3M Dynatel[™]

2273 Cable/Fault Locator



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Measure and pinpoint sheath and conductor faults, locate cable path/depth quickly and easily with this lightweight, easy-to-handle

The 3M[™] Dynatel[™] 2273 Cable/Fault Locator is a microprocessor-based system that incorporates advanced digital signal processing techniques to quickly and efficiently locate sheath (earth return) faults and trace the path of underground cables, both copper and fiber optic (with metallic trace wire). Lightweight, compact and wellbalanced, the 2273 cable/fault locator accurately:

- Locates cable path
- Measures cable or sonde depth with the push of a button
- Measures signal current in the cable
- Pinpoints sheath faults and cable breaks
- Discriminates between light and heavy faults
- Identifies cable and cable pairs
- Tones shorts and grounds in aerial cable
- Identifies cable pairs through wet sections
- Locates energized power cable

The 2273 cable/fault locator provides accurate cable or sonde depth measurements, giving a digital readout in inches, feet and inches, or centimeters (user-selectable).

Additionally, when used in conjunction with the 3M[™] Dynatel[™] 2205/2206 EMS Marker Locating Accessory, the

- Pinpoint the exact location of buried EMS markers
- Trace a cable path while simultaneously finding buried markers along the way



The Dynatel 2273 Cable/Fault Locator can be used with the Dynatel 2205/2206 EMS Marker Locating Accessory.

Four modes of operation for accurate locates, even in congested areas

For cable path locating, the Dynatel 2273 receiver uses one of four user-selected locating modes — dual peak, dual null, differential or special peak (which increases the sensitivity of the receiver for tracing over longer distances). The mode is selected depending on which is most effective under the locating conditions.

The receiver includes four volume settings, including a special "expander" function that makes peaks and nulls more pronounced. The expander feature enhances the amplitude difference between two conductors carrying the same signal, making the unit extremely accurate, even in congested areas. A headphone jack is also included.

Precisely locates faults

The 2273 cable/fault locator can precisely locate sheath (earth return) faults on both short and long cable sections. The unit sends a trace signal simultaneously with a faultlocate signal, allowing the operator to use the cable-locate function when locating sheath faults in long cable sections. Sheath (earth return) fault strength is indicated on the receiver LCD display, allowing minor faults to be ignored, if desired.



The Dynatel 2273 Cable/Fault Locator locates sheath (earth return) faults. 3

A simple, easy-to-use system

The Dynatel 2273 cable/fault locator is easy to operate and requires very little training. Digital liquid crystal display (LCD) readout and push-button operation make the unit easy to understand, for more precise locates. A "memory" feature remembers operator set-up from previous use.

The system consists of three basic components:

- Transmitter with built-in ohmmeter, which also senses and measures the presence of foreign voltage, and tests the continuity of the circuit.
- One-piece hand-held receiver with bar graph that indicates received signal and proximity to the cable.
- Earth contact frame that is color-coded to correspond with indications from the receiver directing the operator toward the fault.

The 2273 cable/fault locator uses four active trace frequencies — 577 Hz, 8 kHz, 33 kHz and 200 kHz which can be used individually or simultaneously to compensate for varying field conditions. It also incorporates one passive trace frequency — 50/60 Hz power (userselectable) — which does not require the use of the transmitter.

Both the receiver and the transmitter feature a self-test routine which is executed each time the unit is turned on. A power-up battery test indicates the battery level.

Both components are constructed of heavy-duty materials designed to withstand typical field use.

Standard Dynatel accessories

- 9012 Direct-Connect Transmitter Cable; for direct connection to cable and ground; 5' (1.5 m) long
- 8006 Ground Rod; stainless steel
- 3014 Earth Contact Frame
- 9026 Earth Contact Frame cable; 4 ft. (1.2 m) long

Optional Dynatel accessories

- 3019 Dyna-Coupler Kit; consists of 3" Dyna-Coupler for use on cables up to 3" (7.6 cm), Coupler Extension Cable, and Pouch
- 3005 1" Dyna-Coupler; for use on cables up to 1" (2.5 cm) in diameter
- 1196 6" Dyna-Coupler; for use on cables up to 6.9" (17.5 cm) in diameter
- 9043 Ground Extension Cable
- 3011 Inductive Probe; for pair identification
- 9011 Coupler Extension Cable

