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## CAUTIONS AND WARNINGS

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- Never use the VMD™ as a safety reversing or presence detection system. The VMD™ requires that a vehicle be moving for detection. This product is an accessory or part of a system. Always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions of the equipment before connecting this product. Comply with all applicable codes and safety regulations. Failure to do so may result in damage, injury or death.
- DO NOT INSTALL PROBE IN HOT ASPHALT
- PROVIDE AN EARTH GROUND CONNECTION USING GROUND ROD PER INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS
- DO NOT EXCEED POWER SUPPLY VOLTAGE RATING 24VDC or VAC
- ALLOW 3 MINUTES AFTER POWER UP FOR STABILIZATION
- VMD is sensitive to metal objects that move through its field, including bicycles, horses, small vehicles or metal in shoes. Reduce the sensitivity as required to eliminate detection. In areas with high pedestrian traffic, the probe may be buried up to 24" deep to prevent triggering the detector by the metal in shoes.

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## PRODUCT OVERVIEW

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The VMD™ is a compact vehicle motion detector that operates by detecting changes in the earth's magnetic field that occur near the probe. These changes are produced by the movement of ferrous materials such as cars or trucks within the probe's range. The VMD™ uses the CS101 series direct burial probes placed adjacent to a roadway or buried in a concrete or asphalt roadway.

The probe features a 12ft. detection range that is dependent on the speed and size of the vehicle. The probe is available in a wide variety of cable lengths.

The VMD™ features adjustable sensitivity and output "on" time. A green LED indicates that power is applied to the unit while a red LED indicates detection. The output consists of form C relay contacts (N.O., N.C., C). The detector is compatible with EMX ULTRA II motherboard or may be hardwired using the removable connector.

The VMD™ may be used as a free exit sensor in both commercial and residential applications. ***The detector is not for use as a presence detector.*** When presence detection is needed, use the Ultra II DTEK and inductive loop.

## Specifications

Range sensitivity	12 ft. @ 5mph min. speed
Sensitivity adjustment	Dependent on mass and speed
Output on time adjustment	0.5..6 seconds
Surge protection	Probe input circuitry protected by surge suppressors
Relay output configuration	Form C (SPDT)
Relay contact rating	1A @ 24VDC, 1A @ 120VAC
Detect indicator	Red LED
Power indicator	Green LED
Power	9..24VDC or 24VAC (do not exceed 35V <sub>peak</sub> )
Standby current	4mA
Detection current	50mA
Operating temperature	-40°C..82°C (-40°F..180°F) 0..95% relative humidity
VMD™ housing material	ABS (plastic)
VMD™ dimensions (L x W x H)	3.0"(76mm) x 0.9"(22mm) x 2.75"(70mm)
VMD™ weight	0.15 lbs. (68 g)
Probe housing material	PVC water-tight
Probe dimensions (L x Dia.)	17" (432mm) x 1" (25mm)
Probe cable	3-wire, shielded, direct burial

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## OPERATION

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After allowing a 3-minute stabilization time the VMD is ready for use. It is possible that the detector will cycle during the power up stabilization period, this is normal. The VMD relay contacts provide the means of indicating to the gate operator or other external equipment, that a vehicle has been detected. Since the VMD™ is designed to detect motion it is not suitable for use as a presence detector.

The green LED on the VMD™ front panel indicates that power is applied to the unit and should always be on. The red LED on the VMD™ front panel indicates detection and the activation of the output relay.

The sensitivity adjustment allows the installer to set the system sensitivity for reliable operation. Rotate the adjustment counter-clockwise for minimum sensitivity and clockwise for maximum sensitivity. The output delay adjustment controls how long the output remains activated upon detection; minimum is approximately ½ second while maximum is approximately 6 seconds.

