformity

to the Essential Requirements of the applicable
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Product: 2.4 GHz radio

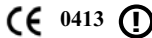
<i>Types / Models</i>	<i>Part Numbers</i>
Robotic holder Global	58021019
Robotic holder France	58022019
Radio side cover 2.4GHz Global	58010019
Radio side cover 2.4GHz France	58012019
External radio 2.4GHz Global	58050019
External radio 2.4GHz France	58052019
Radio cover Trimble VX Global	58010011
Radio cover Trimble VX France	58012011
Radio cover SPS-series Global	58010012
Radio cover SPS-series France	58012012

Manufacturer: Trimble AB
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SE-182 11 Danderyd
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The product complies with the essential requirements of the R&TTE Directive, 1999/5/EC, as shown in the Technical Construction File TCF/2007-01-t5_RA_Am.1 certified by the Notified Body 0413, reference number 608185.

Technical references

Article 3.1(a)	Health	1999/519/EC
Article 3.1(a)	El. Safety	EN 61010-1:2001
Article 3.1(b)	EMC	EN 301 489-17
Article 3.2	Radio	ETS 300 328-2 V1.6.1
EMCD	EMC	EN 61000-6-2:2001



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Trimble Panel BT Attachment



EC-Declaration of Conformity

to the Essential Requirements of the applicable
R&TTE Directive, 1999/5/EC, Annex III
including amendments by the CE marking Directive, 93/68/EEC

Product: Panel BT Attachment

Types / Models

Panel BT Attachment, (Yellow)
Panel BT Attachment, (Grey)

Part Numbers

58240001
58240012

Manufacturer: Trimble AB
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This declaration is based on the full compliance of the products in accordance with European harmonized standards.

Technical references:

Article 3.1(a)	Health	1999/519/EC
Article 3.1(a)	El. Safety	EN 61010-1 (2001)
Article 3.1(b)	EMC	EN 301 489-17 V1.2.1 (2002-08)
Article 3.2	Radio	ETS 300 328 V1.6.1 (2004-11)
EMCD	EMC	EN 61000-6-2 (2001)



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Trimble MultiTrack Target



EC-Declaration of Conformity

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Directives, 89/336/EC and 73/23/EEC
including amendments by the CE marking Directive, 93/68/EEC

Product: **Accessories – Trimble S6 Series**

Types/Models

Trimble MultiTrack target

Part Numbers

58003013

Manufacturer:

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This declaration is based on the full compliance of the products with the following European harmonized standards:

EMC: **EN 61326 (1997) + A1 (1998) + A2 (2001) + A3 (2003)** with requirements according to table 4 and table A1 regarding the following tests:

Radiated emission, CISPR 16-1 Class B equipment

Electrostatic discharge immunity (ESD), EN 61000-4-2
Contact discharge ± 4 kV; Air discharge ± 8 kV

Radiated immunity, EN 61000-4-3
Test level 10 V/m in the frequency range 80 – 1000 MHz

Laser Safety:

EN 60825-1:1994 + A1 (2002) + A2 (2001)



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Introduction

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- Technical Assistance
- Your Comments
- Registration

Welcome

Welcome to the Trimble VX Spatial Station user guide. This manual describes how to setup and use the Trimble VX Spatial Station. Even if you have used a 3D laser scanner or an optical total station before, Trimble recommends that you spend some time reading this manual to learn about the special features of this product.

Related Information

For more information about this product, please visit our web site at:

www.trimble.com

Technical Assistance

If you have a problem and cannot find the information you need in the product documentation, **contact your local Distributor**. Alternatively, do one of the following:

- Request technical support using the Trimble web site at www.trimble.com/support/support.htm
- Send an e-mail to trimble_support@trimble.com

Your Comments

Your feedback about the supporting documentation helps us to improve it with each revision.

E-mail your comments to ReaderFeedback@trimble.com.

Registration

To receive information regarding updates and new products please register on the Trimble web site.

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Inspection, Care and Maintenance

In this chapter:

- Inspecting the Container
- Instrument Case
- Battery Kit Accessory Case
- Robotic Kit Accessory Case
- Traverse Kit 1 Accessory Case
- Traverse Kit 2 Accessory Case
- Care and Maintenance
- Transporting the Instrument
- Servicing

Inspecting the Container

Inspect the shipping container. If the container arrives in poor condition, examine the equipment for visible damage. If damage is found, immediately notify the carrier and your Trimble sales representative. Keep the container and the packing material for the carrier to inspect.

Instrument Case

When unpacking the instrument, check that all ordered items are received. Below is an example of where all items can be placed in the instrument case. See figure 2.1.

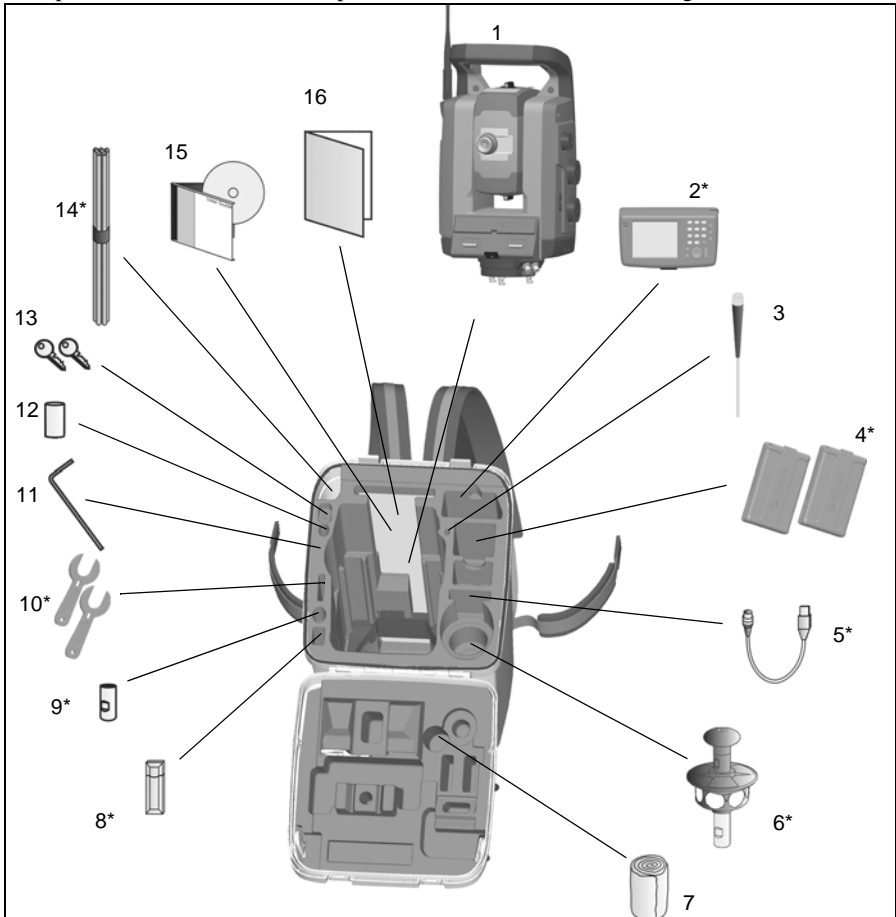


Figure 2.1 Position of items in the instrument case

Note – * Not included in the box.

Note – Some of the items described in figure 2.1 are optional and not all of the items are delivered with the instrument, some items are delivered with the accessory kits.

Item	Description
1	Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument
2	Trimble CU
3	Allen key
4	Internal batteries (2x)
5	Cable to USB for USB Memory or CF Card
6	360° prism with mini-rod
7	Rain cover
8	USB memory
9	Mini-rod adapter
10	Tools for target ID (2x)
11	Tool for handle (Torx T30 key)
12	Tools for tribrach and optical plummet
13	Instrument case keys (2x)
14	Instrument height meter
15	Trimble VX Spatial Station user guide CD
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	Lens rain cover (not shown in figure)



Caution – When shipping an instrument, make sure that the Trimble CU is not attached to the instrument. Place the Trimble CU in its own compartment in the transport case to avoid damage to the instrument. See Figure 2.1

Storing the Carrying Straps

When you are not using the carrying straps, you can store them in the carrying strap compartment on the instrument case.



Tip – Put the waist straps into the carrying strap compartment first, before the shoulder straps.

To take out and use the carrying straps:

1. Press the compartment lid lock downward and open the carrying strap compartment. See figure 2.2

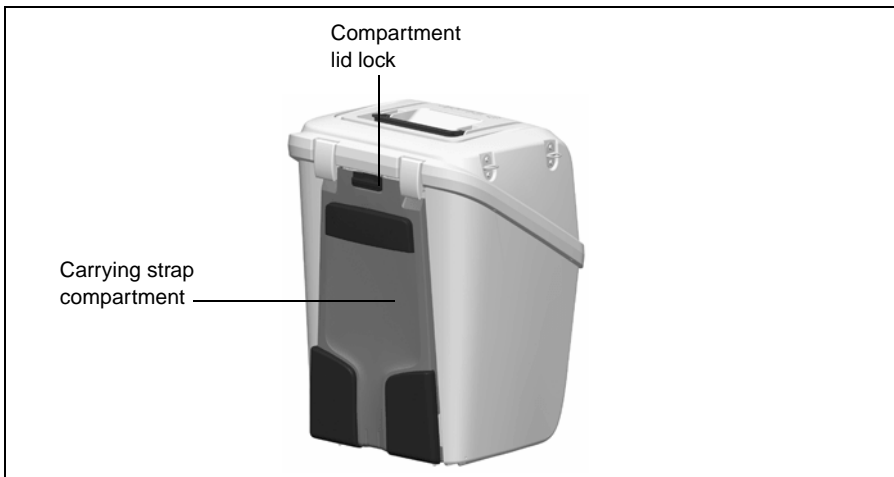


Figure 2.2 Instrument case with the carrying straps inside the compartment

2. Lift the straps from the compartment. The straps are already attached to the instrument case. See figure 2.3



Figure 2.3 Fitting the carrying straps

3. Close the compartment lid, making sure that you do not jam the carrying straps. See figure 2.4



Figure 2.4 Instrument case with the carrying straps ready for use

Battery Kit Accessory Case

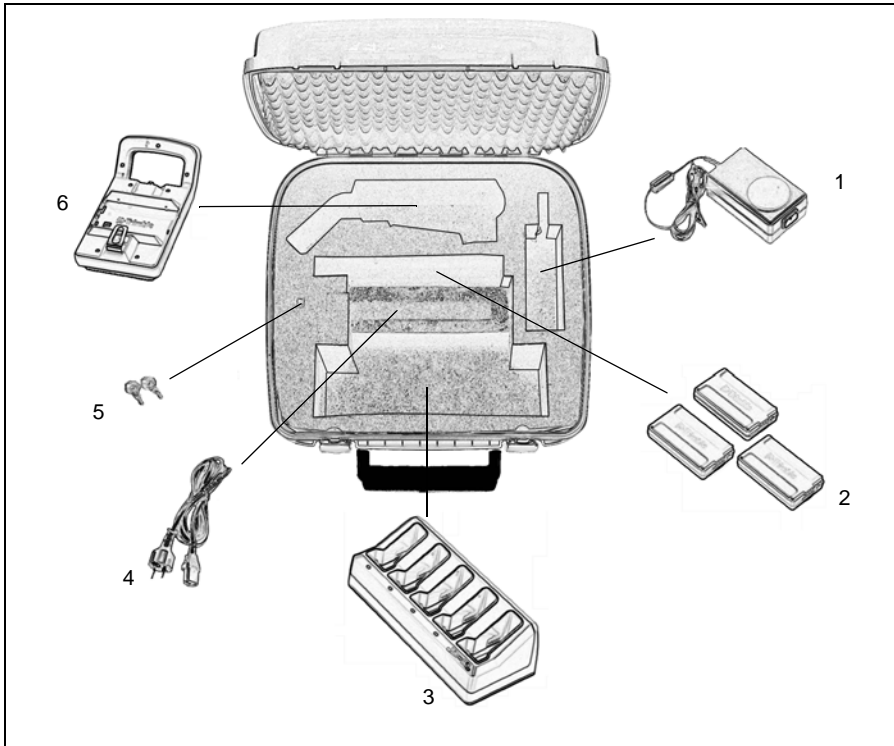


Figure 2.5 Contents of the battery kit accessory case

Item	Description
1	Battery charger power supply
2	Batteries (3x)
3	Battery charger
4	Power cable
5	Accessory case keys (2x)
6	Multi-battery adapter

Robotic Kit Accessory Case

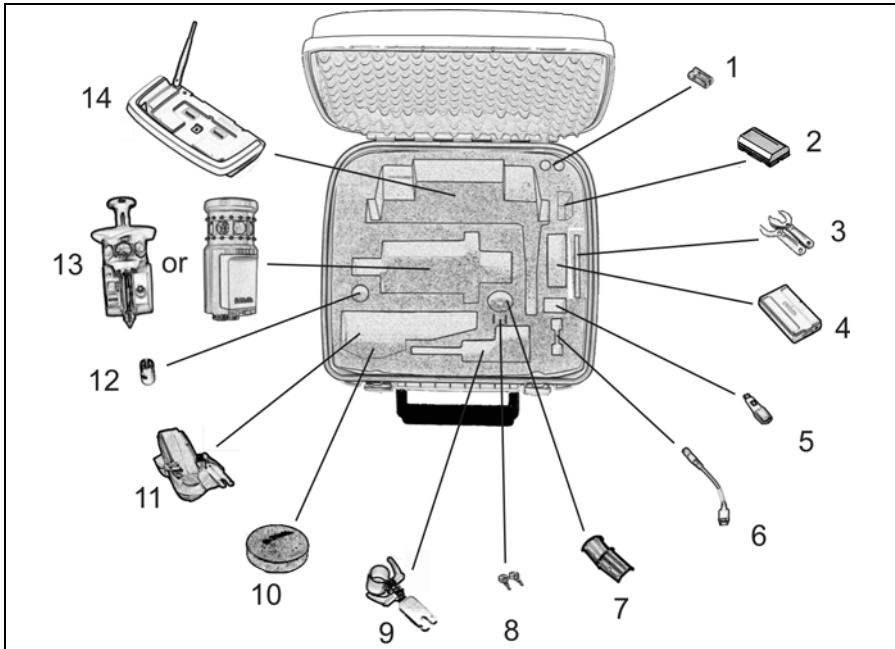


Figure 2.6 Contents of the robotic kit accessory case

Item	Description
1	Trimble Advanced Holder
2	Size AA batteries (2x)
3	Battery
4	USB memory (not included)
5	USB A receptacle dongle cable
6	Rod adapter
7	Standard rod adapter
8	Accessory case keys (2x)
9	Carrying strap
10	Mini-rod adapter
11	360° Prism with mini-rod and Target ID or Trimble MultiTrack Target
12	Tools for Target ID (2x)

Traverse Kit 1 Accessory Case

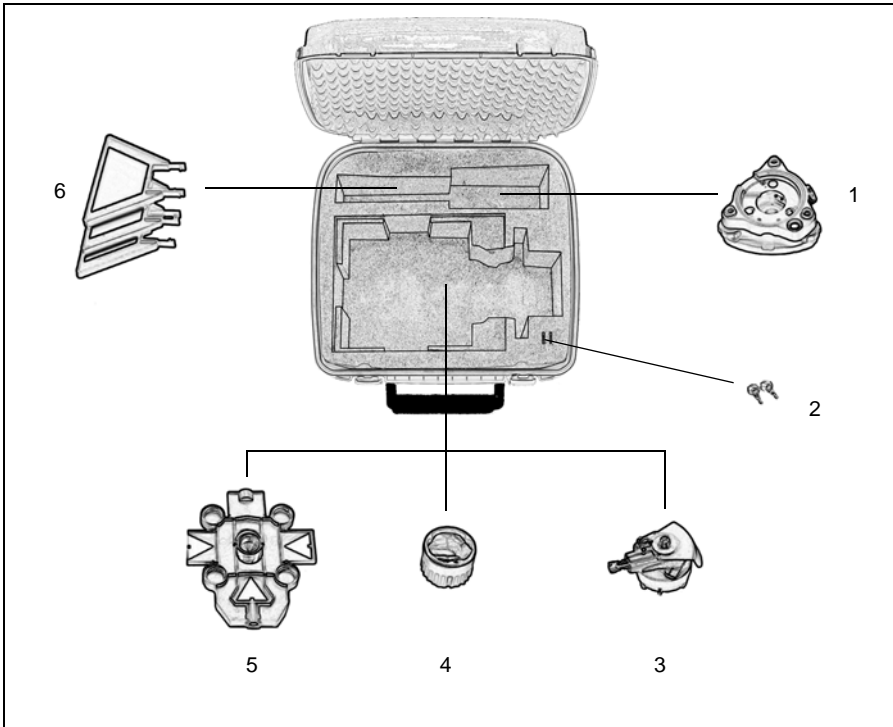


Figure 2.7 Contents of the traverse kit 1 accessory case

Item	Description
1	Tribrach
2	Accessory case keys (2x)
3	Prism base with level and optical plumb
4	Prism
5	Sighting target
6	Extra sighting targets (3x)

Traverse Kit 2 Accessory Case

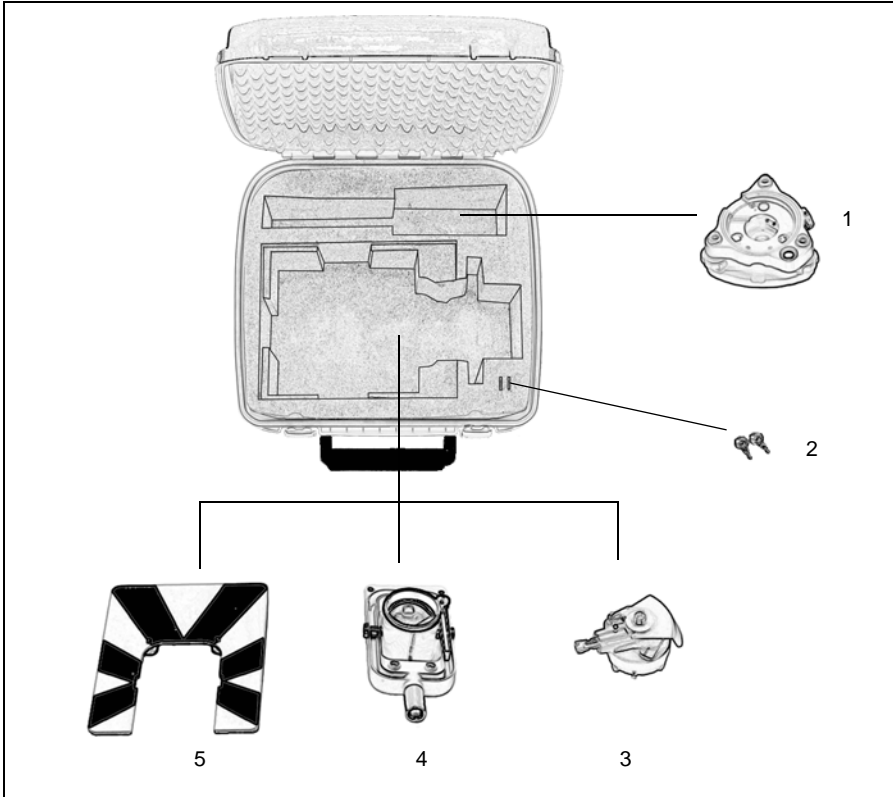


Figure 2.8 Contents of the traverse kit 2 accessory case

Item	Description
1	Tribrach
2	Accessory case keys (2x)
3	Prism base with level and optical plumb
4	Prism
5	Sighting target

Attaching the Accessory Case to the Instrument Case

The accessory case can be fitted on top of the instrument case for transport to a job site. Use straps (not included) as shown in figure 2.9.



Figure 2.9 Accessory case fitted to the top of the instrument case

Care and Maintenance



Warning – Do not remove the instrument cover from the instrument. A Trimble VX Spatial Station is designed to withstand normal electromagnetic disturbance from the environment but it contains circuits that are sensitive to static electricity. If an unauthorized person opens the instrument cover, the function of the instrument is not guaranteed and the warranty is invalidated.

The Trimble VX Spatial Station is designed and tested to withstand field conditions, but like all precision instruments, it requires care and maintenance. Take the following steps to get the best results from the instrument:

- Do not subject the equipment to rough jolts or careless treatment.
- Keep the lenses and reflectors clean. Use only lens paper or other material that is designed for cleaning optical equipment. As a cleaner, a solution of pure water and 20-30% 2-Propanol specified with evaporation residue <5mg/l.
- Keep the instrument protected and in an upright position, preferably in the instrument case.
- Do not carry the instrument while the instrument is mounted on a tripod. Doing so can damage the tribrach screws.
- Do not carry the instrument by the telescope barrel. Use the handle.
- When you need extremely precise measurements, make sure that the instrument has adapted to the surrounding temperature. Significant variations in instrument temperature can affect precision.

Cleaning



Caution – Never use strong detergents such as benzine or thinners on the instrument or the instrument case.

Be very careful when cleaning the instrument, especially when removing sand or dust from lenses and reflectors. Never use coarse or dirty cloth or hard paper. Trimble recommends that you use anti-static lens paper, a cotton wad, or a lens brush.

Getting Rid of Moisture

If the instrument has been used in damp weather, take the instrument indoors and remove the instrument from the instrument case. Leave the instrument to dry naturally. If condensation forms on the lenses, allow the moisture to evaporate naturally. Leave the carrying case open until all moisture has evaporated.

Transporting the Instrument

Always transport the instrument in a locked instrument case. For longer trips, transport the instrument in the instrument case and inside the original shipping container.



Caution – When shipping an instrument, make sure that the Trimble CU is not attached to the instrument. Place the Trimble CU in its own compartment in the transport case to avoid damage to the instrument. See Figure 2.1

Servicing

Note – There are no user-serviceable parts on the Trimble VX Spatial Station.

Trimble recommends that you take the instrument to an authorized Trimble service workshop for service and calibration once a year. This is to guarantee that the specified accuracies are maintained.

When you send the instrument to a service center, clearly write the name of the sender and the receiver on the instrument case. If repairs are required, enclose a note in the instrument case. The note should clearly describe any fault or symptoms, and indicate that servicing is required.

Getting Started

In this chapter:

- Battery
- Instrument Description
- Laser and LED Information

Battery

Before charging or using a battery it is important that you read and understand the battery safety and environment information.

Battery Safety and Environment Information



Warning – Do not damage the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery. A damaged battery can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or property damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not use or charge the battery if it appears to be damaged. Signs of damage include, but are not limited to, discoloration, warping, and leaking battery fluid.
 - Do not expose the battery to fire, high temperature, or direct sunlight.
 - Do not immerse the battery in water.
 - Do not use or store the battery inside a vehicle during hot weather.
 - Do not drop or puncture the battery.
 - Do not open the battery or short-circuit its contacts.
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Warning – Avoid contact with the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery if it appears to be leaking. Battery fluid is corrosive, and contact with it can result in personal injury and/or property damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- If the battery leaks, avoid contact with the battery fluid.
 - If battery fluid gets into your eyes, immediately rinse your eyes with clean water and seek medical attention. Do not rub your eyes!
 - If battery fluid gets onto your skin or clothing, immediately use clean water to wash off the battery fluid.
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Warning – Charge and use the rechargeable Lithium-ion battery only in strict accordance with the instructions. Charging or using the battery in unauthorized equipment can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or equipment damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not charge or use the battery if it appears to be damaged or leaking.
 - Charge the Lithium-ion battery only in a Trimble product that is specified to charge it. Be sure to follow all instructions that are provided with the battery charger.
 - Discontinue charging a battery that gives off extreme heat or a burning odor.
 - Use the battery only in Trimble equipment that is specified to use it.
 - Use the battery only for its intended use and according to the instructions in the product documentation.
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Disposal

- Before disposal, discharge the battery.

- Dispose of the used battery in an environmentally sensitive manner, according to local and national regulations, see also Environmental Information page viii.

Charging the Lithium-Ion Battery

The battery is supplied partially charged. Charge the battery completely before using it for the first time.

- To charge the battery, use only a charger that is recommended by Trimble for charging the Lithium-ion battery.
- Charge the battery before using the total station if the equipment has been stored for longer than six months.

The charger operates between 0 °C (32 °F) and 40 °C (104 °F). Charging a battery at temperatures in the range of 0 °C (32 °F) to 5 °C (41 °F) will take longer than charging at room temperature.



Caution – Ensure that nothing obstructs the vents in the back of the charger. The bottom of the charger is hot during charging.

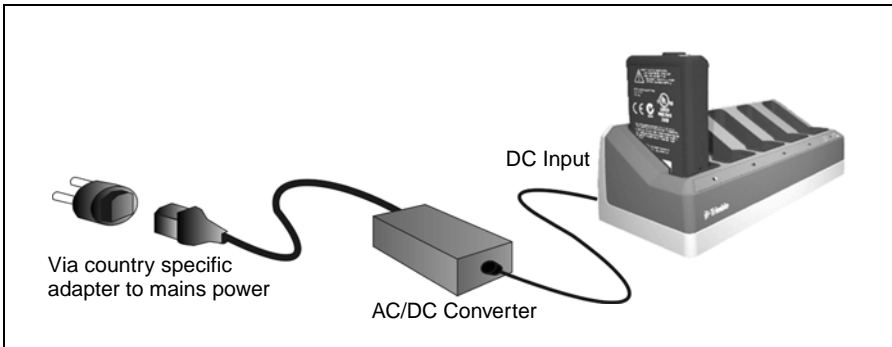


Figure 3.10 Battery charger

To charge the battery:

1. Ensure that the vents in the back of the charger are unobstructed.
2. Place the charger on a hard, flat and level surface, to ensure that there is airflow under the charger.
3. To apply power to the charger, use the AC to DC converter. The charger scans the slots for a battery. The green light flashes on the slot that is being scanned.
4. Place the battery in any of the slots. For an explanation of the LED display, see page 19.

5. Charging takes approximately 3 hours per battery at room temperature. If several batteries are charging in the battery charger, the batteries will be charged sequentially, from left to right.

Leave a deeply discharged or shorted battery overnight in the charger to attempt to revive the battery. A shorted battery is typically revived as soon as the slot is scanned. If the Amber LED turns off, the battery is revived. If the Amber LED stays on, the battery is no longer functional and needs to be replaced.

Conditioning the Battery

Charge the battery as described above. Ensure that the vents in the back of the charger are unobstructed and that the charger is on a flat and level surface.

If the Amber LED for a slot is flashing, the battery occupying this slot requires conditioning.

A battery that has been subjected to 20 consecutive incomplete charge/discharge cycles requires conditioning and will trigger the conditioning-required indicator. A full charge/discharge cycle is defined as one that uses more than 90% of the battery capacity. A battery requires conditioning if the power gauge (a count of the battery capacity) in the battery is misreading the battery capacity by more than 8%. The battery is still safe to use, but the power gauge may no longer be accurate which may decrease the battery run time in the field.

Using all the battery capacity before charging will reset the indicator. The charger also has the capability to perform a conditioning cycle.

To condition the battery:

1. Press the conditioning button on the back of the charger. Amber LEDs become solid, and all green LEDs start to flash. Release the conditioning button. See figure 3.11

In the conditioning mode, the charger discharges any battery that requires conditioning and then charges it.

Conditioning a single battery can take up to 24 hours. Conditioning five batteries can take up to 60 hours. Trimble recommends that you condition the battery or batteries on a weekend.



Caution – The bottom of the charger is hot during conditioning. Do not touch the bottom plate.

2. If you press the conditioning button again when conditioning is in progress, you cancel conditioning. To succeed, a conditioning cycle must be uninterrupted.



Figure 3.11 Battery charger conditioning button

Battery Charger LED Behavior

Status	Amber LED	Green LED
No battery detected (or battery defective)	ON	OFF
Battery detected (charging not started)		
Conditioning not required	OFF	OFF
Conditioning required	FLASHING	OFF
Charging in progress		
Conditioning not required	OFF	FLASHING
Conditioning required	FLASHING	FLASHING
Conditioning in progress	ON	FLASHING
Conditioning done (battery fully charged)	ON	ON
Battery fully charged		
Conditioning not required	OFF	ON
Conditioning required	FLASHING	ON

For information about the battery power gauge LEDs see also Power Supply page 103

Inserting the Internal Battery

The Trimble VX Spatial Station internal battery fits into the battery compartment on the side of the instrument. This battery can easily be removed and replaced. To insert the battery:

1. Unclip the battery compartment door
2. Slide the battery into the battery compartment with the battery connectors positioned towards the top of the instrument. See figure 3.12

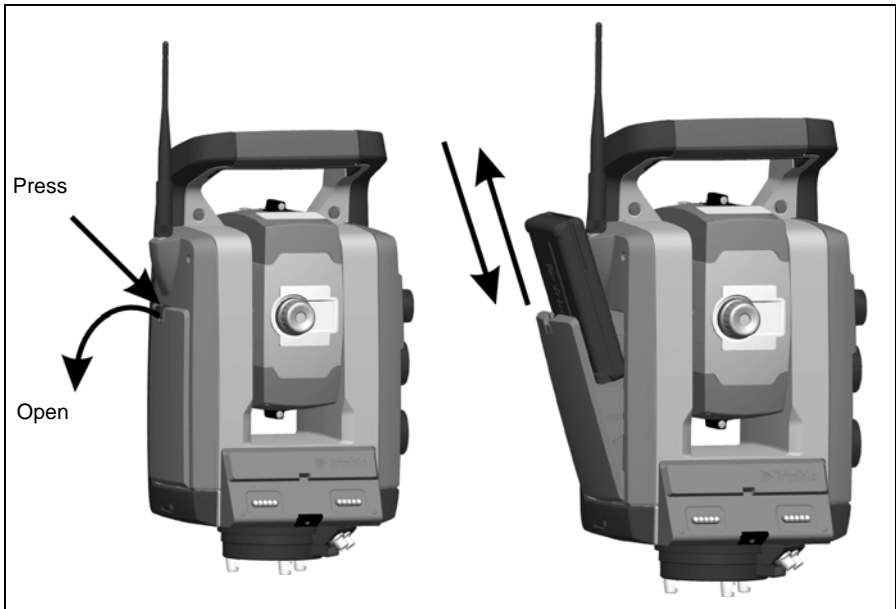


Figure 3.12 Removing and replacing the internal battery

Trimble Multi Battery Adapter



Warning – Use only the specified battery and cable with the Multi Battery Adapter. Use the adapter only to provide power to the specified Trimble product. Never attempt to charge batteries while they are in the adapter. Observe the warnings in the battery section of the manual.

