

MEGA LIVE UNIVERSAL INSTALLATION GUIDE

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Introduction

The MEGA Live Imaging Universal has a 50" shaft length and can mount to almost any boat with the included GeigerTec aluminum bracket (select models) or a mounting bracket of your choice. This manual will guide you through the following installation requirements for the MEGA Live Imaging transducer:

- Installing the MEGA Live Universal Boat Mount (select models)
- Connecting to the Control Head and Power
- Testing the Installation
- Powering Off

Before proceeding with this installation, the Humminbird control head should be installed.

Compatibility

Control Heads: MEGA Live Imaging Universal is compatible with the following Humminbird control heads:

- APEX Series
- SOLIX Series
- HELIX G3N and G4N models with MEGA Imaging+ and HELIX 7 G4N models with MDI or MSI

Cables: Your MEGA Live Imaging transducer comes with the cables required to connect directly to your Humminbird fish finder. In addition to the cables permanently attached to the transducer, this includes two extension cables (a 10' MEGA Live power cable and a 20' Ethernet cable) to allow for quick-disconnect. To connect the Ethernet to a HELIX control head, you will need to purchase an ethernet adapter cable.



NOTE: An ethernet switch (separate purchase required) can be used to connect your MEGA Live Imaging transducer to multiple control heads. To purchase accessories for your control heads, visit our Web site at humminbird.com or Contact Humminbird Technical Support through our Help Center at <https://humminbird-help.johnsonoutdoors.com/hc/en-us>.

Accessories: Additional recommended accessories include a Humminbird Heading Sensor GPS Puck (and a Heading Sensor GPS Adapter cable for APEX and SOLIX only). For the most current list of compatible accessories, visit our Web site at humminbird.com.

Supplies

In addition to the hardware included with your accessory, you will need the following supplies:

- Cable ties for cable routing
- 2 Amp fuse
- Level
- Pencil
- Marine-grade silicone sealant (optional)
- Anti-seize tube

If you purchased a model with a GeigerTec mounting bracket included, the following supplies are recommended:

- Powered hand drill
- 1/4" drill bit
- Hex key
- Hex socket wrench or nut driver
- (4) stainless steel 1/4" - 20 bolts with a flat or oval head (select a length appropriate for your deck thickness)
- (4) stainless steel 1/4" fender washers (recommended)
- (4) stainless steel 1/4" - 20 nylon insert hex nuts
- Phillips head screwdriver (for Cannon Mounting Track installation option)

Switch (optional): If you do not have a main switch or fuse panel available on your boat to connect power, you will need to purchase a battery switch. See *Route the Cables and Connect Power* for more information.

Update Software

Your control head model may need a software update to work with the MEGA Live Imaging transducer. We recommend that you read the following section completely before starting any software updates.

Software Requirements

- APEX/SOLIX Series: 4.040 and later
- HELIX Series: 2.700 and later

Check the Current Software Version

It is helpful to review the software version number that is currently installed on the control head and each accessory.

APEX Series

1. Press the HOME key.
2. View the Software Version listed under System Info in the Data Dashboard.

SOLIX Series

1. Press the HOME key.
2. Select Settings.
3. Select Network > Network Info.
4. The Network Info dialog box shows a section for each device connected to the network. Scroll to each section to note the software version number listed.

HELIX Series

1. Press and hold the VIEW key.
2. Select System > System Status.
3. Confirm the Software Version listed.

Update Control Head Software with an SD Card

You will need an SD or microSD card (depending on your control head model).



WARNING! Humminbird is not responsible for the loss of data files (waypoints, routes, tracks, groups, snapshots, recordings, etc.) that may occur due to direct or indirect damage to the unit's hardware or software. It is important to back up your control head data files periodically. See your control head operations manual for more information.

1. Before the control head software is updated or restored to system defaults, export your navigation data and copy your screen snapshots to an SD or microSD card. See your control head operations manual for instructions.
2. Install a formatted SD or microSD card into the computer card slot.
3. Go to **humminbird.com**, and click Support > Software Updates.
4. Click on your control head model. The available software updates are listed as downloads under each product. Confirm the file name is for your control head model.
 - Read the notices and instructions, and select Download.
 - Follow the on-screen prompts to save the software file to the SD or microSD card.
5. Repeat step 4 to download the software updates posted to each product.
6. Power on your Humminbird control head. Start **Normal** mode.
7. Insert the SD or microSD card (with the software file) into the control head card slot.
8. Follow the on-screen prompts to update the control head software.
9. When the software update is complete, remove the SD or microSD card from the control head card slot.
10. **Restart:** If you don't have any other software updates to install, power off the control head, and restart it.

Update Accessory Software with an SD Card

You will need an SD or microSD card (depending on your control head model).

1. Install a formatted SD or microSD card into the computer card slot.
2. Go to **humminbird.com**, and click Support > Software Updates.
3. Scroll down to Accessories and Mapping. The available software updates are listed as downloads under each accessory product. Confirm your control head model is listed in the software description.
 - Read the notices and instructions, and select Download.
 - Follow the on-screen prompts to save the software file to the SD or microSD card.
4. Insert the SD or microSD card (with the software file) into the control head card slot.
5. Power on your Humminbird control head. Start **Normal** mode.
6. **APEX/SOLIX:** Select the Files tool. From the Software Update tab, scroll to MEGA Live on the Accessories list. Confirm that the most current software version is selected from the list, and select Install Now.
HELIX: The software will be automatically detected. The control head will display a dialog box to indicate that it has detected the software. It may take several minutes for the control head to update, and you will briefly lose sonar returns as the update completes.
7. When the software update is complete, remove the SD or microSD card from the control head card slot.
8. **Restart:** If you don't have any other software updates to install, power off the control head, and restart it.

Update Software with FishSmart

You can use the FishSmart App to download and push software updates directly to your Humminbird control head or accessory.



NOTE: It is important to install the latest software update on your control head to enable all FishSmart features. For the latest software update, visit our Web site at humminbird.com.



NOTE: You must first download the FishSmart App and pair your mobile device to your control head. See the *FishSmart User Manual* for more information.

1. Open the FishSmart App on your mobile device.
2. **Apple iOS:** Tap the System menu icon.
Google Android: Tap the FishSmart main menu. Select system.
3. Tap Update next to the selected unit. The download progress is displayed on the screen.
4. Tap Transfer next to the selected unit once the download is complete.
5. Confirm the estimated transfer time.
6. Tap the checkbox to select where to upload the software update (internal storage, card slot 1, or card slot 2).



NOTE: For APEX and SOLIX Series control heads, you cannot download software updates to an SD or microSD card with LakeMaster charts saved to it.

7. Tap Transfer. The upload progress is displayed on the System menu in FishSmart and in the System Status view on the control head.
8. Follow the on-screen prompts on the control head to complete the software installation.

Install the Universal Boat Mount (select models)

Use the following instructions to install the MEGA Live Imaging transducer on your boat. It can be installed directly to the boat using the included GeigerTec dual purpose base (select models), or using a Cannon® Mounting Track (separate purchase required). If you are using a different universal mount, follow the instructions included with the mount. It is important to read the instructions completely and understand the mounting guidelines before you start the installation.

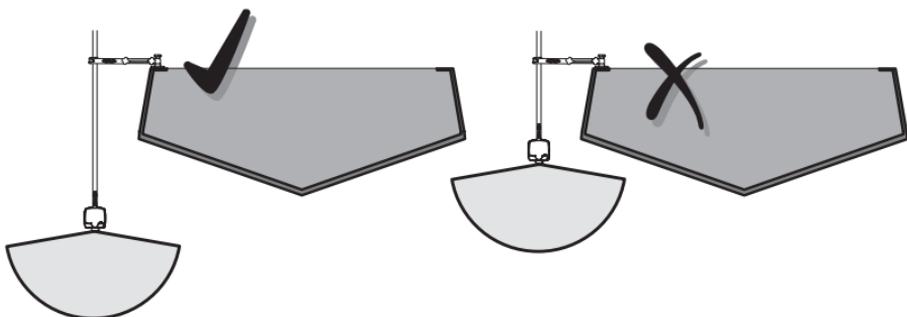
1. Prepare for Installation

1. Test run the Ethernet cable from the chosen mounting location on the boat to the control head or ethernet switch. Test run the power cable from the chosen mounting location to the main switch or fuse panel.

