



Explorer W310

Wind Instrument





Installation and Operation Manual

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- Consult the dealer or an experienced technician for help.
- A shielded cable must be used when connecting a peripheral to the serial ports.

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Important

The choice, location, angle and installation of the instrument & transducers are critical to performance of the system as intended. Follow instructions in this manual carefully. If in doubt, consult your Northstar dealer.

Ensure that any holes cut are in a safe position and will not weaken the boat's structure or the mast. If in doubt, consult a qualified boat builder.

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Units

The factory default units are knots. To change these units, please refer to section 4-1 of this manual.

1 Introduction

The Explorer W310 displays:

- Apparent wind angle and wind speed.
- True wind angle and wind speed (requires data from a speed instrument).
- Maximum wind speed.
- Steering directions to sail at a constant angle to the wind (steer to wind).
- VMG, the component of boat speed parallel to the wind (requires data from a speed instrument).

An installed Explorer W310 has two parts:

- The display unit.
- The masthead unit, which has devices for measuring wind speed and wind angle.

The unit is powered from the boat's power supply.

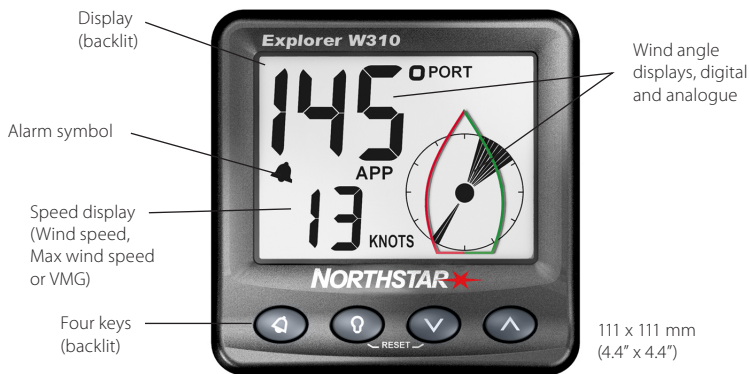
The Explorer W310 is part of the Northstar family of instruments, which includes instruments for speed, depth, wind and repeaters. These instruments can be connected together to form an integrated data system (see section 6).

For maximum benefit, please read this manual carefully before installation and use.

Cleaning and maintenance

Clean the display unit with a damp cloth or mild detergent. Avoid abrasive cleaners, petrol or other solvents.

The Explorer W310 display unit



WARNING

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2 Operation

2-1 Turn on and off

Turn the unit on and off with the auxiliary power switch on the boat. The unit does not have its own power switch. When you turn it off, any settings you have made are retained.

If the word SIM flashes at the top, right of the display, then the unit is in simulate mode (see section 2-4).



2-2 Basic operation

The keys

The unit has four keys, labelled    and . In this manual:

- **Press** means to push the key for less than a second.
- **Hold** for two seconds means to hold the key down for two seconds or more.
- **Press one key + another key** means to push both keys together.

Set backlight for screen and keys

You can set the backlight to one of four brightness levels or off (the key backlight does not turn off). Press  once to display the current backlight level, press  again to change the level:



Backlight level 2

Change the items displayed


If an item displays as dashes (— —) then it means that the value is not available. For example true wind values are not available if the Explorer W310 is not connected to a speed instrument.

The top part of the screen displays wind angle and the bottom part displays a speed.

Press  one or more times to select:


- True wind angle and speed (only available if the Explorer W310 is connected to a speed instrument, for example the Explorer S310 or a Northstar GPS).


- Apparent wind angle and speed.
- Steer to wind (see section 5).

Press  one or more times to change the speed value displayed in the bottom part of the screen (see section 4):

- Wind speed, apparent or true.
- Maximum apparent wind speed.
- VMG, the component of boat speed parallel to the wind (only available if the Explorer W310 is connected to an instrument with a speed output, for example the Explorer S310 or a Northstar GPS).

2-3 Alarm


The Explorer W310 can be set to sound an alarm when the apparent wind speed exceeds the alarm value (see section 4-3). When the alarm sounds, the internal beeper sounds, the  symbol on the display flashes and any external beepers or lights operate.