*Sensitivity is a function of speed and mass; the slower a vehicle is moving, the closer the vehicle must pass the probe to trigger the detector.*

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## CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

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### OUTPUT ON TIME ADJUSTMENT

- Single-turn
- 0.5 to 6 seconds, clock-wise to increase

### VEHICLE DETECTION INDICATOR

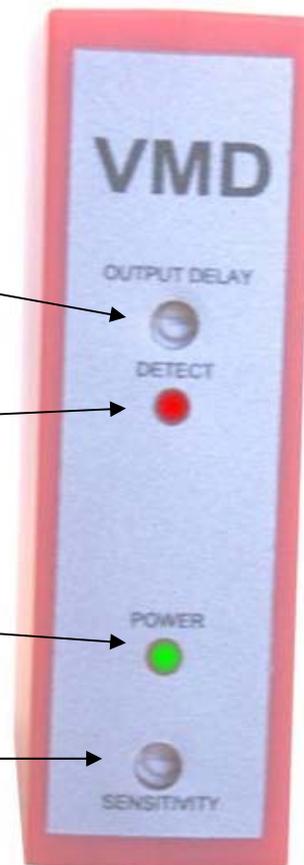
- Red LED

### POWER INDICATOR

- Green LED

### SENSITIVITY ADJUSTMENT

- Single-turn
- Minimum to maximum, clock-wise



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# INSTALLATION GUIDELINES

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## POWER SUPPLY

- *Do not exceed 24VDC or VAC.* Power requirements are 9-24 VDC or 24 VAC

## PROBE

- **STANDARD INSTALLATION - BURY PROBE 8" - 12" DEEP**
- **HIGH PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC - BURY PROBE 24" DEEP**  
VMD is sensitive to metal objects that move through its field, including bicycles, horses, small vehicles or metal in shoes. Reduce the sensitivity as required to eliminate detection. In areas with high pedestrian traffic, the probe may be buried up to 24" deep to prevent triggering the detector by the metal in shoes.
- Do not install the Probe or lead wire near or parallel to:
  - Low voltage lighting wires
  - Telephone lines or intercom systems
  - Electric motors or control relays
  - Overhead power lines and transformers or underground power lines
  - Cell phone towers, TV towers or communications links
  - Moving metal flagpoles, fences, gates or horses with metal shoes
  - Do not mount on any moving surface such as bridges or walkways may vibrate under traffic
  - Underground water lines
- Probes are available in various cable lengths, when possible select the appropriate cable length for the installation. If it is necessary to extend the cable length, use a high quality lead-in cable suitable for direct burial, and a high quality, watertight cable splice to prevent moisture from entering the cable causing false triggering. A splice kit (Part no. 3M SPLICE KIT) and lead-in wire is available from EMX. *All slices must be waterproof.*
- When there is a high incidence of damage from burrowing animals or other potential damaging activities, it is recommended that the cable be placed in plastic conduit (1 ½" I.D.) to prevent damage to the cable. Damage to the cable jacket may allow moisture to enter the cable causing false triggering. When placing the probe in plastic conduit, use foam or tape to assure that the probe does not move or vibrate. It is recommended that the conduit be sealed to prevent water from collecting in the conduit.
- The probe must always be installed in such a way that it remains completely motionless. Any movement will cause the probe to trigger.

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- The detector is sensitive to minute changes in the magnetic field around the probe. Power lines, transformers, and other electrical devices located in the vicinity of the probe that produce transients could cause disturbances in the magnetic field that may result in triggering the detector. Avoid installation of the probe near these devices.
- The detector sensitivity is a function of mass and speed. A larger, fast moving vehicle will be detected at a greater distance than a smaller, slow moving vehicle. With this in mind, consider the distance of the probe to normal residential traffic, truck traffic, railroad, etc. As a general rule, probe distance to a road way should be a minimum of 40' while probe distance to a railway should be a minimum of 100'.

### **IMPORTANT: EARTH GROUND CONNECTION**

The VMD™ contains transient protection devices to guard the sensitive electronic circuitry from damage and false triggering due to electrical transients caused by lightening or other sources. Always provide a good earth ground. A 5ft copper rod or cold water pipe provides a sufficient earth ground connection. Both the probe shield and the green wire from the VMD must be connected to this earth ground.