It is important to consider the following:

- The MEGA Live Imaging transducer is powered separately from the control head. It must be connected to a switch where it can be powered on when the boat is underway and powered off when it is docked.
 - The cables should be routed through an established routing system on the boat, in an area with minimal interference, without sharp edges, obstacles, or obstructions that may damage the cables.
 - The cables will move as the mount adjusts for the MEGA Live transducer deployment and stowing, so it is important to allow enough length for movement.
2. When the transducer is deployed, it has the following installation requirements:
 - The transducer should not have anything obstructing the 'view' of the beams. If possible, move anything to the sides and below the transducer that might obstruct the sight line of the beams.
 - The transducer should be submerged below the keel and/or skag.

Unobstructed View



2. Install the Dual Purpose Base

Proceed to the instructions for your installation method:

A. Direct Installation

OR

B. Cannon Mounting Tack Installation (separate purchase required)

A. Direct Installation

Use the following instructions to install the GeigerTec dual purpose base (included with select models) directly to the boat:

1. Determine where to mount the dual purpose base.

Use a level to locate a suitable, flat area on the decking or gunwale. Confirm that the boat is level on the trailer, both from port to starboard and from bow to stern, by placing your level on the deck of the boat, first in one direction, then in the other.

1. Clean and dry the mounting surface.
2. Position the base in your selected location. Mark the four mounting bolt locations with a pencil (see the illustration *Installing the Bolts*).
3. Set the base aside, and use a 1/4" (6.35 mm) drill bit to drill the four marked holes.



NOTE: On fiberglass hulls, it is best to use progressively larger drill bits to reduce the chance of chipping or flaking the outer coating.

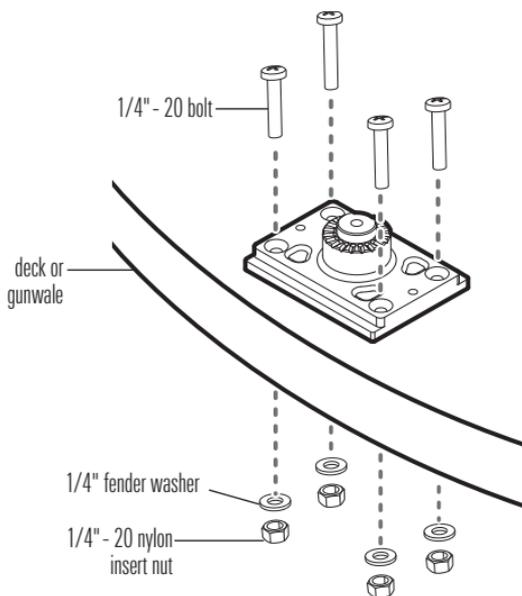
 **NOTE:** If the mounting surface is thin or made of lightweight material, you may need to add reinforcing material below the mounting surface in order to support the universal bracket.

- Place the base on the mounting surface and align the bolt holes with the drilled mounting holes. Apply anti-seize to the four 1/4"-20 bolts (not included) and insert them through the bolt holes and into the drilled mounting holes.

 **NOTE:** Apply marine-grade silicone caulk or sealant (separate purchase required) to both bolts and drilled holes as needed to protect your boat from water damage.

- From under the deck or gunwale, install the 1/4" fender washer and the 1/4" - 20 nylon insert nut (not included) onto each screw. **Hand-tighten only!** Use an adjustable socket or wrench to hand-tighten the nuts until they contact the washers. Then tighten the nuts an additional 2 full revolutions. **Hand-tighten only!**

Installing the Bolts



B. Cannon Mounting Track Installation (Separate Purchase Required)



NOTE: To purchase a Cannon Mounting Track or for installation information, visit cannondownriggers.com.

1. Use a Philips head screwdriver to remove the screw securing your Cannon Track's endcap to the mounting track, and disconnect the endcap.
2. Slide the GeigerTec dual purpose base into the track and to the desired position.
3. Insert the included thumb screws into the screw holes in the dual purpose base.
4. Hand tighten the thumb screws so that the base cannot shift inside the track.

3. Install the Shaft and Handle

1. Route the shaft up through the arm of the universal boat mount.



NOTE: It will be a tight fit over the top of the shaft.

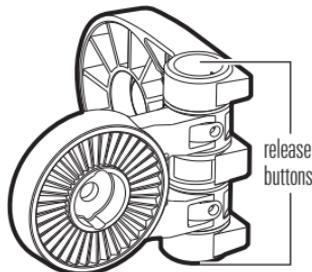
2. Slide the depth set collar down the shaft.
3. Slide the end of the handle into the groove at the top of the shaft and align the holes.
4. Insert the knob through the handle and shaft and fully tighten it. **Hand-tighten only!**

4. Install the Landscape Mode Mount

Use the following instructions to install the Landscape Mode mount onto the transducer.

1. The Landscape Mode mount should be open for this step of the installation. Unlock the mount by pressing down on the two release buttons, and pull the mount open. It will relock automatically once fully opened.
3. With the transducer face down and its cables pointed away from you, determine how the Landscape Mode mount should align with the transducer.

Landscape Mode Mount



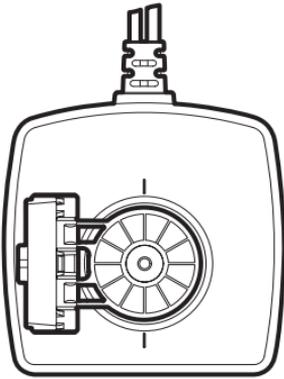
Recommended Configuration: Align the mount with the hinge on the right (see the illustration *Positioning the Landscape Mode Mount*).



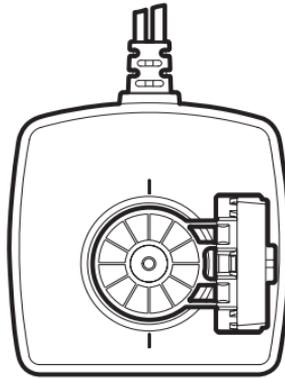
NOTE: Your transducer will flip up for landscape mode when installed in the Recommended Configuration. If you prefer to flip your transducer down for landscape mode (see the illustration *MEGA Live Views in Route the Cables and Connect Power*), use the Optional Configuration.

Optional Configuration: Align the mount with the hinge on the left (see the illustration *Positioning the Landscape Mode Mount*).

Positioning the Landscape Mode Mount



Optional Configuration

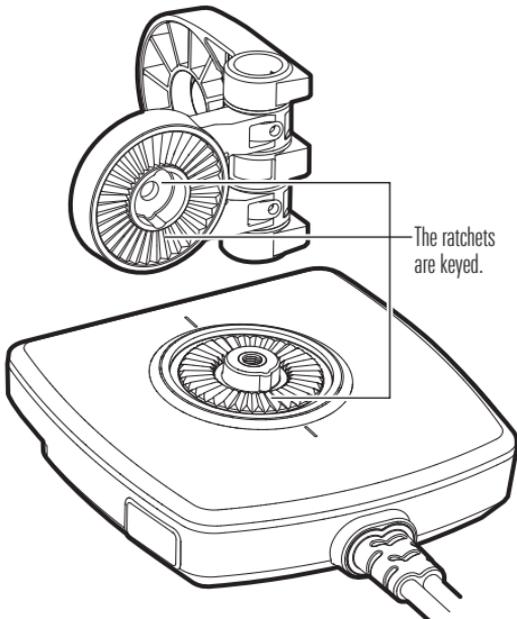


Recommended Configuration

4. Connect the Landscape Mode mount to the transducer according to your Recommended or Optional configuration.

The ratchets are keyed. The ribs on the Landscape Mode mount ratchet should align with the marks on your transducer.

