



# AutoAnchor 570

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## OWNER'S MANUAL



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**AutoAnchor documents are available on [www.autoanchor.co.nz](http://www.autoanchor.co.nz)**

## PART 1 IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### READ BEFORE INSTALLING OR USING THE AUTOANCHOR

- The AA570 should only be installed by a qualified marine electrician. Do not attempt to install the AA570 unless you are suitably qualified.
- This manual supports the use of the AA570 only. The appropriate manufacturer's instructions must be followed for the installation and use of the windlass it is set up to control.
- There must be an alternative method available to operate the windlass.
- The AA570 can be fitted to most vertical windlasses. A horizontal windlass may require a sensor holder or a custom designed sensor which is not included in the standard pack. Check with your supplier or the AutoAnchor manufacturer.
- The AA570 must be fitted to a windlass with a dual direction control box or solenoid pack.
- Information for installation and operation of the AA570 is supplied, including pre-set windlass profile lists, wiring diagrams, the Owner's Manual and the Quick User Guide. **All documents must be left on board for the owner.**
- Non compliance with the instructions could impair the windlass and the AA570 operation, and could result in personal injury and/or damage to the boat.
- Non compliance with the instructions will negate the manufacturer's warranty.
- The AA570 manufacturer and supplier accept no liability for personal injury or property damage resulting from failure to follow the installation and operation instructions or the use of the AA570 in a way that may cause accidents or damage or that may violate the law.
- All the technical and cable specifications must be checked and adhered to.
- Wiring diagrams must be followed without modification.
- Before use the AA570 must be correctly set up for the windlass it is to control and tested in a safe environment. The AA570 will not count correctly if the windlass selection is wrong or the windlass is not standard (eg it is installed with a different chainwheel or motor).
- All installations must be carried out in accordance with USCG, ABYC, NMMA and BMEA requirements.
- When this product reaches the end of its useful life it must be disposed of in accordance with local regulations.
- Alloy, steel or carbon fibre will restrict the wireless communication. The AA702 base station must be positioned to avoid this or an antenna can be fitted. Contact your supplier or the AutoAnchor manufacturer for options.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS AA570

| Parameter                                       | AA570 Remote Console                                                                                                                                | AA702 Base Station                                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Power Supply                                    | 12V/24V DC                                                                                                                                          | 12V/24V DC                                                                                     |
| Maximum Voltage                                 | <b>30V DC</b>                                                                                                                                       | <b>30V DC</b>                                                                                  |
| Current Consumption                             | 50mA                                                                                                                                                | 50mA                                                                                           |
| Output Maximum Current Draw                     | 12V DC: 3.5A<br>24V DC: 3.5A                                                                                                                        | 12V DC: 3.5A<br>24V DC: 3.5A<br>The system has internal current limiting and thermal shutdown. |
| Output Minimum Current Draw                     | 12V DC: 10mA<br>24V DC: 20mA                                                                                                                        | 12V DC: 10mA<br>24V DC: 20mA                                                                   |
| IP Rating                                       | IP67                                                                                                                                                | IP67                                                                                           |
| Operating Temperature Range                     | 23°F to 140°F (-5°C to 60°C)                                                                                                                        | 23°F to 140°F (-5°C to 60°C)                                                                   |
| Wireless Transmission                           | 2.4GHz ISM Band, IEEE 802.15.4 Compliant, 64 Bit Unique ID                                                                                          |                                                                                                |
| Wireless Range                                  | Typical Minimum 10m (30ft). Range depends on installation.                                                                                          |                                                                                                |
| System Supports                                 | Up to 3 base stations and 3 consoles                                                                                                                |                                                                                                |
| Rode - Chain Only                               | Stainless or galvanised steel.                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                |
| Rode - Rope and Chain                           | Must have a minimum of 10ft (3m) of chain. Chain must be galvanised steel. Rope should be a good quality, nylon anchor rope. Type 66 or equivalent. |                                                                                                |
| DC windlasses require a dual direction solenoid |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                |

## RADIO FREQUENCY COMPLIANCE

### FCC Information:

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

This device generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

### ESTI Information (CE):

This device is compliant with the essential requirements of the R&TTE Directive 99/5/EC, meeting the European harmonized EMC and low-voltage/safety standards.

## ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY (EMC)

### FCC Information:

This device complies with CFR47 Part 15 of FCC Rules for Class B equipment.