The Multi Battery Adapter is an external battery adapter that holds and connects up to three Trimble VX Spatial Station batteries. The Multi Battery Adapter has a hook so that the adapter can be attached to the tripod. See figure 3.13

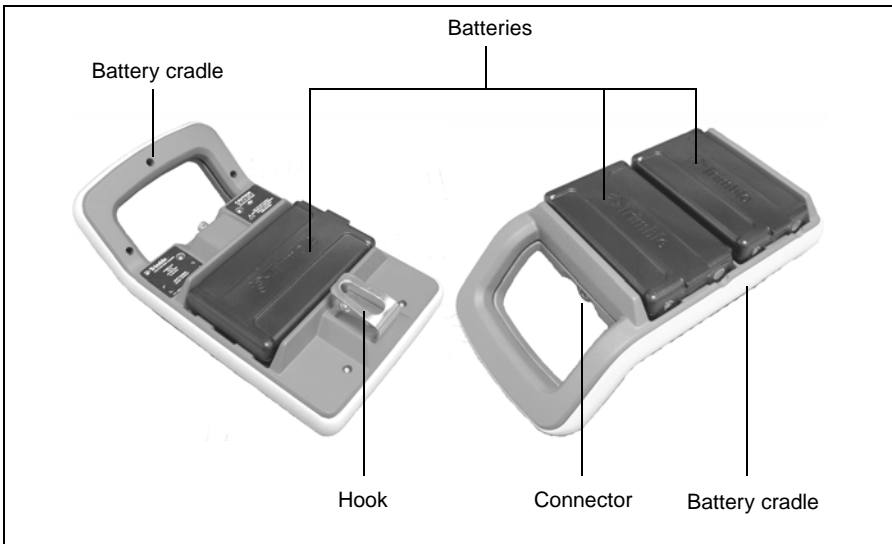


Figure 3.13 Multi Battery Adapter

Connecting the Trimble Multi Battery Adapter

The Trimble Multi Battery Adapter can be connected to the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument with a standard Trimble 6-pin Hirose battery cable. See figure 3.14



Caution – Use only the gray cables with 6-pin Hirose connectors from Trimble when connecting a cable to the instrument and Multi Battery Adapter.

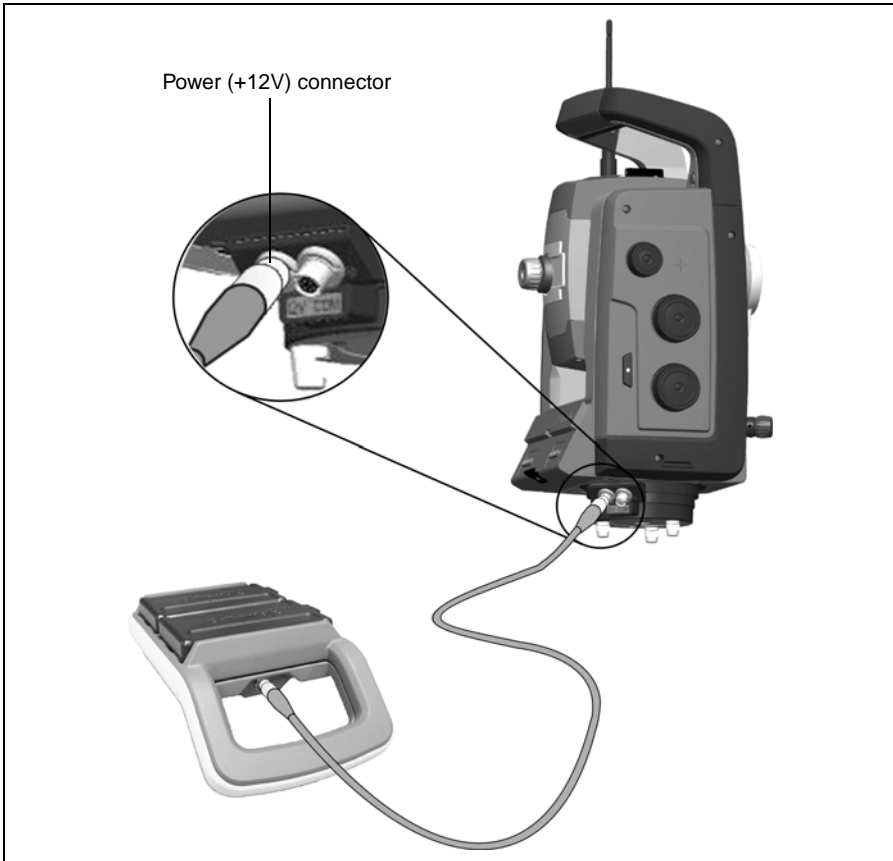
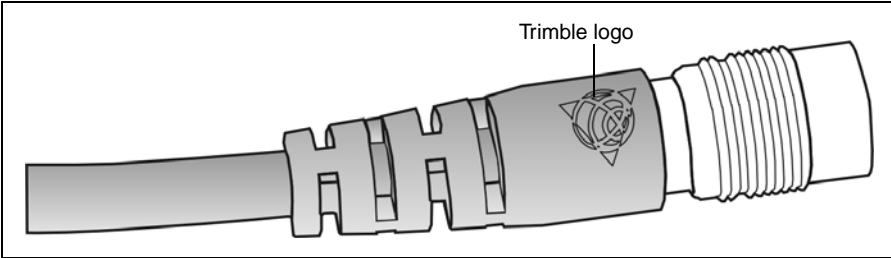


Figure 3.14 Connecting the Multi battery Adapter



Tip – When connecting the cable to the instrument, keep the Trimble logo on the connector upward.



Instrument Description

This section describes the instrument controls. Trimble recommends that you take some time to familiarize yourself with the names and the locations of the controls. See figure 3.15 and figure 3.16

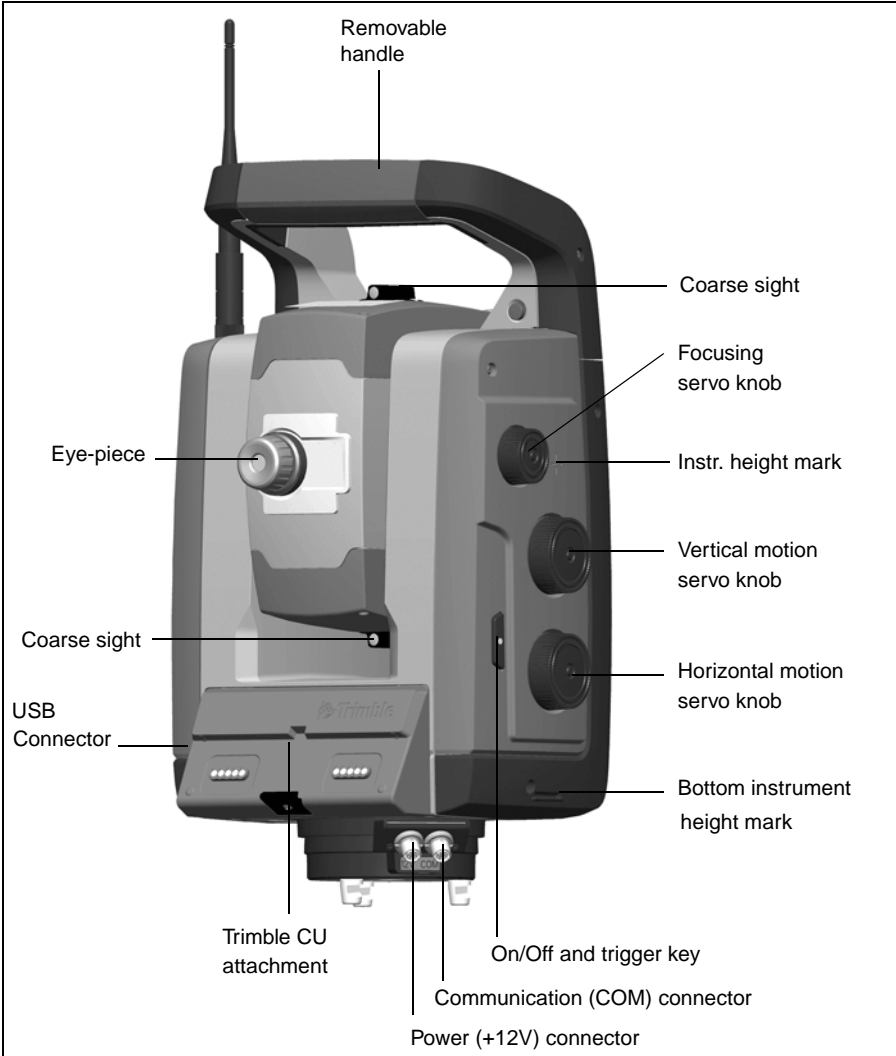


Figure 3.15 Operator's view of the Trimble VX Spatial Station

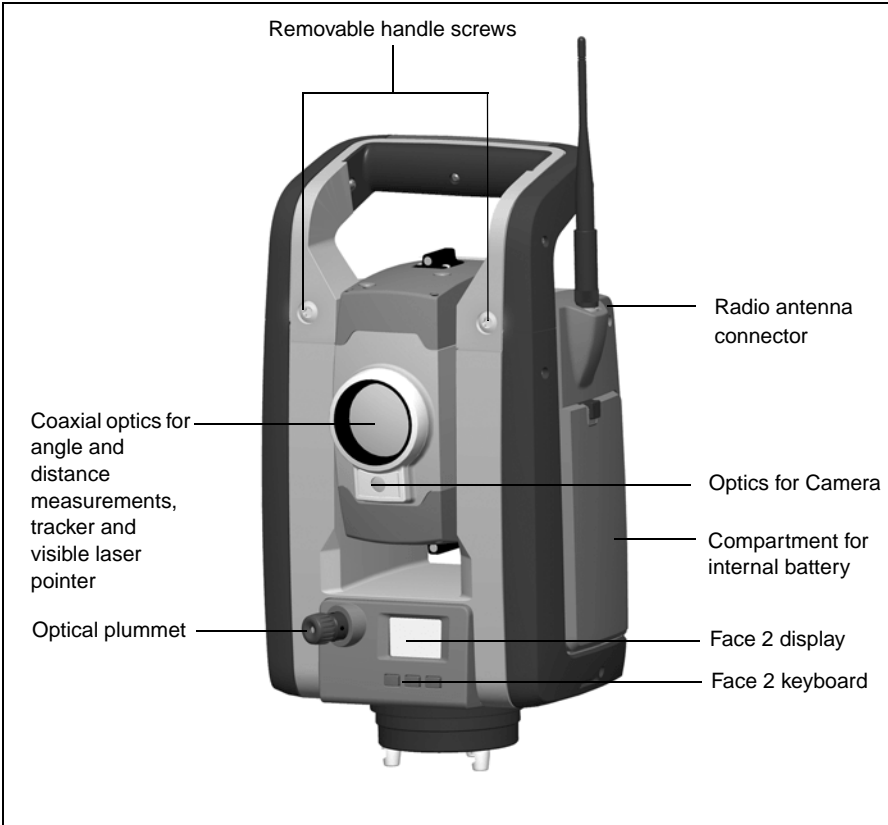


Figure 3.16 Front view of the Trimble VX Spatial Station

Trigger Key

When there is no Trimble CU attached to the instrument, the trigger key functions as an On/Off key. An LED in the trigger key indicates if the instrument is turned on. A solid light indicates on and a flashing light indicates suspend mode.

When there is a Trimble CU running a field application software connected to the instrument, the trigger key performs the same function as the Enter key on the Trimble CU.

Face 2 Display

The face 2 display is a graphical display with a built-in backlight, and three control buttons. See figure 3.17

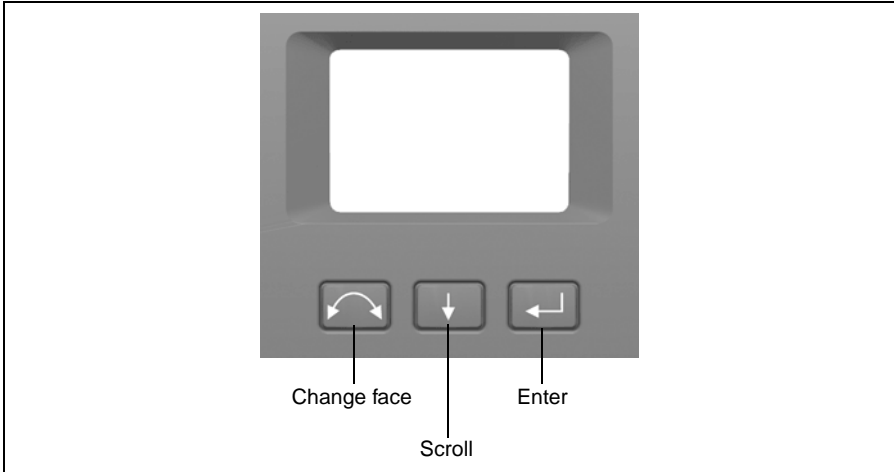


Figure 3.17 Face 2 display and keyboard

When a secondary function is available on a button, an icon appears at the bottom of the display. To access the secondary function, press and hold the appropriate key.

When a Trimble CU is attached to the instrument, the software running on the unit controls the face 2 display and keyboard, and determines which secondary functions are available. For details on how the software controls the face 2 display, refer to the field software documentation.

When there is no Trimble CU attached to the instrument, and you turn on the instrument using the trigger key, the face 2 display shows an electronic leveling screen. See figure 3.18

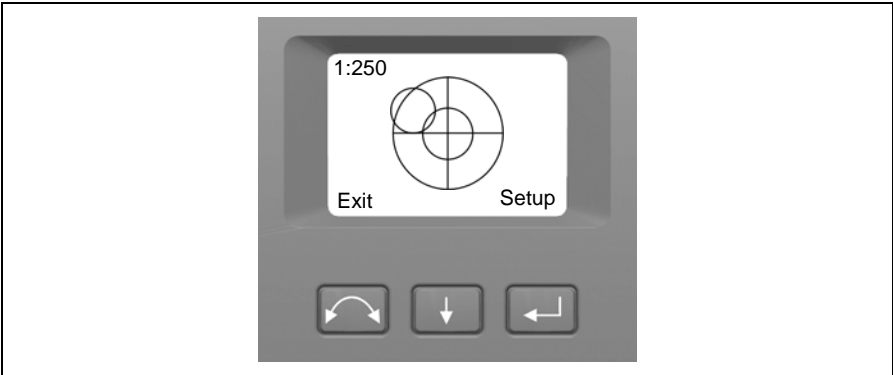


Figure 3.18 Electronic leveling screen on the face 2 display

For information on how to access the compensator menu and instrument setup menu from the face 2 display and keyboard. See Instrument Setup on page 39.

Optical Plummet

The instrument is equipped with an optical plummet, which has 2x magnification and a focusing range of 0.5 m to infinity. The instrument can be positioned to an accuracy of 0.5 mm at 1.5 m over a ground mark.



Figure 3.19 Optical plummet

As shown in figure 3.19:

- To focus the crosshairs, rotate the eye-piece.
- To focus the optical plummet to the ground, push in or pull out the optical plummet.

For information on how to adjust the optical plummet. See [Adjusting the Optical Plummet](#) on page 74.

Handle

The handle of the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument is detachable for measurements in confined spaces, or for instances where the handle obstructs the sighting line.

The instrument handle is placed so that it will not obscure measurements in the face 1 position, or restrict plumbing vertically beneath an overhead marker or sighting up a vertical shaft.

The handle can be removed by:

1. Unscrew the two Torx screws securing the handle to the instrument, use a T30 Torx key.
2. Slide the handle horizontally away from the front of the instrument. See figure 3.20 and figure 3.21

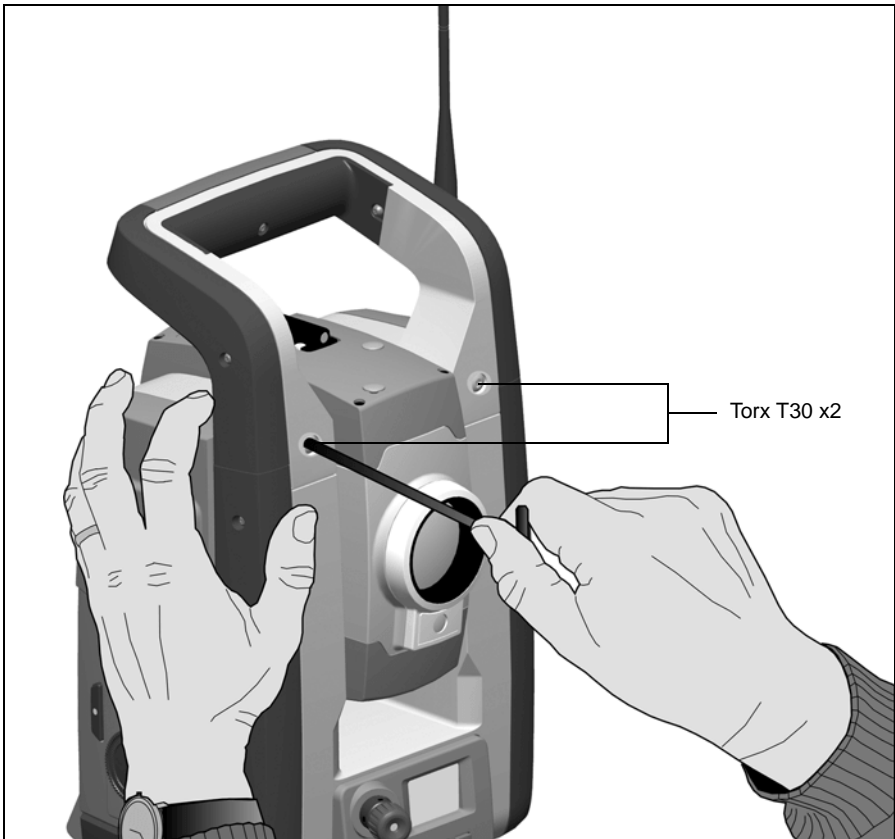


Figure 3.20 Removing the instrument handle



Figure 3.21 Detaching the instrument handle

Attaching the handle:

Attaching the handle is completed by reversing the above operations.



Caution – Make sure that the handle is firmly attached before you lift the instrument.

Laser and LED Information

For more information, See Laser Safety on page v.

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The Trimble VX Spatial Station has been tested, and complies with the regulations for a Class 1 and Class 2 Laser product, see figure 3.22.



Figure 3.22 The Trimble VX Spatial Station

The laser pointer warning label is on top of the distance measuring unit. See figure 3.23

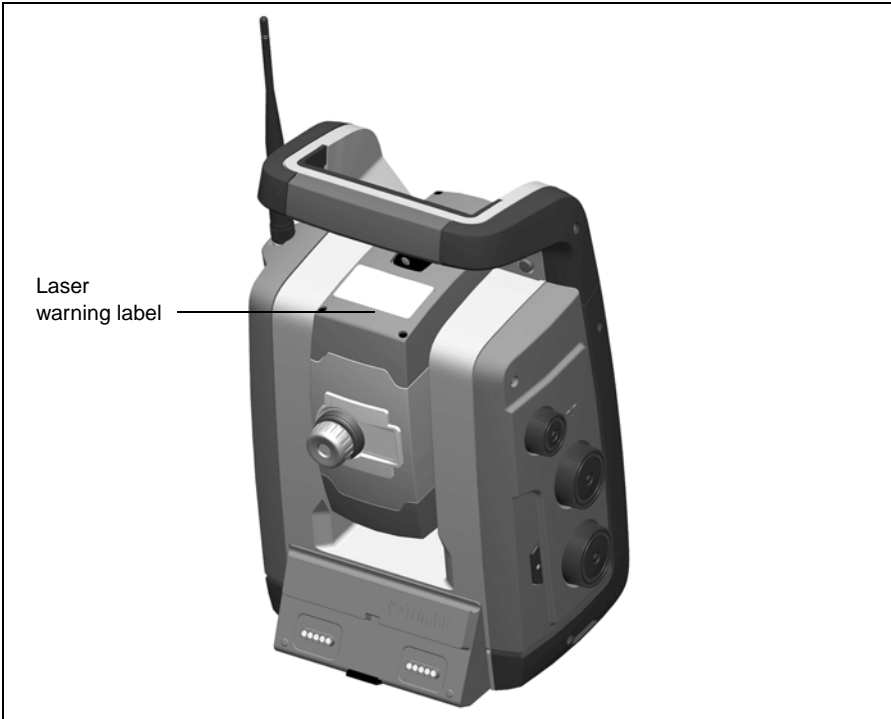


Figure 3.23 Location of the laser pointer warning label on a Trimble VX Spatial Station

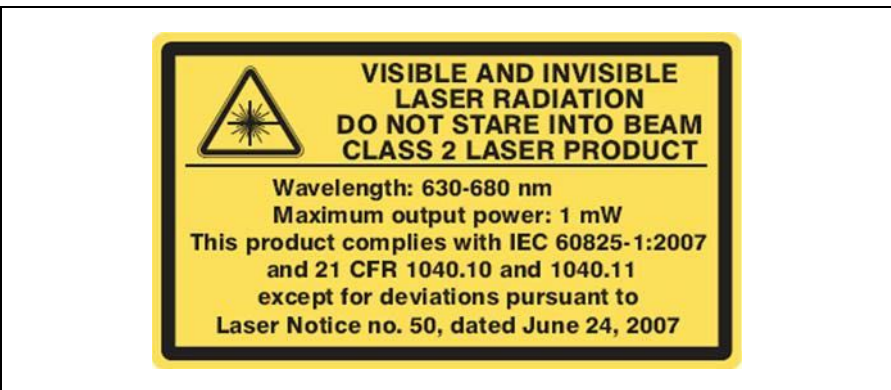


Figure 3.24 Laser pointer warning label

Setup

In this chapter:

- Setup
- Starting the Instrument
- Leveling
- Instrument Setup
- The Laser Pointer
- Measuring the Instrument Height
- Pre Measurement Check List
- Attaching the Trimble CU
- Detaching the Trimble CU
- Connecting a TSC2
- Lifting the Instrument

Setup

An instrument setup with good measuring stability will increase the precision in the measurement result and allow you to utilize the measurement precision of the Trimble VX Spatial Station to its full extent.

Setup Stability

When an instrument is setup it is important to consider the following:

1. Set tripod legs wide apart to increase the stability of the setup. A setup where one leg is placed on e.g asphalt and the other two on soil will still be a stable setup provided that the tripod legs are set wide enough. If it is not possible to set the tripod legs wide apart due to obstacles, then the tripod can be lowered to increase stability.

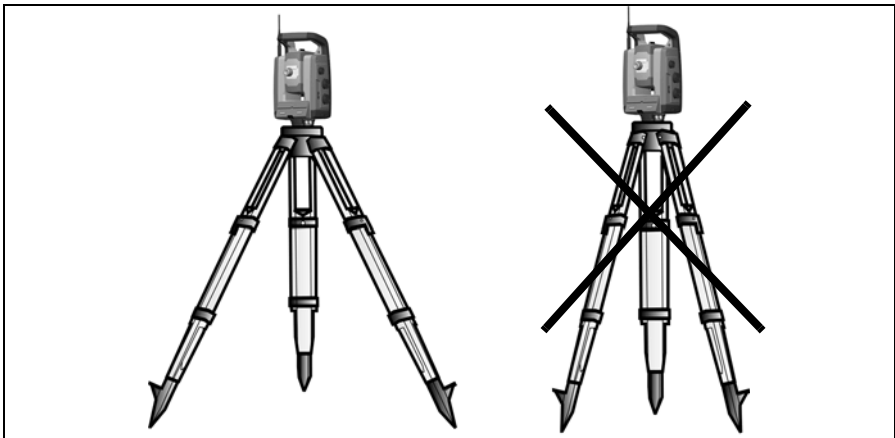


Figure 4.25 Correct instrument set up

2. Make sure that all the screws on the tripod and/or tribrach are tightened to avoid any play.
3. Any high quality tripod and tribrach can be used. However, Trimble strongly recommends the use of tripod heads made of steel, aluminium or similar material. Tripod heads of fiberglass or other composite materials are not recommended.

See Servo Technology on page 98 for more information.

Measurement Stability

Take into account that instruments require sufficient time to adjust to the ambient temperature. The following rule-of-thumb for a high precision measurement applies: Temperature difference in degree Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) $\times 2 =$ duration in minutes required for the instrument to adjust to the new temperature.

Avoid sighting across fields with intense heat shimmer by sun light, e.g. at noon.

Starting the Instrument

Note – Before following any of the instructions below, put the instrument in the face 2 position, i.e. the telescope eyepiece and face 2 keyboard and display are pointing towards you.

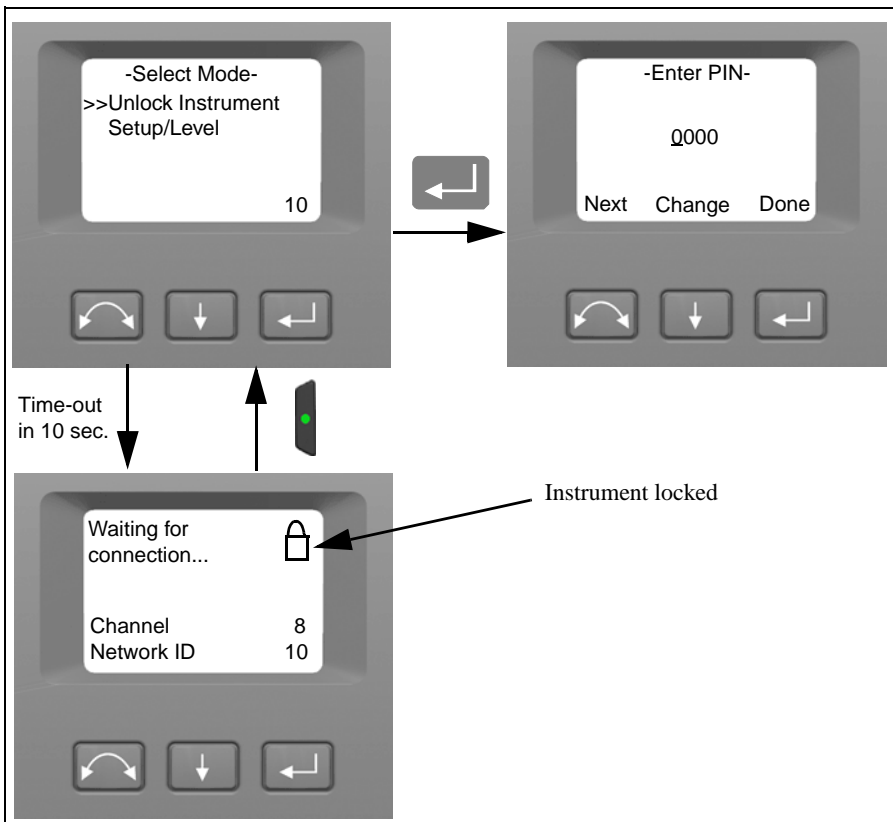
The face 2 display menus described in this chapter can only be accessed when there is no Trimble CU attached, please remove the Trimble CU before starting the instrument.

Start the instrument by pressing the trigger key.

Once you start the instrument, the *Select Mode* menu appears in the face 2 display.


If PIN Security code has been activated you will need to unlock the instrument before you proceed, See Security on page 40.