Connecting the Landscape Mode Mount to the Transducer

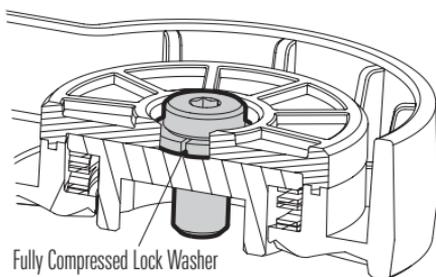
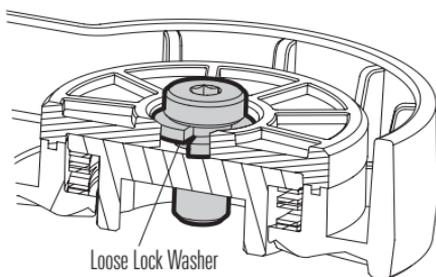


5. Secure the Landscape Mode mount to the transducer with one of the included lock washers and 1/4-28 screws, using the provided hex bit. Hand tighten the screw until the lock washer is fully compressed (see the illustration *Compressing the Lock Washer*), and then tighten an additional 1/4 turn. **Hand tighten only!**



WARNING! The screw and lock washer **MUST** be fully tightened. Failure to do so may result in the transducer detaching from the Landscape Mode mount in the water.

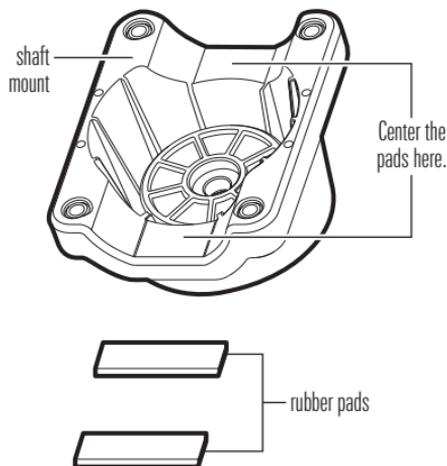
Compressing the Lock Washer



5. Install the Shaft Mount

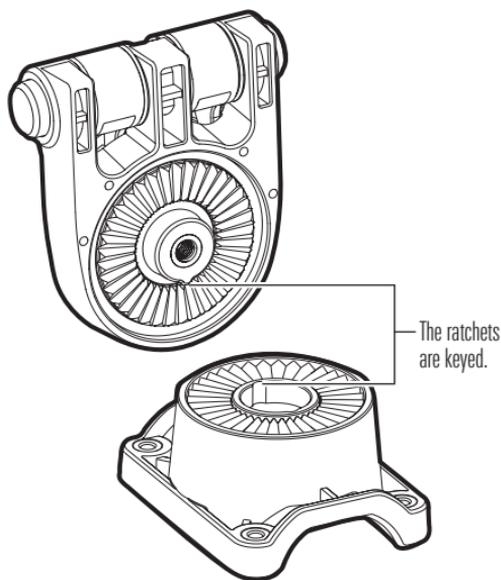
1. Fold the Landscape Mode mount back down using the release buttons.
2. Secure the included small rubber pads to the inside of the shaft mount as shown in the illustration **Shaft Mount Rubber Pad Placement**. Remove the backing from the pads and press the adhesive sides firmly into place against the shaft mount.

Shaft Mount Rubber Pad Placement



3. Align the keys on the shaft mount and the Landscape Mode mount to connect them.

Connecting the Shaft Mount to the Landscape Mode Mount



4. Secure the shaft mount with one of the included lock washers and 1/4-28 screws, using the provided hex bit. Hand tighten the screw until the lock washer is fully compressed (see the illustration *Compressing the Lock Washer*), and then tighten an additional 1/4 turn. **Hand tighten only!**

 **WARNING!** The screw and lock washer **MUST** be fully tightened. Failure to do so may result in the Landscape Mode mount detaching from the shaft mount in the water.

5. Rotate the shaft mount until it is aligned vertically with the transducer.

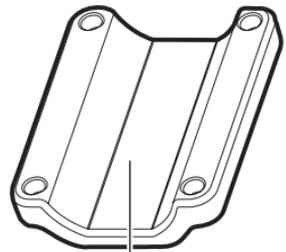
6. Install the Shaft Clamp

 **WARNING!** Confirm that the universal mount is properly secured to the boat and will not shift during the installation.

1. The universal mount shaft should be in a fully retracted (flat) position on the boat deck for this installation.

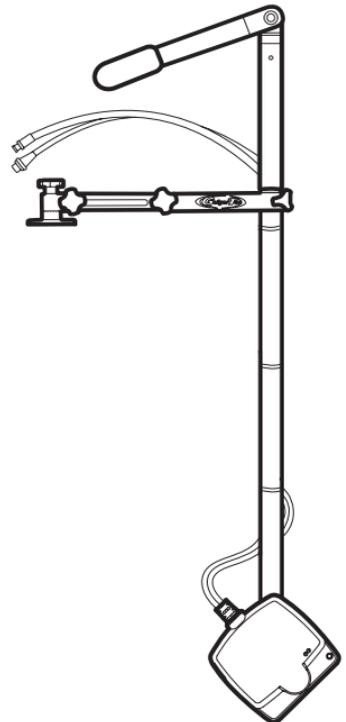
2. Secure the included large rubber pad to the inside of the shaft clamp as shown in the illustration *Shaft Clamp Rubber Pad Placement*. Remove the backing from the pad and press the adhesive side firmly into place against the shaft clamp.
3. Align the shaft mount and shaft clamp around the shaft so that the mount is approximately an inch above the bottom of the shaft.
4. Secure the shaft clamp to the shaft mount by installing the (4) #10-32 screws into the threaded holes on the clamp using the provided 5/32" Allen wrench. Do not fully tighten.
5. With the MEGA Live transducer in Forward Mode, rotate the transducer around the shaft until the transducer's pinging element faces away from the universal mount's handle (see illustration *Aligning the Transducer*).
6. Fully tighten the screws until the transducer cannot be moved on the shaft. **Hand-tighten only!**

Shaft Clamp Rubber Pad Placement



Center the pad here.

Aligning the Transducer



7. Adjust the Transducer Height

1. Loosen the bracket arms and rotate the bracket so that the MEGA Live transducer is positioned over the water.
2. Adjust the shaft to the desired height. The MEGA Live transducer must be set below the keel and skeg, so that nothing is obstructing the 'view' of the beams.
3. After you have established the transducer height, use the included hex key to tighten the depth set collar. **Hand-tighten only!**



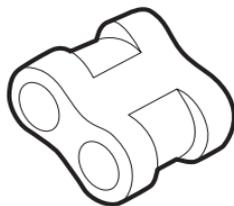
NOTE: The depth set collar must be positioned at least 4" from the top of the shaft.

4. When the transducer position is finalized, hand-tighten the knobs equally and completely so that the shaft is fully secure and won't drop or rotate during operation. **Hand-tighten only!**

Route the Cables and Connect Power

WARNING! The power source must be turned off before you proceed with this installation.

Molded Anchor Point



1. Position the first molded anchor point 4-5 inches from the top of the mount. Secure it with a cable tie. Do not fully tighten.

CAUTION! To avoid damaging the cables, apply cable ties **ONLY** at the designated anchor points.

