# INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

Junction Box: Simrad and Lowrance

Connect transducer with NO connector to echo sounder requiring a 9-pin connector

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Follow the precautions below for optimal product performance and to reduce the risk of property damage, personal injury, and/or death.

**WARNING**: Always wear safety glasses, a dust mask, and ear protection when installing.

**WARNING**: The power supply must be OFF before proceeding with the installation.

**CAUTION**: To reduce electrical interference from other electrical wiring and any on-board equipment with strong magnetic fields such as radar equipment, radio transmitters, boat engines, generators, etc., separate the cables by at least 1 m (3').

**CAUTION**: Be careful not to tear the cable jackets when passing them through the bulkhead(s) and other parts of the boat. Use grommets to prevent chafing.

**CAUTION**: Take care when matching like colored wires; there may be wires with stripped insulation. Be sure to connect blue stripe to blue stripe, solid blue to solid blue, black stripe to black stripe, and solid black to solid black.

**CAUTION**: Make certain there are no bare wires, frayed strands, or loose ends to cause a short circuit inside the Junction Box.

**IMPORTANT**: Please read the instructions completely before proceeding with the installation. These instructions supersede any other instructions in your instrument manual if they differ.



Table: Models Without Connectors

Model	Airmar Part Number	Navico Part Number
B265LH	41-433-2-02	000-10574-001
	41-433-2-03	000-10574-001
R509LH	41-448-1-02	000-10575-001
	41-448-1-03	000-10575-001
TM265LH	41-445-1-02	000-10722-001
	41-445-1-03	000-10722-001

## **Applications**

Use the junction box to connect an existing transducer without a connector to Navico's echo sounder requiring a 9-pin connector.

#### Installation

#### Mounting Location & Hole Drilling

- Select a convenient dry mounting location for the water-resistant junction box along the transducer cable's route, a minimum of 1 m (3') from other cables and electronic equipment.
- 2. Hold the junction box at the selected location and mark the position of the four screw holes (Figure 1).

**NOTE**: If the junction box will be mounted on a vertical surface, face the cordgrips sideways to avoid water seeping into the box.

3. At the marked locations, drill 3mm or 1/8" holes to a depth of 10mm (3/8"). Do not fasten the junction box in place at this time.

## **Tools & Materials**

Safety glasses

Dust mask

Ear protection

Pencil

Electric drill

Drill bit: 3mm or 1/8"

Grommets (some

installations) Cutting pliers

Phillips screwdrivers

Alcohol

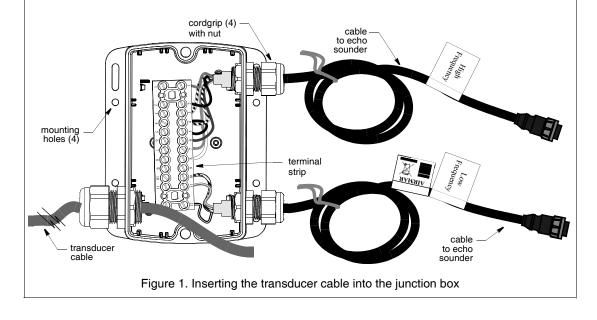
Heat gun

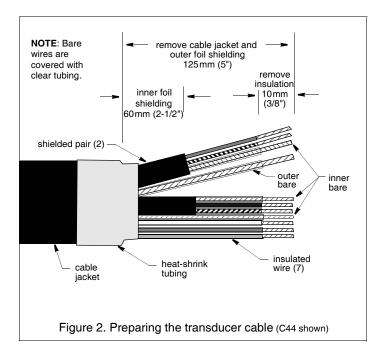
Wire strippers

Scissors

Wrench

Petroleum jelly (Vaseline®)
Blade screwdriver (small)





## Preparing the Transducer Cable

Remove the junction box cover and set it aside along with the two screws and the bag of hardware containing clear tubing and four  $6 \times 1/2$ " screws.

IMPORTANT: Do not cut the transducer cable too short.

- 1. Be sure the power to the echo sounder is OFF.
- 2. Cut the transducer cable 30cm (1') beyond the location of the junction box to allow for wiring ease.
- Loosen the nut on the cordgrip (Figure 1). Carefully push approximately 200 mm (8") of the transducer cable through the appropriate cordgrip. Apply alcohol to the cable jacket to ease sliding.
- 4. Strip 125mm (5") of the outer jacket from the cut end of the transducer cable (Figure 2).
- 5. Strip 60mm (2-1/2")of foil shielding from the shielded pairs.
- 6. Cut off the purple wire at the cable. It is not used.
- 7. Strip 10mm (3/8") of conductor insulation from the end of each insulated wire.
- 8. Protect each cable's foil shielding from causing a short inside the switchbox by using heat shrink tubing around the cable jacket where the wires emerge from the cable. The tubing must overlap the wires a minimum of 6mm (1/4"). Use a heat gun to shrink the tubing.
- 9. Cover the bare wires. Cut the clear sleeving supplied to fit over the bare wires from the cable jacket/foil shielding to within 10mm (3/8") of the end. Slide the clear sleeve over bare wire(s) until it touches the cable jacket/foil shielding.

## Connecting

- Take care when choosing each wire because the colors may look similar. Note, there are wires with striped insulation. Follow the color key on the junction-box label (Figure 3).
- 2. Connect each colored wire to the terminal opposite the matching colored wire from the sonar. *Note that the terminals are numbered.* Insert the stripped end in the square opening in the side. Tighten the terminal screw until the wire is held firmly in place. *Be sure the stripped end of the wire is inserted up to the insulation only.* Do not include any insulation inside the terminal.

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Location	Sonar	Function	Transducer	
1	Blue	Sonar + (HF)	Blue	
2	Black	Sonar – (HF)	Black	
3	Inner Bare	Sonar Shield (HF)	Inner Bare	
4	Outer Bare	Shield	Outer Bare	
5	Inner Bare	Shield (XID/Temp)	Inner Bare	
6	Brown	XID/Temp GND	Brown	
7	Orange	XID	Orange	
8	White	Temp	White	
9	Empty	None	Empty	
10	Inner Bare	Sonar Shield (LF)	Inner Bare	
11	Blue/White	Sonar + (LF)	Blue/White	
12	Black/White	Sonar – (LF)	Black/White	

Figure 3. Junction-box label with wire color and function key

Gently tug on the wire to ensure it is locked in place. If any bare wire is visible, shorten the stripped end and reconnect it to the terminal.

### Completing the Installation

- From outside the junction box, carefully pull the transducer cable until only about 13mm (1/2") of the cable jacket remains inside the box.
- 2. Hand-tighten the nut on each cordgrip. Then use a wrench to make an additional 1/4 to 1/2 turn to make a waterproof seal (Figure 1).
- Remove the tape from the foam on the back of the terminal strip. Push the terminal strip into the junction box until it is attached firmly to the bottom.
- 4. Arrange the wires neatly inside the box. Be sure there are no bare wires touching.
- 5. Check to be sure the gasket is firmly installed in the channel on the back side of the cover. Lubricate the gasket with petroleum jelly as this will help to make a water tight seal. Screw the cover in place with the 2 long screws supplied.
- 6. Fasten the junction box to the selected mounting surface at the previously-drilled holes with the four 6 x 1/2" screws supplied.
- 7. Follow the instructions that came with your echo sounder to plug both of the 9-pin connectors into the sounder. Note that one of the cables is low frequency and the other is high frequency.
- 8. Fasten all loose cables in place.

#### **Parts**

Obtain parts from a local sales office, one of the websites below, or a marine dealer.

www.lowrance.com

www.simrad-yachting.com