To unlock the instrument select **Unlock Instrument** and press 




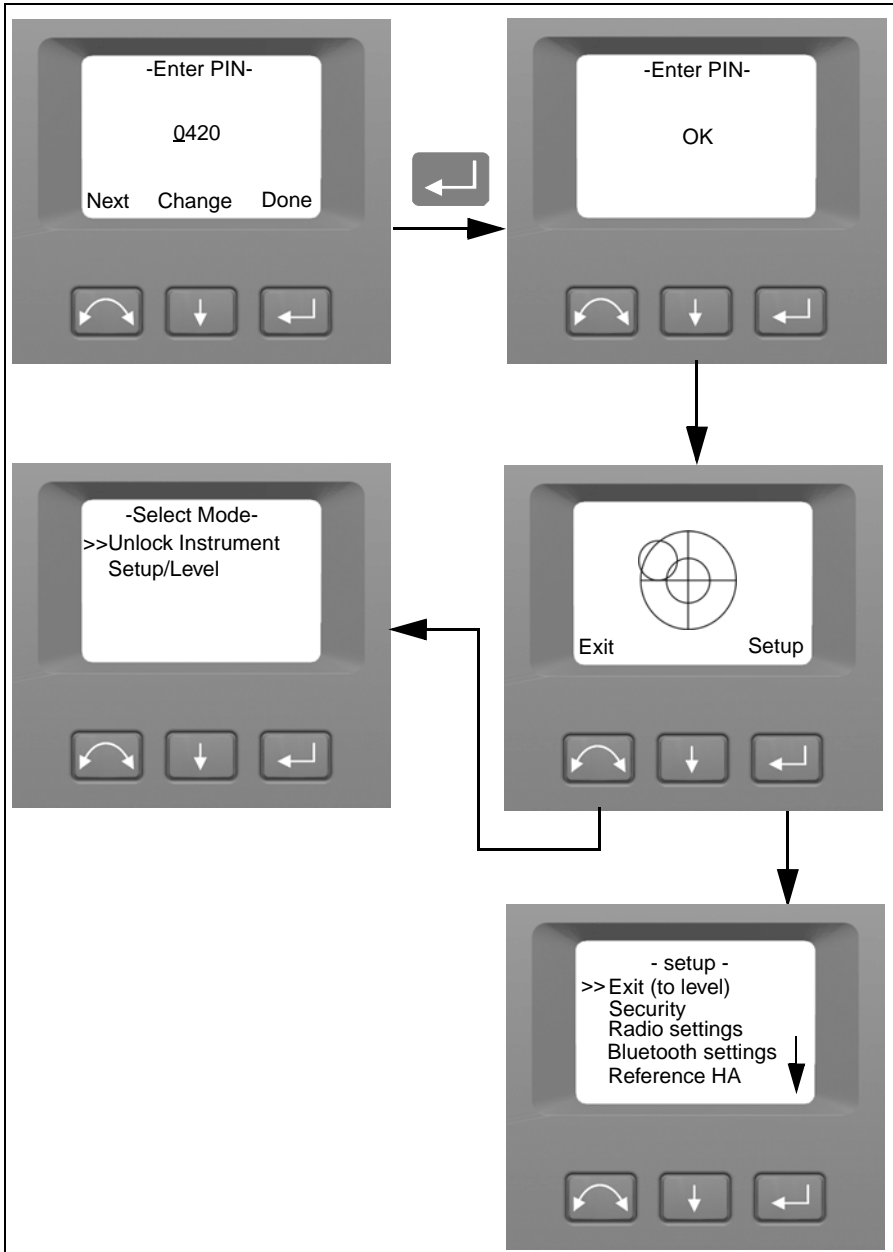
Note – If no selection is made within 10 seconds the instrument will go to suspend mode. To return to the select mode menu press the trigger key.

The PIN code is a four digit number. The underlined digit is selected for change.


Press  to change the digit to the correct number

Press  to select the next digit.

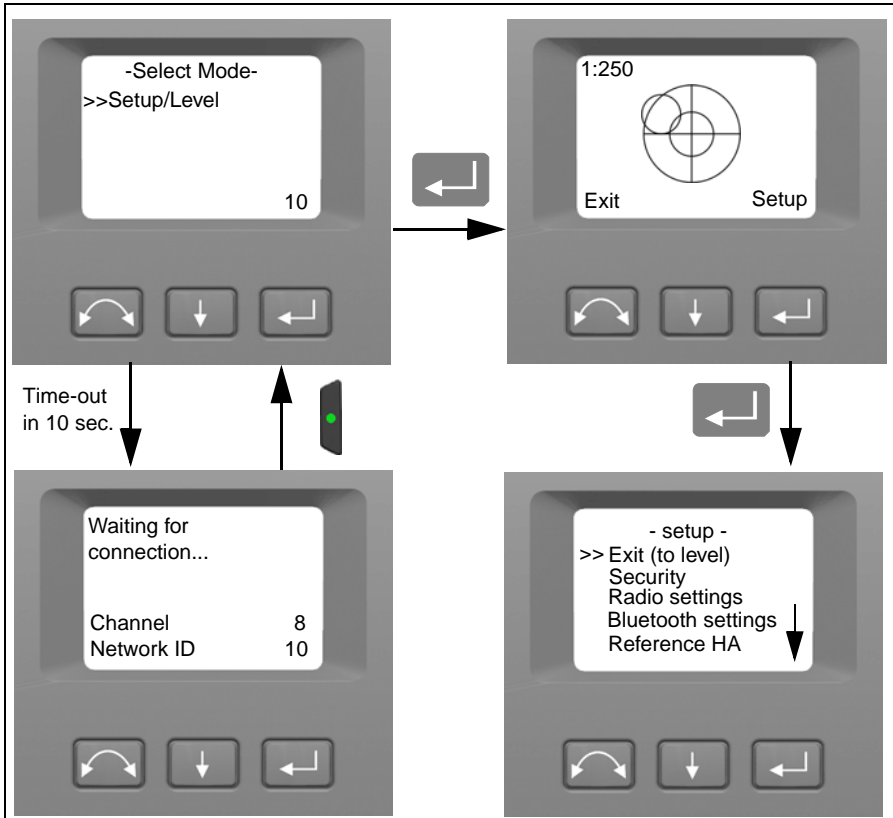
When all four digits have been set to the correct PIN code press .



If the PIN code security option has not been activated the instrument will be unlocked.


To go to Setup/Level press .


Note – If no selection is made within 10 seconds the instrument will go to suspend mode. To return to the select mode menu press the trigger key.




Leveling

Once you have selected Setup/Level, the face 2 display appears with the electronic bubble for leveling. If there is a Trimble CU attached, the Trimble CU software controls the face 2 display. Figure 4.26 shows the leveling process.

To toggle between a graphical or numerical display make a long press on .

To change the graphical displays sensitivity (zoom) make a short press on .

To accept and enter the *setup* menu press .

Note – Due to the high speed servo it is important to use a high quality tripod and tribrach.

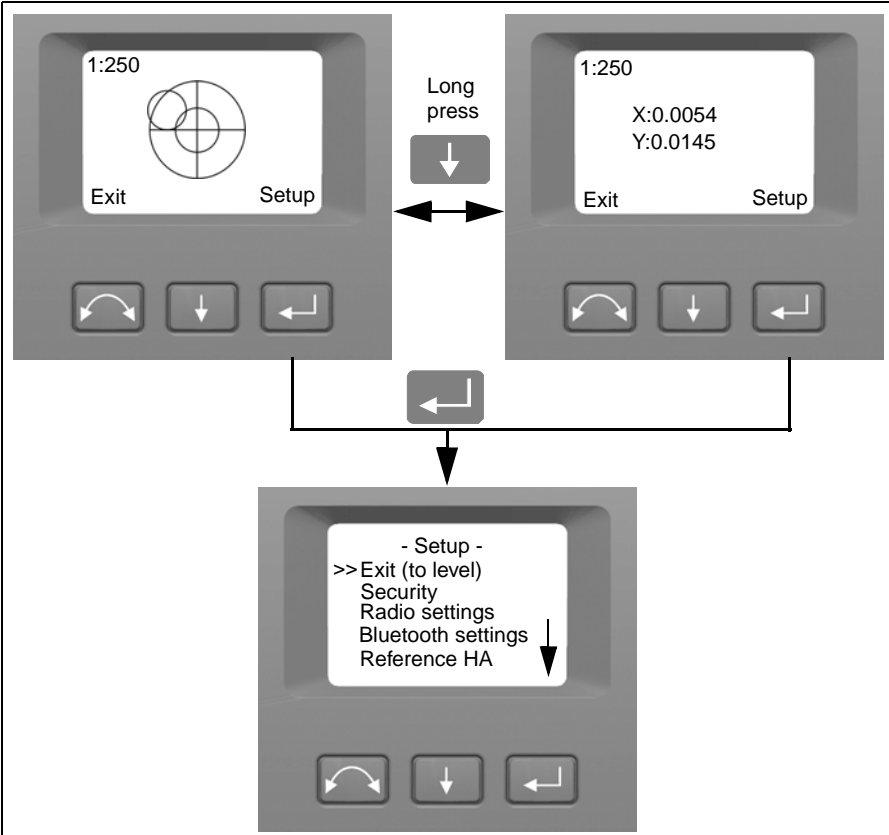



Figure 4.26 The leveling process

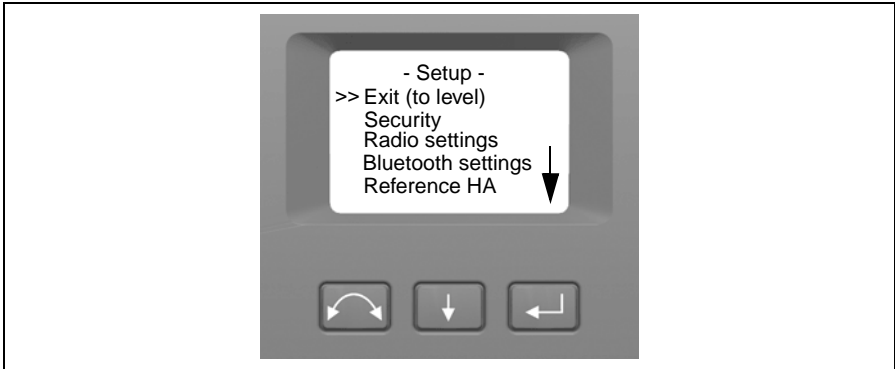
Note – If the instrument is inactive for longer than 300 seconds (5 minutes) it will go to suspend mode. See Power Management on page 101

Instrument Setup

With the face 2 display, you can access a number of instrument functions and routines without a Trimble CU attached:

In the leveling display select **Setup** by pressing , the *Setup* Menu appears:

Note – It is possible to access the instrument setup menu without levelling the instrument.



The instrument *Setup* menu is structured as follows:

- Exit (to level)
- Security settings, See Security on page 40
- Radio settings. See page 47.
- Bluetooth[®] settings, See Bluetooth[®] Settings on page 51
- Reference Horizontal Angle. See page 53.
- Adjustments. See page 53.
 - Back
 - Compensator calibration. See page 54.
 - HA/VA and trunnion axis collimation. See page 56.
 - Tracker collimation. See page 60.
 - Laser pointer on/off. See page 62.
 - Autofocus calibration. See page 63
- Firmware version information. See page 65.
- Service info, See Service Info on page 65
- Language settings, See Select Language on page 66

Security

To avoid unauthorized use of the instrument a PIN/PUK security code can be activated by the user.

PIN Code










The PIN Code is a four digit code where each digit can be set between 0-9 e.g. “1234”. The PIN Code can be activated and changed by the user.

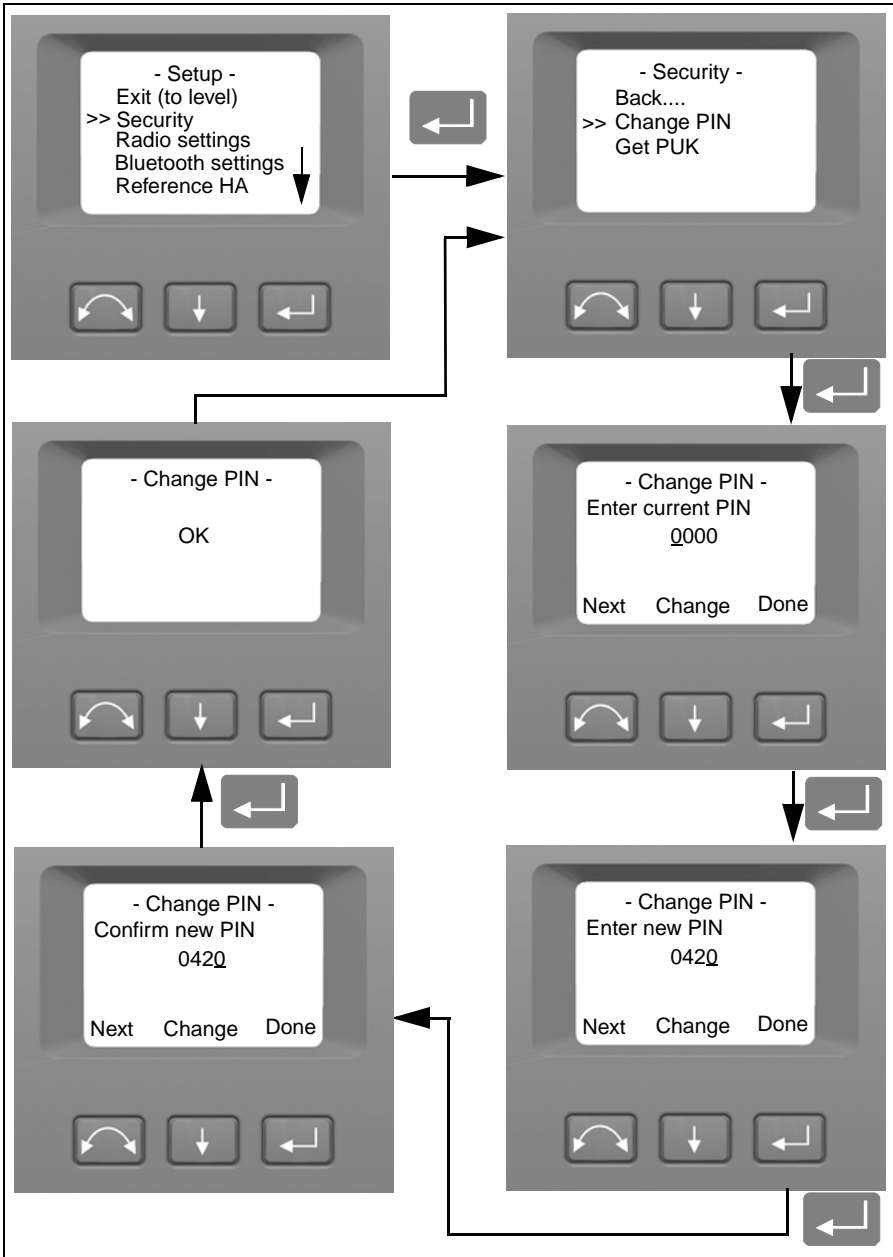
As default the PIN Code is set to “0000”. With this code set the security is not activated and the user will not be prompted to enter PIN Code at start up.



Note – If the wrong code is entered more than 10 times, the instrument will be locked and the PUK Code needs to be entered.

Activate or Change PIN Code

To activate the security PIN Code or change the PIN Code:

1. Press  to scroll to **Security** and then press .
2. Press  to scroll to **Change PIN** and then press .
3. Enter the current PIN Code. The underlined digit is selected for change.
 - a. Press  to change the digit to the correct number.
 - b. Press  to select the next digit.
 - c. When all four digits have been set to the correct PIN code press .
4. Enter the new PIN Code of your choice and press , follow the instructions 3a, 3b and 3c
5. To confirm the PIN Code press .

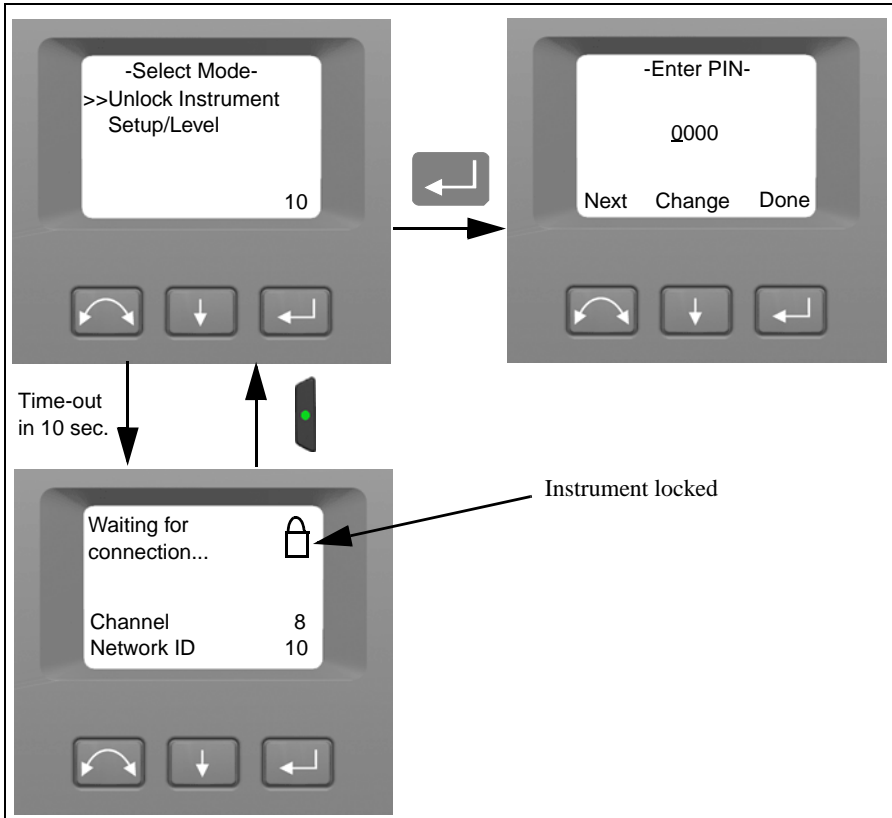


6. Press  to scroll to **Back...** and then press  to return to the **Setup** menu.

Unlock Instrument With PIN Code




When the security PIN Code has been activated, the PIN Code needs to be entered at start up.

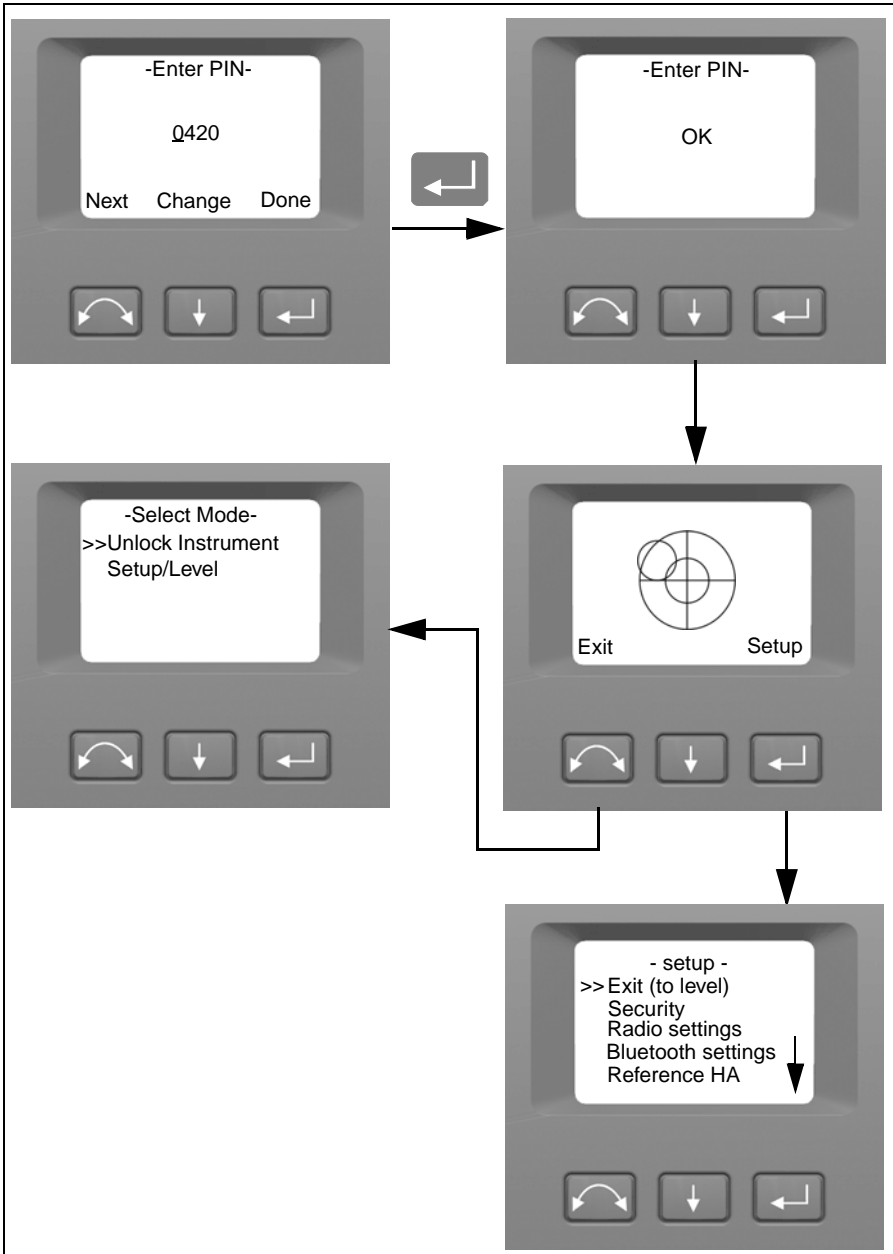
To unlock the instrument select **Unlock Instrument** and press 



Note – If no selection is made within 10 seconds the instrument will go to suspend mode. To return to the select mode menu press the trigger key.

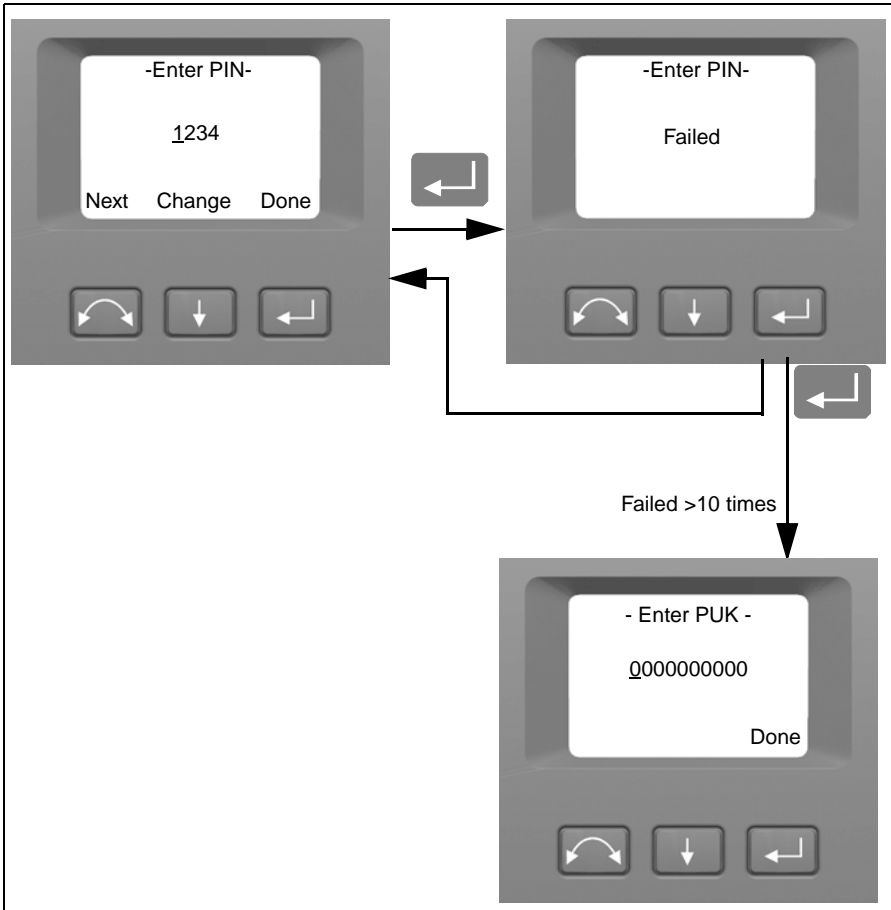
The PIN code is a four digit number. The underlined digit is selected for change.

1. Press  to change the digit to the correct number
2. Press  to select the next digit.
3. When all four digits have been set to the correct PIN code press .



If the wrong PIN Code is entered more than ten times, you will be prompted to enter the PUK Code.

When the correct PUK Code has been entered, the PIN Code will be reset to “0000”. This means that the PIN Code security will be inactivated.



PUK Code






The PUK Code is a ten digit code where each digit is set between 0-9 e.g. “0123456789”. The PUK Code can not be changed by the user.

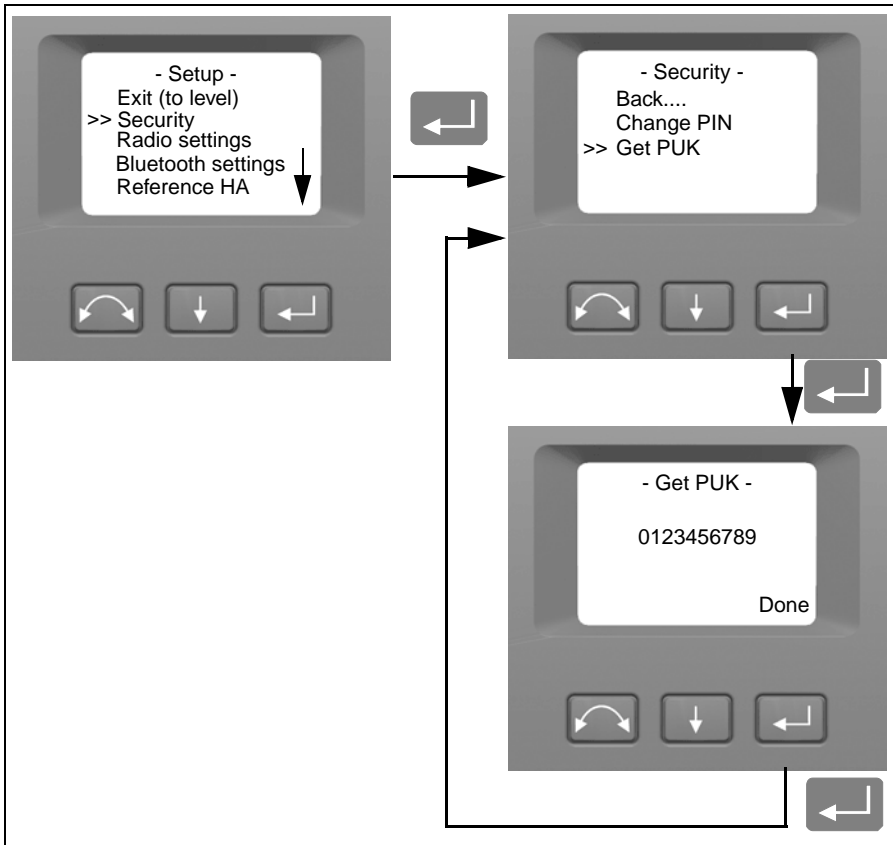
The PUK Code is set at the factory. A document with the PUK Code is supplied to the user when the instrument is delivered. Please save this document in a safe place.

Note – If the PUK code has been lost, please contact your authorized Trimble distributor to retrieve the PUK code.

Note – The PUK Code is needed to unlock the instrument if wrong PIN Code has been entered more than ten times.

You can read out the PUK Code from the instrument:





1. Press  to scroll to **Security** and then press .
2. Press  to scroll to **Get PUK** and then press .
3. Press  to return to the **Security** menu.

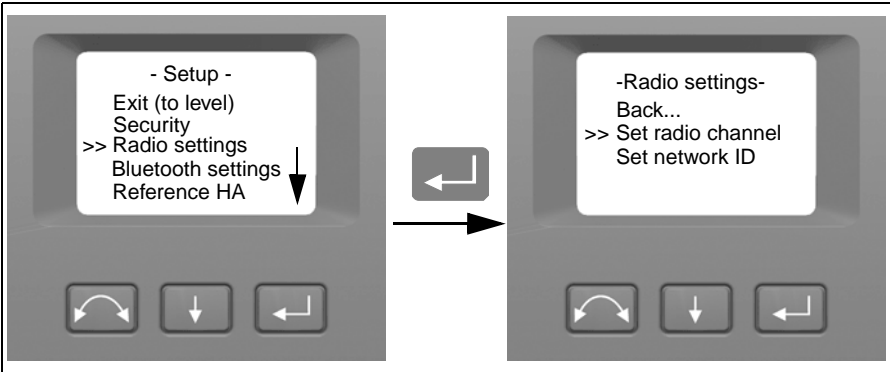




Radio Settings

In the *Radio settings* menu it is possible to set the radio channel and network ID number.