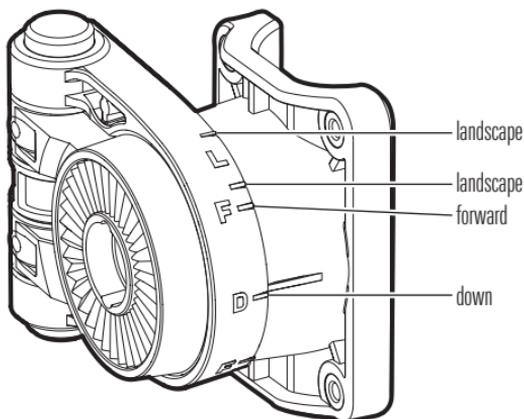
2. Rotate the transducer by hand to test the Down, Forward and Landscape Mode views as illustrated in *MEGA Live Views* to ensure proper slack in the cables. Your landscape mode mount includes guides to help you position the transducer correctly (see the illustration *MEGA Live Mode Guides*).

To alternate between Down and Forward views, rotate the transducer on its mount using both hands.

To change from Down or Forward view to Landscape Mode, press the two release buttons on the hinge until the mount unlocks. Flip the transducer out until the hinge locks.

To adjust the Landscape Mode angle, rotate the transducer on its mount using both hands.

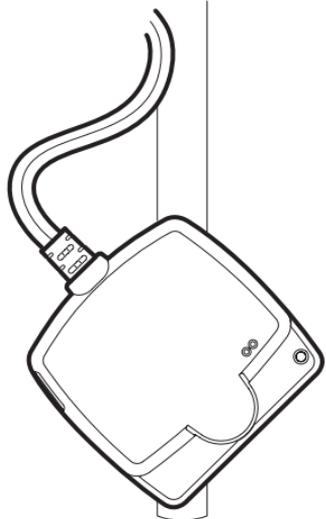
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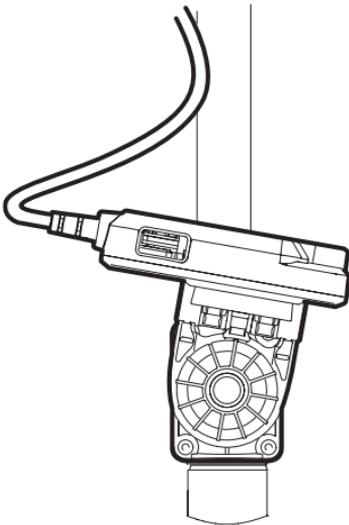
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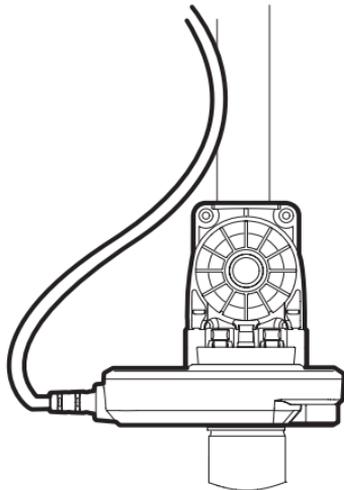
Down View



Forward View



Recommended Landscape Mode



Optional Landscape Mode

3. Adjust the first anchor point as needed and then fully tighten the cable tie.

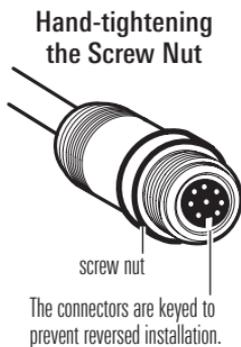
- Secure the remaining anchor points with cable ties as you route the cables up the shaft.

Depending on your installation configuration, you may not need all five anchor points.

- Connect your power and Ethernet extension cables to your transducer's power cable and Ethernet cable connectors if needed.

The connectors are keyed to prevent reversed installation, so be careful not to force the connectors. Hand-tighten the screw nuts on each connector.

- Route the cables to the chosen connection locations in *Install the Universal Boat Mount, Section 1: Prepare for Installation*. Leave sufficient slack in the cables to allow for full movement of the MEGA Live Imaging transducer in both the deployed and stowed positions.



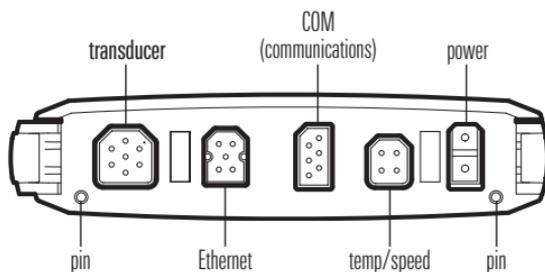
CAUTION! Do NOT mount the cables where the connectors could be submerged in water or flooded. If cables are installed in a splash-prone area, it may be helpful to apply dielectric grease to the inside of the connectors to prevent corrosion. Dielectric grease can be purchased separately from a general hardware or automotive store.

NOTE: The cables should be routed through an established routing system on the boat, in an area with minimal interference. Inspect the selected route carefully to ensure that there are no sharp edges, obstacles, or obstructions that may damage the cables.

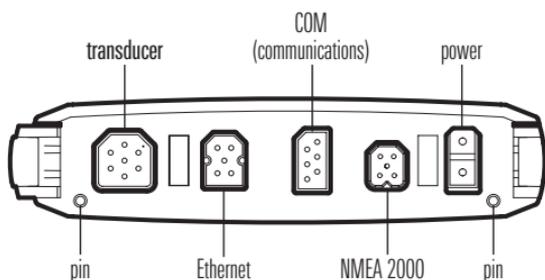
- Ethernet:** Insert the Ethernet Cable into the Ethernet port on the control head. Hand-tighten the screw nut.

NOTE: If you have a HELIX Series unit with Ethernet, connect the Ethernet Cable to an Ethernet Adapter Cable (AS EC QDE, separate purchase required). Insert the connector into the Ethernet port on the control head or cable tray. See your control head installation guide for details.

HELIX G3N 8, 9, 10, 12 Cable Tray



HELIX G4N 8, 9, 10, 12, 15 Cable Tray



- Power:** Route the power cable to the main switch or fuse panel (usually located near the console). If you must connect to a battery, connect to a battery switch (not included).



WARNING! The MEGA Live Imaging transducer should be connected to a main switch, fuse panel, or battery switch. Humminbird does not recommend connecting to a battery without a fuse and a switch.



CAUTION! Some boats have 24 or 36 Volt electric systems, but the MEGA Live Imaging transducer **MUST** be connected to a 12 VDC power supply.



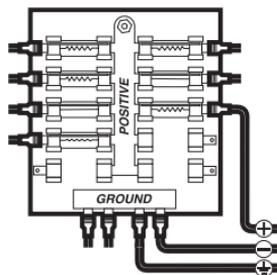
NOTE: Humminbird is not responsible for over-voltage or over-current failures. The MEGA Live Imaging transducer must have adequate protection through the proper selection and installation of a 2 Amp fuse.



NOTE: A 10' (3 m) power cable is included to supply power to the MEGA LIVE Imaging transducer. You may shorten or lengthen the cable using 12 gauge multi-stranded copper wire.

- 8a. **Main Switch/Fuse Panel:** If a fuse terminal is available, use crimp-on type electrical connectors (not included) that match the terminal on the fuse panel. Attach the black wire to ground (-), and the red wire to positive (+) 12 VDC power, and the drain/shield wire to the boat's chassis ground terminal. Install a 2 Amp fuse (not included) for protection of the unit.

Connecting to the Fuse Panel



OR

- 8b. **Battery Switch:** Install the battery switch (not included) using the instructions provided with it. You will also need to obtain and install an inline fuse holder and a 2 Amp fuse (not included) for the protection of the unit. Attach the black wire to ground (-), the red wire to positive (+) 12 VDC power, and the drain/shield wire to the boat's chassis ground terminal.



WARNING! If you are unable to obtain a battery switch and are forced to connect the power cable directly to the battery, be aware that this will drain the battery. Humminbird does not recommend connecting to a battery without the appropriate fuse and a switch.



NOTE: The drain/shield wire is the non-tinned black wire.