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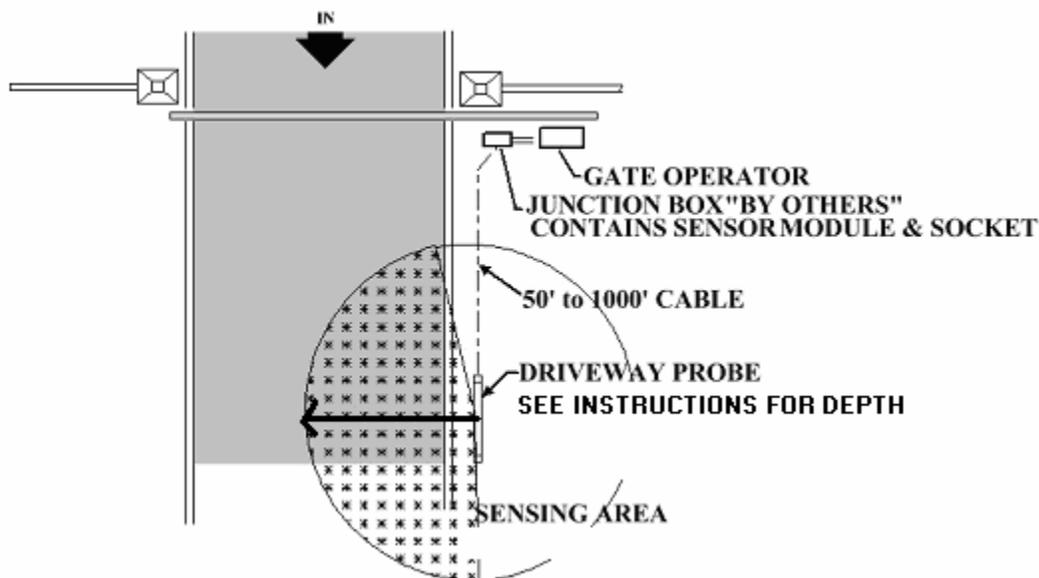
## **PROBE INSTALLATION ADJACENT TO ROADWAY**

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**Please read INSTALLATION GUIDELINES prior to installation.**

When the detector is set to maximum sensitivity (full clock-wise on the sensitivity adjustment) detection distance is approximately 12ft at a speed of 5mph. At higher speeds, 10-15mph, detection distance can exceed 12ft.

1. Prior to permanent installation adjacent to the roadway, place the probe in the desired location; connect the probe to the VMD and the power, output contact and earth ground to the intended equipment. Both the probe shield and the green wire from the VMD must be connected to the earth ground (reference EARTH GROUND CONNECTION in the INSTALLATION GUIDELINES section).
2. Place the probe parallel to the roadway (driveway) in the desired location.
3. Apply power and allow 3 minutes warm-up for system stabilization.
4. Set sensitivity to minimum and delay to maximum.
5. Drive the vehicle past the probe at a typical speed and to the far side of the roadway.
6. Repeat this step while gradually increase the sensitivity until the system detects the vehicle.
7. Bury the probe approximately 8-12" deep or 24" deep (see INSTALLATION GUIDELINES) at this location and repeat the previous sensitivity check (step 2 -5), adjust the sensitivity as necessary to detect the vehicle. A higher sensitivity setting than required to detect the vehicle makes the system more vulnerable to triggering from unintended sources such as movement of other objects in the sensitive area or other electrical disturbances.



Typical Installation

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## PROBE INSTALLATION IN A ROADWAY

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Please read **INSTALLATION GUIDELINES** prior to installation.  
**DO NOT INSTALL IN HOT ASPHALT**

When the detector is set to maximum sensitivity (full clock-wise on the sensitivity adjustment) detection distance is approximately 12ft at a speed of 5mph. At higher speeds, 10-15mph, detection distance can exceed 12ft.

1. The probe should be positioned in the center of the roadway, perpendicular to the direction of traffic. Place the probe in plastic conduit to prevent damage to probe and cable. Probe should be located at approximately 2" depth in concrete or asphalt. The probe may be located prior to paving, or a cut may be made in the pavement for installation. No rebar should be above the probe.
2. Once the probe is installed, connect the probe to the VMD and the power, output contact and earth ground to the intended equipment. Both the probe shield and the green wire from the VMD must be connected to the earth ground (reference **EARTH GROUND CONNECTION** in the **INSTALLATION GUIDELINES** section).
3. Apply power and allow 3 minutes warm-up for system stabilization.
4. Set sensitivity to minimum and output delay to maximum (approximately 6 seconds).
5. Drive the vehicle over the probe at a typical speed and each side of the roadway.
6. Repeat this step while gradually increase the sensitivity until the system detects the vehicle. A higher sensitivity setting than required to detect the vehicle makes the system more vulnerable to triggering from unintended sources such as movement of other objects in the sensitive area or other electrical disturbances.