### ESTI Information (CE):

This device meets the relevant standards set out in European Standard EN 60945:2002 for maritime navigation and radio communication equipment and systems. **These standards** are intended to provide reasonable protection against interference by other emission generating products on the boat. Compliance with these standards is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. The installation instructions must be followed to minimise the potential for interference.

**Note:** If shielded cable is not used for the sensor connections this will compromise the EMC and may invalidate the warranty.

AA570 equipment (AA702 base station, AA710 remote and AA570 console) must be installed least 3ft (1m) away from any equipment transmitting or cables carrying radio signals eg VHF radios, modified sine wave inverters, cables and antennas or radar antennas; and at least 6ft (2m) away from any SSB equipment. AA702 cables must be installed at least 1.5ft (500mm) away from such items.

## PART 2 INSTALLATION

### 2.1 MAGNET AND SENSOR INSTALLATION

#### PLEASE READ BEFORE COMMENCING INSTALLATION

**Correct magnet and sensor installation is critical for successful AutoAnchor operation.**

The AutoAnchor can be installed on vertical windlasses, drum winches and most horizontal windlasses. Installation differs depending on the windlass type and on the rode (all-chain or rope and chain). **Please follow the instructions for your windlass and rode.** If it is not possible to comply with these instructions please check with the AutoAnchor manufacturer or your supplier for other options or if you are not sure how to proceed.

See [www.autoanchor.co.nz](http://www.autoanchor.co.nz) for contact information.

#### 2.1.1 MAGNET INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

**Check before starting:** Your chainwheel may be prefitted with a magnet or predrilled ready for you to fit the magnet.

**Magnet Polarity:** Not relevant when using the grey AA sensor (#9067) or a reed switch sensor. If retrofitting, using the black AA sensor (#9008) the south pole (marked side) of the magnet must face the sensor.

**Magnet Seal:** Insert the magnet into the hole and cover it with a minimum of 1mm of epoxy to protect it against corrosion.

**Magnet Size and Position:** Refer to the instructions for your specific windlass type.

#### 2.1.2 SENSOR INSTALLATION OVERVIEW

**Vertical Windlasses:** The sensor is fitted in the deckplate. Some deckplates are predrilled for the sensor. Others have a dimple or mark to show where the sensor should be fitted. If the windlass is not factory drilled, drill a hole 10.3mm (13/32") diameter through the windlass deckplate. See the instructions for your specific windlass type.

**Horizontal Windlasses:** Sometimes it is not possible to fit the sensor to a horizontal windlass or it may need to be fitted by the windlass manufacturer. Before starting check with the AutoAnchor manufacturer or supplier that it is possible to fit the sensor to your windlass. You may need a special fitting.

**Drilling the Deck:** Before drilling into the deck, ensure there is nothing below the deck that could be damaged and that any hole you drill will not weaken the boat's structure. Drill a hole 10.3mm (13/32") diameter through the deck. Ensure this hole is directly in line with the sensor hole in the deckplate.

**Fitting the Sensor:** Do not force the sensor into the hole. Hammering the sensor head can damage the internal electronics. Ensure the sensor head is positioned so that it will not be hit by the chainwheel during windlass operation and that it is at least 300mm (1ft) away from the battery and motor cables. Secure the sensor using a good quality neutral cure silicone or a strong adhesive eg. Sikaflex 291 or 3M 5200.

**Sensor Connection:** The sensor is plugged direct into the AA702 base station. Do not leave the cable hanging loose, it must be tied in place with cable ties. Extension cable, gender changers and field connectors are available if required.



**2.1.4 PLUG AND PLAY SENSOR CABLE**

The AutoAnchor plug and play sensor cable is 2 core tinned shielded cable. It must be used to connect the sensor to the console unit. Ensure the connectors are firmly screwed together.

**The warranty does not apply if the sensor cable plugs are removed.**

The sensor cable is fitted with a female plug to connect direct to the male connector on the AA702 base station. If a longer length is required, sensor connecting cable, with a male plug at each end, is available in the following lengths:

|       |             |            |
|-------|-------------|------------|
| 6.5 m | (21.33 ft)  | Part #9500 |
| 10 m  | (32.81 ft)  | Part #9501 |
| 15 m  | (49.21 ft)  | Part #9502 |
| 20 m  | (66.62 ft)  | Part #9503 |
| 25 m  | (82 ft)     | Part #9504 |
| 35 m  | (114.83 ft) | Part #9514 |



A 2m male/female cable (Part #9505) plus a gender changer (Part #9510) will be required to connect the extension cable to the base station.