9. Secure the cables along the route as needed for a clean assembly.

Install the Choke Cable

Reduce noise interference (if needed) using the included choke cable.

1. Determine Whether to Install the Choke Cable

If an on-board charger is present and attached to the cranking battery, install the choke cable (included) to reduce noise interference in the transducer.

If there is not an on-board charger connected to the cranking battery, the choke cable is not required.

2. Install the Choke Cable

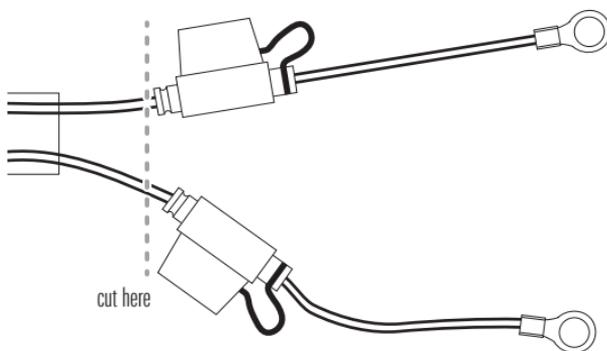
Use the following instructions to install the choke cable.

Supplies: Wire cutter, wire stripper, wire crimper, safety glasses, protective gloves, and a heating agent.

⚠ WARNING! Disconnect the power source for all related equipment before you start the installation.

1. Disconnect the on-board charger from the main power source.
2. Disconnect the charger cable from the cranking battery.
3. Use a wire cutter to cut the charger cable between the fork in the output cable and the fuse holder. The fuse holder should always remain within 7" of the battery terminals.

Cutting the Charger Cable



4. Strip back the shield on each end of the cut wires approximately 1/4 inch (6.4 mm).
5. Connect the stripped wires of the charger cable to the butt connectors on the choke cable (red to white and black to black).
6. Securely crimp the wires in the butt connectors.
7. Apply heat over the splice connection shrink insulation to secure the connection.



WARNING! Use extreme caution when applying heat to the shrink insulation.

8. Connect the terminals on the charger cable to the cranking battery.

Set Up the Control Head

Use the following instructions to power on the control head and confirm the MEGA Live Imaging transducer and the GPS Heading Sensor are detected by the unit.

 **CAUTION!** It is important to finish all installation connections before powering on the control head. It may take up to a minute for the MEGA Live Imaging transducer and other attached equipment to be detected by the control head.

1. Confirm Connections

APEX/SOLIX Series

1. Turn on the power source from the main switch.
2. On the control head, press and hold the POWER key. **If you are powering on a control head in a multiple-control head Ethernet network**, power on the control head that is connected to the MEGA Live Imaging transducer first.
3. Select Normal mode.
4. Review the status bar in the top, right corner of the screen to confirm the sensor status for the MEGA Live Imaging transducer and the GPS Receiver/Heading Sensor is connected.

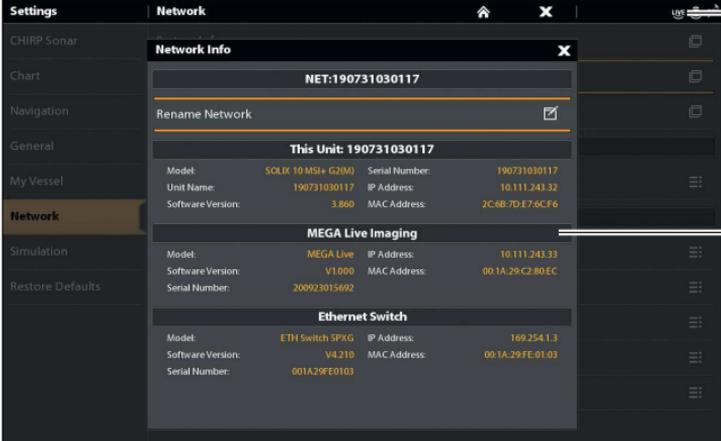
MEGA Live Status Icon	Icon Description
	Connected/In Water/Pinging: The MEGA Live is connected, in the water, and pinging.
	Connected/In Water/Not Pinging: The MEGA Live is connected and in the water, but it is not pinging.
	Connected/Out of Water: The MEGA Live is connected, but the wet indicator is out of the water.
	Connection Lost: The connection to the MEGA Live was lost.

GPS Heading Sensor Icon	Icon Description
	Compass: The selected heading sensor is on and heading data is being received.
	Detected and Active: The GPS receiver is detected and a GPS fix has been obtained.
	Connected but not Detected or Active: The GPS receiver is connected, but not detected on the network or no GPS fix has been obtained.
	Connected but not Transmitting/Receiving: The GPS receiver is detected, but it doesn't have a GPS fix.



NOTE: For additional system status, select Home > Settings > Network > Network Info.

MEGA Live Imaging Transducer Connected (APEX/SOLIX)



The screenshot shows the 'Network' settings page with a 'Network Info' modal window open. The modal displays the following information:

- Network Info:** NET:190731030117
- Rename Network:** [Edit icon]
- This Unit: 190731030117**
 - Model: SOLIX 10 MSI+ G2(M) | Serial Number: 190731030117
 - Unit Name: 190731030117 | IP Address: 10.111.243.32
 - Software Version: 3.860 | MAC Address: 2C:6B:7D:E7:6CF6
- MEGA Live Imaging**
 - Model: MEGA Live | IP Address: 10.111.243.33
 - Software Version: V1.000 | MAC Address: 00:1A:29:C2:80:EC
 - Serial Number: 200923015692
- Ethernet Switch**
 - Model: ETH Switch SPXG | IP Address: 169.254.1.3
 - Software Version: V4.210 | MAC Address: 00:1A:29:FE:01:03
 - Serial Number: 001A29FE0103

Annotations on the right side of the screenshot:

- MEGA Live icon on the status bar (pointing to the top right of the screen)
- MEGA Live Imaging listed (pointing to the MEGA Live Imaging section in the modal)

HELIX Series

1. Turn on the power source from the main switch.
2. On the control head, press the POWER key. **If you are powering on a control head in a multiple-control head Ethernet network**, power on the control head that is connected to the Mega Live Imaging transducer first.
3. When the Title screen is displayed, press the MENU key.
4. Select Normal. Press the RIGHT Cursor key.
5. Press and hold the VIEW key. Select System > Accessory Test. Confirm that **Mega Live** and **GPS + Heading Sensor** are listed as Connected. It will take a minute for the equipment to be detected.
6. Press and hold the VIEW key. Select System > GPS Diagnostic View. Confirm that External GPS is displayed and the Fix Type indicates Enhanced or 3D.



NOTE: If the GPS Diagnostic View or Accessory Test is not displayed in the View Rotation, press the MENU key twice to open the Main Menu. Select the Views tab > GPS Diagnostic View or Accessory Test. Change the setting for each view to Visible.

HELIX Accessory Test

Depth		ft		Accessory Test	
41.4		360 Imaging		UNCONNECTED	
Temp.1		BT Talon		UNCONNECTED	
35.1		GPS + Heading Sensor		CONNECTED	GPS Heading Sensor listed as Connected
N 34.19530°		i-Pilot BT v9.999		CONNECTED	
W 083.99157°		MEGA 360 Imaging		UNCONNECTED	
Time		MEGA Live v0.011 S/N: 200923015692		CONNECTED	MEGA Live Imaging listed as Connected
11:31 AM		NMEA 2000		CONNECTED	
Speed		CHIRP-Radar		CONNECTED	
5.6		Speed		CONNECTED	
5:06		Temperature		CONNECTED	
1.9	0.4				
VLT					
13.4					

GPS Diagnostic View



2. Set Up MEGA Live Imaging on the Control Head

APEX/SOLIX Series

Your APEX or SOLIX control head will automatically detect and subscribe to MEGA Live Imaging. Use the following instructions to confirm that MEGA Live is selected in the Network Source Setup dialog box.