Press  to mute the alarm. The alarm stays muted until the wind speed drops below the alarm value. The alarm will sound again if the wind speed exceeds the alarm value again.

2-4 Simulate mode

Simulate mode allows you to become familiar with the unit off the water. In Simulate mode, the Explorer W310 functions normally except that the data from the masthead unit is ignored and the unit generates this data internally. The word SIM flashes at the top, right corner of the screen.

To turn Simulate mode on or off:

- 1 Turn the power off.
- 2 Hold down  while you turn the power on.

How the unit measures wind speed and direction

The masthead unit has a rotor with three windcups which spins as the wind moves past the boat. The masthead unit measures how fast the rotor is spinning to calculate the wind speed.

The masthead unit has a windvane which points in the direction that the wind is coming from. The masthead unit electronically senses the direction the windvane is pointing.

2-5 Key reference

Turn power on

Hold → Turn Simulate on or off

Hold + → Reset memory
5 sec

Normal operation

Hold 2 sec

Set alarm

Set Wind Speed alarm

Hold 2 sec

→ Turn alarm on or off

→ Increase alarm speed

→ Decrease alarm speed

→ Return to normal operation

+

Setup

→ Change wind mode (True, Apparent, Steer to wind)

→ Change speed display (Wind speed, Max wind speed, VMG)

→ Mute an alarm

→ Adjust backlight (4 levels or off)

Hold 2 sec → Change wind speed units (M/S or KNOTS)

Hold + 2 sec → (If displaying MAX Speed) Reset MAX Speed to 0

+ (If displaying Steer to Wind)

Set steering angle

Set steering angle

→ Increase steering angle

→ Decrease steering angle

→ Return to normal

Set Wind Direction Damping

+

Set Steer Angle Resolution

+

Calibrate Wind Alignment

+

Calibrate Wind Speed

+

Set Pointer Type

+

Select Backlight Group

+

Set Speed Mode

+

→ Increase value or change setting

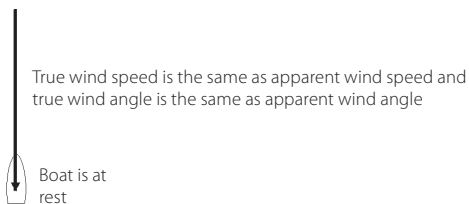
→ Decrease value or change setting

→ Return to normal operation

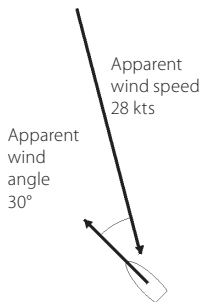
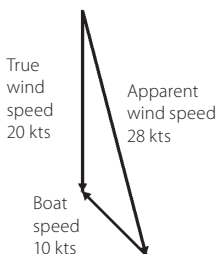
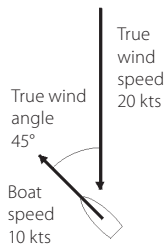
2-6 Apparent and true wind speed and angle

Apparent wind speed and angle are the values measured by the mast head unit on the boat. True wind speed and angle are calculated values that allow for boat speed.

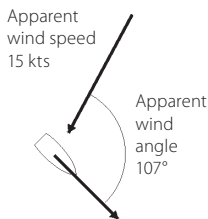
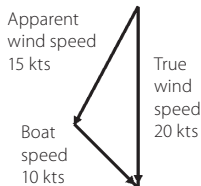
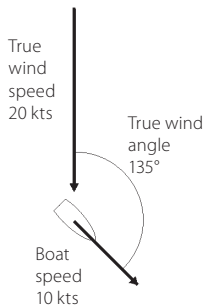
If the boat is moving, then the apparent wind speed is different to the true wind speed and the apparent wind angle is different to the true wind angle, as shown below.



Boat moving upwind. Apparent wind speed is greater than true wind speed and apparent wind angle is closer to dead ahead than true wind angle



Boat moving downwind. Apparent wind speed is less than true wind speed and apparent wind angle is closer to dead ahead than true wind angle



3 Wind angle

3-1 Wind angle display

To display wind angle, press **▲** one or more times, until TRUE (true wind angle) or APP (apparent wind angle) is displayed. True wind angle is only displayed if the Explorer W310 is connected to a speed instrument.