**Connecting 2 cables together:**



If you need to extend the cable length - 2 cables can be joined together using Part #9510 Gender Changer.

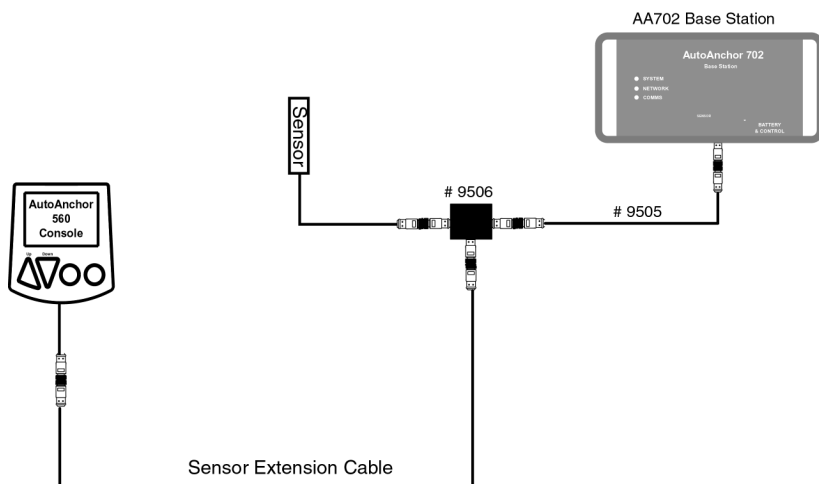
**Field Connectors**



Part #9507 Male Field Connector  
Part #9508 Female Field Connector  
If there is no plug on the sensor cable attach the AA field connector to the wires and use the connecting cable as above.

## Dual Installation with Other AA Products

Use the T adaptor Part #9506 and the 2m Male/Female extension cable Part #9505.



### 2.1.5 REED SWITCH SENSORS

Some windlasses are supplied pre-fitted with a reed switch sensor. Reed switch sensors must have a 10mm x 8mm magnet (#9061) and the gap between the reed switch sensor and the magnet must be a minimum of 3mm and a maximum of 5mm. This sensor requires a field connector.

The AutoAnchor will operate with a reed switch sensor for all-chain rode. If using combination rope and chain rode the reed switch sensor provides a reasonably accurate count of rode deployed but on retrieval the display may be incorrect because it cannot allow for the stretch in the rope.

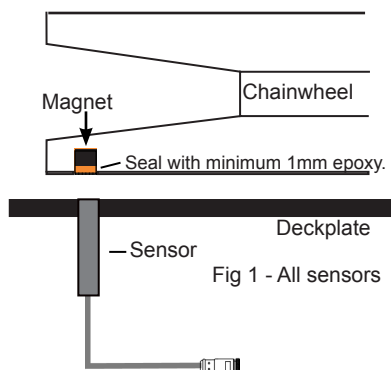
For an accurate rope and chain count, the reed switch sensor should be replaced with the AA grey sensor (#9067).

### 2.1.6 SENSOR TUNING

When the AutoAnchor is completely installed the sensor must be tuned. See the instructions on page 28.

## 2.1.7 INSTALLATION ON A VERTICAL WINDLASS - CHAIN ONLY

Refer to the Overview Notes on page 4 before starting installation.



**Note:** If it is not possible to align the sensor and magnet exactly the AA grey sensor may be fitted up to 20mm out of alignment. The AA black sensor and the reed switch sensor must be directly aligned.

**Magnet Size:** Standard size is 10mm x 8mm (#9061). This may be replaced with the smaller 6mm x 4mm (#9009) magnet if required for your windlass.

**Magnet Fit:** Drill a hole 10.3mm (13/32") diameter and 9.5mm (3/8") deep to fit the magnet in the underside of a spoke in the bottom of the chainwheel. Cover the magnet with a minimum of 1 mm epoxy. The magnet should be aligned with the sensor. See Fig 1.

**Sensor Position:** The AA black sensor and the reed switch sensor must be fitted directly in line with the magnet in the chainwheel. See Fig 1 above. The AA grey sensor may be fitted up to 20mm out of alignment. The gap between the sensor and magnet must be as per the table below.