1. Press the HOME key.
2. Select Settings > CHIRP Sonar > Sonar Source.
3. Select the MEGA Live tab.
4. Select MEGA Live from the MEGA Live Source list.
5. Press the EXIT key to close the dialog box.

HELIX Series

Your HELIX control head will automatically detect and subscribe to MEGA Live Imaging. Use the following instructions to confirm that MEGA Live is selected in the Network Source Setup dialog box. It might take up to a minute for the equipment to be detected.

1. **Main Menu:** Press the MENU key twice.
2. Select the Network tab > Network Source Setup. Press the RIGHT Cursor key.
3. Select the Live tab from the Network Source Setup dialog box.
4. Select MEGA Live from the transducer list. Press the RIGHT Cursor key. A checkmark will display in the box to show it is selected.
5. Press the EXIT key until the dialog box is closed.

Selecting the MEGA Live Imaging Transducer

Network Source Setup							
Status	2D	DI	Live	T1	T2	GPS	
Name		Model			kHz		
zynq		MEGA Live Sonar		MEGA Live	MULTIBEAM 		

3. Test MEGA Live Imaging on the Control Head

It is important to confirm that the MEGA Live Imaging transducer is providing sonar returns to the display. The instructions in this section should be performed at trolling speeds in calm, open water, in a large area that is far from shallow water, boats, or other obstacles.

APEX/SOLIX Series

1. Tap the View widget icon in the side bar.



NOTE: Once the MEGA Live has been detected the first time, the MEGA Live Imaging view will display on the Favorite Views widget.

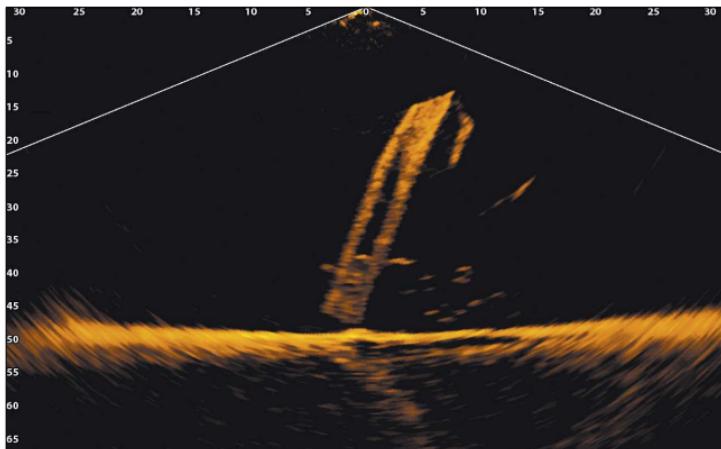
2. Tap MEGA Live Imaging.
3. The sonar returns from the MEGA Live scan will begin to display on the MEGA Live View. Review the display for the following information and see the illustrations *Reviewing the MEGA Live View*.
 - **Bottom:** Confirm that the bottom is visible on-screen.

- **Blocked Beams:** If the beams hit a hard surface, it will appear as bright white on the display. If the beams are blocked by any objects, move the objects if possible. You can also adjust the MEGA Live Range on the X-Press Menu to see more or less detail on the display.
4. **Stop Pinging:** When you are finished reviewing the operation, tap Ping Off from the MEGA Live status bar.

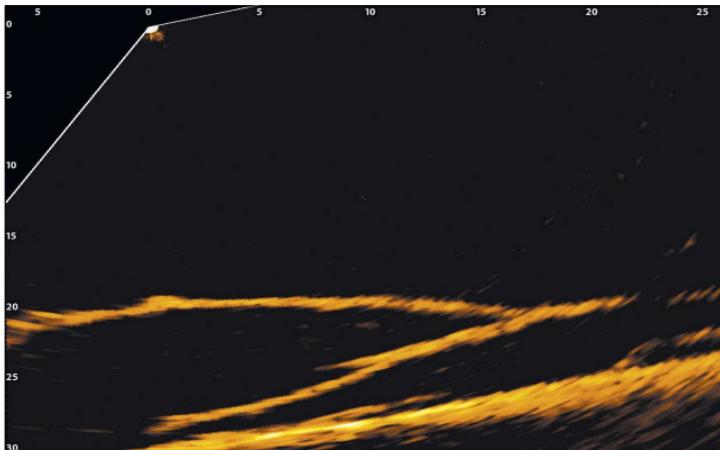
HELIX Series

1. Press and hold the VIEW key.
2. Select Sonar > MEGA Live View.
3. The sonar returns from the MEGA Live scan will begin to display on the MEGA Live View. Review the display for the following information and see the illustrations *Reviewing the MEGA Live View*.
 - **Bottom:** Confirm that the bottom is visible on-screen.
 - **Blocked Beams:** If the beams hit a hard surface, it will appear as bright white on the display. If the beams are blocked by any objects, move the objects if possible. You can also adjust the MEGA Live Range on the X-Press Menu to see more or less detail on the display.
4. **Stop Pinging:** When you are finished reviewing the operation, press the MENU key once. Select MEGA Live Pinging, and press the LEFT Cursor key.

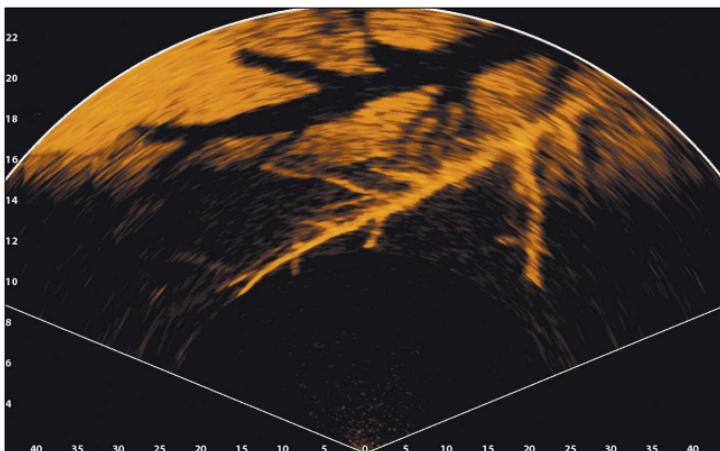
Reviewing the MEGA Live View



(Down)



(Forward)



(Landscape)

Changing the MEGA Live Mode

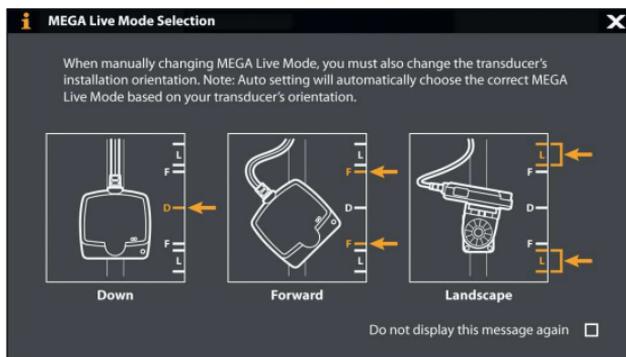
Your control head will automatically select the best mode for your installation. Use the following instructions to manually change the MEGA Live Mode to Down, Forward, or Landscape.

APEX/SOLIX Series

1. With a MEGA Live Imaging View displayed on-screen, tap the MEGA Live Mode icon in the status bar.
2. Select Auto.
3. Tap, or use the Joystick and Enter key, to select a MEGA Live Mode.

When you manually change the MEGA Live mode, a message box will display reminding you to also change the transducer's installation orientation. For instructions on changing the installation orientation, see Step 2 of *Route the Cables and Connect Power*.