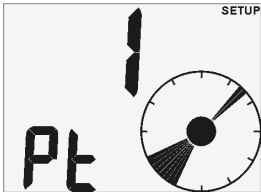
The wind angle is displayed in degrees (0 to 180° port or starboard) and by the pointer (see right).

3-2 Set wind angle pointer type

The wind angle pointer can be set to one of five types (see right). Type 1 is the default.

- Types 1, 2 and 3 simulate wind vanes, and have a black spot in the centre. The thinner part points to where the wind is coming from.
- Types 4 and 5 point to where the wind is coming from.

To set the pointer type:



Pointer type 1

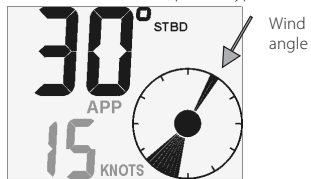
- 1 Press **◀** + **⏺** several times until the Pointer Type screen is displayed:
- 2 Press **▲** or **▼** to set the pointer type.
- 3 Press **⏺**.

3-3 Set wind angle damping

Wind turbulence, gusts and mast motion cause the wind angle to fluctuate. To give a stable reading, the Explorer W310 calculates the wind angle by measuring the direction several times and averaging the measurements. The wind angle damping value ranges from 1 to 5:

- A lower value averages readings over a shorter period of time. This gives the most accurate direction but has the most fluctuations.
- A higher value averages readings over a longer period of time. This gives the most stable direction but will ignore some true changes in direction.

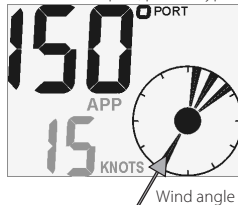
Wind from 30° to starboard, pointer type 1



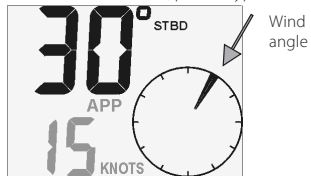
Wind from 30° to port, pointer type 2



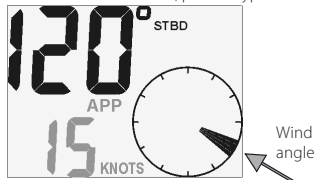
Wind from 150° to port, pointer type 3



Wind from 30° to starboard, pointer type 4



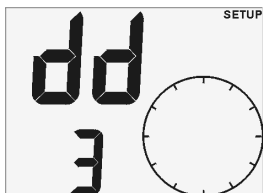
Wind from 120° to starboard, pointer type 5



Note: The damping affects the numeric wind angle, not the pointer. Set the wind angle damping to the lowest value which gives a stable numeric wind angle. Values of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 average readings over a time period of 6, 12, 18, 24 and 30 seconds respectively.

To set the damping:

- 1 Press **Q** + **V** to display the Wind Angle Damping screen:



Damping equals 3

- 2 Press **^** or **v** to change the damping.
- 3 Press **Q**.

4 Wind speed, VMG

The Explorer W310 can display one of three speeds in the bottom part of the screen. Press **v** one or more times to select:

- **WIND SPEED:** The wind speed, apparent or true (see section 3).
- **MAX SPEED:** The maximum apparent wind speed since MAX SPEED was reset or the unit was switched on.
- **VMG:** The component of boat speed parallel to the wind.

True wind speed and VMG are only displayed if the Explorer W310 is connected to a speed instrument or a Northstar GPS.

4-1 Set wind speed units

The wind speed units can be selected to be KNOTS or M/S:

- Hold **v** until the units change.

Note: VMG is always shown in knots.