### Gap Between the Sensor and Magnet:

| Sensor                | Magnet Size | Gap                        |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| AA Grey Sensor #9067  | 6mm x 4mm   | Minimum 3mm - Maximum 30mm |
| AA Grey Sensor #9067  | 10mm x 8mm  | Minimum 3mm - Maximum 50mm |
| AA Black Sensor #9008 | All Magnets | Minimum 3mm - Maximum 8mm  |
| Reed Switch Sensor    | 10mm x 8mm  | Minimum 3mm - Maximum 5mm  |

**Sensor Connection:** Ideally the sensor should be plugged directly into the AA702 base station. If longer cable is required use the AA 2m male/female extension cable (Part #9505) or one of the AA standard male/male extension cables plus the 2m cable and a gender changer. Ensure the connectors are firmly screwed together.

**Loose cable should be tied in place with cable ties and kept clear of chain.**

2.1.9 INSTALLATION ON A HORIZONTAL WINDLASS - CHAIN ONLY

Refer to the Overview Notes on page 4 before starting installation. It is not possible to set out a single installation method for horizontal windlasses. The sensor may be fitted inside the windlass or you may need a sensor holder (Part #9070). See Fig 6 below. Often the sensor and magnet can only be fitted by the windlass manufacturer.

Magnet & Sensor Fitting for Chain Only Horizontal Windlasses

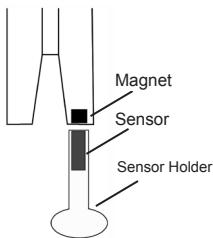


Fig 6  
Magnet in rim of chainwheel and standard sensor in sensor holder screwed to the deck

**Magnet Size:** 6mm x 4mm magnet (#9009).

**Magnet Fit:** If your windlass is not predrilled drill a hole 6.5mm (1/4”) diameter and 5mm (3/16”) deep in the edge of the chainwheel. Cover the magnet with a minimum of 1mm epoxy.

**Sensor Position:** The AutoAnchor sensor may be fitted using a sensor holder fixed to the deck to sit under the chainwheel (See Fig 6). The AutoAnchor sensor holder (#9070) is not included in the standard kit. Check with your supplier if you need this. The AA black sensor and the reed switch sensor must be fitted directly in line with the magnet in the chainwheel. The AA grey sensor may be fitted up to 20mm out of alignment. The gap between the sensor and magnet must be as per the table below.

Gap Between the Sensor and Magnet:

| Sensor                | Magnet Size | Gap                        |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| AA Grey Sensor #9067  | 6mm x 4mm   | Minimum 3mm - Maximum 30mm |
| AA Grey Sensor #9067  | 10mm x 8mm  | Minimum 3mm - Maximum 50mm |
| AA Black Sensor #9008 | All Magnets | Minimum 3mm - Maximum 8mm  |
| Reed Switch Sensor    | 10mm x 8mm  | Minimum 3mm - Maximum 5mm  |

**Sensor Connection:** If longer cable is required the AutoAnchor plug and play sensor extension cable must be used to connect the sensor to the AA702 base station. Ensure the connectors are firmly screwed together.

Loose cable should be tied in place with cable ties and kept clear of chain.

## 2.1.10 INSTALLATION ON A HORIZONTAL WINDLASS - ROPE & CHAIN

**Before starting check with the AutoAnchor manufacturer, or supplier, that it is possible to fit the sensor and magnet to your horizontal windlass.**

For an accurate rope count the rode must run between the sensor and magnet. On a horizontal windlass the magnet and sensor must be fitted by the windlass manufacturer.

If it is not possible to have the sensor and magnet fitted to achieve this you can use the chain only horizontal windlass installation above. **This provides an accurate count of rode deployed but during retrieval the display may be incorrect because it cannot allow for the stretch in the rope.**

## 2.1.11 INSTALLATION ON DRUM WINCHES

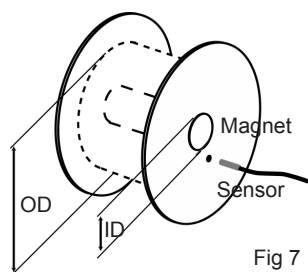


Fig 7

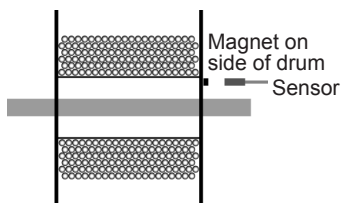


Fig 8

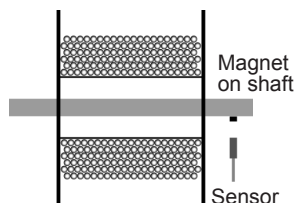


Fig 9

### Gap Between the Sensor and Magnet:

Minimum 5mm and maximum 40mm

**The magnet and sensor must be fitted so that the gap remains consistent as the winch turns**

### Magnet Installation:

Size: 10mm x 8mm magnet (#9061)

The magnet can be mounted on the main shaft or on the side of the drum. See Figs 8 and 9. If mounted on the side of the drum, position it close to the inside to reduce the peripheral speed of the magnet. Fix the magnet into position with epoxy ensuring it is completely sealed to prevent corrosion.