Changing the MEGA Live Mode (APEX/SOLIX)

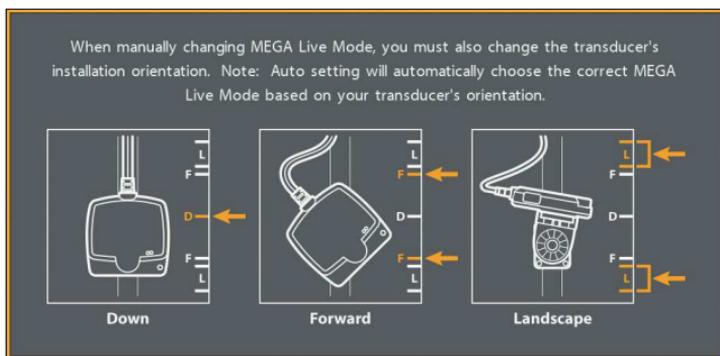


HELIX Series

1. **X-Press Menu:** With a MEGA Live Imaging View displayed on-screen, press the Menu key once.
2. Select MEGA Live Mode.
3. Press the RIGHT or LEFT Cursor keys to select a mode.

When you manually change the MEGA Live mode, a message box will display reminding you to also change the transducer's installation orientation. For instructions on changing the installation orientation, see Step 2 of *Route the Cables and Connect Power*.

Changing the MEGA Live Mode (HELIX)



4. **Close:** Press the EXIT key.

4. Confirm the Heading Sensor Operation

It is important to confirm that the Heading Sensor is installed correctly by reviewing the heading digital readout.



NOTE: This procedure should be performed at slow speeds, in calm, open water, in a large area that is far from shallow water, boats, or other obstacles.

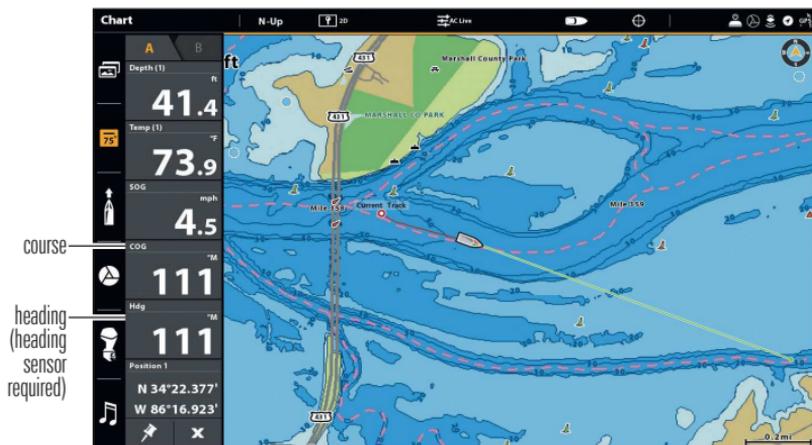
APEX/SOLIX Series

1. Press the HOME key.
2. Select Settings > General > Units > Compass > Magnetic North.
3. With a Chart View displayed on-screen, navigate the boat in a straight line, in calm, open water at 4.5 mph. Compare the Heading digital readout on the screen with the Course (COG) digital readout. The readouts should be within approximately 5° of each other.

Adjust: To adjust the zero point of the Heading Sensor, select Settings > Network NMEA 0183 > Data Offsets. Select Heading Adjustment. Tap the on/off button, or press the ENTER key, to turn it on. Press and hold the slider, or press and hold the ENTER key, to adjust the setting.

If the procedure failed: If the Heading digital readout is significantly different than the COG, the Heading Sensor might be installed in a location with too much magnetic interference. Check the installation location and possible magnetic disturbances in the area.

Confirming the Heading Digital Readout (APEX/SOLIX)



HELIX Series

1. **Main Menu:** Press the MENU key twice.
2. Select the Chart tab > North Reference > Magnetic.
3. Press the EXIT key.
4. Select the Setup tab > Select Readouts (G3N models) or Edit Data Boxes (G4N models).



NOTE: If the Select Readouts or Edit Data Boxes menu option does not appear under the Setup tab, change the User Mode to Custom. Select Main Menu > Setup tab > User Mode > Custom.

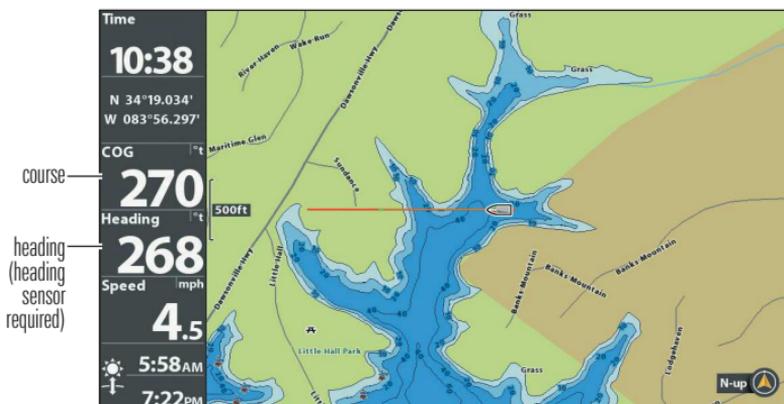
5. Select a Readout position or Data Box position and use the RIGHT or LEFT Cursor keys to select Vessel. Then select Heading. Select another Readout position or Data Box and select Course Over Ground.
6. Press the EXIT key until the Main Menu is closed.
7. Press and hold the VIEW key. Select Chart > Chart View.
8. Navigate the boat in a straight line, in calm, open water at 4.5 mph. Compare the Heading digital readout on the screen with the Course (COG) digital readout. The readouts should be within approximately 5° of each other.

Adjust (G3N): To adjust the zero point of the Heading Sensor, select Main Menu > Navigation tab > Heading Offset. Press the RIGHT or LEFT Cursor keys to adjust the setting.

Adjust (G4N): To adjust the zero point of the Heading Sensor, select Main Menu > Data Sources tab > Data Offsets> Heading Adjustment. Press the RIGHT or LEFT Cursor keys to adjust the setting.

If the procedure failed: If the Heading digital readout is significantly different than the COG, the Heading Sensor might be installed in a location with too much magnetic interference. Check the installation location and possible magnetic disturbances in the area.

Confirming the Heading Digital Readout (HELIX)



5. Confirm the Baud Rate *(for devices connected to the Sensor pigtail only)*

If there is an accessory, such as an autopilot, connected to the Sensor pigtail cable wires, you will need to confirm that the devices are communicating at the same baud rate. The baud rate details are as follows:

- **If the GPS Receiver/Heading Sensor is connected to the control head, and NMEA Output is turned on**, the control head will operate exclusively at a baud rate of 38400. If there is an accessory attached to the Sensor's pigtail, it also needs to operate at 38400. See your accessory installation guide to set the baud rate to 38400.
- **If NMEA Output is turned off**, then baud rates 4800, 9600, and 38400 are available on the control head and no further action is required.

Turn On/Off NMEA Output

APEX/SOLIX

1. Press the HOME key.
2. Select Settings > Network > NMEA 0183 > NMEA 0183 Output.
3. Tap the on/off button.

HELIX

1. **Main Menu:** Press the MENU key twice.
2. Select the Setup tab (G3N models) or the Data Sources tab (G4N models) > NMEA 0183 Output.
3. Press the RIGHT or LEFT Cursor keys to select On or Off. (Default = Off)



NOTE: The menu option in your Fishing System will be called NMEA 0183 Output or NMEA Output. If the menu option is not shown under the Setup or Data sources tab, make sure the User Mode is set to Custom (Setup tab > User Mode > Custom).

6. Set up the Network

After you have confirmed all connections, the MEGA Live Imaging transducer is ready to use on the water. Proceed to your ***MEGA Live Operations Manual*** to set up the temperature source and additional sonar sources.

Power Off

⚠ WARNING! When the boat is stored or at dock, the MEGA Live Imaging transducer must be turned off to prevent draining the battery.

Power Off the Control Head

1. **APEX/SOLIX Series:** During operation, tap the top, right corner of the status bar or press the POWER key, and select Power Off.