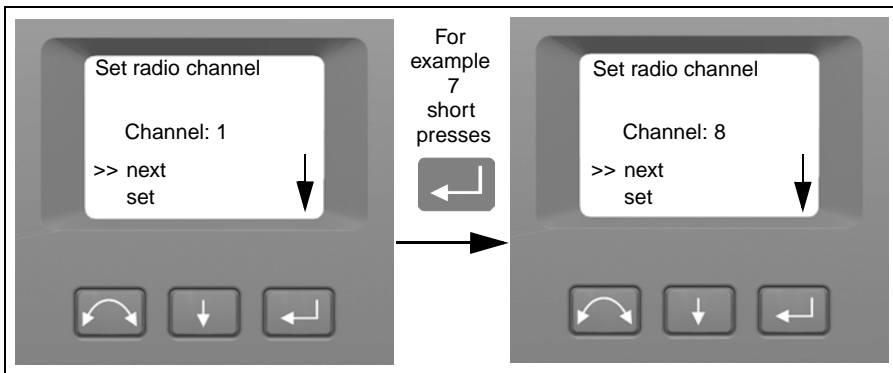
Set Radio Channel



1. Press  to scroll to Radio settings and then press .
2. Press  to scroll to Set radio channel and then press .

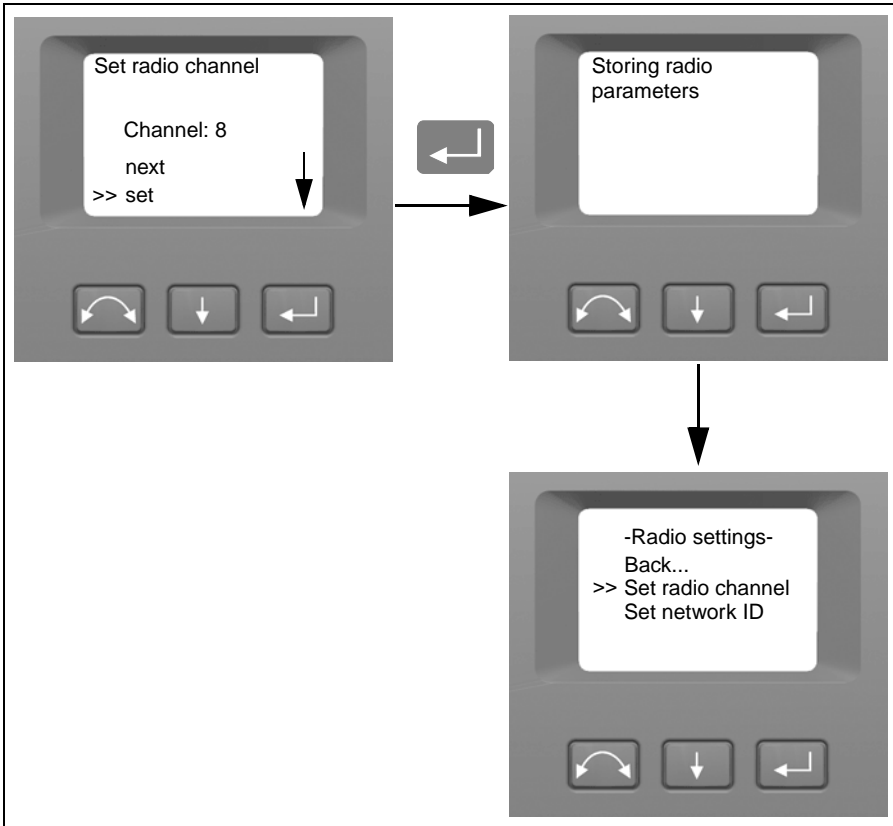


3. To change the radio channel number press  to select Next and then press  to change the channel number in the display.

Note – a short press on the enter key will increment the radio channel in increments of 1, pressing and holding the enter key, will increment the radio channel in steps of 10.



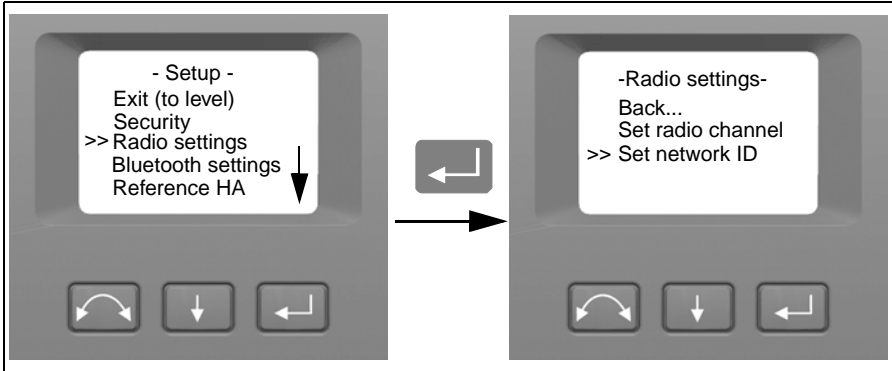
4. When you have found the channel number of your choice press  to select Set and then press  to store this channel number. You will then be returned to the Radio Settings menu.



5. If you want to cancel Press to select **Cancel** and then press to return to the **Radio Settings** menu.
6. To return to the *Setup* menu Press to scroll to **Back** and then press .

Set Network ID

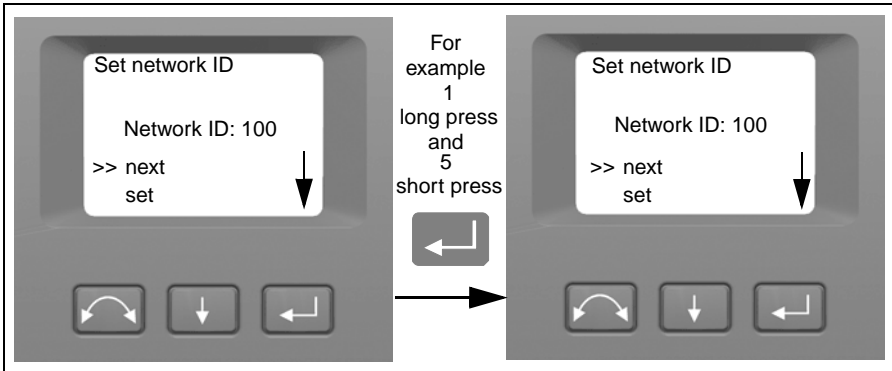
1. Press to scroll to Radio settings and then press .
2. Press to scroll to Set network ID and then press .



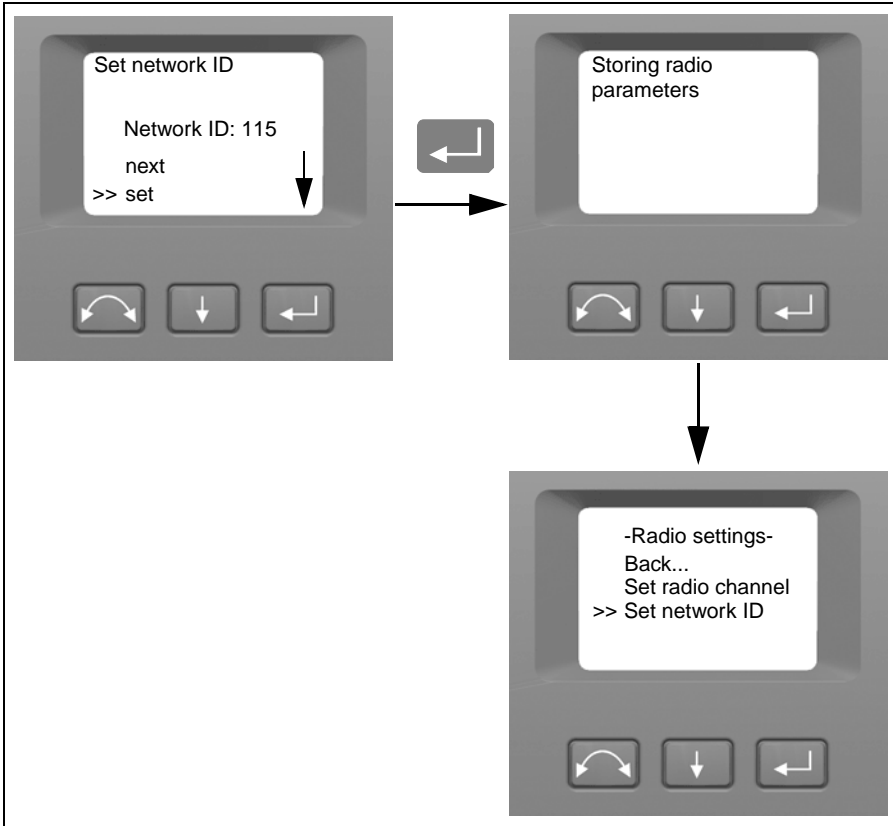
3. To change the network ID number press to select Next and then press to change the channel number in the display.





Note – a short press on the enter key will increment the network ID in increments of 1, pressing and holding the enter key, will increment the network ID in steps of 10.

Network ID range 0-255



4. When you have found the network ID number of your choice press to select Set and then press to store this network ID number. You will then be returned to the Radio Settings menu.



5. If you want to cancel Press  to select **Cancel** and then press  to return to the **Radio Settings** menu.
6. To return to the *Setup* menu Press  to scroll to **Back** and then press .



Bluetooth® Settings

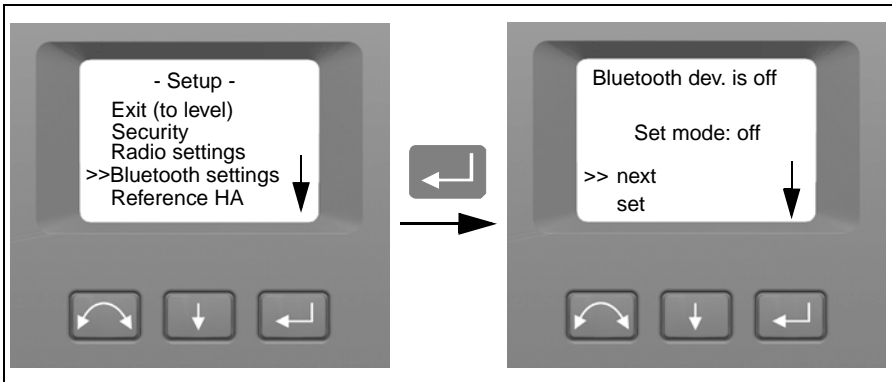
All Trimble VX Spatial Station instruments are equipped with Bluetooth wireless technology for cable free operations. The Bluetooth antenna is located directly beneath the controller attachment plate in the face 1 position. In order to facilitate communications between a TSC2 controller or Tablet computer and the Trimble VX Spatial Station instruments, first enable the Bluetooth wireless technology option in the instrument. This is carried out as follows.

Note – Bluetooth wireless technology can not be used with Trimble VX Spatial Station scanning and video functions.





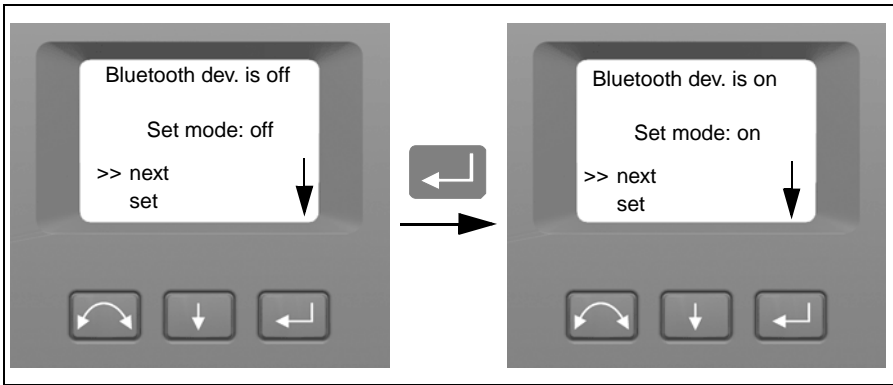
Caution – Before starting the Bluetooth device, make sure that the regulations of the country that you are working in allows the use of Bluetooth wireless technology.



1. Press  to scroll to Bluetooth settings then press .

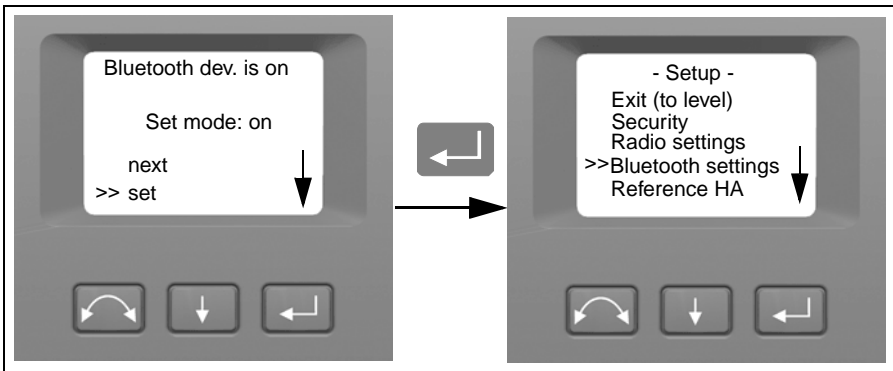




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- To change the Bluetooth setting press  to select **Next** and then press  to select **ON** or **off**



- When you have found the setting of your choice press  to select **Set** and then press  to store this setting. You will then be returned to the **setup** menu.





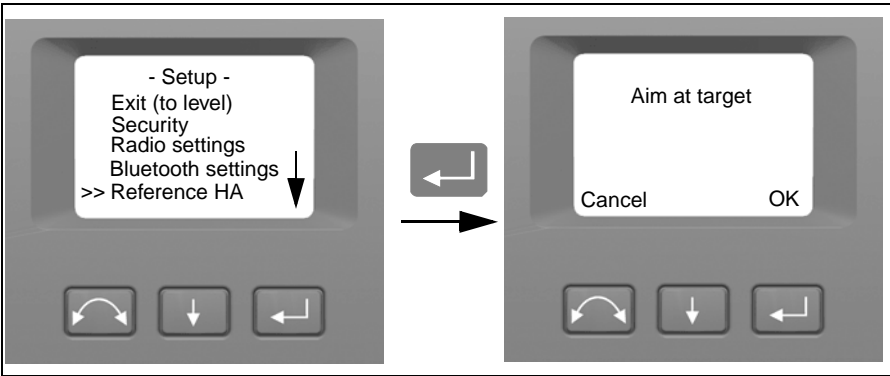
- If you want to cancel Press  to select **Cancel** and then press  to return to the **setup** menu.



Note – At delivery the Bluetooth device is by default in off mode. Any change to this setting made by an operator will become the default setting until changed again.

Note – To reduce power consumption and extend operation time, Trimble recommends that the Bluetooth device is switched off when not in use.

Reference HA

1. Press  to scroll to Reference HA and then press .





2. Aim the instrument in face 2 towards the target and then press enter  to set or  to cancel.

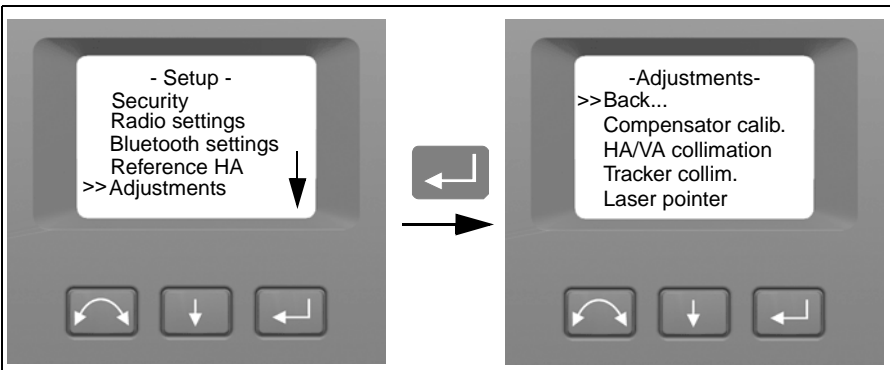
Since the instrument is aimed at the reference target in face 2 while setting the reference HA, the instrument's horizontal circle will be set to 180 degrees or 200 grads. This makes the reference HA 0 degrees or grads in face 1.

The *Setup* menu appears.

Adjustments Menu

The *adjustments* menu contains all the instrument collimation and calibration routines.

- Press  to scroll to Adjustments and then press .





Compensator Calibration

To calibrate the compensator, the instrument needs to be in perfect balance. After calibration the compensator sensor will automatically adjust and allow for changes in that balance caused by the presence of a Trimble CU controller or the absence of an internal battery.

To minimize imbalance in the instrument:

- Do not have the Trimble CU mounted on the instrument.
- An internal battery must be present in the battery compartment.
- The instrument handle must be attached.
- The instrument will automatically position the telescope and distance unit for best balance.

To start the compensator calibration:

1. Level the instrument. The instrument will automatically check if the compensator is within range before the calibration is started.
2. Press  to scroll to **Compensator calib.** and then press .
3. Follow the instructions in the display. Figure 4.27.

Note – Trimble recommends that you regularly carry out a compensator calibration, particularly when measuring during high temperature variations and where the highest measurement accuracy is required.

The calibration process involves the instrument automatically reading the compensator value at a series of predetermined positions through the full rotation of the instrument. The process takes approximately one minute to complete. During the process the instrument should be on a stable platform, free from vibration and untouched by the user.

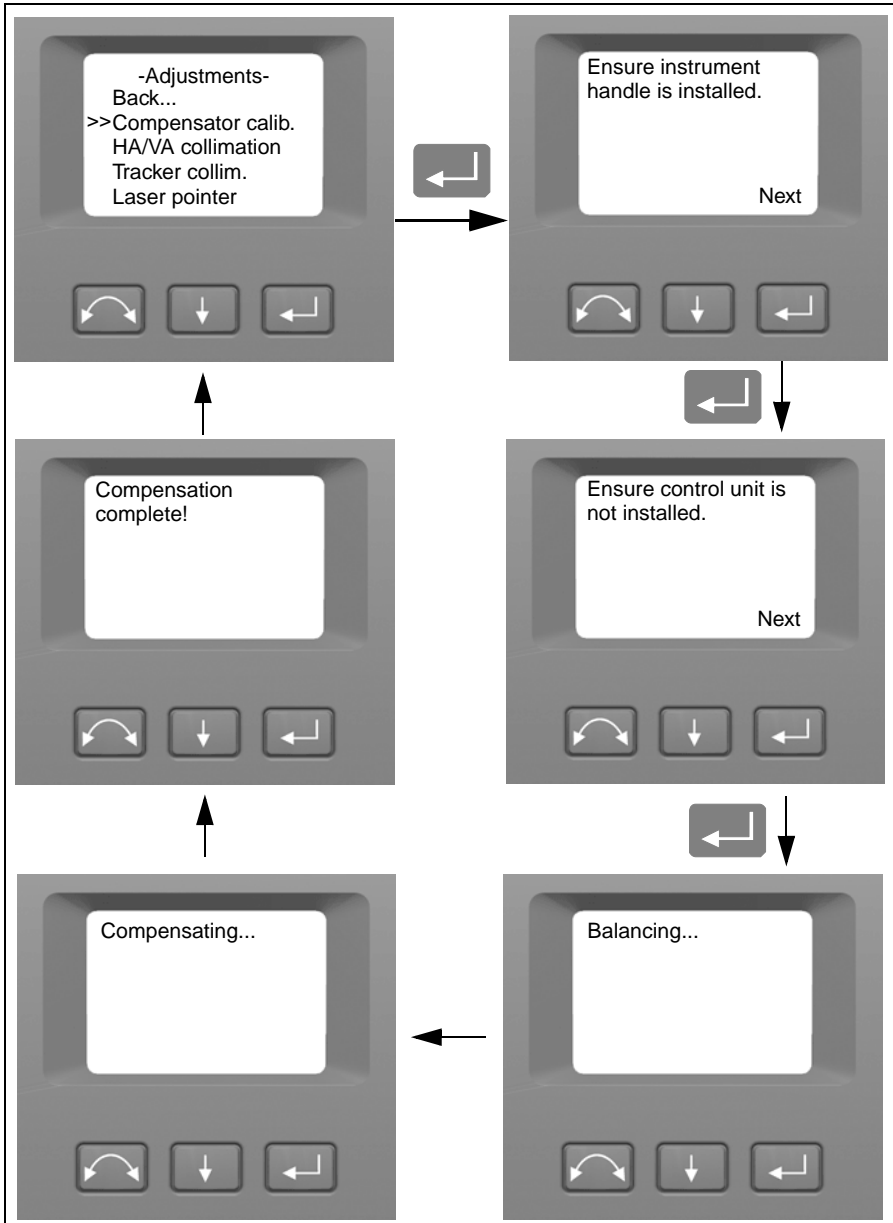


Figure 4.27 Compensator calibration routine

HA/VA Collimation and Trunnion Axis Tilt

The Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument utilizes precise angle and distance measurements to determine the position of the point being measured. The instrument's design facilitates the ability to measure all points with a single pointing to the target in the face 1 position. All electronic total stations are subject to collimation errors in both the horizontal and vertical angle measuring systems, and also errors caused by the axis of the telescope not being truly perpendicular to the vertical of the instrument.

In order to compensate for these errors, the collimation routine allows the operator to accurately determine the current errors in the instrument, and store the errors as corrections to be applied to all measurements made in a single pointing to a target. In this way the Trimble VX Spatial Stations will always provide accurate measurements:

The Collimation errors and Trunnion axis tilt will change over time, the most common changes being caused by

- Wear and tear with use
- Bumps and knocks during transit
- Large changes in operating temperature

Trimble recommends that a collimation check and tilt axis check be carried out routinely as follows:

- After any long uncontrolled transport of the instrument (e.g. after service or shipment to a new location)
- After any accidental knock or drop
- At any time when the operating temperature changes by more than 10°C (18°F)
- At any time when the instrument changes its height above sea level by more than 500m (1640 Feet)
- At any time when the highest accuracy positions are required
- Routinely on a periodic basis (Monthly, weekly etc.)

Trimble also recommends that the operator keep a record of the dates and values measured so that any gross changes can easily be detected. Gross changes can indicate the need for a check by an approved service center.

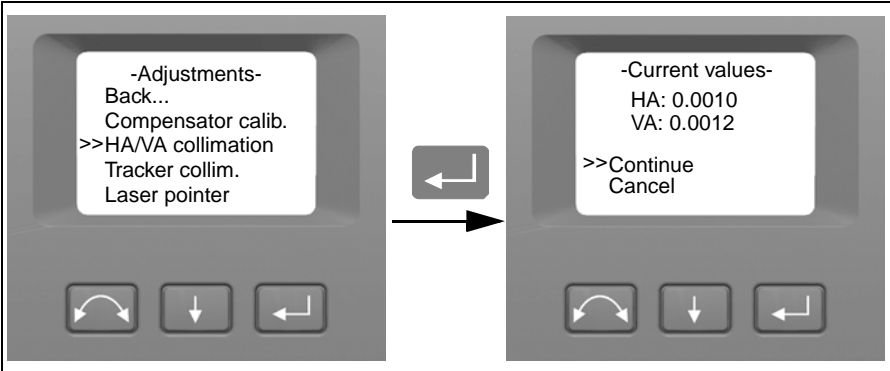
The adjustment of the instrument for HA/VA collimation and Trunnion Axis tilt is a two stage process.

The Horizontal and Vertical collimation and the trunnion axis tilt correction have been measured and stored in the instrument at the factory.




In all calibrations, multiple sightings will be made in both faces to ensure that any minor pointing errors can be eliminated in the accurate determination of current collimation error values.

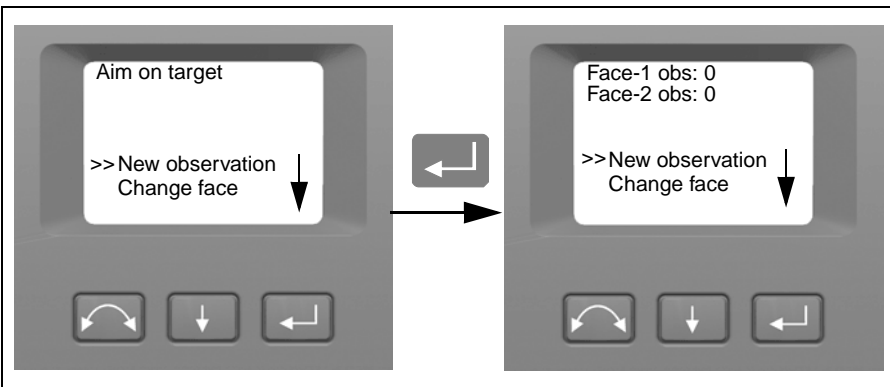
In a new instrument the values should be close to zero, over time these will change. The instrument allows a maximum value of 0.05 grads (0.045 degrees) in the HA, VA and Trunnion axis tilt values. If these values are exceeded, the instrument will need service to rectify a mechanical problem.

1. Press  to scroll to HA/VA collimation and then press .






The current collimation values appear.


2. Press  to scroll to one of the following:
 - Continue Then press  to continue the HA/VA collimation test.
 - Cancel. Then press  to return to the Adjustments menu.









If you select Continue:

3. Press  to scroll to one of the following:
 - New observation. Then press  to continue the HA/VA collimation test.
 - Change face. Then press  to change between face 1 and 2.





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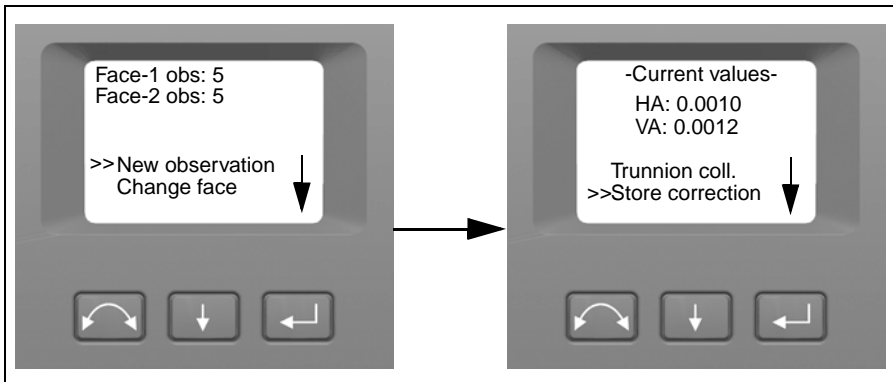
- Cancel. Then press  to return to the Adjustments menu.

If you select New observation:



- Aim accurately in face 2 towards a point near the horizon at max. ± 5 grads (± 4.5 degrees) to the horizontal and at a minimum distance of 100 m (328 ft.).
- Press  to scroll to **New observation**. Then Press  to measure and record angles
- Re sight the instrument at the same point and press the enter key again. Repeat this process for a minimum of 5 sightings in face 2.
- Press  to scroll to **Change face**. Then press  to change to face 1.
- Aim accurately towards the same point as that used in face 2.
- Press  to scroll to **New observation**. Then Press  to measure and record angles
- Re sight the instrument at the same point and press the enter key again. Repeat this process for the same number of times as in face 2.

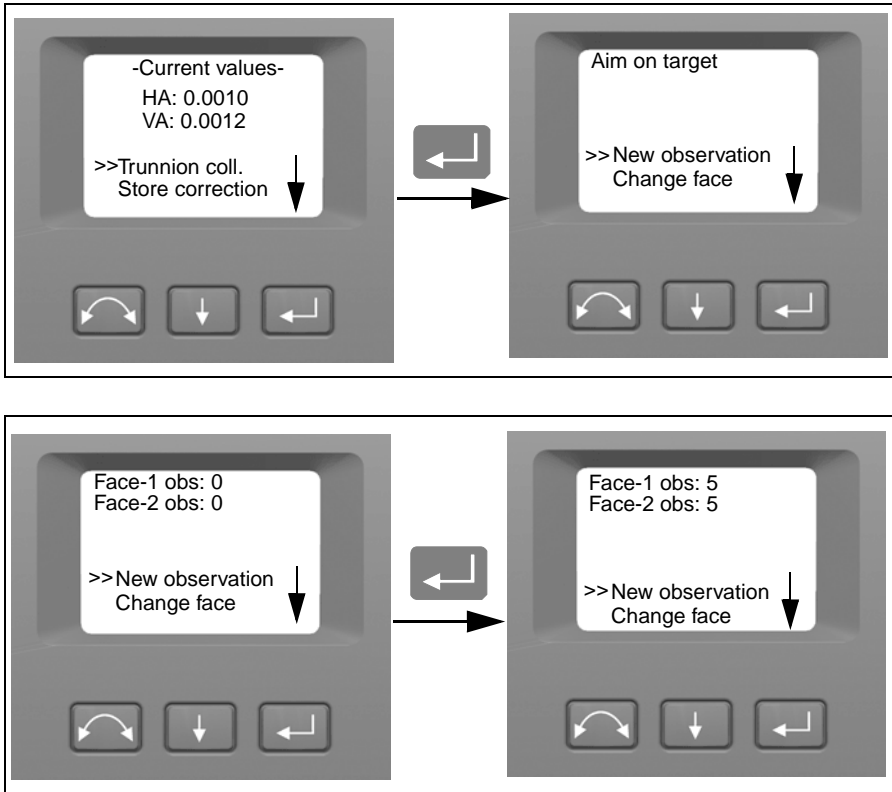
As observations are made on the first face (either face 1 or face 2), the angle values are stored and the counter increases. When one or more observations have been taken on each face, and the number of observations on each face are the same, the software calculates and displays the new horizontal and vertical collimation values.

- Press  to scroll to one of the following:
 - Trunnion coll. Then press  to continue to Trunnion collimation.
 - Store correction. Then press  to accept and store the new collimation values.
 - Cancel. Then press  to return to the adjustments menu.



Select Trunnion coll. to continue with trunnion axis tilt collimation.

- Press  to scroll to **Trunnion coll.** Then press  to continue the Trunnion axis tilt test.

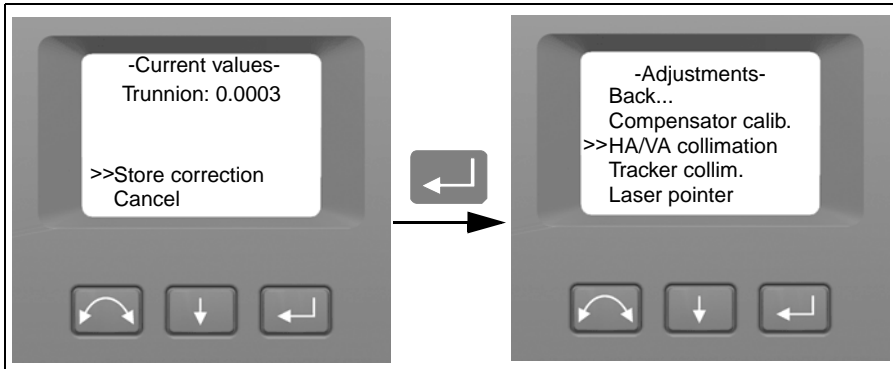





6. Press to scroll to one of the following:
- New observation. Then press to continue the trunnion axis tilt test.
 - Change face. Then press to change face.
 - Cancel. Then press to return to the adjustments menu.