### Sensor Installation

The Grey 3 wire AA sensor (#9067) is recommended but a proximity sensor may be used. Every installation is different so this manual can provide guidelines only. The AA sensor holder #9070, or a customised sensor holder will be required to ensure the sensor remains in position and the gap is consistent between the sensor and magnet during operation.

**Sensor Connection:** The AutoAnchor plug and play sensor extension cable must be used to connect the sensor to the AA702 base station. Ensure the connectors are firmly screwed together.

**Loose cable should be tied in place with cable ties and kept clear of chain.**

**For Drum Winch Set Up and Operation Refer to Page 29.**

## 2.4 REMOTE CONSOLE AND BASE STATION INSTALLATION

The AA570 kit has one master base station and one remote console.

Each base station has 6 outputs. Up to 2 slave stations can be attached to the master station to provide extra outputs.

### 2.4.1 BASE STATION INTERNAL CONNECTIONS

| AA702 Terminal |     | Default Function Assignment                       | Alternative Function Assignment |                                          |
|----------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| BATT           | (-) | <b>Ground</b>                                     |                                 |                                          |
| BATT           | (+) | <b>Positive</b>                                   |                                 |                                          |
| OUT 1          | (+) | <sup>1</sup> <b>Windlass Down</b>                 |                                 |                                          |
| OUT 2          | (+) | <sup>1</sup> <b>Windlass Up</b>                   |                                 |                                          |
| OUT 3          | (+) | <sup>2</sup> <b>*Thruster A (Bow) Port</b>        | Windlass Option A               |                                          |
| OUT 4          | (+) | <sup>2</sup> <b>*Thruster A (Bow) Starboard</b>   | Windlass Option B               |                                          |
| OUT 5 White    | (+) | <sup>2</sup> <b>*Thruster B (Stern) Port</b>      | Power Enable                    | <sup>3</sup> Rope/Chain Motor Load Wires |
| OUT 6 Brown    | (+) | <sup>2</sup> <b>*Thruster B (Stern) Starboard</b> | Dual Speed                      | <sup>3</sup> Rope/Chain Motor Load Wires |

\*THRUSTER AND AUXILIARY CONTROLS ONLY FUNCTION WITH AA710 HAND HELD REMOTE (AA9408 / AA9400)

#### Notes:

Unused outputs are automatically assigned as auxiliary outputs.

All outputs are active high (+).

<sup>1</sup> Only one windlass can be connected to a base station. 2 windlasses require 2 base stations. The windlass outputs OUT1 and OUT2 are fixed, however, the control buttons for up and down can be swapped in the set up menu as can the location of the windlass (bow or stern).

<sup>2</sup> Stern and bow thruster output locations stated are the default locations. These can be swapped in the set up menu. The port and starboard directions for each output cannot be changed. FOR USE ONLY WITH AA710 REMOTE.

<sup>3</sup> Only required for rope/chain counting  
OUT 5 = White Motor Load Wire  
OUT 6 = Brown Motor Load Wire

## 2.4.2 CONSOLE INSTALLATION

The console is supplied with mounting kit and a cover. One remote console can operate multiple base stations.

The unit should be mounted on a flat surface at least 3ft (1m) away from any equipment transmitting or cables carrying radio signals eg VHF radios, cables and antennas or radar antenna and at least 6ft (2m) away from any SSB equipment.

The remote console is sealed to IP67.

Up to 4 remote consoles can be connected to a system.



## 2.4.3 BASE STATION

Up to 3 base stations can be connected to a system. When operating a windlass, the base station should be mounted close to the windlass, in a position where:

- the lid can be removed easily during operation.
- the LED indicators can be seen during operation.
- the best reception is available (see Fig 10).
- the cables extend below the unit when fixed to the wall to avoid condensation entering through the cable gland.