4-2 Reset maximum wind speed

Resetting starts calculating a new maximum:

3-4 Calibrate wind alignment

You will need to calibrate the wind alignment if you believe that the displayed wind angle is inaccurate or, at installation, if the masthead arm is not parallel to the centre line of the boat:

- 1 You must know what the correct wind angle is. The easiest way for a boat with a motor is to travel at maximum speed when there is no wind. The correct wind angle is then from ahead, 0°.
- 2 Press **Q** + **V** several times until the Calibrate Wind Alignment screen is displayed:



Wind angle is 5° to star-board

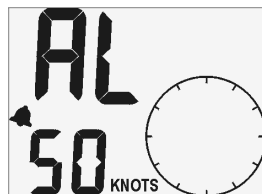
- 3 Press **^** or **v** to change the displayed wind angle to the correct value.
- 4 Press **Q**.

- 1 Press **v** until MAX speed is displayed.
- 2 Hold **Q** + **v** for two seconds.

4-3 Set wind speed alarm



The wind speed alarm sounds if the alarm is turned on and the apparent wind speed becomes equal to or more than the wind speed alarm value. If the alarm sounds, press **Q** to mute it.

To set the alarm value or turn the alarm on or off:



Wind speed value 50 kts
Alarm is On






- 1 Hold **Q** for two seconds to display the Wind Speed Alarm screen:
- 2 To change the alarm value, press **^** or **v**.

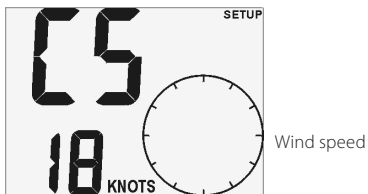
- 3 To turn the alarm on or off, press .
- 4 Press .

4-4 Calibrate wind speed

The unit is factory calibrated and should not normally need calibrating, however you should calibrate it if you believe that the displayed wind speed is inaccurate:


- 1 You must know what the correct wind speed is. The easiest way for a boat with a motor is to travel at maximum speed when there is no wind; the correct wind speed is then equal to the boat speed. Find the boat speed from a speed instrument in the boat or in another boat travelling at the same speed.

- 2 Press  +  several times until the Calibrate Wind Speed screen is displayed (see right).
- 3 Press  or  to change the displayed wind speed to the correct value.
- 4 Press .



5 Steer to wind

The steer to wind function gives steering instructions to sail at a constant angle to the apparent wind. The Explorer W310 automatically calculates the correct instructions for port or starboard tacks.

To start steering to wind, press  until STEER is displayed. The display shows:

- 1 The required steering angle to the apparent wind (to set the required steering angle, see section 5-1).
- 2 A direction arrow showing which way to steer to reach the required steering angle.
- 3 The steering error (the difference between the required steering angle and the actual steering angle) is shown on the circular display:

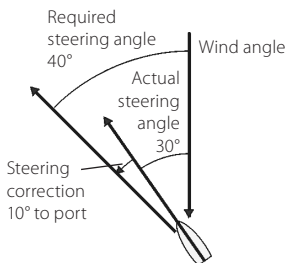
- The top two segments are always on
- The greater the steering error, the more segments turn on

The steering resolution determines how many segments turn on. The number of segments that turn on is the steering error divided by the steering resolution (to set the steering resolution, see section 5-2).

- If the boat should steer to port, then segments to the right of centre turn on
- If the boat should steer to starboard, then segments to the left of centre turn on.

Steer to wind examples

The required steering angle is 40° and the boat is at 30° to the apparent wind. The steering error is 10° . The boat should turn 10° to port. The steering resolution is 1° and so 10 segments of the circular display are on:



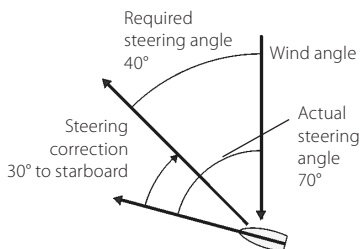
Required steering angle



Direction arrow
(way to steer)

Steering error,
10 segments
are on

The required steering angle is 40° and the boat is at 70° to the apparent wind. The steering error is 30° . The boat should turn 30° to starboard. The steering resolution is 5° and so 6 segments of the circular display are on:



Required steering angle



Direction arrow
(way to steer)

Steering error,
6 segments
are on

5-1 Set required steering angle

The required steering angle is the required angle between the boat direction and the apparent wind angle:

- 1 While steering to wind, press $\blacktriangledown + \blacktriangle$: the required steering angle flashes:



Required
steering
angle is 45°

- 2 Press \blacktriangle or \blacktriangledown to change the required steering angle. The range is 0° to 150° .
- 3 Press Q .