HELIX Series: Press and hold the POWER key.

⚠ CAUTION! Turning off the control head will NOT power off the MEGA Live Imaging transducer.

2. Turn off power on the main switch, breaker, or battery switch.

Powering off the MEGA Live Imaging transducer will be determined by the installation and power connection on your boat.

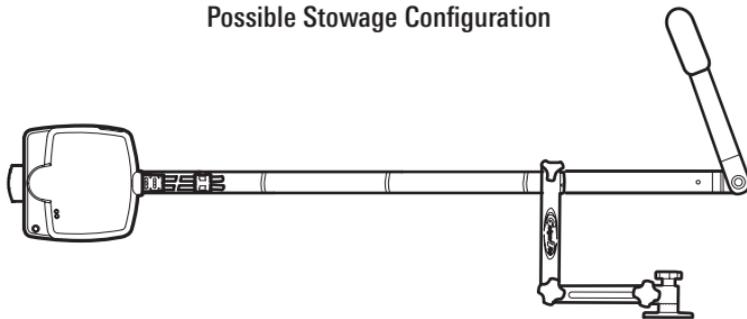
Travel with the MEGA Live Transducer Installed

The transducer must not hit the deck, base, or any objects. This is critical during transport.

For models with the GeigerTec mount: Loosen the bracket arms and rotate the bracket so that the MEGA Live Transducer is safely stowed along the deck or gunwale. Check the stability of the universal bracket after initial use and periodically thereafter to ensure that the knobs are tight.

⚠ WARNING! During transport, on water or on land, it is important to stow the MEGA Live universal mount inside the rub rail of the boat.

Possible Stowage Configuration



Maintenance

Your Humminbird fishfinder is designed to provide years of trouble free operation with very little maintenance. Use the following procedures to ensure your Humminbird continues to deliver top performance.

Control Head Maintenance

It is important to consider the following precautions when using your Humminbird control head:

- **Chemicals**, such as those found in bug spray and sunscreen, may cause permanent damage to the control head screen. Such damage is not covered by the warranty.
- **NEVER leave the control head in a closed car or trunk.** The high temperatures generated in hot weather can damage the electronics.

Use the following information to keep the control head and screen clean.

- **Screen:** To clean the control head screen, use a mild soap (such as a nonabrasive liquid hand soap) and warm water. Wipe the screen dry with a soft cloth. Be careful to avoid scratching the screen. If water spots remain, use a solution of water and vinegar.



WARNING! Do not use a chemical glass cleaner on the screen. Chemicals in the solution may cause cracking in the lens of the unit.



NOTE: Do not wipe the screen while dirt or grease is on the screen.

- **Control Head:** If the control head comes into contact with salt spray, wipe the affected surfaces with a cloth dampened with fresh water.

Transducer Maintenance

Use the following information to maintain the transducer operation.

- If your boat remains in the water for long periods of time, algae and other marine growth can reduce the effectiveness of the transducer. Periodically clean the face of the transducer with a cloth dampened with fresh water.
- If your boat remains out of the water for a long period of time, it may take some time to wet the transducer when it is returned to the water. Small air bubbles can climb to the surface of the transducer and interfere with proper operation. These bubbles dissipate with time, or you can wipe the face of the transducer with your fingers after the transducer is in the water.

MEGA Live Imaging Maintenance

Use the following information to maintain the installation of the MEGA Live Imaging Transducer.

- Check the stability of the universal mount after initial use and periodically thereafter to ensure that the installation remains stable.
- If your boat will be in long-term storage, remove the MEGA Live Imaging transducer and store it in -40°F to 158°F (-40°C to 70°C), dry conditions.

Troubleshooting

Before contacting the Humminbird Technical Support, please read the following section. Taking the time to review these troubleshooting guidelines may allow you to solve a performance problem yourself, and therefore avoid sending your unit back for repair.

“Out of the Water” Error Displays when MEGA Live Is in the Water

Use the following instructions if your fishing system is displaying an “Out of the Water” error message for your MEGA Live Imaging TargetLock when it is in the water.

Remove your MEGA Live Imaging transducer from the water. Place a wet piece of cloth over the two metal contacts on the surface of your transducer. If your transducer still does not work, contact Technical Support. If your transducer works with the rag, perform the following troubleshooting tasks:

1. Confirm that the drain/shield wire is connected to the boat's chassis ground terminal (see note).
2. Confirm that your MEGA Live is not connected to a trolling motor battery as this can create a problem with grounds. Ensure that your MEGA Live is connected to the starting battery or to the house batteries you use for your other electronics. Ensure that the trolling motor batteries are properly isolated from the rest of the boat's wiring.
3. If your MEGA Live is now working, there is likely a wiring issue. Check the wiring on the starting and house batteries, if present. If using a house battery system, ensure that it is grounded to the boat's chassis ground terminal (see note).
4. If you have an aluminum boat, ensure that there are no exposed wires touching the hull of the boat and that the boat's hull is properly grounded to the boat's chassis ground terminal (see note).
5. If all these steps have failed, contact Humminbird Technical Support.



NOTE: The boat's chassis ground terminal is where the boat's engine is grounded.

Fishing System Doesn't Power Up

If your Fishing System doesn't power up, use the installation guide that is included with your Fishing System to confirm specific details, making sure that:

- the power cable is properly connected to the Fishing System control head,
- the power cable is wired correctly, with red to positive battery terminal and black to negative terminal or ground, and the drain/shield wire to the boat's chassis ground terminal,
- the fuse is operational, and
- the battery voltage of the power connector is at least 12 Volts.

Correct any known problems, including removing corrosion from the battery terminals or wiring, or actually replacing the battery if necessary.

Fishing System Defaults to Simulator with a Transducer Attached

In addition to the MEGA Live Imaging accessory transducer, you will have a standard Humminbird transducer connected to the control head. A connected and functioning transducer with built-in temperature will cause the newly started Fishing System to go into Normal operating mode automatically. If, when you power up the Fishing System, it goes into Simulator mode automatically, even though a transducer is already connected, this means that the control head is not detecting the transducer. Perform the following troubleshooting tasks:

- Check the connections of all transducers that are connected to the control head or Ethernet network. See the transducer installation guide that was included with your Fishing System for connection information.
- Review this MEGA Live Imaging installation guide to confirm that the transducer cable is connected correctly to the Fishing System. Reconnect if necessary, and power on the Fishing System again to see if this fixes the problem.
- Replace the non-functioning transducer with a known good transducer if available and power up the control head again.
- Check the transducer cable. Replace the transducer if the cable is damaged or corroded.

Finding the Cause of Noise

Electrical noise usually affects the display with streaks or repetitive patterns on the view. One or more of the following sources can cause noise or interference:

Possible Source of Noise	Isolation
Other electronic devices	Turn off any nearby electronic devices to see if the problem goes away, then turn them on one at a time to see if the noise re-appears.
Other sonar devices	Turn off any nearby sonar devices to see if the problem goes away, then turn them on one at a time to see if the noise re-appears.
The boat's engine	To determine whether the boat's engine is the source of the noise, increase the RPMs while the boat is in neutral and stationary to see if the noise increases proportionately; if noise appears when you rev the engine, the problem could be the spark plugs, alternator, or tachometer wiring. Replace the spark plugs with resistor plugs, install an alternator filter, or route the control head power and transducer cables away from the engine wiring.

Specifications

Operating Frequency.....	1.05 CHIRP MHz
Power Requirement.....	10 to 12 VDC
Current Draw	0.93 A maximum
Operating Temperature.....	32°F to 158°F (0°C to 70°C)
Storage Temperature	-40°F to 158°F (-40°C to 70°C)



NOTE: Humminbird verifies maximum stated depth in saltwater conditions, but actual depth performance may vary due to transducer installation, water type, thermal layers, bottom composition and slope.



NOTE: Product specifications and features are subject to change without notice.

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