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| Features | Benefits | |
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| Transmitter | | |
| Four operator-selectable frequencies | Optimizes unit performance in varying conditions | |
| Simultaneous signals | Enables receiver to verify cable location | |
| Fault-locate/cable-locate signals applied simultaneously | Enables receiver to verify cable location while fault locating | |
| Built-in ohmmeter with voltage sensing/measuring capability | Displays earth fault resistance; confirms far-end grounds and shield continuity | |
| Three signal application methods (direct connect, coupler, induction) | Flexibility under varying plant conditions | |
| Auto load matching | Automatic adjustment of output voltage to maximize signal | |
| High and normal output level | High output level for extreme distance locates and other varying cable conditions | |
| Audible indication of hazardous voltage in ohms mode | Warns operator of potentially dangerous situation | |
| Can connect to energized power cables up to 240 Vac | Prevents inadvertent damage to unit; operates while attached to live circuits | |
| Receiver | | |
| Peak and null modes | Verify cable location | |
| Differential mode | Indicates direction to cable | |
| Push-button digital depth readout (of cable or sonde) in inches, feet and inches, or centimeters | Easy, quick and accurate depth measurements; no conversion table required for sonde depth measurements | |
| Measures signal current in cable | Helps identify target cable regardless of depth | |
| Visual and audible cable locates | Ensure accuracy under varying field conditions | |
| Digital fault strength indicator | Operator can differentiate between light and severe faults | |
| Coupler jack | Pair/cable identification | |
| Graphic display | Operator can distinguish between target cable and other cables in congested areas | |
| Expander function | Improves sensitivity of audible and visual response | |
| 50/60 Hz passive power mode | Locates energized power cables using receiver only | |
| Compatible with 2205/2206 marker locating accessory | Allows unit to pinpoint location of buried EMS markers | |
| Physical Specifications | | |
| Size Transmitter Receiver | 6.75" H x 11.25" W x 7.75" D (17.2 cm x 28.6 cm x 19.7 cm) 25.5" H x 3.75" W x 10.75" D (64.8 cm x 9.5 cm x 27.3 cm) | |
| Weight Transmitter Receiver Shipping | 5.88 lbs. (2.4 kg) 3.98 lbs. (1.8 kg) 20.59 lbs. (9.3 kg) | |
| Environmental Specifications | | |
| Operating temperature | -4° to 122°F (-20° to 50°C) | |
| Storage temperature | -40° to 158°F (-40° to 70°C) | |

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| Electrical Specifications | |
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| Receiver | |
| Frequencies | |
| Trace mode | Active: 577 Hz, 8 kHz, 33 kHz, 200 kHz Passive: Power — 50/60 Hz, user-selectable |
| Tone mode | 577 Hz and 200 kHz pulsed at 8 Hz |
| Depth | Range: 0 to 15' (0 to 4.5 m) Accuracy: ±10% ±1 digit for 0 to 60" (0 to 1.5 m) ±15% for 60 to 180" (1.5 to 4.5 m) |
| Power | Six alkaline "AA" (LR6) cells |
| Typical battery life | 50 hours |
| Transmitter | |
| Output frequencies | |
| Trace mode | 577 Hz, 8 kHz, 33 kHz, 200 kHz |
| Sheath fault mode | 4/8 Hz for sheath fault; 577 Hz and 33 kHz for tracing |
| Tone mode | 577 Hz and 200 kHz pulsed at 8 Hz |
| Induction mode | 200 kHz |
| Output voltage (maximum) | |
| Sheath fault | 75 Vrms |
| Trace | 40 Vrms |
| Tone | Normal setting: 10 Vrms |
| | High setting: 75 Vrms @ 577 Hz; 40 Vrms @ 200 kHz |
| Output power | Normal setting: Limited to 0.5 W High setting: Limited to 3 W for frequencies < 200 kHz and 200 kHz in induction mode; 1 W for 200 kHz (non-induction) |
| Output protection | 240 Vrms |
| Power | Six alkaline "C" (LR14) cells |
| Typical battery life | Normal output level: 50 hours High output level: 10 hours |

Ordering Information

To order, specify the appropriate 3M[™] Dynatel[™] 2273 Cable/Fault Locator using the table below.

| Generic product | number: 2273-XYZ | | Example 2273- XYZ |
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| Market | | Code X | |
| USA/Canada | | U3 | |
| Typical Use | Direct connect cable configuration | Code Y | |
| Telephone | 5-foot cable with telco-style direct connection clips | Т | |
| CATV | 10-foot cable with telco-style direct connection clips | С | |
| Power | 10-foot cable with large alligator direct connection clips | Р | |
| Coupler Kit | | Code Z | |
| No coupler kit | | N | |
| 3" coupler kit | | 3 | Example: 2273-U3T3 translates to a 2273 |
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