5-2 Set steering resolution

In steer to wind, the circular pointer shows the steering correction. The steering resolution is a number from 1 to 5 that sets the number of degrees of steering error that each segment represents (see examples on previous page).

Use a smaller steering resolution for more exact sailing.

To set the steering resolution:

- 1 Press $\text{Q} + \text{Q}$ several times until the Steering Resolution screen is displayed:



Steering
resolution
is 5°


- 2 Press \blacktriangle or \blacktriangledown to change the resolution.
- 3 Press Q .

6 Systems of several instruments

Several Northstar instruments can be connected together to share data. There are two ways of connecting instruments together, NavBus or NMEA.

6-1 NavBus

NavBus is a Northstar proprietary system that allows systems of multiple instruments to be built using a single set of transducers. When instruments are connected by NavBus:

- If you change the units, alarms or calibration in one instrument, then the values will automatically change in all other instruments of the same type.
- Each instrument can be assigned to a group of instruments (see section 1, 8-2, step 3). If you change the backlight in an instrument in group 1, 2, 3 or 4 then the backlight will automatically change in the other instruments in the same group. If you change the backlight in an instrument in group 0 then no other instruments are affected.
- If an alarm sounds, mute it by pressing  on any instrument which can display that alarm.

NavBus and the Explorer W310

- If the Explorer W310 does not have a masthead unit fitted then the unit will automatically take wind angle and speed readings from another instrument, via NavBus, if the data is available. For more information, refer to the NavBus Installation and Operation manual.

If a masthead unit is not fitted to the unit and the corresponding external data is not available then the displayed value will be dashes (— —).

- To display true wind speed, true wind angle and VMG, the Explorer W310 must be connected to an instrument that outputs boat speed. Typical instruments that output boat speed are:
 - A GPS receiver (outputs boat speed over ground).
 - A Northstar Explorer S310, which uses a paddlewheel transducer (outputs boat speed through water).

Note: If there is a current, these two speeds are different.

You must select which type of boat speed the Explorer W310 will use (see section 3.1 and 8-2, step 2).

6-2 NMEA

NMEA is an industry standard, but is not as flexible as NavBus as it requires dedicated connections between instruments. Wind, speed and direction data are output by the Explorer W310 and can be read and displayed by the Northstar Explorer R310 or other NMEA instruments. The Explorer W310 can receive NMEA boat speed data:

- RMC or VTG from any compatible GPS instrument (speed over ground)
- VHW from any compatible instrument with a paddlewheel speed transducer (speed through water).

You must select which type of boat speed the Explorer W310 will use (see section 3-1, 8-2, step 2).

7 Explorer W310 hardware

7-1 What comes with your Explorer W310

Standard configuration:

- Explorer W310 unit with protective cover.
- Masthead unit.
- 30 m Masthead cable.
- Masthead cable junction box.
- Warranty card.
- Mounting template.
- This *Installation and Operation Manual*.

7-2 Other parts required

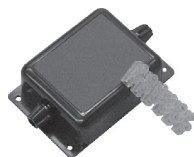
One or more 310 series instruments will be connected to the boat 12 V DC power supply via:

- An accessory switch to turn the instruments on and off.
- A fuse. Use a 1 A fuse for between one and five instruments.

Optional external beepers or lights can be fitted. The Explorer W310 output is switched to ground, 30 V DC and 250 mA maximum. If the beepers and lights require more than 250 mA, fit a relay.

For systems of several instruments, wiring and connectors are required (see section 6 or the NavBus Installation and Operation manual).

In order to display true wind speed and direction and VMG, the Explorer W310 must be connected to an instrument that outputs speed (see section 6).



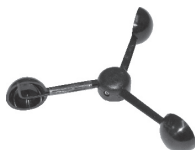
The Explorer W310 is usually used with the supplied masthead unit. However, the unit can take readings from another Northstar wind instrument, in which case the masthead unit does not need to be fitted (see section 6-1).

7-3 Accessories

These accessories are available from your Northstar dealer.