If you select **New observation** the number of observations in both faces appears:

- a. Aim accurately in face 2 towards a point at least 15 grads (13.5 degrees) above or below the point where the collimation test was made at a minimum distance of 30 m (66 ft.).
- b. Press to measure and record angles.
- c. Press to scroll to **Change face**. Then press to change face.
- d. Aim accurately towards the point.
- e. Press to measure and record angles.

As observations are made on the first face (either face 1 or face 2), the angle values are stored and the observation counter increases. When one or more observations have been taken on each face, and the number of observations on each face are the same, the software calculates and displays the new trunnion axis tilt value.



7. Press  to scroll to one of the following:
- Store correction. Then press  to accept the new trunnion axis tilt value. The Adjustments menu appears.
 - Cancel. Then press  to return to the Adjustments menu.

Note – The instrument will prohibit a trunnion axis tilt test if it is made towards a point with an angle less than 15 grads (13.5 degrees) from the point where the collimation test was made. The trunnion axis tilt determination accuracy will improve with a steeper angle towards the measured point. The minimum distance for the trunnion axis tilt measurement is 30 m (66 ft.).

Note – If the trunnion axis tilt correction value is greater than 0.05 grads (0.045 degrees), the message *Fail Remeasure?* appears. Press *Yes* and then repeat the measurement procedure. If the value is greater than 0.05 grads (0.045 degrees) and you answer *No* to the re measurement message, the instrument uses the correction value previously stored in the instrument. If the value is greater than 0.05 grads (0.045 degrees), then the instrument must be mechanically adjusted at the nearest authorized Trimble service center.

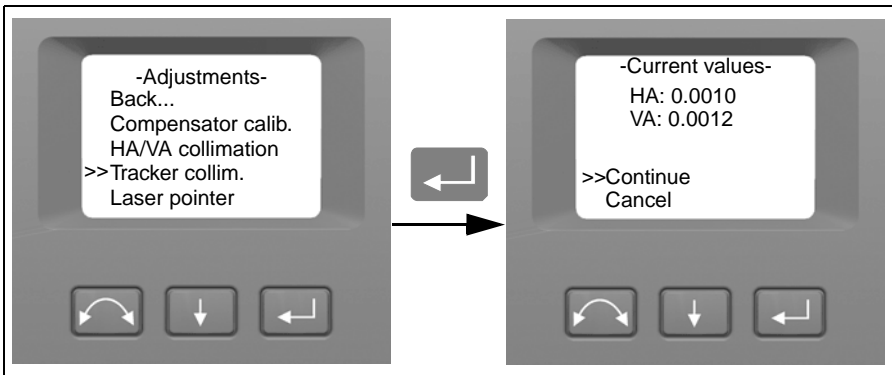
Autolock Collimation



The instrument tracker unit is designed to be coaxial with the instrument cross hairs. If for any reason the alignment of the tracker deviates from the line of the telescope cross hairs, then errors in position of the point being measured would result. For this reason an Autolock collimation check needs to be carried out on a regular basis (under the same conditions as the HA/VA collimation check) to ensure that any slight misalignment is corrected for.

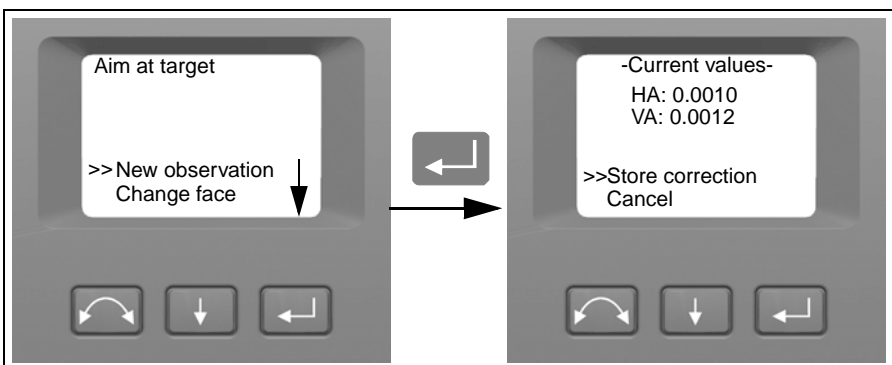
Perform the test over a similar distance as that you will be working on, but at least 100 m. The prism target must be very still during the test (Trimble recommends that you use a tripod or bipod mount for the target) and must be in clear line of sight without any obstructing traffic. The instrument is calibrated to accurately point at the center of the target in both horizontal and vertical axes. The calibration is used to correct the positions of all points measured using the Autolock function. The measured calibration values are stored and used until a new set of calibration values are determined.

Note – The adjustment between the two optical axes, i.e. the Telescope and the Tracker, may differ. See Aiming on page 111




1. Press  to scroll to Tracker collim then press .



2. Accurately aim towards a prism.
3. Press  to scroll to New observation and then press .



4. The instrument will measure to the target in both faces automatically and then display the current values.



5. Press  to scroll to one of the following:
 - Store correction. Then press  to save the correction values.
 - Cancel. Then press  to return to the Adjustments menu
6. Once the instrument has stored the correction values, the Adjustments menu appears.

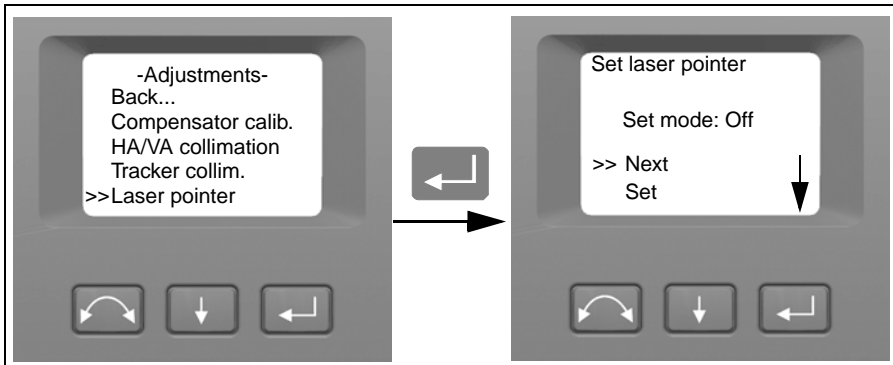
Laser Pointer

The laser pointer is a visible laser that is emitted from the telescope along the line of sight. The laser is used to visibly indicate the point being measured, and is especially useful when employing the DR reflectorless EDM for measurement. The laser pointer is clearly visible in areas of shadow, inside buildings and tunnels and also at night, however in bright sunshine it is generally not readily visible with the human eye.

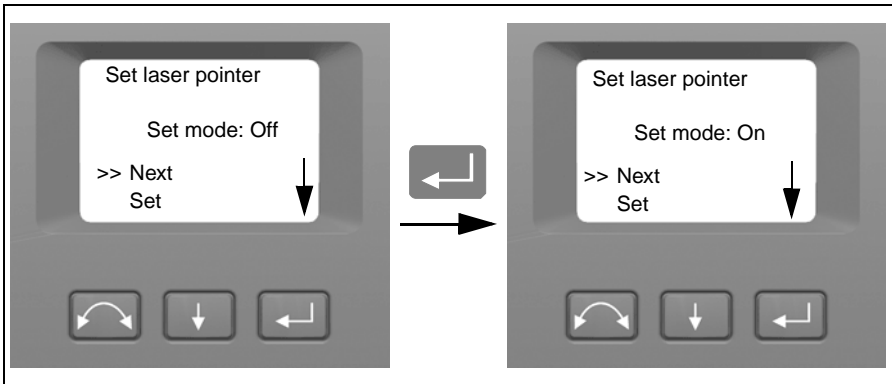
The following controls allow the laser pointer to be switched On and Off.



Note: The laser pointer is mechanically aligned to the telescope cross hairs. The laser may require periodic adjustment to keep it perfectly aligned for measurement. In order to adjust the laser pointer it has to be switched On, see page 4-68

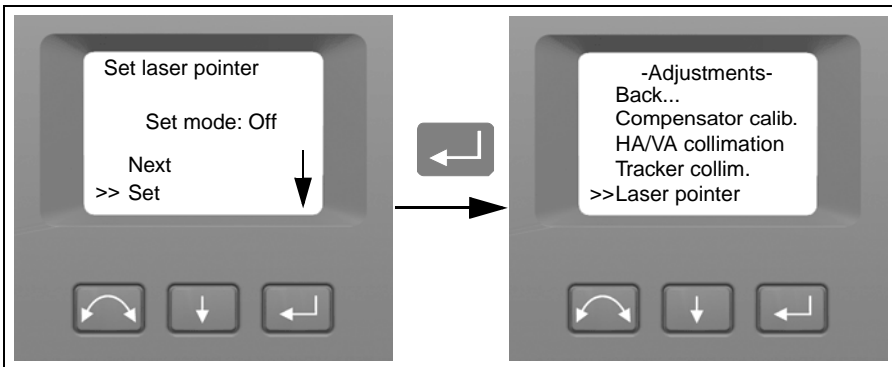
1. Press  to scroll to Laser pointer then press .





2. To change the laser pointer setting press  to select **Next** and then press  to select **On** or **Off**



3. When you have found the setting of your choice press  to select **Set** and then press  to store this setting. You will then be returned to the **Adjustments** menu.



4. If you want to cancel Press  to select **Cancel** and then press  to return to the **Adjustments** menu.



With the laser pointer on, you can adjust the beam, For more information, see *The Laser Pointer*, page 68.

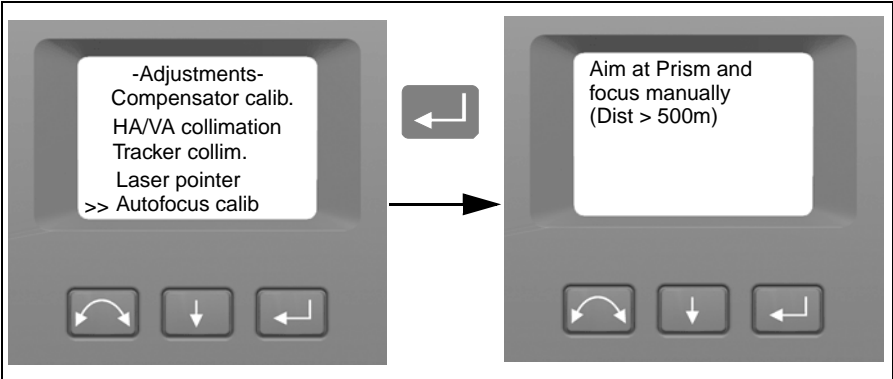
Autofocus calibration


The Trimble S8 Total Station and the Trimble VX Spatial Station are equipped with an autofocus function. Before you can start using the autofocus, the function needs to be calibrated.

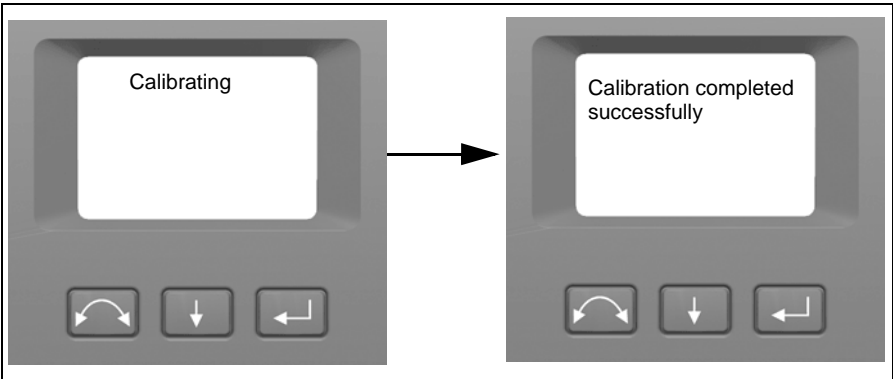
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To start the calibration

1. Remove the CU from the instrument
2. Level the instrument. The instrument will automatically check if the compensator is within range before the calibration is started.
3. Press  to scroll to Autofocus calib and press .

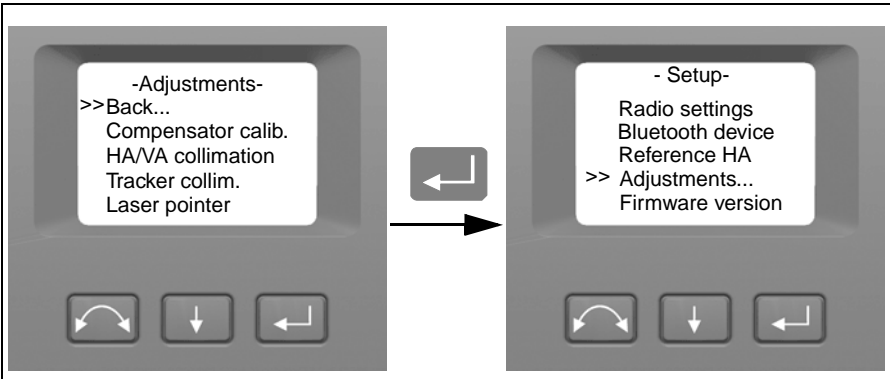


4. Aim and manually focus at a target at a distance of at least 500 meters Then press .





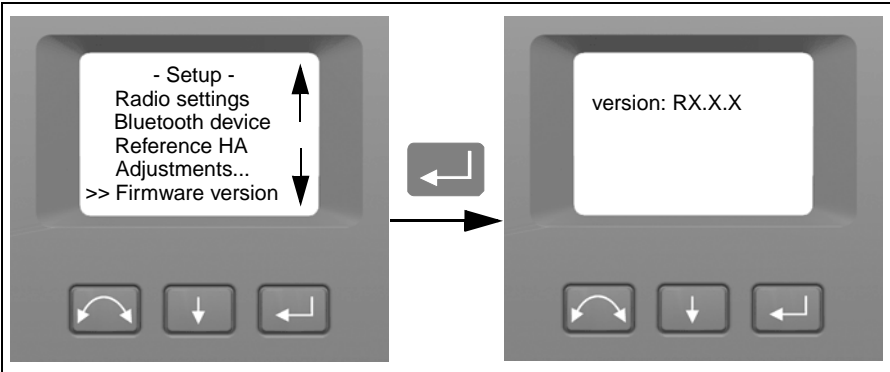
Back

1. To return to the Setup menu, press  to scroll to Back... and then press .





Firmware Version Information

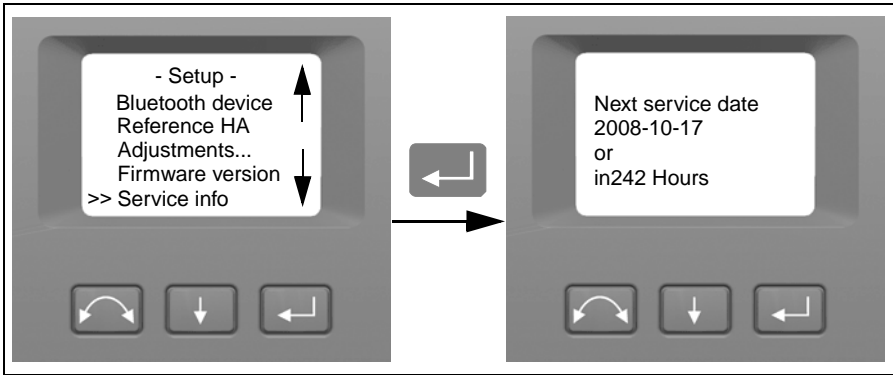
1. Press  to scroll to Firmware version and then press . The instrument firmware version appears on the screen. The program will return automatically to the Setup menu.



Service Info





In the Service info menu it is possible to see the date for the next recommended service occasion or how many run time hours the instrument have left before service is recommended.

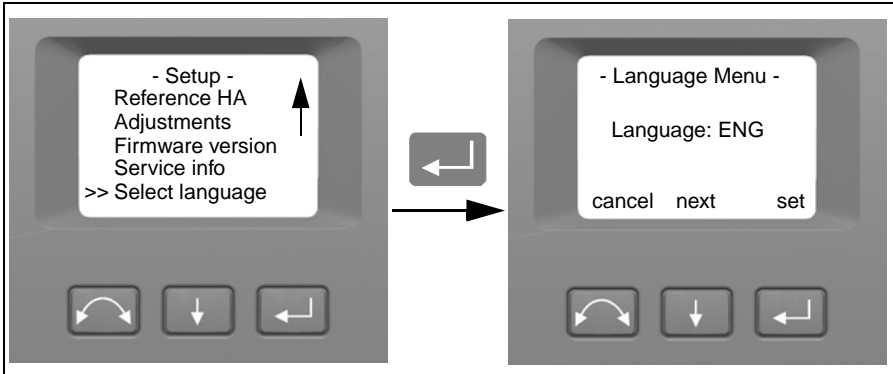
1. Press  to scroll to **Service info** and then press . The instrument service info appears on the screen. The program will return automatically to the **Setup** menu.



Select Language

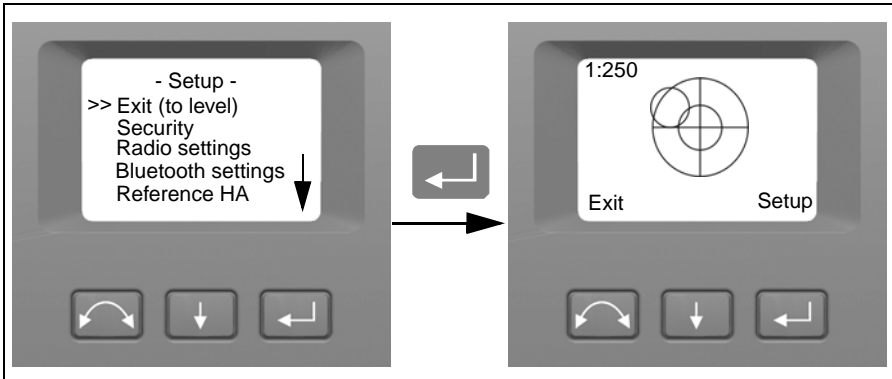
In the **Select language** it is possible to select the language for the Face 2 display.

1. Press  to scroll to **Select language** and then press .
2. Press  to scroll through the available languages.
3. Press  to set language.



Exit Menu

1. To exit the Setup menu press  to scroll to Exit (to level) and then press . The electronic level appears.



Note – If the instrument is left idle for more than 300 seconds (5 minutes) during any of the above routines, then the instrument goes to suspend mode.

The Laser Pointer

The Trimble VX Spatial Station uses a red laser only as a laser pointer. The laser pointer is coaxial with the line of sight of the telescope. If the instrument is well adjusted, the red laser pointer coincides with the line of sight. External influences such as shock or large temperature fluctuations can displace the red laser pointer relative to the line of sight.

Aligning the Laser Pointer



Caution – Viewing the laser spot on the adjustment target through the telescope is safe. Do not try to make the adjustment using a prism, the reflected light from a prism can be dazing.



Caution – Do not use the laser pointer as an aid when searching for prisms, the reflected light can daze your eyes. The reflected light will not damage your eyes, but might be uncomfortable.

To avoid faulty measurements using the laser pointer, use the supplied adjustment target to check the laser alignment regularly and before you attempt precise distance measurements:

1. Setup the adjustment target 25–50 meter away, facing the instrument.
2. Aim the instrument to the center of the target plate and then inspect the position of the red laser spot in relation to the telescope cross-hairs.
3. If the red laser spot lies outside the cross-hairs, adjust the direction of the beam until it matches the cross-hairs, see Figure 4.28

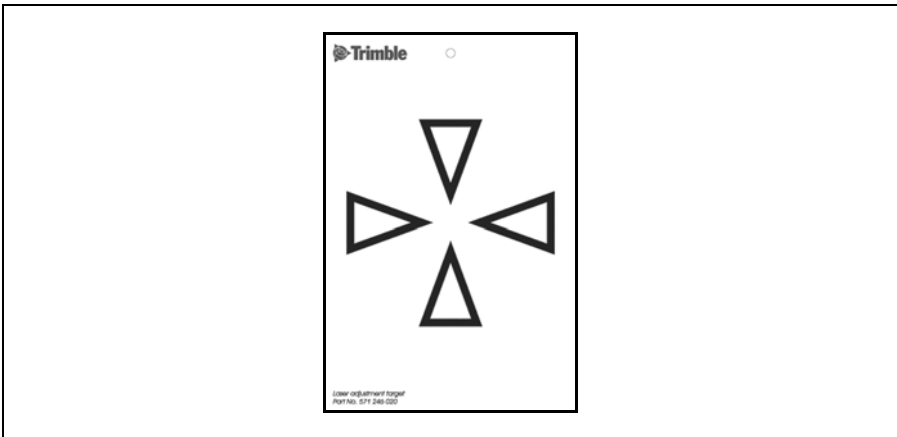


Figure 4.28 Adjustment target for DR PLUS

Adjusting the Laser Beam

1. Pull out the two plugs from the adjustment ports on top of the telescope housing.
Figure 4.29



Figure 4.29 Laser pointer adjustment ports

2. To correct the vertical position of the laser spot, insert the allen key into the vertical adjustment port and turn it as shown in figure 4.30.

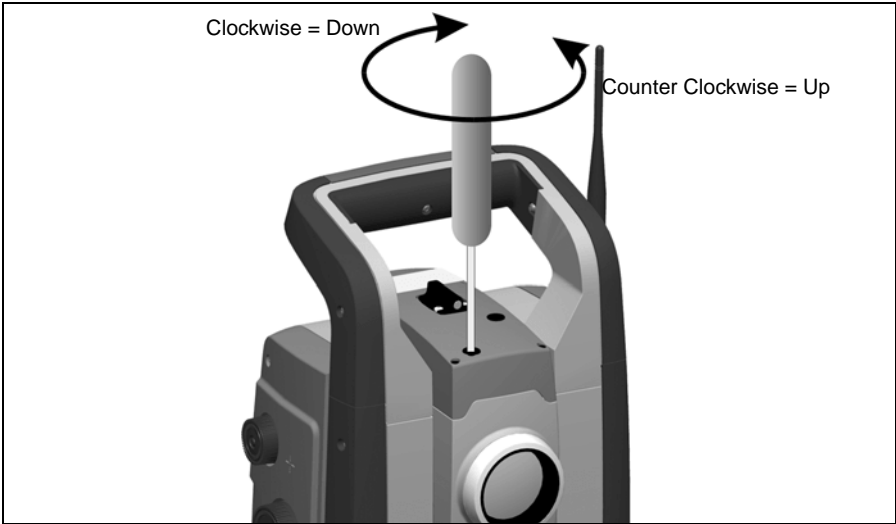


Figure 4.30 Vertical position adjustment

3. To correct the horizontal position of the laser spot, insert the allen key into the horizontal adjustment port and turn it as shown in Figure 4.31.

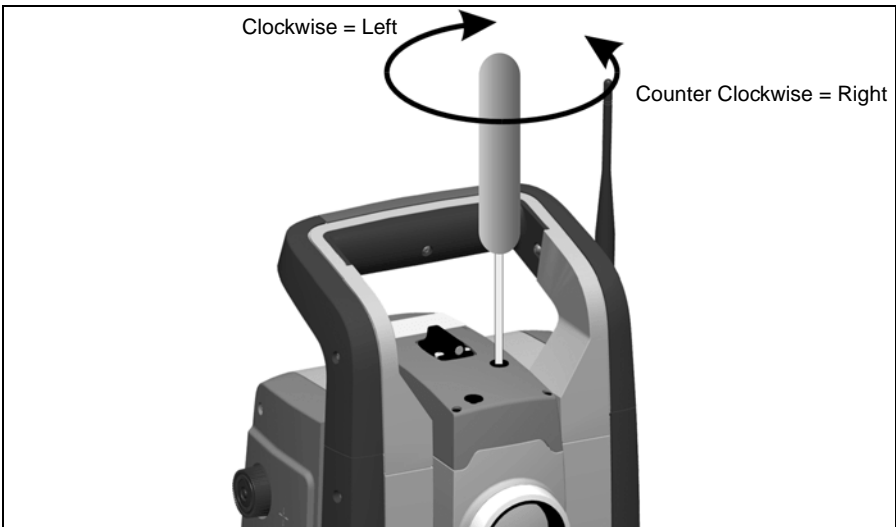


Figure 4.31 Horizontal position adjustment

4. Check the alignment of the laser spot and the cross-hairs. Throughout the adjustment procedure, keep the telescope pointing to the adjustment target. The adjusting screws are of a high tension because they are self locking. The screws tighten automatically after you adjust them.
5. Refit the plugs in the adjustment holes. Make sure that the plugs are correctly fitted for proper sealing against the cover.



Caution – To keep out moisture and dust, make sure that the plugs are correctly fitted in the adjustment ports.

Measuring the Instrument Height

There are two measurement marks on the side of the instrument. The top mark corresponds to the trunnion axis of the instrument. The bottom mark is 0.158 m (0.518 ft.) below the top mark. Measure the bottom mark to the top ridge of the mark. Figure 4.32

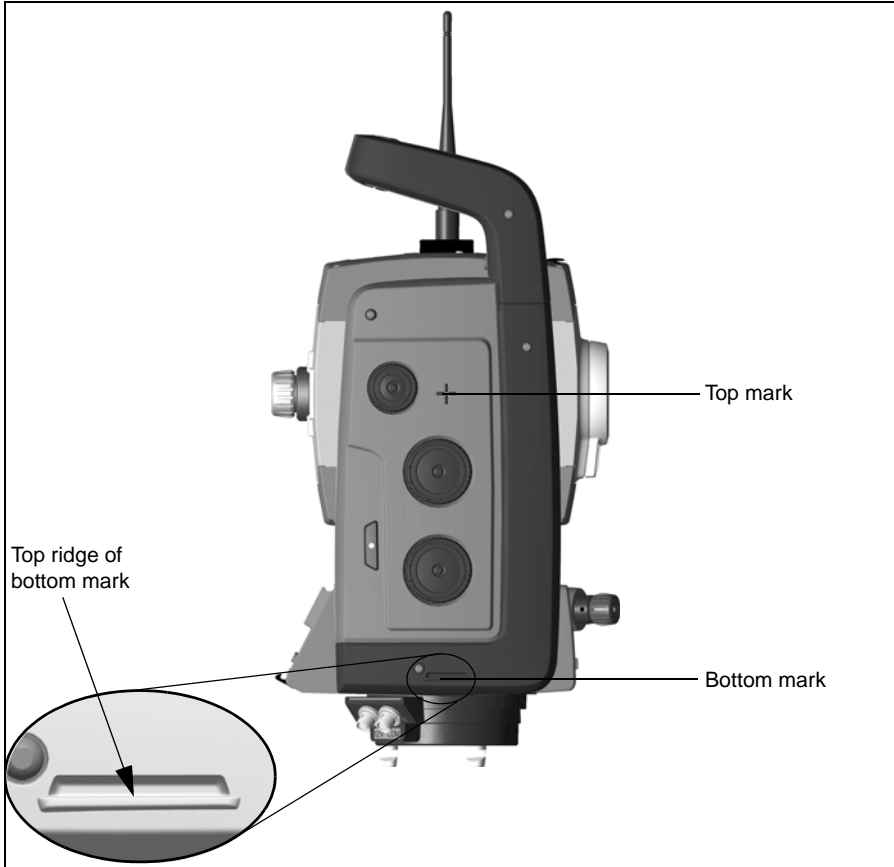


Figure 4.32 Instrument height marks

When there is a Trimble CU or TSC2 attached running a field application software, the software has additional functions that reduce the bottom mark measurement to the required vertical instrument height to the trunnion axis, see Figure 4.33 and the following paragraph.

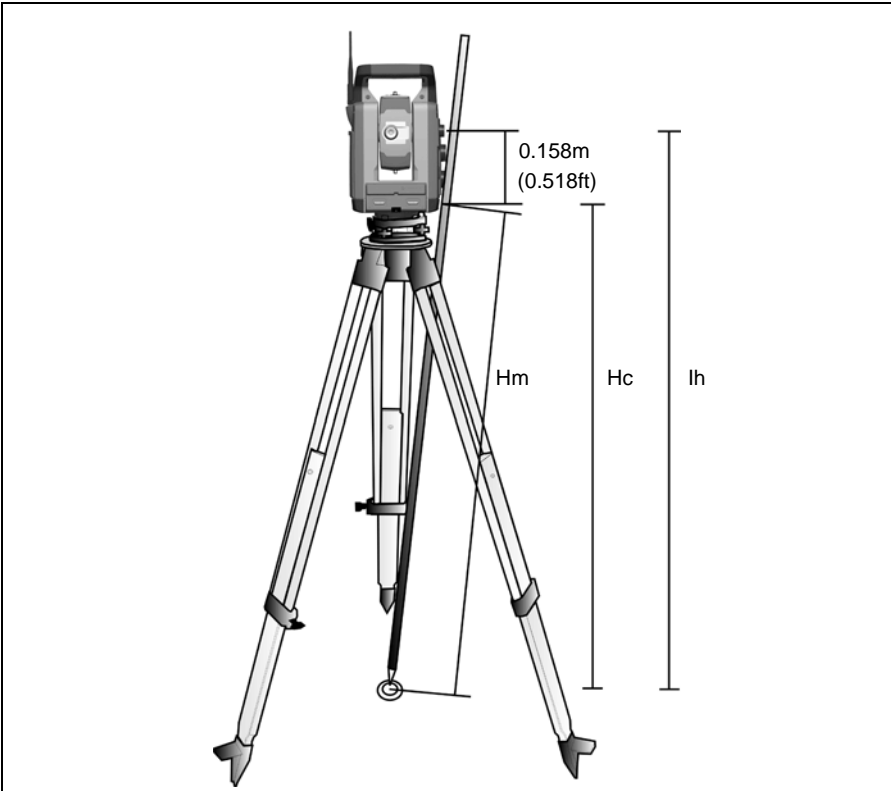


Figure 4.33 Instrument height measurement

The measured distance (H_m) is corrected for the slope of the measurement to obtain a vertical measurement to the bottom mark (H_c). The constant from the bottom mark to the top mark (0.158 m/0.518 ft.) is added to the H_c to obtain the vertical instrument height from the ground mark to the trunnion axis (I_h). For more information, refer to the field software documentation.