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## Troubleshooting

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Symptom	Possible cause
False triggering	Electrical disturbances
	Damaged probe cable
	Moisture in the probe cable
	Movement in the probe's environment

### Possible solutions

1. Verify that the earth ground connection to the VMD and the probe shield is secure. If the connection is not secure, reconnect to the earth ground and retest the system.
2. Inspect the area around the probe for any metal object that may move such as signs or fences.
3. Disconnect the probe wires and see if the false triggering continues. If the false triggering stops, check the probe as outlined below. If the false triggering continues, disconnect the power and temporarily connect a 9V battery to the VMD and reconnect the probe. Wait 3 minutes for the system to stabilize. If the false triggering stops, consider using a separate power supply for the VMD such as a 120VAC to 12V power converter (min. 100ma). Re-connect the probe and test the system.
4. If the false triggering continues, inspect the area around the probe to see if any metallic objects may be subject to any movement. These may include fences, flagpoles, signs, etc. Other possible causes are electrical power lines, electric motors and high power lighting.

### Checking the probe

If the false triggering stops when the probe is disconnected and other possible causes have been ruled out, then the likely cause is damage to the probe cable.

A gross check may be performed on the probe as follows:

1. Disconnect the probe wires from the VMD.
2. Using a DVM set to measure ohms, verify that the resistance is 950 ohms +/- 10% the black and red wires. If not, then the probe/cable is defective.
3. Set the DVM to measure a minimum of 20 megohms and check the resistance between the red wire and the shield wire. Verify that the meter indicates open (infinity). Repeat this measurement on the black wire to the probe shield wire. If either measures a value, then there is moisture or damage to the probe and it must be replaced.

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Symptom	Possible cause
No output (but red LED indicates detection)	Bad connection
	Failed relay

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### Checking the VMD output contacts

1. Disconnect the output contacts from the operator.
2. Connect a DVM, set to read ohms, to the COM and N.O. contacts.
3. The DVM should read open (infinity). Move a metal tool over the length of the probe, verify that the red LED turns on and that the DVM reads less than 10 ohms.

Symptom	Possible cause
No detection	Minimum 5 mph
	Bad connection
	Faulty power connection
	Failed relay

1. Check to see if the detection LED turns on, if so, check the relay output and related connections.
2. Verify that the green LED is on, if not, check the supply voltage using a DVM. Verify the voltage is 9 - 24VDC or 24 VAC, not to exceed 35V<sub>peak</sub>.

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## Wiring diagram

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Pin no.	Description
1	Probe (black wire)
2	Probe (red wire)
3	Power + (9 to 24VDC or 24VAC)
4	Power ground (9-24VDC common or 24VAC)
5	N.O. (relay, normally open contact)
6	Common (relay common contact)
7	N.C. (relay, normally closed contact)
GREEN WIRE	Earth ground (provides connection for transient and noise suppression devices)

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## Ordering information

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VMD AC/DC     Vehicle motion detector, 9-24 VDC, 24VAC

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## Accessories

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LD-7P            7-position pluggable screw terminal adapter  
PROBE-50       CS 101 direct burial probe, 50 ft. lead-in wire  
PROBE-100      CS 101 direct burial probe, 100 ft. lead-in wire  
PROBE-150      CS 101 direct burial probe, 150 ft. lead-in wire  
PROBE-XXX     CS 101 direct burial probe, enter required lead-in wire length (ft.)  
240-56857       Power convertor, 120VAC to 12VDC

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### **WARRANTY**

**EMX Industries Incorporated warrants all products to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for a period of two years under normal use and service from the date of sale to our customer. This warranty does not cover normal wear and tear, abuse, misuse, overloading, altered products, damage caused by incorrect connections, lightning damage, or use other than intended design.**

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