### Wireless Communication

Best reception for the wireless signal is on the top or sides of the base station as per the diagram. Alloy, steel or carbon fibre will restrict the wireless communication. An antenna may need to be fitted if wireless communication is impeded. AA727 Antenna Part # AA9403

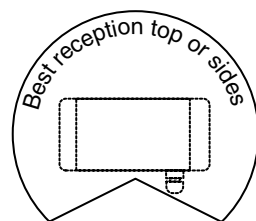


Fig 10

To maintain the IP67 waterproof seal through the cable gland a tinned, marine grade multi core cable must be used and the base station must be mounted so that the cables extend below the unit when fixed to the wall.



## 2.5 POWER SUPPLY



**THE POWER SUPPLY MUST BE DISCONNECTED WHEN INSTALLING, CONNECTING OR CHANGING THE WIRING**

12V or 24V DC power supply is required to the AA702 base station.

Check battery polarity before connecting power and ensure output terminals will not short.

**Refer to the manufacturer's specifications** for fuse/breaker, isolator and main power cable specifications, for the equipment being controlled by the AA570.

Ensure any fuse/breaker on the control circuit has a rating applicable to the current loads connected to the outputs. (AA702 Output maximum is 3.5 Amps). An additional isolating switch should be installed for controls if the main breaker or isolator is not readily accessible from the helm.

Multiple battery bank negative terminals must be permanently connected together to become the common negative return (ground).

### 2.5.1 WINDLASS INSTALLATIONS

Power supply to the AA702 base station must be from the windlass control circuit, along with all other windlass controls eg. toggle switch, remote switches, deck switches, other AutoAnchor devices. **Power supply must not be from the motor positive near the windlass.**

### 2.5.2 MULTIPLE BASE STATION INSTALLATIONS

The master base station must be powered up when using a slave base station application. Separate base stations may be powered from separate supplies, however, **if 2 products are connected to the same base station they must be powered by the same supply, or relays must be used as a means of isolation.** To maintain power to the windlass it is recommended that the windlass be attached to the master base station.

## 2.6 VOLTAGE LEVELS

Neither the windlass nor the AutoAnchor will operate with insufficient power. (See minimum voltages below). Batteries must be properly maintained and charged and all connections and wires must be of good quality and the correct gauge to prevent voltage drop.

| Minimum Voltage Required                                                                          | 12V DC System | 24V DC System |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Minimum voltage required to start windlass                                                        | 10V DC        | 20V DC        |
| If the windlass is already operating, this is the minimum voltage required to continue operating. | 6V DC         | 12V DC        |

## 2.7 WIRING

| CABLE SPECIFICATIONS                                                                                 |                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| An appropriate multi-core cable must be used to maintain the cable gland seal into the base station. |                            |
| Total Length                                                                                         | Cable Size                 |
| <b>Cable from AA702 Base Station to the Power Supply</b>                                             |                            |
| Less than 8m (26ft)                                                                                  | 1.5mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG16) |
| 8m (26ft) - 11m (36ft)                                                                               | 2.0mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG14) |
| 11m (36ft) - 17m (56ft)                                                                              | 2.5mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG12) |
| <b>Cable from AA702 Base Station to Outputs</b>                                                      |                            |
| Less than 10m (33ft)                                                                                 | 1.5mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG16) |
| 10m (33ft) and 20 m (66ft)                                                                           | 2.0mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG14) |
| 20m (66ft) and 40m (132ft)                                                                           | 2.5mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG12) |
| <b>Cable from Motor Load Wires</b>                                                                   |                            |
| Up to 30.5m (100ft)                                                                                  | 1.0mm <sup>2</sup> (AWG18) |

Interlock protection is included in the system. Do not fit diodes or interlock devices to outputs as these will prevent the system from operating correctly.

All battery and motor cables must be ring type, insulated to prevent short circuits and installed no closer than 1ft (300mm) away from the sensor head.

To reduce the potential for interference all cables must be located at least 1.5ft (500mm) away from any equipment transmitting or cables carrying radio signals eg VHF or SSB radios, cables and antennas or radar antennas.

Do not leave cables hanging loose, they must be tied in place with cable ties.

### 2.7.1 MOTOR LOAD WIRES (BROWN AND WHITE) OUTPUTS 5 & 6

**Rope & Chain Counting:** The brown and white wires must be connected direct to the winchless motor terminals for rope & chain counting. **A 1000 Ohm resistor must be fitted near the motor terminal** for short circuit protection. The motor load terminators supplied in the kit have motor terminal connectors with a 1000 Ohm resistor prefitted.