Alternatively, to obtain an accurate measurement to the top mark (I_h), you can manually measure the slope distance from the ground to the bottom mark (H_m). To calculate the total instrument height (I_h), insert the measured slope distance (H_m) into the formula below:

$$I_h = 0,158 + \sqrt{H_m^2 - 0,091^2}$$

Adjusting the Optical Plummet

1. Set up the instrument and level it over a ground mark so that the tripod height is 1.5 m (± 0.1 m) (4.920 ft. (± 0.328 ft.)). Figure 4.34
2. Note the position of the inner circle of the optical plummet in relation to the ground mark.
3. Turn the instrument 200 grads (180 degrees).
4. Note the position of the inner circle of the optical plummet in relation to the ground mark. If the inner circle of the optical plummet reticule moves in relation to the ground mark, you must adjust the plummet reticule location.
5. Adjust out half of the error with the four adjustments screws on the optical plummet.
6. Turn the instrument 200 grads (180 degrees).
7. If there is no movement between the inner circle of the optical plummet reticle in relation to the ground mark, no further adjustment is needed.



Caution – When adjusting the optical plummet with the four adjustment screws it is important that the screws are correctly adjusted. When one screw is adjusted the opposite screw must be adjusted equally in the reverse direction, in order to keep the correct tension on the optics. Do not overtighten the screws, this might damage the optics.

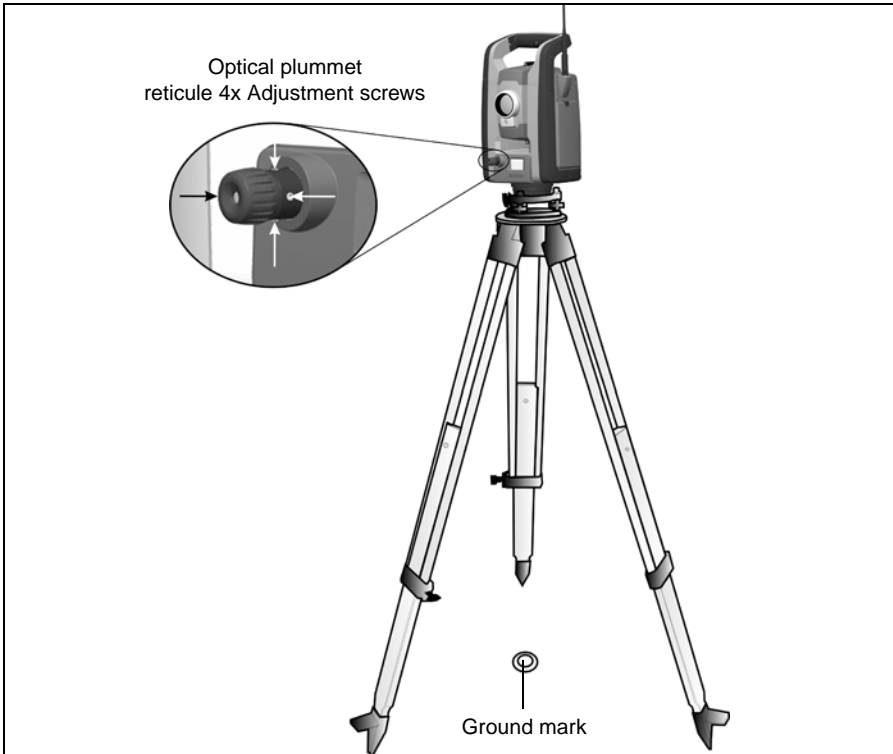


Figure 4.34 Optical plummet adjustment

Pre Measurement Check List

Before you begin measurement or stake out operations, check the following items:

- Lenses are clean
- Instrument is correctly leveled
- Collimation error
- Tracker collimation error
- Trunnion axis tilt
- Correct radio channel is selected (robotic measurements only)
- Laser Pointer beam alignment
- Measure instrument height
- Allow sufficient time for the instrument to adjust to the ambient temperature, see page 34

Attaching the Trimble CU

1. Hook the top of the Trimble CU over the top edge of the panel attachment, Figure 4.35

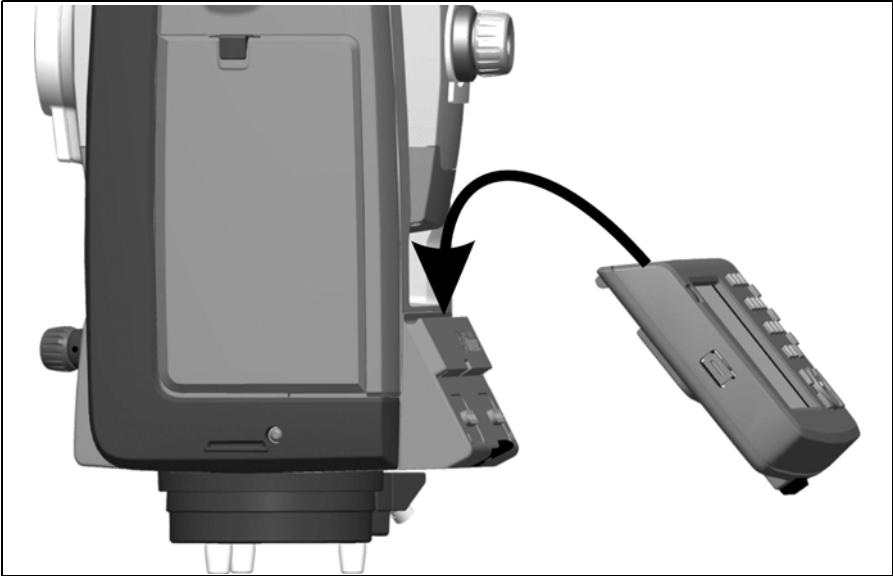


Figure 4.35 Attaching the Trimble CU to the instrument

2. Push the bottom of the Trimble CU toward the panel attachment until it clicks into place, Figure 4.36



Figure 4.36 Attaching the Trimble CU

Detaching the Trimble CU

Caution – When the Trimble CU is removed from the instrument it is recommended to have the Trimble CU in suspend or off mode.

To remove the Trimble CU from the instrument when in on mode will not damage the equipment, but files that are being saved or written to when the Trimble CU is being removed might be damaged or lost.

1. Push the lock release button on the bottom of the Trimble CU, Figure 4.37 (1)
2. Lift the bottom of the Trimble CU away from the instrument, Figure 4.37 (2)

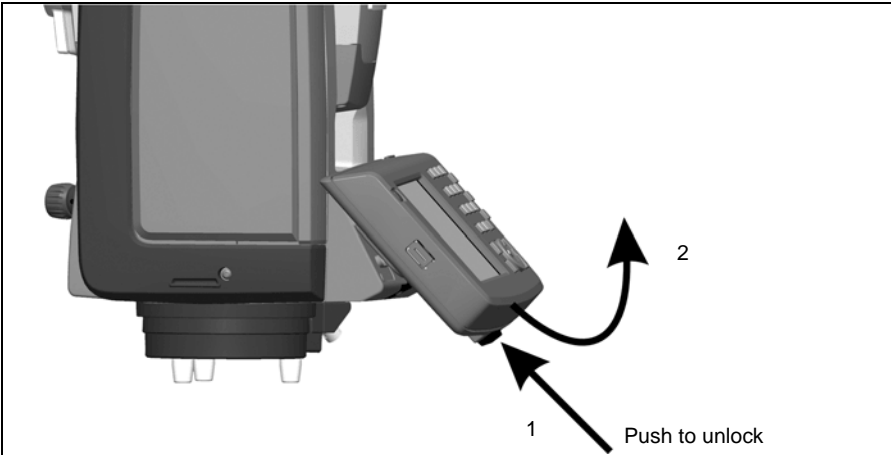


Figure 4.37 Detaching the Trimble CU

3. Unhook the top of the Trimble CU from the top edge of the panel attachment and remove the Trimble CU from the instrument, Figure 4.38



Figure 4.38 Detaching the Trimble CU

Connecting a TSC2

The TSC2 can be used as a controller for the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument.

Servo and Autolock Mode

A TSC2 controller can be connected to the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument with a cable or by use of the Bluetooth[®] wireless technology.

Connecting With Cable

The TSC2 is connected from the Trimble VX Spatial Station com port to the USB connector on the TSC2 using cable part number 73840001.

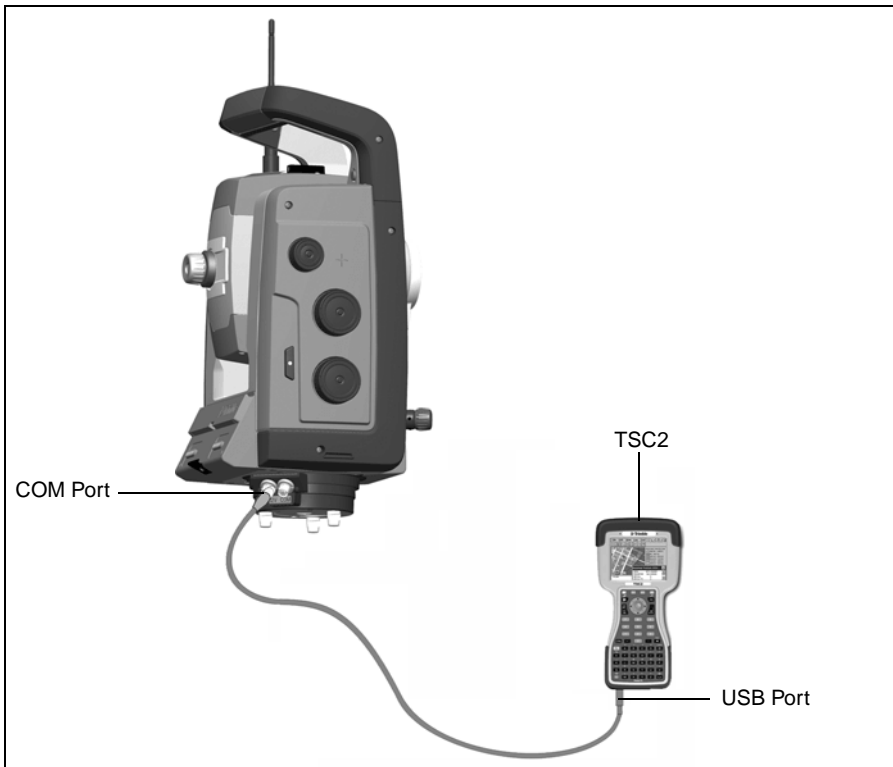


Figure 4.39 TSC2 connected to the Trimble VX Spatial Station with cable for servo and Autolock measurements.

Connecting With Bluetooth® Wireless Technology



Caution – Before starting the Bluetooth device, make sure that the regulations of the country that you are working in allows the use of Bluetooth wireless technology.

The TSC2 has integrated Bluetooth wireless technology.

Note – Bluetooth wireless technology can not be used with Trimble VX Spatial Station scanning and video functions.



Figure 4.40 TSC2 connected to the Trimble VX Spatial Station with Bluetooth wireless technology for servo and Autolock measurements.

Robotic Mode

The TSC2 is connected directly to the instrument via the integrated radio.



Figure 4.41 TSC2 connected to the VX Spatial Station using the integrated radio for robotic measurements.

Lifting the Instrument

To lift the instrument, hold it as shown in Figure 4.42.

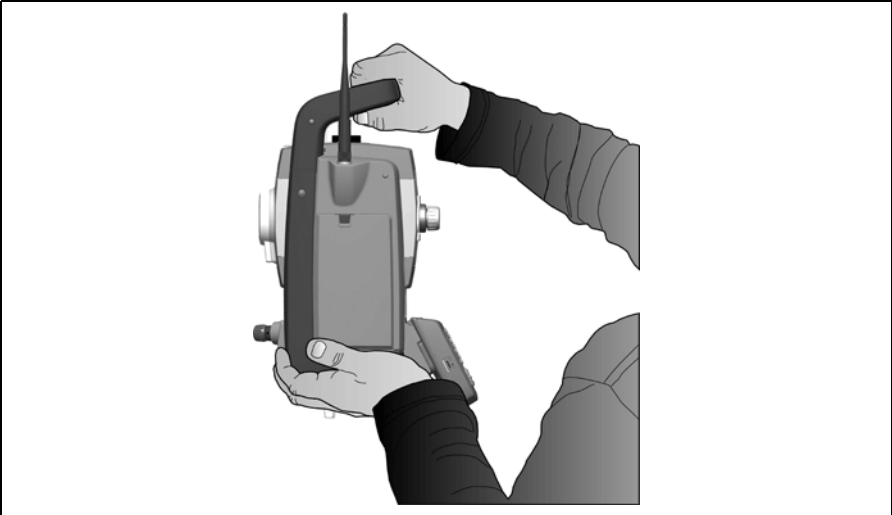


Figure 4.42 Correct way to lift the instrument

Do not hold the Trimble CU as you lift the instrument or you may accidentally push the lock release button, causing the Trimble CU to fall off the instrument, Figure 4.43

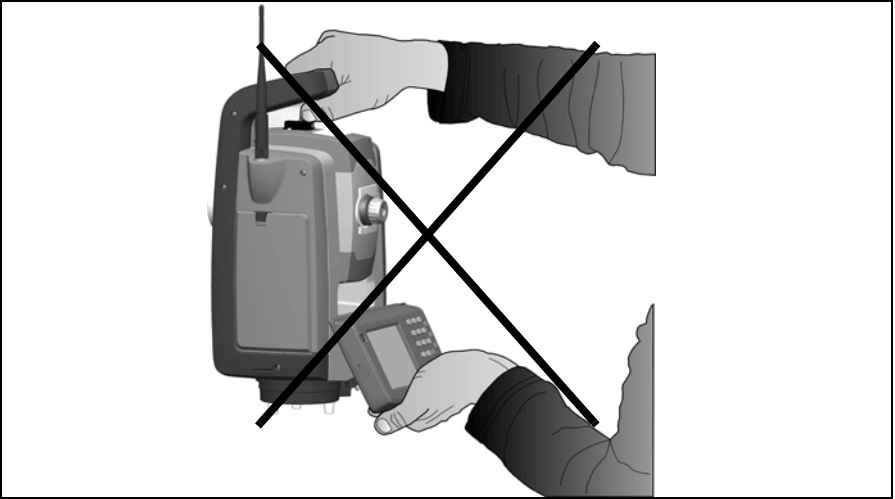


Figure 4.43 Wrong way to lift the instrument

Instrument Operation Methods

In this chapter:

- Introduction
- Conventional Measurement with Servo
- Autolock Measurement
- Robotic Measurement
- Scanning

Introduction

This chapter describes the following instrument operational methods for the Trimble VX Spatial Station:

- Conventional measurement with servo
- Autolock measurement
- Robotic measurement
- Scanning

Conventional Measurement with Servo

The Trimble VX Spatial Station is equipped with the servo system, which provides the following advantages for conventional measurement:

- When combined with the Application software:
 - When setting/staking out, the instrument calculates and automatically aims towards the calculated position of the selected point.
 - The instrument will automatically point towards a selected reference target to check for instrument movement during measurements.
- Surepoint™ technology corrects the instrument pointing for mislevelment and collimation / trunnion axis tilt errors in real time.
- Surepoint™ technology restores the instruments pointing after accidental bumps, vibration or wind.
- The servo drives are continuous and endless allowing for rapid repeat manual pointing of the instrument with no end stops.
- The servo drives are automatically turning the instrument during scanning.

Note – To obtain the correct point location with the instrument, you must aim correctly to the target.

Autolock Measurement

Combining the servo capability with the Autolock tracker provides the ability to carry out Autolock measurements. Autolock enables the instrument to automatically lock on to a prism, and then follow it precisely as it moves. This means that the instrument is taking care of the pointing, and that position can be continuously updated as the target moves around the jobsite. Autolock is especially useful for carrying out rapid site topo measurements and during stakeout using a conventional two person crew. It is also exceptionally useful for working in poor visibility and darkness conditions, and for automatically checking to reference targets during measurements.

Robotic Measurement

Combining the servo, tracker and radio capability enables the instrument to carry out measurements robotically. This enables a single operator to control the instrument and carry out surface scans, single point measurements or stakeout from the rod.

Scanning

The Trimble VX Spatial Station is designed for surface scanning enabling the instrument to measure the shape of a surface for surface modelling and volume calculation etc. Scanning can be performed in servo, Autolock or Robotic mode for applications such as Topo, mining/tunneling and stockpiles.

The integrated camera in the Trimble VX Spatial Station enables the user to frame the area to be scanned and to take snapshots for documentation purposes etc. See Camera Technology on page 97.

Instrument Technology

In this chapter:

- Angle Measuring Technology
- Distance Measuring Technology
- Camera Technology
- Servo Technology
- Power Management
- Power Supply
- External Communication

Angle Measuring Technology

The principles of angle measurement are based on reading an integrated signal over two opposite areas of the angle sensor and producing a mean angular value. This eliminates inaccuracies caused by eccentricity and graduation.

In addition, the angle measurement system compensates for the following automatic corrections:

- Instrument mislevelment (deviation of the plumb axis).
- Horizontal and vertical collimation error.
- Trunnion axis tilt. See page 92

Correction for Mislevelment

The Trimble VX Spatial Station automatically corrects for mislevelments up to $\pm 6'$. The instrument warns the operator immediately of any mislevelments in excess of $\pm 6'$ (± 0.11 grads).

The Trimble VX Spatial Station also utilizes Surepoint™ to automatically correct the pointing of the telescope for all mislevelment and trunnion axis errors in real time during operation.

Corrections for the horizontal angle, vertical angle, and slope distance are calculated in the field application software and applied to all measurements.

Correction for Collimation Errors

The horizontal collimation error is the deviation of the sighting axis from its required position at right angles to trunnion axis.

The vertical collimation error is the difference between the vertical circle zero and the plumb axis of the instrument.

Traditionally, collimation errors were eliminated by observing angles in both instrument faces. In the Trimble VX Spatial Station, a pre-measurement collimation test is performed to determine the collimation errors. Angular measurements are observed in both instrument faces, the collimation errors are calculated, and the respective correction values are stored in the instrument. The collimation correction values are then applied to all subsequent angle measurements. Angles observed in a single face are corrected for collimation errors, which eliminates the need to measure in both instrument faces.

Carry out a collimation test in the following situations:

- Whenever the instrument may have been roughly handled during transport.
- When the ambient temperature differs by more than 10°C (18°F) from the previous collimation test.
- Immediately prior to high precision angle measurements in one face.

Trimble VX Spatial Station Autolock

A Trimble VX Spatial Station contains Autolock technology that can automatically lock and track a prism target. Pointing errors caused by slight misalignment of the instrument's tracker have a similar effect to the HA and VA Collimation errors detailed above.

To correct for the tracker collimation errors, carry out an Autolock collimation test. The Autolock collimation test automatically observes angular measurements to a target in both faces, the tracker collimation errors are calculated and the respective correction values are stored in the instrument. The Autolock collimation correction values are then applied to all subsequent angle measurements observed when Autolock is enabled. Carry out an Autolock collimation test in the following situations:

- Whenever the instrument may have been roughly handled during transport.
- When the ambient temperature differs by more than 10°C (18°F) from the previous collimation test.
- Immediately prior to high precision angle measurements using Autolock in a single face.

Correction for Trunnion Axis Tilt

The trunnion axis tilt error is the deviation of the trunnion axis of the telescope from its required position at right angles to the plumb axis of the instrument. See figure 6.44

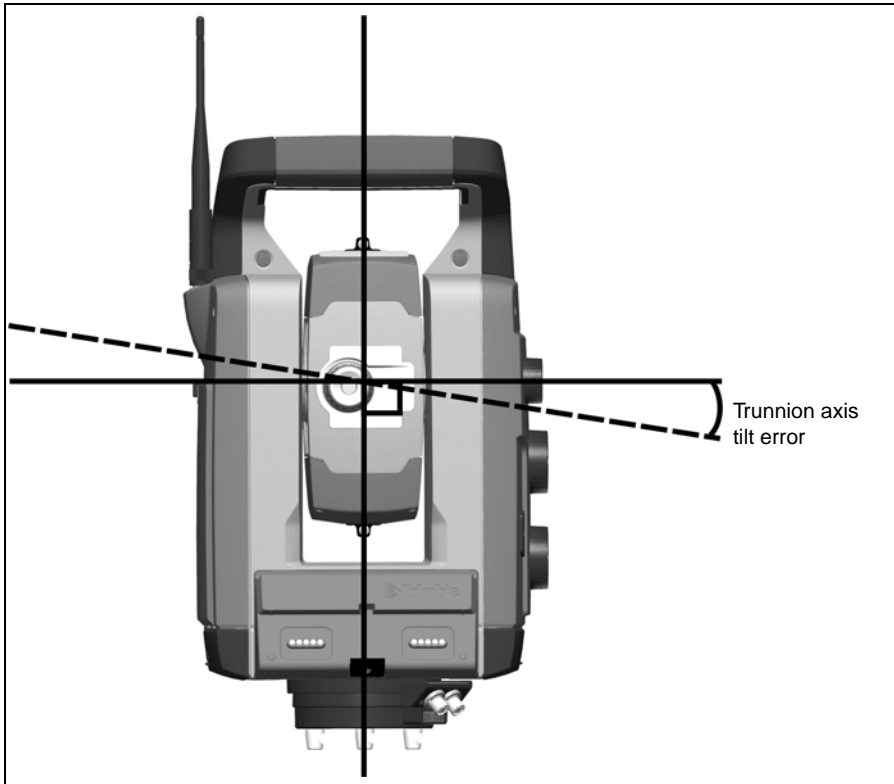


Figure 6.44 Trunnion axis tilt error

In the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument, perform a pre-measurement trunnion axis tilt test to determine the trunnion axis tilt error. Angular measurements are observed in both instrument faces, the trunnion axis tilt error is calculated, and the respective correction value is stored in the instrument. The trunnion axis tilt correction value is then applied to a correction to the horizontal angle value and an automatic repointing of the telescope using Surepoint™ technology.

Carry out a trunnion axis tilt test in the following situations:

- Whenever the instrument may have been roughly handled during transport.
- When the ambient temperature differs by more than 10°C (18°F) from the previous collimation test.

- Immediately prior to high precision angle measurements in one face, especially where the vertical angles significantly deviate from the horizontal plane.

Averaging Measurements to Reduce Sighting Errors

The Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument automatically reduces sighting errors caused by the misalignment of the instrument to the target or by pole movement during measurement. The following techniques can be used:

- Use Autolock. When Autolock is enabled, the instrument automatically locks onto and tracks the target. Manual sighting errors are reduced.
- Automatically average angles during distance measurement. When measuring in Standard mode, the instrument takes approximately 1.2seconds to measure the distance. Angles returned to the instrument at 1000 Hz, are averaged over the 1.2-second period to obtain an averaged angle measurement. The resultant angle measurement is an average of over 1200 observations.
- Use average measurement methods in the field software.

Distance Measuring Technology

Trimble VX Spatial Station instruments are equipped with a combined distance unit. This means that the instrument can measure to a prism or to normal surfaces (direct reflex (DR) mode). The instrument is available with a DR PLUS distance unit.

DR PLUS

The DR PLUS is a pulsed laser distance unit that determines distances by precisely measuring the flight time of the transmitted light pulse. The distance unit generates many short laser pulses, which are transmitted through the telescope to the target. The pulses reflect off the target surface and return to the instrument where the unit determines the time difference between the transmitted pulses and the received pulses. The unit uses the time difference to calculate the distance to the target.

The DR PLUS distance unit includes additional functions that allow you to control the accuracy and precision of a DR measurement through the field application software.

field application software includes:

- **Standard Deviation.** This allows you to configure the required precision of the DR measurement before the distance will be accepted. The distance measurement process will be carried out by the instrument until the preset standard deviation value has been achieved. The default standard deviation value is 0.003m. Setting this value to a higher number gives shorter measurement time but is less accurate, especially when measuring to surfaces at greater distances or at oblique angles to the line of sight.
- **Weak Signal.** This allows you to accept a DR measurement that is below the normal instrument specification. This is useful when measuring to poor reflective surfaces, or when trying to achieve the maximum range of the instrument.
- **Min.-Max Range.** This allows you to specify the DR measurement interval. For example, when you measure to a small object at 50 m with a background object at 200 m, set the min.-max range from 2 m to 100 m. The distance meter is then tuned to provide a distance within the specified range and to ignore any signal from outside the defined range. By default, the min.-max range is 2–300 m.

Beam Divergence

All distance meter measurement beams diverge as the range from the instrument increases. The divergence of the distance meter beam relates to an increase in the size of the area being sampled, not to a degradation of the measurement precision. See figure 6.45

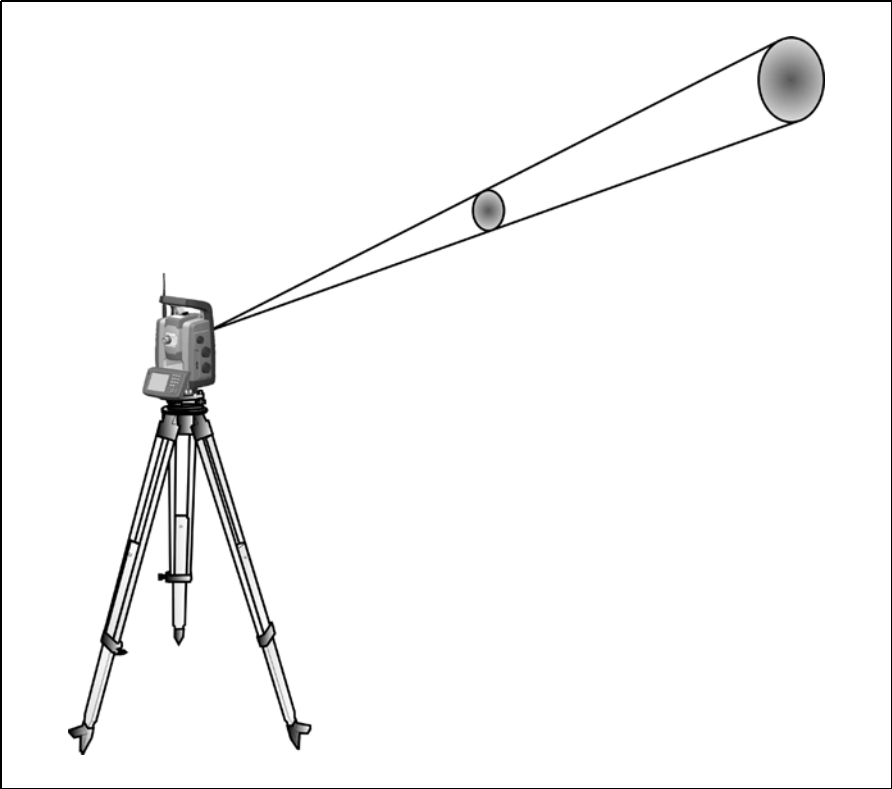


Figure 6.45 Beam divergence

A larger measuring area at longer range is generally better because it enables smaller objects, such as power lines and antennas, to be detected and accurately measured. With a smaller measuring area, these small objects can be easily missed. A smaller measuring area has advantages when measuring tight corners and vertices at close range. When observing measurements to a tight corner, the distance meter beam divergence introduces a range error caused by the size of the sampling area. See figure 6.46

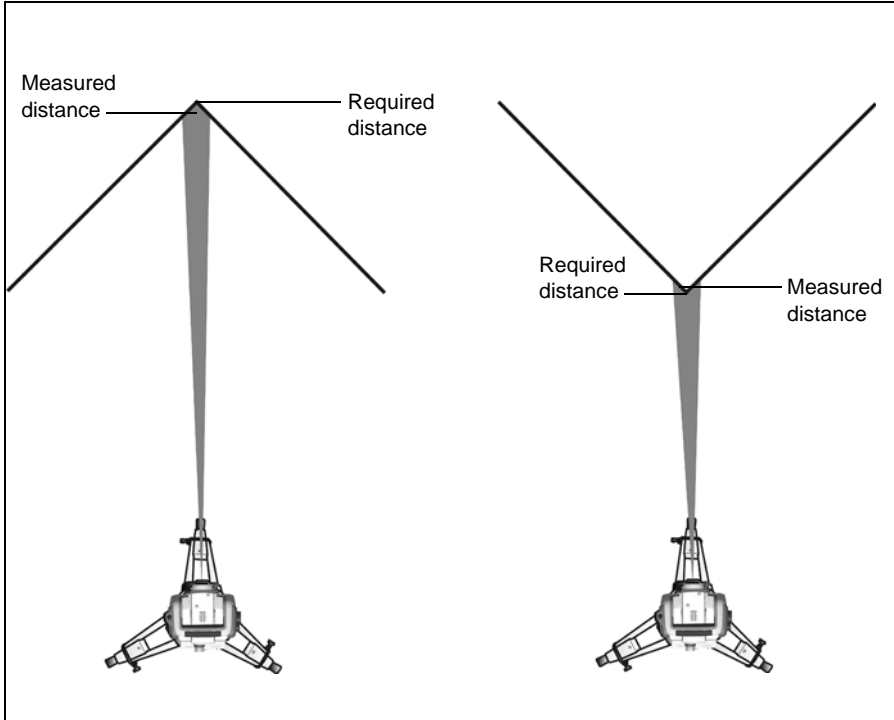


Figure 6.46 Measuring to an inner and an outer corner

Although the problem is reduced with a beam that uses a smaller measuring area, the error can not be completely eliminated. The most accurate solution to measure to tight corners and eliminates errors caused by beam divergence, is to use an offset measurement method such as that used in the field application software:

1. Measure two points on the face of the building.
2. Aim the instrument at the corner to store the correct horizontal and vertical angle. See figure 6.47

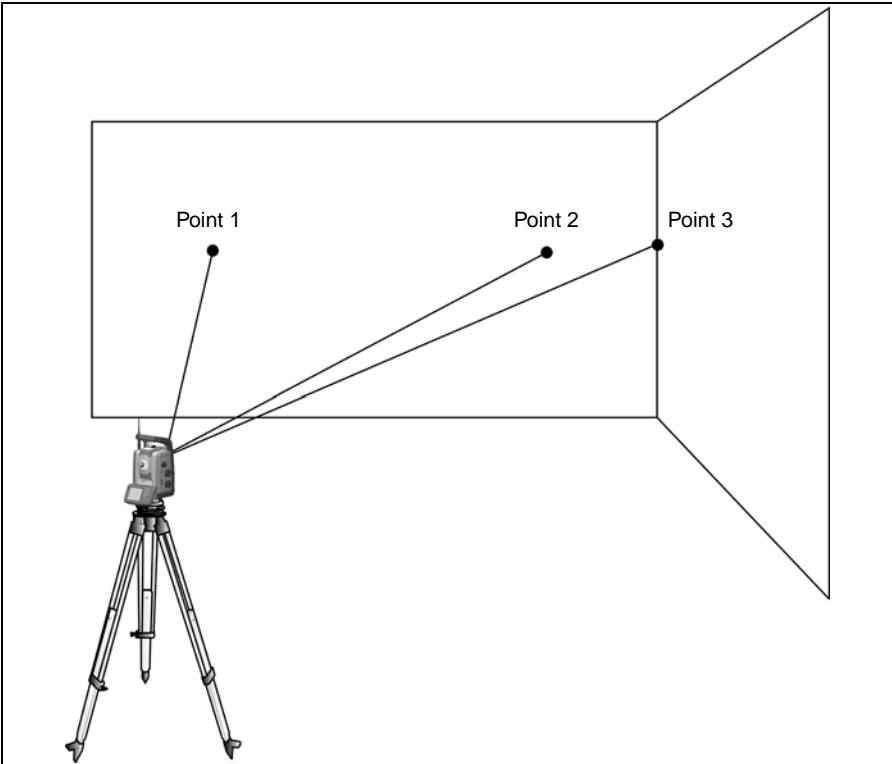


Figure 6.47 Offset measurement

With offset measurements, you can accurately measure difficult locations with DR instruments, and eliminate beam divergence errors. For more information, refer to the field application software documentation.