Replacement masthead unit



Masthead unit windcup



Replacement vane



NavBus junction box
(see section 6)

8 Installation and setup

Correct installation is critical to the performance of the unit. It is vital to read this section of the manual and the documentation that comes with the other parts before starting installation.

The Explorer W310 can:

- Drive external beepers or lights for the alarm.
- Send and receive data from other Northstar instruments connected via NavBus. Settings for alarms, units, calibration and backlighting are shared (see section 6-1).
- Send and receive NMEA data to and from other instruments (see section 6-2).

WARNING

Ensure that any holes that you cut will not weaken the boat or the mast. If in doubt, consult a qualified boat builder or marine engineer.

CAUTION

- **The unit is waterproof from the front. Protect the rear of the unit from water, or else water might enter the breathing hole and damage the unit. The warranty does not cover damage caused by moisture or water entering the back of the unit.**
- **The cable up the mast to the masthead unit must run in conduit.**

8-1 Installation

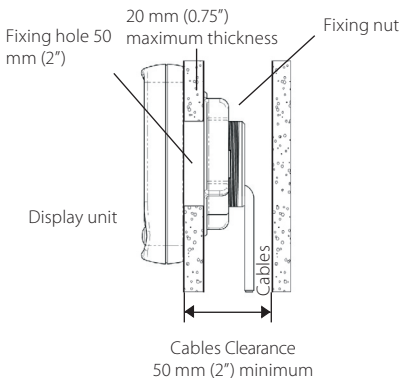
Explorer W310 display unit

- 1 Choose a location for the display unit that is:
 - Easily seen and protected from damage.
 - At least 100 mm from a compass and at least 500 mm from a radio or radar antenna.
 - Away from engines, fluorescent lights, and power inverters.
 - Accessible from behind; the minimum clearance required at the back is 50 mm (2") (see mounting diagram).
 - With the back of the unit protected from moisture.

- 2 The unit must mount on a flat panel which is less than 20 mm (0.75") thick. Stick the mounting template in place. Drill a 50 mm (2") fixing hole through the centre hole in the template. Note that the template allows space around the unit for the protective cover.
- 3 Remove the fixing nut from the back of the unit. Insert the stud at the back of the unit through the mounting hole. Hand tighten the fixing nut.

Masthead unit

Side view of display unit mounting:



Plan the installation. Read through these instructions before you install the masthead unit and plan where you will fit the mounting block and where you will drill the cable holes in the mast. It is usually easiest to install the masthead unit when the rig is off the boat.

- 1 The mounting block is at one end of the 30 m (90 ft) masthead cable. Fit the mounting block on top of the mast:
 - With the base of the block horizontal.
 - With the fitting for the masthead arm facing forward, parallel to the centre line to within a few degrees (if the arm does not



face exactly forward, the wind angle will need to be aligned, see section 3-4).

Use the self-tapping screws provided.

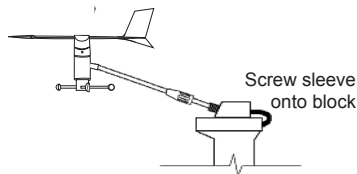
- Drill an 8 mm (5/16") hole at the top of the mast close to the mounting block for the cable to enter the mast. Do not install the masthead cable yet.
- Drill an 8 mm (5/16") hole at the bottom of the mast at a convenient place for the cable to exit the mast. You will fit the cable junction box close to this hole; it should be in a dry place and not in the bilge.
- Calculate how long the cable from the masthead mounting block to the cable junction box needs to be. Allow extra length for terminating the cable in the junction box. Cut the masthead cable to this length from the mounting block. Do not throw away the other piece of cable.
- Lead the bare end of the masthead cable into the hole at the top of the mast, down the conduit in the mast and out the hole at the bottom of the mast. Fit a strain relief clamp or cable tie to the cable at the mast top. Fill both cable holes in the mast with sealant.
- Feed the end of the cable through a gland on the cable junction box. Strip the cable jacket off and terminate the wires on the terminal block supplied.
- Take the piece of masthead unit cable that you cut off earlier and connect the cable into the back of the Explorer W310 display unit. Run the cable between the display unit and the cable junction box:
 - Keep the cable away from other cables, engines, fluorescent lights and power inverters
 - Secure the cable at regular intervals.
- Cut the cable to length, allowing extra length for terminating the cable in the joining box.