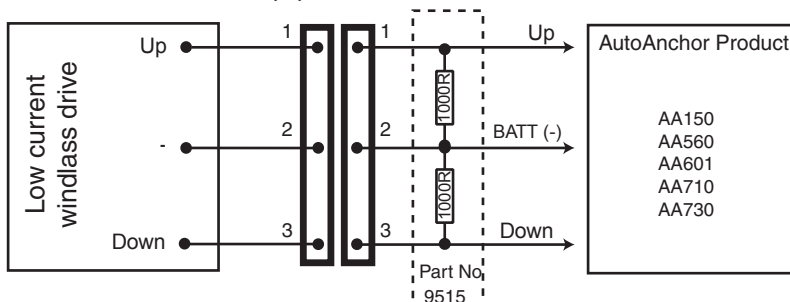
If the AA710 is fitted to an **all-chain windlass**, a thruster or auxiliary equipment. Outputs 5 and 6 can be used for other options.

### 2.7.2 MULTIPLE AUTOANCHOR INSTALLATIONS

It is important when wiring multiple AutoAnchor products that potential differences do not occur along the ground connection. This can cause incorrect counting. Ensure AA560 and AA150 consoles and AA702 base stations are star grounded, and that there are no other high current paths between consoles. **All wiring for multiple installations is run in parallel.** Refer to wiring diagrams for further details.

## 2.7.3 CONNECTION TO LOW CURRENT DRIVES

When connecting to equipment with solid state switching or other low current drives, eg PLC or AC variable frequency, a dummy resistor load (Part # 9515) may be required to provide sufficient loading and to meet EMC and safety considerations. The resistor pack should be installed close to the equipment control **not on the AA702 base station**.

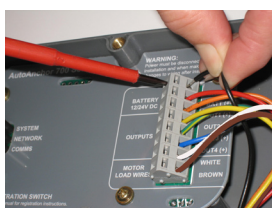


## 2.7.4 PLUG & PLAY SENSOR CONNECTIONS

The AA701 Base Station and the sensor are prefitted with connector plugs. The 2m sensor cable plugs direct into the base station. Extension cables are available. See page 8 for plug and play sensor cable information.

## 2.7.5 CONNECTING THE CABLES INTO THE BASE STATION

Remove the lid from the AA702 base station.  
Feed the multi-core cable through the waterproof gland.  
Connect the cables to the terminal block, using a screwdriver to press down and open each terminal as required. (See the photograph below).  
Tighten the cable gland.  
Replace the lid.



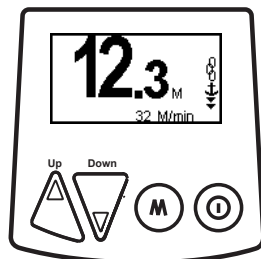
## 2.7.6 WIRING DIAGRAMS FOR AA702 BASE STATION

Wiring diagrams are included in the kit. Please refer to them for wiring detail.  
These diagrams and installation help are also available on [www.autoanchor.co.nz](http://www.autoanchor.co.nz)

## PART 3 SET UP

### 3.1 USING THE AUTOANCHOR BUTTONS

-  Scroll: Menu/Numbers/Up/Down.
-  Mode/Select/Enter/Save.
-  On/Off/Escapes or Back.
-  Hold together to access the Set up menu.
-  Hold for 2 seconds to disable the lock.
-  Hold for 2 seconds to return the AutoAnchor to the idle state.



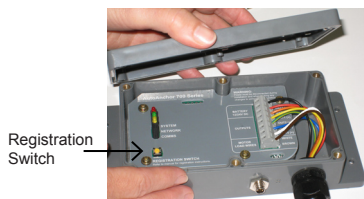
### 3.2 WIRELESS INTERFACE SET UP

#### 3.2.1 SYSTEM OVERVIEW

The AA570 kit is supplied with 1 x AA570 remote console and 1 x AA702 master base station. Each console and base station has a unique ID and the units must be registered to each other to operate the system. If extra outputs are required up to 2 additional base stations, known as slave stations, may be added into the system. Up to 4 consoles can be registered to operate a system. Follow the instructions to register the consoles and base stations.

#### 3.2.2 REGISTRATION SWITCH

Located inside the base station. Use to register the base station to the console and to register a slave to the master base station. See the instructions over.



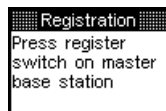
#### 3.2.3 LED INDICATORS

-  **System (Red)**  
Steady red indicates power is on. Flashing continuously indicates registration state is active. Times out after 5 minutes. Flashing a slow pulse indicates sensor is connected when the windlass is turning.
-  **Network (Green)**  
Steady green indicates the base station is a master station. Off indicates the base station is a slave (See instructions to connect a slave station below).
-  **Comms (Yellow)**  
Flashing indicates data is received.