Camera Technology

The Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument is equipped with a camera. The camera can be used to take snap shots for documentation purposes, frame the area to be scanned or give the user the view from the instrument real time in the display of the Trimble CU.

The user will be able to see the measured points in the display of the Trimble CU.

The user can also use the camera to control the instrument from the Trimble CU touch screen. Click on a point in the displayed picture and the instrument will point the telescope towards this point.

For more information please refer to the field software documentation.



Caution – Do not make direct sun observations without a camera sun filter foil. this might cause damage to the camera. The camera sun lens foil is available as an accessory, part number 71001011.



Caution – Take care when making steep observation, so that the instrument does not accidentally point in to the sun. This might cause damage to the camera.

Servo Technology

The Trimble VX Spatial Station is equipped with servo controlled motors to position the instrument and focus the telescope.

Due to the high speed position servo and the SurePoint[®] technology used in the Trimble VX Spatial Station it is important to use a high quality tripod and tribrach. It is also important to set up the tripod in a position for best stability, see figure Figure 6.48. If the setup, tripod and/or tribrach is/are unstable the instrument servos might oscillate slightly in an effort to compensate for that instability. An unstable setup that could negatively influence the resulting measurement precision. See Setup on page 34

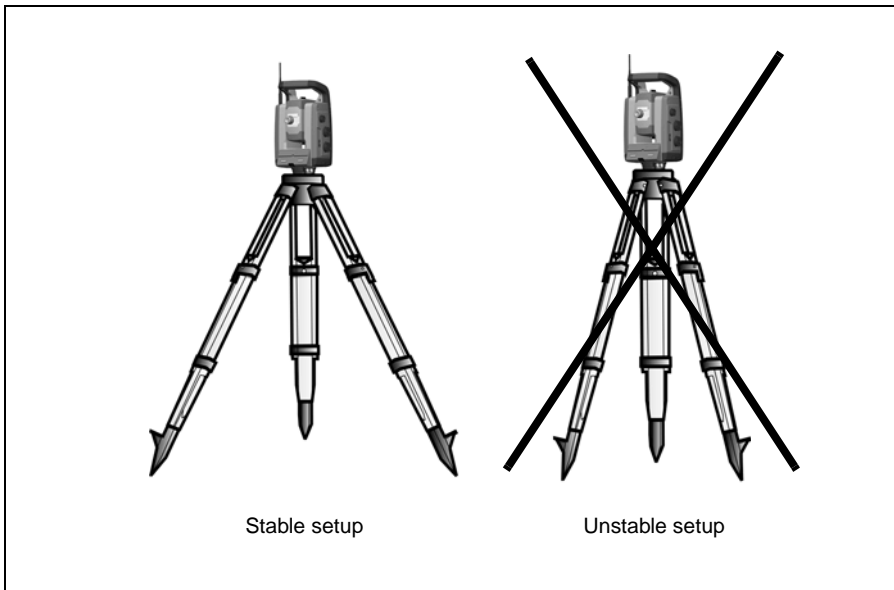


Figure 6.48 Tripod setup

Position Servo

The servo system is an electromagnetic Magdrive™, direct drive system, which gives high turning speeds and accuracy. The frictionless motion removes servo noise and reduces instrument wear. The system provides endless horizontal and vertical motion, including endless fine adjustment. The instrument uses servo when performing a number of different operations such as turning the horizontal and vertical motion knobs, for automatic test and calibration, or when using Autolock technology for robotic surveying. See figure 6.49

Note – Due to the high speed servo it is important to use a high quality tripod and tribrach.



Figure 6.49 Position servo

Focus Servo

The instrument is equipped with a focus servo. The focus motion knob is on the side of the instrument for easy access.

The focus knob is connected to a servo motor that is integrated in the telescope. When you turn the focus motion knob, the servo motor adjusts the focusing lens. See figure 6.50



Figure 6.50 Focus servo

Power Management

The power management in the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument can set the instrument to one of three different modes.

- Off mode
- On mode
- Suspend mode

Stand Alone

Instrument only, no Trimble CU connected.

Off Mode

In the off mode the Trigger key LED and face 2 display is off.

Press the Trigger key for 1 second. to turn on the instrument. The instrument will also turn on if you connect a 12 V power supply or data communication cable to the foot connector.

Note – During startup the Trigger key LED will flash once every second.

On Mode

In the on mode the Trigger key LED will be on solid, the face 2 display will be on.

To turn off the instrument press the Trigger key for 3 seconds.

The instrument will go to off mode if the battery is very low (battery capacity less than 2%).

If not used for 300 seconds (5 min.) the instrument will go to Suspend mode.

Suspend Mode

In the suspend mode the Trigger key LED will flash once every other second, the face 2 display will be off.

To turn the instrument on press the Trigger key for 1 second or turn on the instrument from a remote application.

To turn the instrument off press the Trigger key for 3 seconds.

In Suspend mode the instrument will turn off automatically at suspend time out. The suspend time out is set in the Trimble CU operating system.

Instrument with Trimble CU Connected

Off Mode

In the off mode the Trigger key LED and face 2 display is off. The Trimble CU will be off or in suspend mode.

To turn the instrument on press the Trigger key for 1 second or press the Trimble CU power key. The instrument will also turn on if you connect a 12 V power supply or data communication cable to the foot connector.

Note – During startup the Trigger key LED will flash once every second.

On Mode

In the on mode the Trigger key LED will be on solid, the face 2 display will be on. The face 2 display will be controlled by the Trimble CU application program. The attached Trimble CU will be on and the suspend mode back up battery in the Trimble CU will be charging.

To turn off the instrument press the Trigger key for 3 seconds or press the Trimble CU power key. Depending on the settings in the Trimble CU operating system the instrument will turn off or go to suspend mode.

The instrument will go to suspend mode if the battery is very low (battery capacity less than 2%).

Suspend Mode

In the suspend mode the Trigger key LED will flash once every other second, the face 2 display will be off. The attached Trimble CU will be in suspend mode and the suspend mode back up battery in the Trimble CU will be charging.

To turn the instrument on press the Trigger key for 1 second or press the Trimble CU power key.

To turn the instrument off press the Trigger key for 3 seconds.

This will only turn off the instrument. The Trimble CU will be in suspend mode until suspend time out occurs.



Caution – When the Trimble CU is removed from the instrument it is recommended to have the Trimble CU in suspend mode.

Removing the Trimble CU from the instrument when in on mode will not damage the equipment, but files that are being saved or written to when the Trimble CU is being removed might be damaged or lost.

Power Supply

The power management in the Trimble VX Spatial Station has been designed to deliver the most operating time in the field. The power management system includes the internal battery, optional external battery pack and the Trimble battery charger.

Internal Power Supply

The primary power supply for the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument is a rechargeable, removable Lithium-ion battery. The supplied battery is designed for use in the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument and features:

- Battery gauge to easily check power supply
- Rugged design
- One battery type for Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument and accessories.

The Trimble VX Spatial Station battery is on the side of the instrument and is easily removed and replaced. See figure 6.51

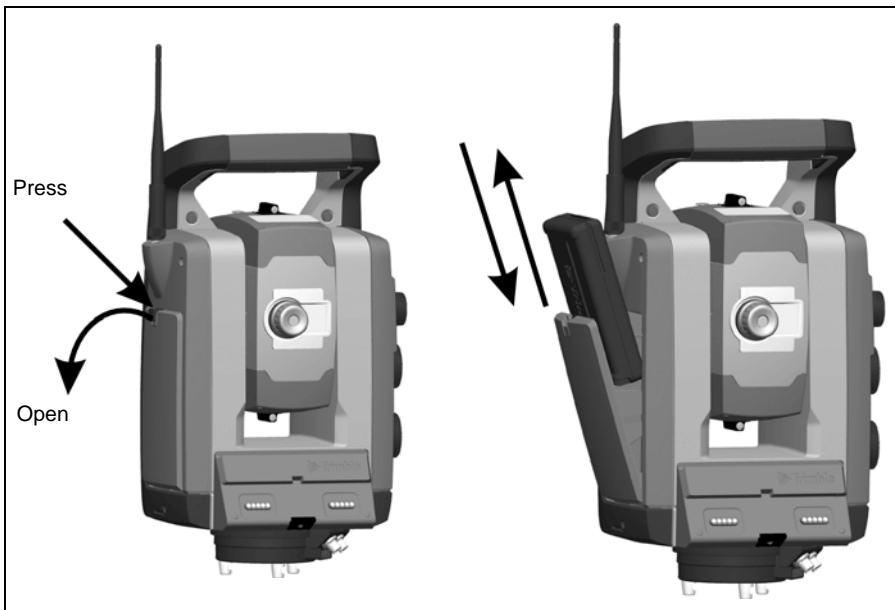


Figure 6.51 Removing and replacing the internal battery

To check the power supply in the Trimble VX Spatial Station battery using the integrated battery gauge, press the button on the side of the battery. See figure 6.52



Figure 6.52 Internal battery power gauge and button

When you press the button, four LEDs on the Trimble VX Spatial Station battery show the power level. Each LED corresponds to a power level of 25% so that when the power level is at 100%, all four LEDs are lit. If the battery is completely discharged, all LEDs are unlit.

When the button is pushed and all the LEDs flash, the battery needs to be reconditioned in the battery charger, See Conditioning the Battery on page 18.

When the battery capacity is between 0 and 10% one LED is flashing. A battery with a flashing LED might not be able to start an instrument or a Trimble CU. If started, with a battery with a flashing LED, the operating time will be between 5 and 15 minutes.

The capacity of the battery is 4.4 Ah.

External Power Supply

The Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument has two external connectors in the base of the instrument; one for communication and one for an external power supply. External power can be provided by one of the following:

- Multi Battery Adapter
- Car battery

With the Trimble VX Spatial Station Multi Battery Adapter, you can connect up to three Trimble VX Spatial Station batteries. Connect the Multi Battery Adapter to the external power connector on the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument using a grey Trimble cable with 6-pin Hirose connector.

The Trimble VX Spatial Station Multi Battery Adapter can be attached to a tripod or placed on the ground, and has a carrying handle.

As an alternative to the Multi Battery Adapter, An external 12 V car battery can be used. Use one of the following cables:

- The Cable - 3.0m, Car battery (croc clips) to Hirose 6 pin.
- The Cable - 3.0m, Cigarette lighter to Hirose 6 pin



Caution – Use only the gray cables with 6-pin Hirose connectors from Trimble when connecting a cable to the instrument and Multi Battery Adapter.

Charging the Battery

The Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument is provided with a battery charger that can charge five Trimble VX Spatial Station batteries one after the other. Connect the charger to the AC to DC converter. Connect the AC to DC converter to 100 V–250 V 50 Hz–60 Hz power. See figure 6.53.

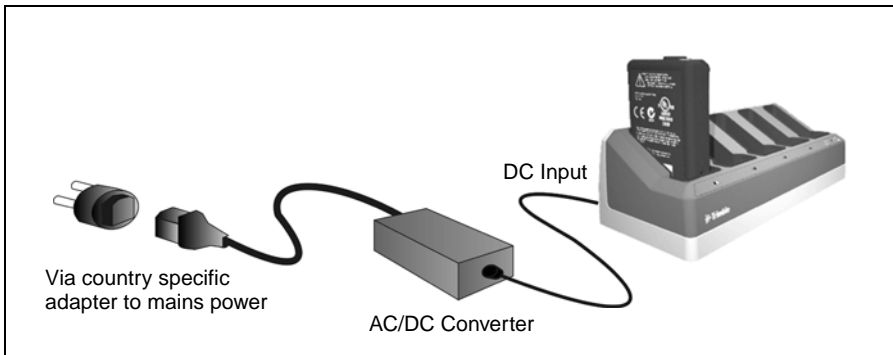


Figure 6.53 Charger and battery



Tip – The battery charger can also be used to charge the Trimble 7.4 V Li-Ion batteries, see figure Figure 6.54

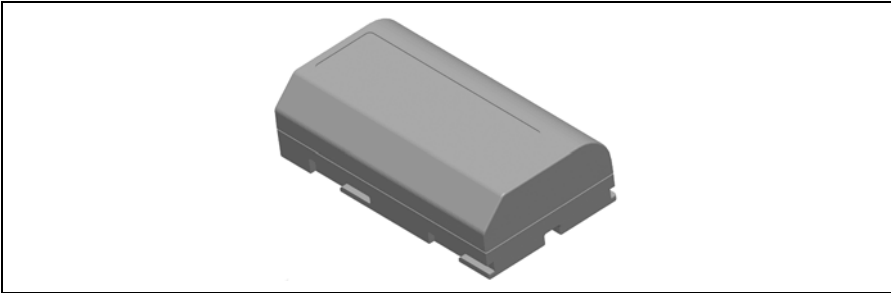


Figure 6.54 Trimble 7.4 V Li-Ion battery

Battery Low Message

If the battery capacity drops too low, the **Bat Low** message appears in the Trimble CU display window and the instrument shuts down. You must then change the battery within two hours to prevent losing instrument parameters and functions such as instrument height, target height, coordinates, bearing, and dual axis compensation. After that time, the system resets all parameters and functions to default values.

Note – This safety backup of the instrument parameters and functions will work only when **Bat low** appears on the display: it will not function if you remove the battery during operation.

External Communication

Communication (Com) Connector

The communication (COM) Connector on the base of the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument can be used for external communications to a computer or data collector.



Caution – Use only the gray cables with 6-pin Hirose connectors from Trimble when connecting a cable to the instrument.

USB Connector

The USB Connector, on the side of the panel attachment, can be used for communication between an attached TCU and a USB memory.



Figure 6.55 The USB Connector.

Options & Accessories

In this chapter:

- Autolock Technology
- Trimble Standard Rod
- Trimble MultiTrack Target
- Traverse Target
- Trimble Robotic Holder
- Radio
- Radio Antenna Extension Kit

Autolock Technology

The Trimble VX Spatial Station is equipped with Autolock technology, which is used for a robotic or a conventional measurement with Autolock.

Autolock technology controls the instrument servos and aims the instrument correctly towards the target. See figure 7.56



Tip – To assure maximum performance from the Autolock technology keep the lens clean and dry.

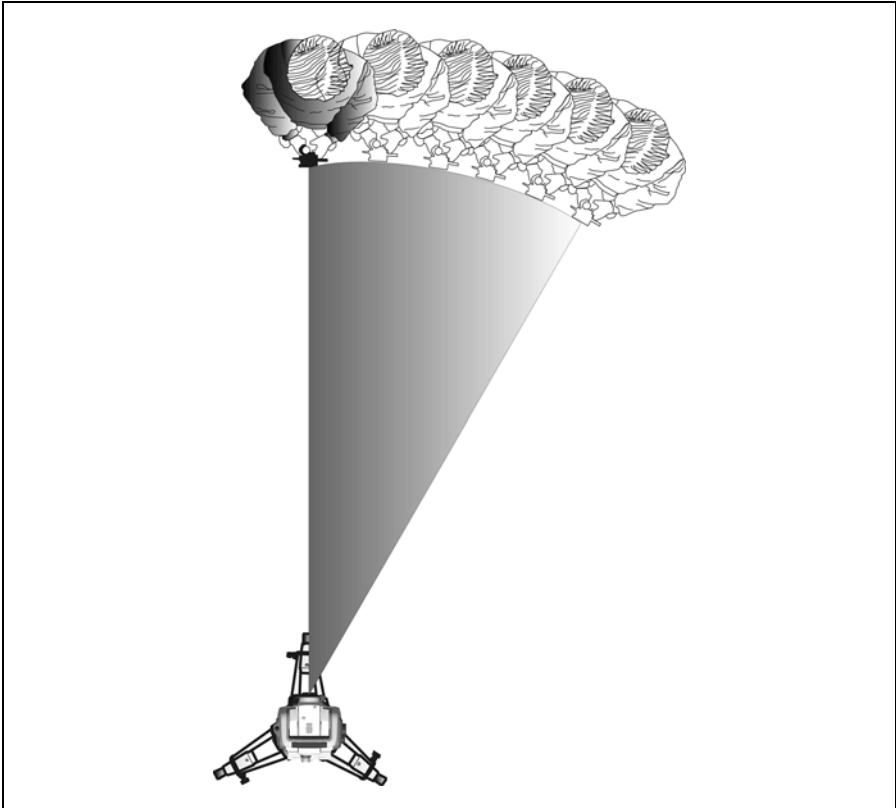


Figure 7.56 The Trimble VX Spatial Station Autolock function.

The Trimble VX Spatial Station can lock onto and track a target in two different modes depending on the type of target.

Passive mode:

In passive mode the instrument can lock onto and track a prism.

SplitVision:

When a Target ID is added to a prism the instrument will lock onto and track the active Target ID horizontally and the passive prism vertically.

Selection of the appropriate mode can be made via the field software interface while selecting the 360 target with Target ID prism type.

Note – Make sure to select the correct target in the field software to ensure correct lock and tracking of the target.



Caution – For precision measurements, when using the 360 degree prism, it is important to turn the prism, so that one of the prisms is pointed at the instrument.

Aiming

The adjustment between the two optical axes, the telescope and the tracker, may differ. The difference will make it seem like the instrument does not point towards the center of the prism, when using Autolock, figure 7.57. This is not a problem since the two axis have their own separate collimation data. It is however important to make collimation test for both axes.

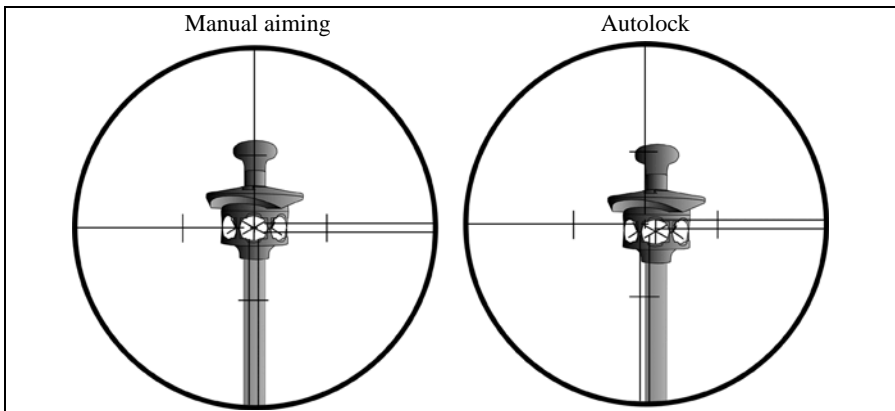


Figure 7.57 Difference between aiming manually and Autolock

How to Check Aiming

You can check how well the instrument is calibrated by measuring toward the prism with and without Autolock and compare the measured angles:

1. Aim manually at a prism and read out the horizontal and vertical angles.
2. Turn on Autolock and let the instrument lock on to the same prism automatically, read out the horizontal and vertical angles.
3. Compare the angles between manual and Autolock aiming.

If the difference between the read out angles is significant, you should carry out both a horizontal and vertical angle collimation adjustment, and a tracker collimation adjustment.

Trimble Standard Rod

The Trimble standard rod is available with the Trimble VX Spatial Station. The rod contains the following features:

- Graduated scale in meters and feet.
- Fixed target height positions
- 360 ° prism comprising 7x25 mm prisms, prism constant 2 mm
- Leveling bubble
- Target id with mini rod (optional) can be fitted

The integrated mini rod can be easily connected to the standard rod or a conventional rod using the mini pole adapter

The target height from the tip of the mini rod to the center of the prism is 0.115 m (0.377 ft.).

Trimble Target ID

The target ID is an optional unit that connects to the Trimble standard rod to transform the prism from a passive target to an active target. See figure 7.58

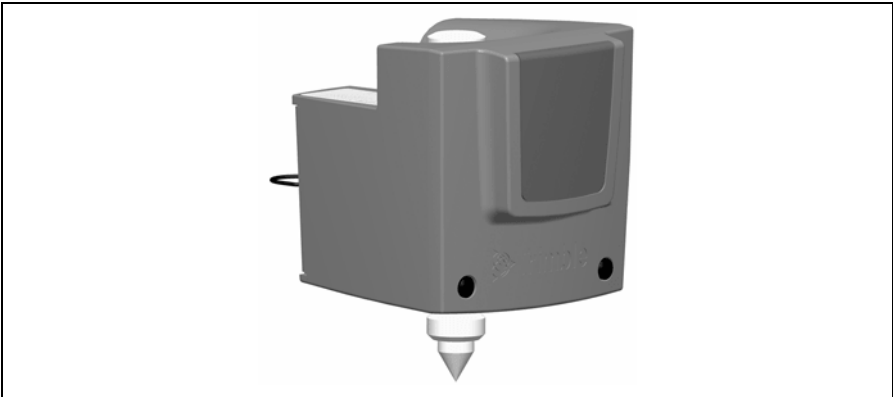


Figure 7.58 Trimble Target ID

You can configure the target ID to eight different IDs, which are then used by the Trimble VX Spatial Station to ensure that the instrument locks onto and tracks only the target with the correct Target ID. Configure the Target ID through its own LED display. See figure 7.59

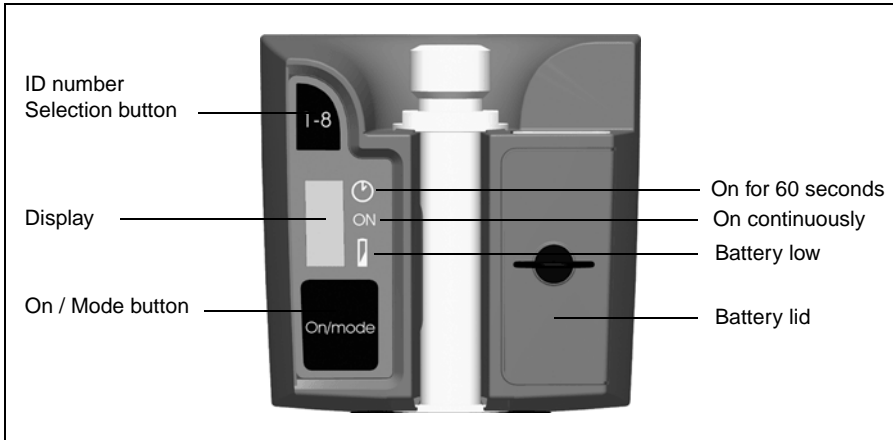


Figure 7.59 Target ID controls

Press the power button one or more times to access the following modes:

- On for 60 seconds
- On continuously
- Off

A bar appears beside the active mode.

When the Target ID is on, the current target ID appears. Press the ID number selection button to change the current target ID number.

The Target ID is powered by two AA size batteries that will operate the unit for approximately 12 hours continuous use. A dot appears beside the battery symbol when battery power is low.

Fitting and Removing the Target ID

1. Screw the adapter and mini rod on to the top of the rod and tighten.
2. Push the Target ID on to the mini rod until it locks in place. The spring lock will hold the Target ID in place.

Removing the Target ID is the reverse operation to fitting.

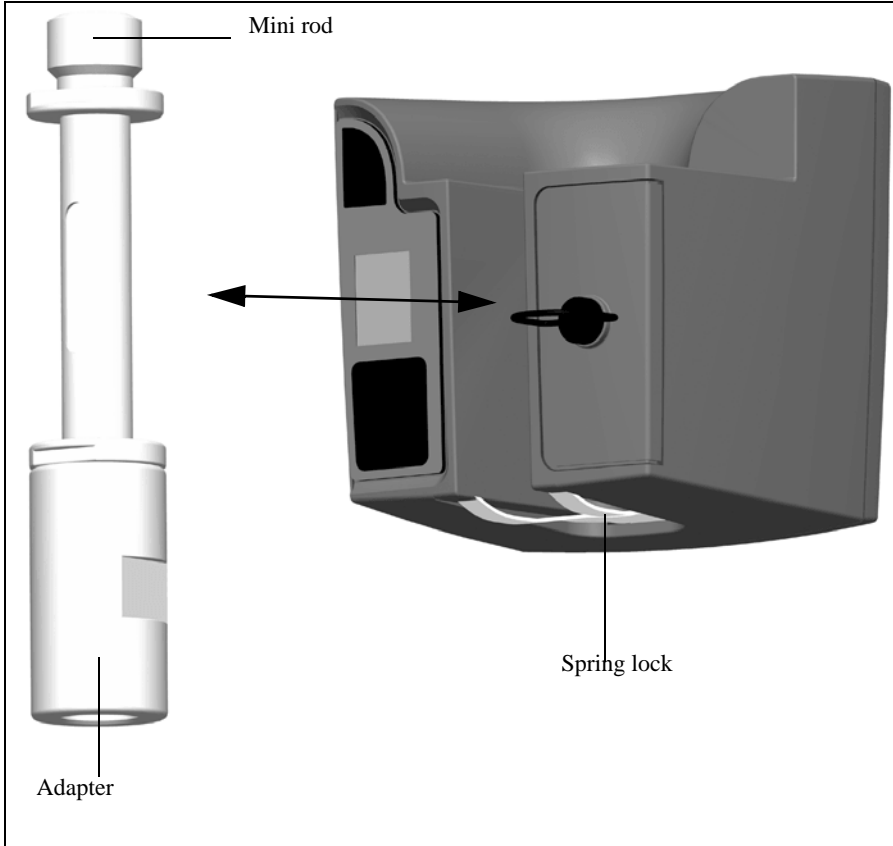


Figure 7.60 Fitting or removing the Target ID.

LED Information

The Target ID has been tested and complies with the regulations for a Class 1 LED product. See figure 7.59. See Laser Safety on page v.