Feed the end of the cable through the other gland on the cable junction box. Strip the cable jacket off and terminate wires on the terminal block, matching the wire colours.

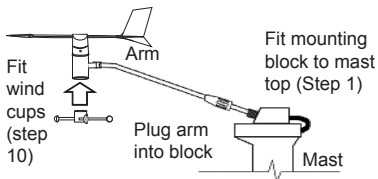
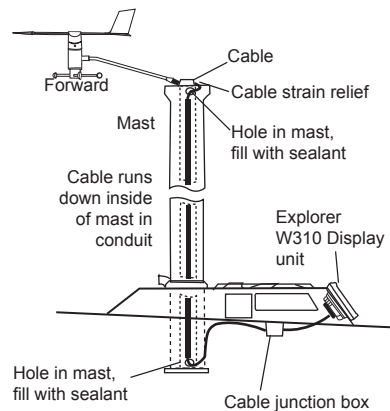
- Screw the lid on the junction box and screw the box in place on a panel.
- Fit the wind cups to the shaft on the masthead unit using the allen key supplied.
- Attach the arm to the mounting block:
 - Plug the arm into the mounting block.
 - Screw the sleeve on the arm onto the mounting block.

Power/data wiring

- Wire the display unit power/data cable:

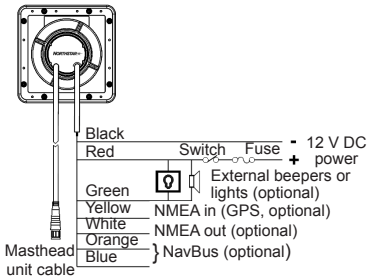


Installed Masthead Unit:

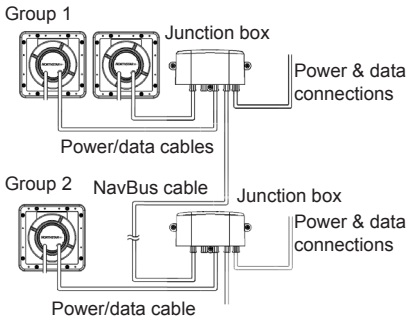


- The unit requires 12 V DC power. Fit a power switch and fuse to the power supply or power the unit from a fused auxiliary switch. The fuse should be 1 A for up to five instruments.
- If the external beepers and lights require more than 250 mA DC total, fit a relay.

A single unit can be wired as shown below: With several instruments, use the optional junction boxes to simplify wiring, as shown below:



For information on how to connect NavBus and to use junction boxes, refer to the NavBus Installation and Operation manual.



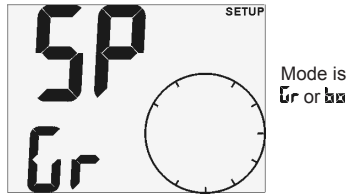
- 2 Tape or cover any unused wires or connectors to protect them from water and keep them from shorting together.

8-2 Setup

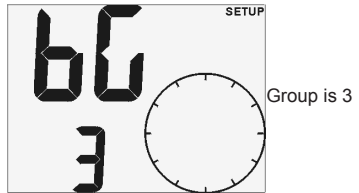
- 1 Take the boat for a trial run to check that all the instruments work correctly.

- 2 To display VMG, true wind speed and direction, the Explorer W310 must be connected to an instrument that outputs boat speed. If the Explorer W310 is connected to an instrument that outputs speed through water and to an instrument that outputs speed over ground, then you can select which the Explorer W310 will use (see sections 3-1 and 6):

- i Press **Q** + **0** several times until the Speed Mode screen is displayed:



- ii Press **^** or **v** to change the mode to **Gr**



(Speed over ground) or **bw** (boat speed through water).

- iii Press **0**.

- 3 If the unit is part of a system of 3100 series instruments connected by NavBus, set the backlight group number (see section 6-1):

- i Press **Q** + **0** several times until the Backlight Group screen is displayed:
- ii Press **^** or **v** to set the backlight group number.
- iii Press **0**.

- 4 Set:

- The speed units (see section 4-1).
- The pointer type (see section 3-2).

- 5 Calibrate if required:

- Wind alignment (see section 3-4).
- Wind speed (see section 4-4).

8-3 Resetting to factory defaults

All settings may be reset to the manufacturer's default settings (see below).

To reset to factory defaults:

- 1 Turn the power off.
- 2 Hold down **Q** + **V** while you turn the power on and continue to hold the keys down for at least five seconds.

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Wind speed units | knots |
| Pointer type | 1 |
| Direction damping | 2 |
| Steering angle. | 40° |
| Steer angle resolution | 2° per segment |
| Wind speed alarm. | Off |
| SIMULATE mode. | Off |
| Backlight Level | 0 |
| Backlight Group | 1 |
| Boat Speed Input | 1 |

Appendix A - Specifications

Physical

- Case size 111 mm (4.4") square.
- LCD display 82 mm (3.2") wide, 61 mm (2.4") high; twisted nematic.
- LCD digits 30 mm (1.2") high on top line, 20 mm (0.8") high on bottom line.
- Four operator keys, laser etched.
- Backlighting for display and keys, amber, four levels and off (the key backlight does not turn off).
- Operating temperature 0 to 50°C (32 to 122°F).
- Power Cable length 1m (3.25 ft).
- Masthead unit cable length 30 m (99 ft).

Electrical

- Power supply 10.5 to 16.5 V DC, 20 mA without backlighting, 120 mA with full backlighting and transducer.
- External beeper or light output, switched to ground, 30 V DC and 250 mA maximum.

Wind

- Wind angle, true and apparent: Range 0 to 180°, port or starboard.
- Wind speed, true and apparent: Range 0 to 199 knots (0 to 102 m/s).
- Maximum apparent wind speed.
- Apparent wind speed alarm.

Calibration

- Wind speed and Wind angle (alignment) can be calibrated.

Interfaces

- NavBus connection to other Northstar instruments.
- NMEA 0183 outputs: MWV, VPW; inputs RMC, VHW, VTG.

Standards compliance

- EMC compliance
 - USA (FCC):** Part 15 Class B.
 - Europe:** EN60945:2002
 - New Zealand and Australia:** EN60945:2002
- Instrument: IPx6
- Transducer: IPx6 & IPx7

Power/data cable wires

| Wire | Signal |
|--------|---|
| Red | Power positive, 12 V DC, 120 mA maximum |
| Black | Power negative, NMEA common |
| Green | External beeper or light out, switched to ground, 30 V DC and 250 mA max. |
| Orange | NavBus + |
| Blue | NavBus - |
| White | NMEA out |

Appendix B - Troubleshooting

This troubleshooting guide assumes that you have read and understood this manual.

It is possible in many cases to solve difficulties without having to send the unit back to the manufacturer for repair. Please follow this troubleshooting section before contacting the nearest Northstar dealer.

There are no user serviceable parts. Specialized methods and testing equipment are required to ensure that the unit is reassembled correctly and is waterproof. Repairs to the unit must only be carried out by a service centre approved by Northstar. Users who service the unit themselves will void the warranty.

More information can be found on our website: www.northstarnav.com

1 Unit will not turn on:

- a Fuse blown or circuit breaker tripped.
- b Battery voltage is outside the range 10.5 to 16.5 VDC.
- c Power/data cable damaged.

2 Wind speed or direction readings wrong or erratic:

- a Wind speed calibration is incorrect (see section 4-4).
- b Wind angle alignment is incorrect (see section 3-4).
- c Masthead unit cable unplugged or damaged.
- d Masthead unit is damaged or fouled.
- e Interference from electrical noise. Review installation.

3 The word SIM flashes at top, right of screen, values displayed are unexpected:

- a Unit is in simulate mode (see section 2-4).

4 The display fogs:

- a Moist air has entered the breathing tube at the rear of the unit. Air the boat or run unit with backlight fully on.
- b Water has entered the breathing tube. Return unit for service.

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