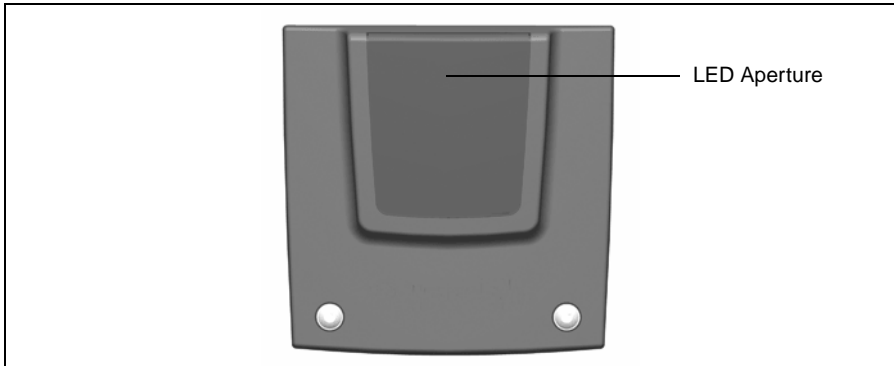


Figure 7.61 Target ID LED Aperture

Changing the Batteries in the Target ID

1. Turn the screw securing the battery lid a quarter of a turn counter-clockwise and then remove the battery lid.
2. Hold the target ID at an angle and let the two used batteries slide out.
3. Insert two new AA size batteries.
4. Fit the battery lid and then secure it by turning the screw a quarter of a turn clockwise. See figure 7.62

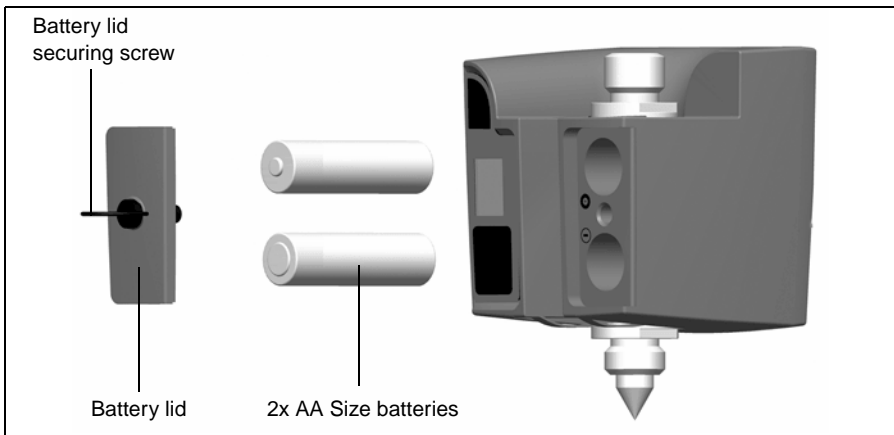


Figure 7.62 Target ID battery change

Trimble MultiTrack Target

The Trimble MultiTrack target provides fully coaxial passive and active tracking via an integrated 360° prism ring and 2 active 360° LED rings. The active LED rings support the selection of a unique ID to ensure that 8 different targets can be operated on a single site with full confidence that the correct target is always used.

Features

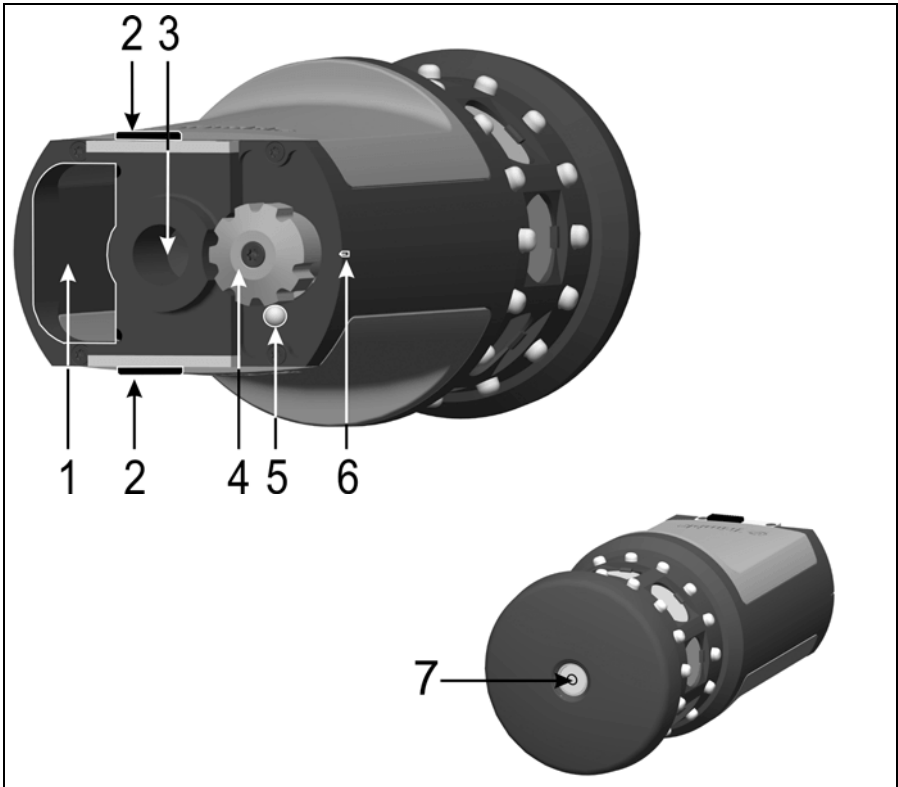


Figure 7.63 Trimble MultiTrack Target features

- | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | Battery compartment | 5 | On/Off and battery low indicator LED |
| 2 | Battery locks | 6 | Position indicator |
| 3 | 5/8" Thread | 7 | Circular level |
| 4 | Channel select (on/off switch) | | |

Measures

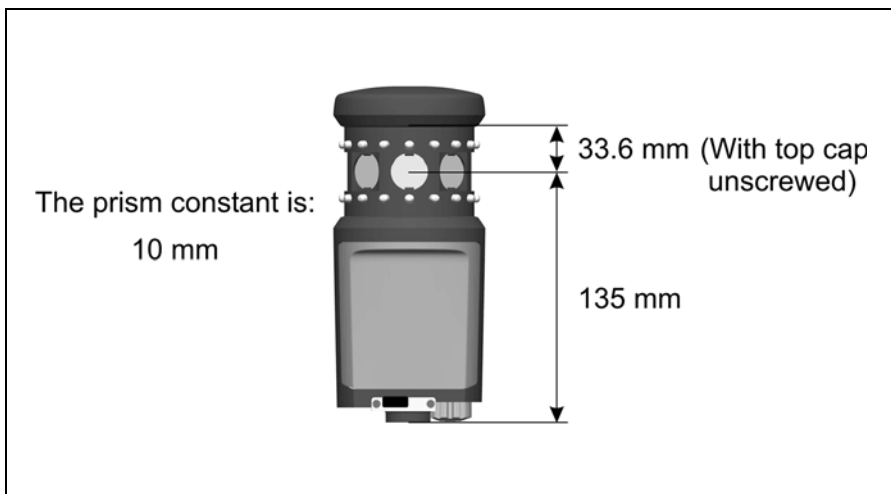


Figure 7.64 Trimble MultiTrack Target measures

Fitting and Removing the Battery

To fit the battery, push the battery in to the battery compartment (1) with the battery connectors (2) facing upwards and inwards until the battery locks clicks (3) in place.

To remove the battery, slide the battery locks open (4), The battery can now slide out of the battery compartment (5).

The battery is a Trimble 7.4 V Li-Ion battery.

The Trimble MultiTrack Target will provide active tracking for up to 8 hours from one fully charged battery. When the on/off and battery low indicator LED starts to flash the battery will have approximately 40 minutes operation time remaining.

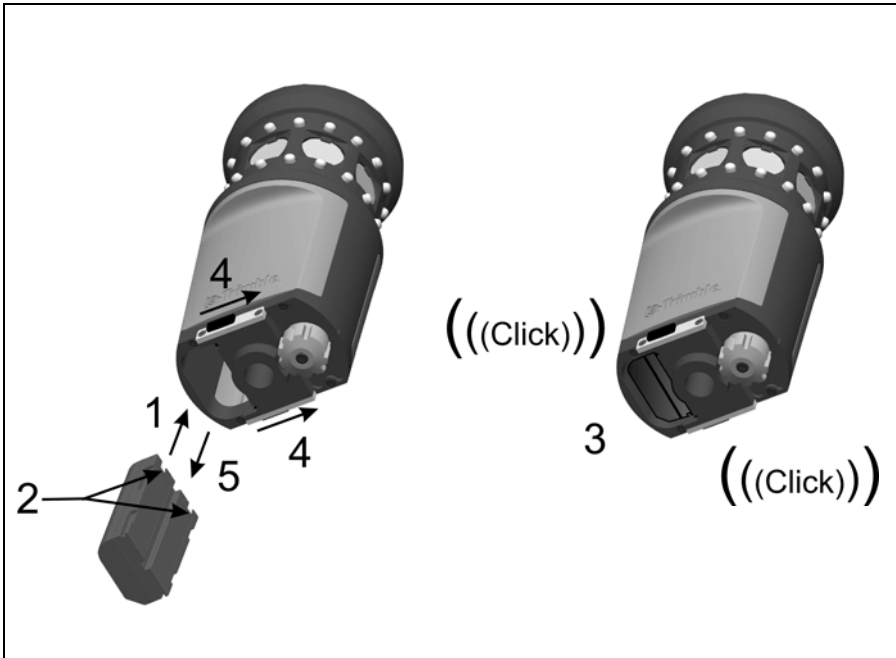


Figure 7.65 Fitting and removing battery on a Trimble MultiTrack Target

Specification Label

To read the specification label unscrew the top cap of the target (1).

Note – The accuracy specification for Active mode is valid within 15° from horizontal. For vertical angles outside of this range it is recommended to use passive mode or to use a tiltable target to ensure the most precise results.

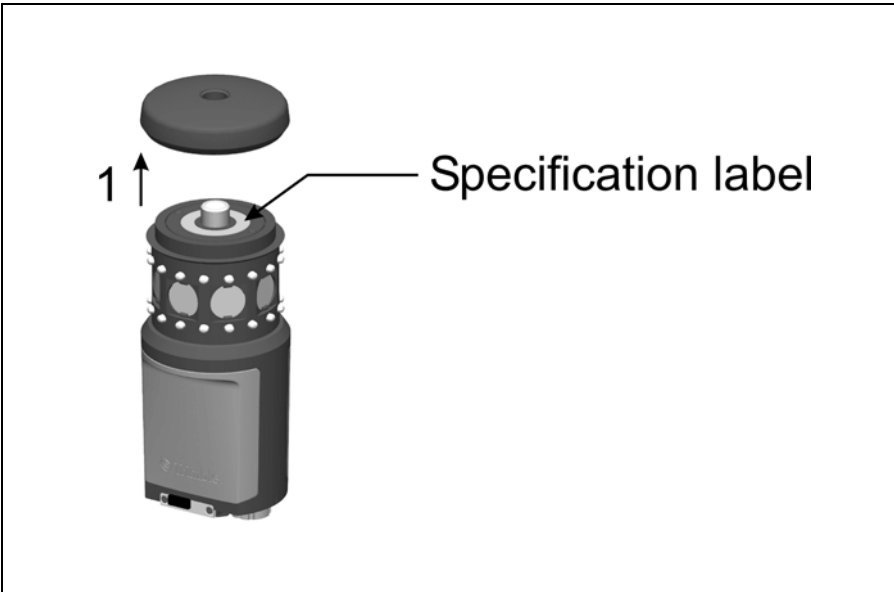


Figure 7.66 Location of Trimble MultiTrack Target specification label

Traverse Target

Traverse Target Kit 1

When assembling the Traverse target from the Traverse target kit 1 to the Prism base it is important to fit the supplied adapter to get a correct assembly.

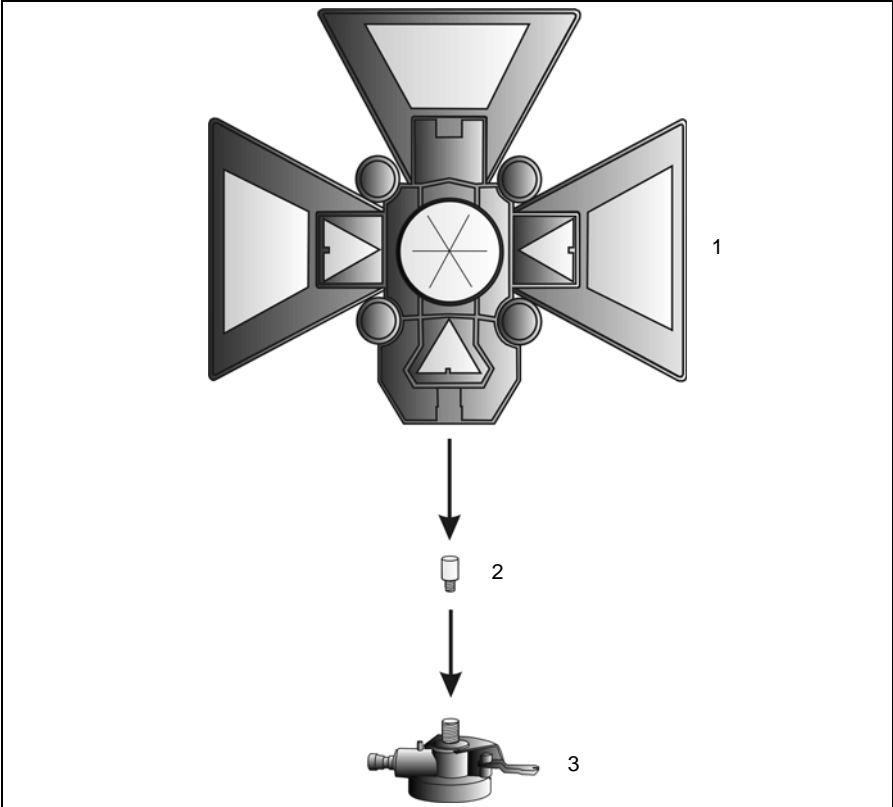


Figure 7.67 Assembling the traverse target

1. Screw the adapter (2) on to the prism base (3) and tighten.
2. Screw the target (1) on to the prism base (3)

Measuring the Target Height

There is a height measurement mark on the side of the prism base that can be turned out for easier reading of the height. The height measurement mark is 0.158 m (0.518 ft.) below the target (signal) height. Measure to the top ridge of the mark. See figure 7.68

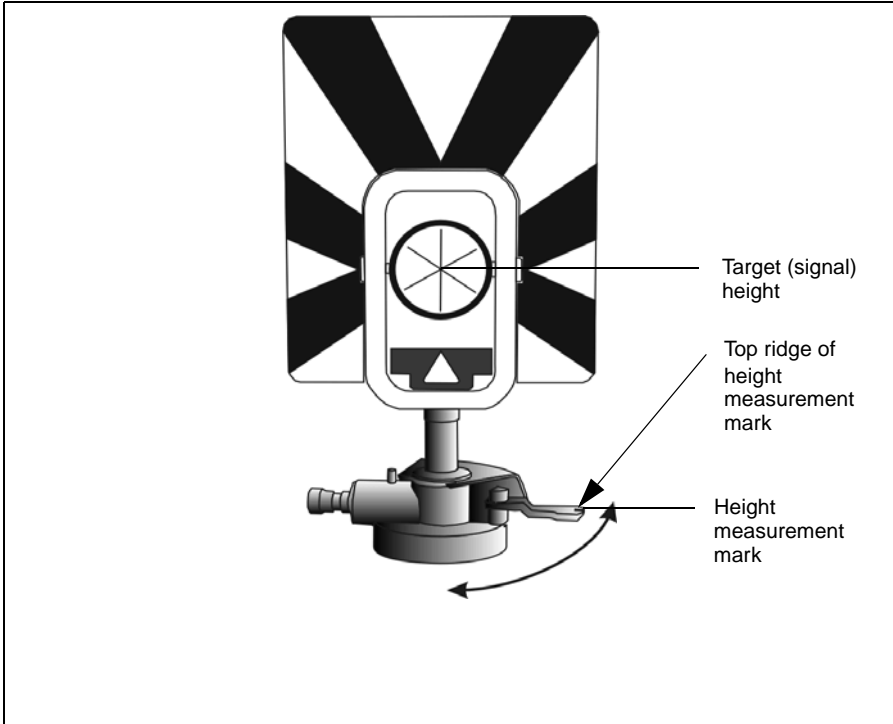


Figure 7.68 Target height marks

When there is a Trimble CU attached running a field application software, the software has additional functions that reduce the bottom mark measurement to the required vertical target (signal) height. See figure 7.69 and the following paragraph.

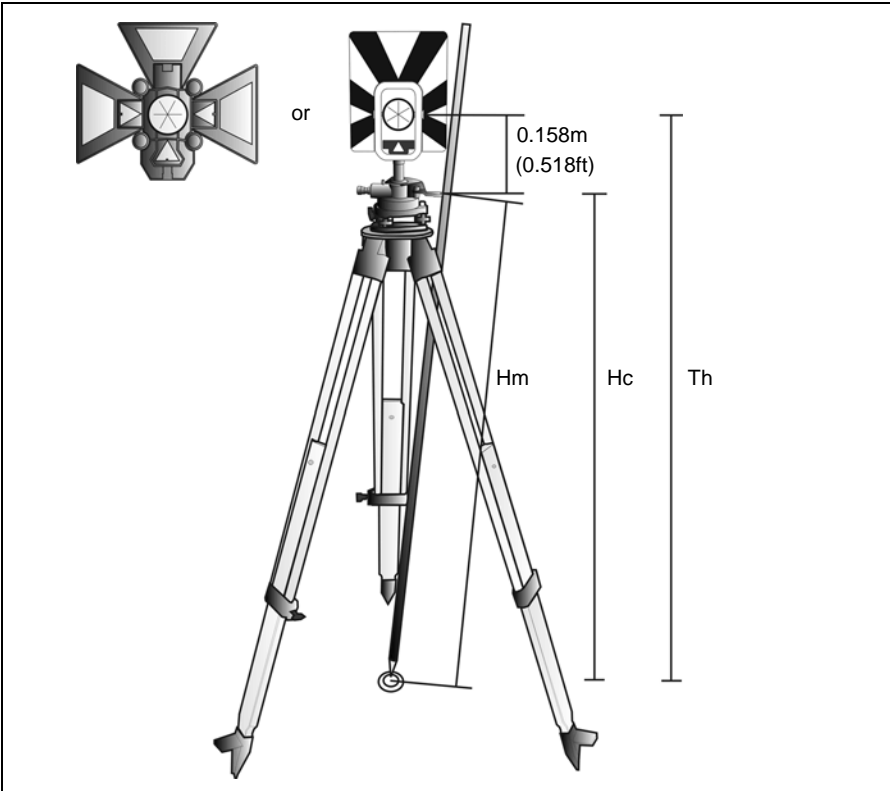


Figure 7.69 Target height measurement

The measured distance (H_m) is corrected for the slope of the measurement to obtain a vertical measurement to the bottom mark (H_c). The constant from the target height measurement mark to the target (signal) height (0.158 m/0.518 ft.) is added to the H_c to obtain the vertical target height from the ground mark to the target (signal) height (T_h). For more information, refer to the field software documentation.

Alternatively, to obtain an accurate measurements to the target (signal) height (T_h), you can manually measure the slope distance from the ground to the bottom mark (H_m). To calculate the total target height (T_h), insert the measured slope distance (H_m) into the formula below:

$$T_h = 0,158 + \sqrt{H_m^2 - 0,091^2}$$

Trimble Robotic Holder

The Trimble Robotic Holder holds the Trimble CU when the instrument is operating in robotic mode. See figure 7.70



Figure 7.70 Trimble robotic holder with Trimble CU and radio

The Trimble Robotic Holder includes the following features:

- Secure Trimble CU connection with quick release
- Secure Trimble VX Spatial Station battery connection with quick release
- Integrated 2.4 GHz radio
- Rugged ergonomic design with safety bumper to protect the Trimble CU
- Quick release from pole connector
- Two ports for external power supply and external communications (USB)

The Trimble VX Spatial Station battery powers the Trimble CU and radio during robotic operation.

You can use a USB memory with the Trimble Robotic Holder to transfer data between the office and the field or between two field devices. Connect the USB memory through the USB dongle cable to the external communications port on the Trimble Robotic Holder. Use Microsoft Windows Explorer to transfer the files from the Trimble CU to the memory.



Caution – Use only the gray cables with 6-pin Hirose connectors from Trimble when connecting a cable to the Trimble Robotic Holder.

Power Management

Off Mode

In the off mode the Robotic Holder will be off. The Trimble CU will be off or in suspend mode.

To turn on the Robotic Holder and the Trimble CU press the Trimble CU power key. The Robotic Holder and Trimble CU will also turn on if you connect +12 V or data communication cable to the side connector.

On Mode

In the on mode the Robotic Holder will be on. The attached Trimble CU will be on and the suspend mode back up battery in the Trimble CU will be charging.

To turn off the Robotic Holder and the Trimble CU press the Trimble CU power key. Depending on the settings in the Trimble CU operating system the instrument will turn off or go to suspend mode.

The Robotic Holder and the Trimble CU will go to suspend mode if the battery level is low (battery capacity less than 2%).

Suspend Mode

In the suspend mode the Robotic Holder and the attached Trimble CU will be in suspend mode and the suspend mode back up battery in the Trimble CU will be charging.

To turn on the Robotic Holder and the Trimble CU press the Trimble CU power key.

The Robotic Holder and the Trimble CU will be in suspend mode until suspend time out occurs.



Caution – When the Trimble CU is removed from the Robotic Holder it is recommended to have the Trimble CU in suspend mode. To remove the Trimble CU from the instrument when in on mode will not damage the equipment, but files that are being saved or written to when the Trimble CU is being removed might be damaged or lost.

Attaching a Battery

1. Fit the battery on to the hooks on the holder (1).
2. Push the battery on to the holder until it clicks into place (2). See figure 7.71

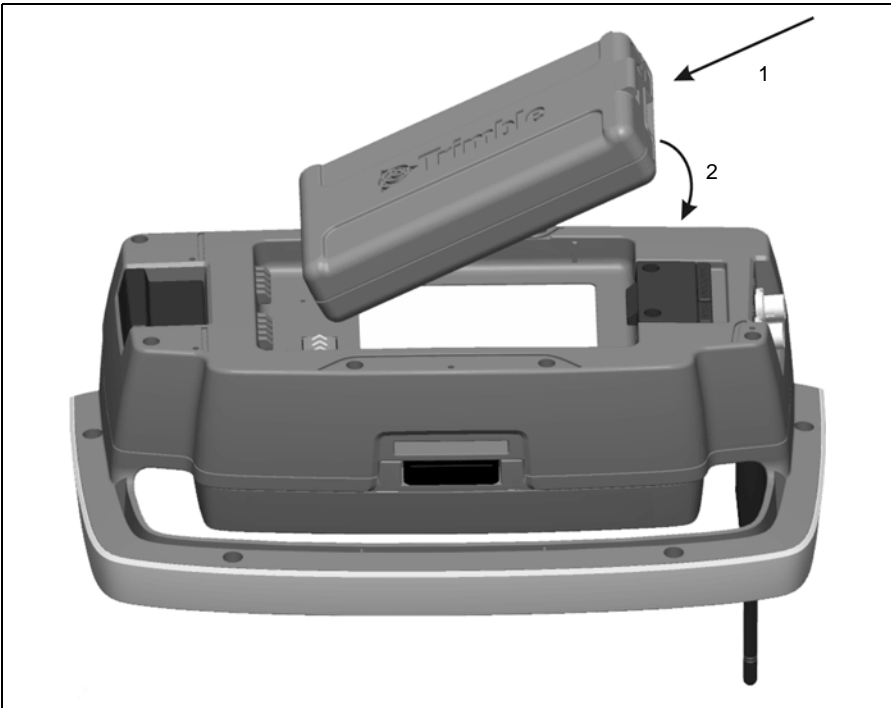


Figure 7.71 Attaching a battery to the Trimble Robotic Holder

Detaching a Battery

1. Pull the battery lock mechanism away from the battery (1).
2. Lift up this side of the battery (2).

3. Remove the battery from the holder (3). See figure 7.72.

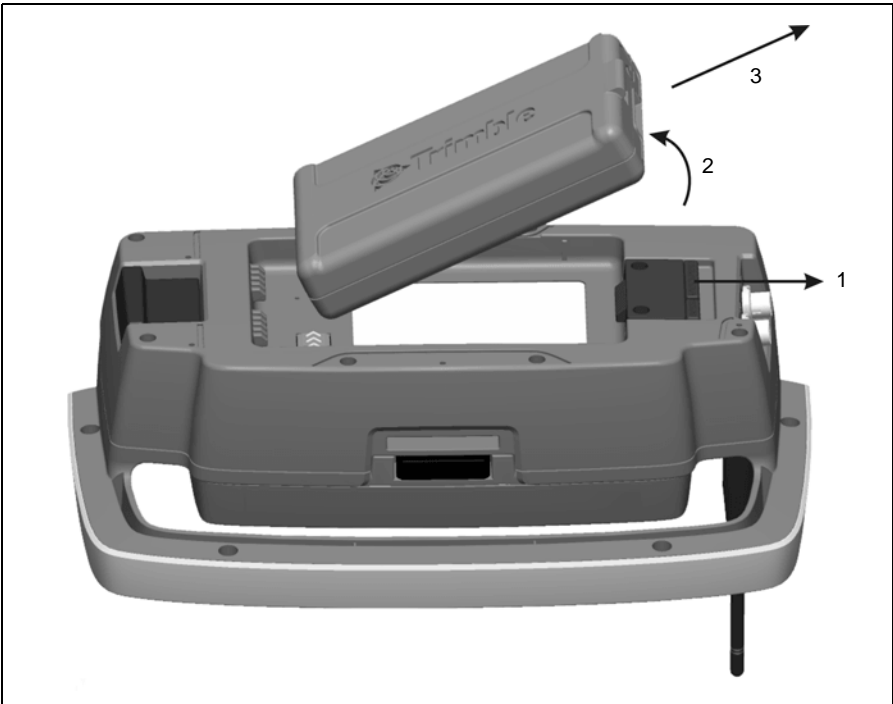


Figure 7.72 Detaching a battery from the Trimble Robotic Holder

Attaching a Trimble CU

1. Hook the top of the Trimble CU over the top edge of the holder (1).
2. Push the bottom of the Trimble CU towards the holder until it locks in place with a click (2), figure 7.73.



Figure 7.73 Attach Trimble CU to Trimble Robotic Holder

Detaching a Trimble CU



Caution – Make sure to switch off the Trimble CU before it is detached from the instrument.

1. Push the lock release button on the bottom of the Trimble CU (1) and lift the bottom of the Trimble CU away from the holder (2).
2. Unhook the top of the Trimble CU from the top edge of the panel attachment and remove the Trimble CU from the holder (3), figure 7.74.



Figure 7.74 Detach Trimble CU from Trimble Robotic Holder

Attaching the Trimble Robotic Holder to the Rod

To attach the Trimble Robotic Holder, slide the holder onto the standard rod adapter until the holder locks into place with a click, figure 7.75.



Figure 7.75 Attaching the Trimble Robotic Holder to the standard rod adapter

Detaching the Trimble Robotic Holder from the Rod

1. To detach the Trimble Robotic Holder from the rod, pull the release mechanism (1).
2. Slide the holder off the rod bracket (2).



Figure 7.76 Detach Trimble Robotic Holder from standard rod adapter



Caution – The Trimble CU and Robotic holder are not designed for mounting on a vehicle. For vehicle or ATV always use the TSC2 controller, which has been designed to withstand the shock and vibration conditions associated with that type of use. Mounting the Trimble CU and Robotic holder in these situations is not recommended, and puts your equipment at risk of damage that is not covered by warranty.

Radio

Internal Radio

The Trimble VX Spatial Station has an internal radio to support robotic operations.

The internal radio is a 100 mW radio that operates in the public free 2.4 GHz band. The radio uses frequency hopping technology to reduce radio interference and maintain radio communications in even the harshest RF environment.

The Trimble VX Spatial Station radio baud rate is 115200 bps. This high baud rate reduces the measurement latency, which ensures that a measurement viewed at the pole is received 100 msec after the measurement is sent from the instrument.

To maintain radio communication with the Trimble VX Spatial Station instrument, the Trimble CU at the pole must also be connected to a 2.4 GHz external radio. The radio for the Trimble CU is available as an optional integrated module in the Trimble robotic holder. The radio for the TSC2 is also available as an optional integrated 2.4 GHz radio module.

Radio Antenna Extension Kit

For extended radio range it is possible to fit an antenna extension kit to get the radio antenna to a higher position on the rod where it is clear from obstruction by the user or the rod itself. When working at the maximum radio range, this can make a significant difference.

The antenna extension kit consists of:

Item	Description
a	Antenna holder
b	Antenna cable
c	Washer
d	Locking washer
e	Nut

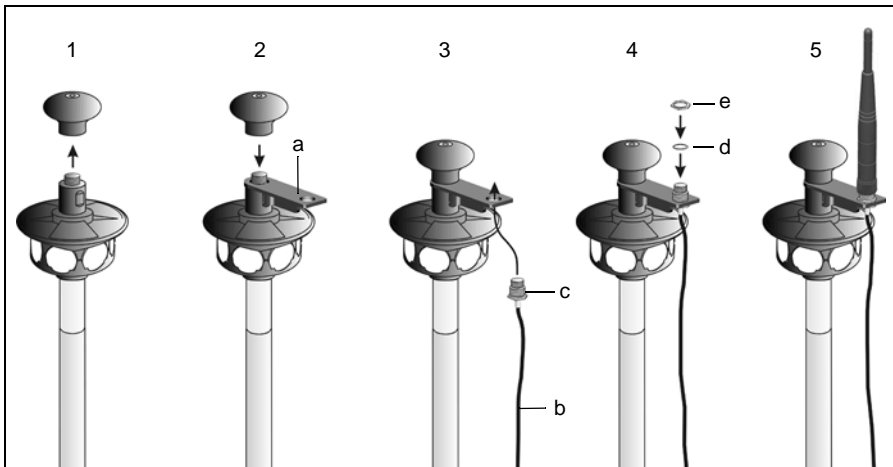


Figure 7.77 Fitting the antenna extension kit.

1. Unscrew and remove the top part of the 360° prism.
2. Fit the antenna holder (a) over the thread and re-fit the top part of the 360° prism.
3. Fit the washer (c) on the antenna cable (b) and fit the antenna cable (b), from underneath, to the antenna holder.
4. Fit the locking washer (d) and nut (e).
5. Fit the antenna on top and connect the antenna cable to the antenna connector on the Trimble Robotic Holder.

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