### 3.2.4 TURN THE AA710 SYSTEM ON FOR THE FIRST TIME

Ensure the AA702 base station is powered up.

- ① Press the Power button on the AA570 console to turn it on. Because the system is not yet set up, the screen will tell you to press the registration switch on the master base station. See instructions below to register the console to the base station.



### 3.2.5 REGISTER REMOTE CONSOLES TO THE BASE STATIONS

Each console must be registered separately.

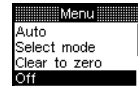


1. Turn off all consoles. ①
2. Connect the power to all base stations.
3. Unscrew and remove the cover from the **master** base station.
4. Press the ① Power button to turn on the remote console. The screen will tell you to "Press the register switch on the master base station". NB. On first use AA570 will be on already.
5. Press and release the registration button. The green LED will stay on. The red LED will flash to indicate the connection is registering.
6. Registration is automatic. The screen will show that the system is getting the network information and then that the console has been successfully registered to the base station. This could take up to 30 seconds.
7. Press the ③ Mode button to select OK. The console will return to the set up screen ready to set up the system functions.
8. If you have more than 1 console to register to the base station repeat the steps above ensuring the first console is turned off before you start.
9. When finished replace the lid on the base station.



### 3.2.6 TO TURN THE AA570 REMOTE CONSOLE OFF AFTER REGISTRATION

- ① Press the Power to escape from Setup to the default start up screen.
- ① Press and hold the Power button for 2 seconds to switch off.



### 3.2.7 ADD EXTRA BASE STATIONS (SLAVES)

Slave base stations are added to supply the outputs for additional functions. All base stations are supplied as masters and they must be reset to operate as a slave. Decide which base station is to remain the master and then follow the directions below to register the slave stations. To maintain power to the windlass it is recommended that it be attached to the master base station.

1. Ensure all remote consoles are turned off.
2. Unscrew and remove the lid from both base stations.
3. Turn on the power to both base stations. The green LED will light up on both stations.
4. **Slave:** Hold down the registration button, on the slave station, for 6 seconds until the green LED turns off. Then release the button. The red LED will flash to indicate the unit is in registration mode.
5. **Master:** Press and release the registration button. The green LED will stay on. The red LED will flash to indicate the connection is registering. Registration is complete when the red LED stops flashing on both base stations.
6. Repeat the process to add further slave stations as required.
7. Before replacing the lids on the base stations you need to record the unique ID number for each base station. The ID is on the white label next to the registration switch. This number is the same as the last 4 digits on the bar code label on the outside of the base station.



Master Base Station ID \_\_\_\_\_

Slave Station 1 ID \_\_\_\_\_

Slave Station 2 ID \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** The AA710 console will automatically update and register the additional slave station when it is next turned on.

### 3.2.8 DEREGISTERING A BASE STATION

If a base station is removed or replaced it must be deregistered from the system. To do this:

Turn the power off to the affected base station and disconnect it. Record the ID number. Power up the master base station. Turn off the AA

 Hold together to display the Set Up Menu. It may take up to 20 seconds for the network information to be updated.



- Select Modes.
- Scroll to the base station ID.
- Select the base station. The screen will show Not Found.
- Select Deregister.
- Select Deregister again. This will remove the registration and restart the system.

If you have deregistered a **slave** station no further action is required.

If you have deregistered a **master** base station the system must be set up again as if it is a new system.



## 3.2.9 REGISTERING A PREVIOUSLY USED BASE STATION OR CONSOLE

### ALL SETTINGS MUST BE CLEARED

#### Previously Used Base Station

Turn off all existing base stations and consoles. Turn on the power to the used base station only. Hold down the registration button for 15 seconds until all three LED's flash. This indicates the base station has performed a complete factory reset and all settings have reverted to the defaults. Follow the instructions to register the base station as if it is a new product. See page 19.

#### Previously Used Console

Turn off all base stations and consoles, including the used console.  
Take the used console and:

Ⓜ + Ⓢ Hold together to access the Set up menu.



Scroll to "Reset Registration"



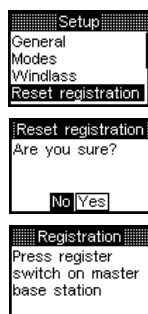
Select "Reset Registration"



Select "Yes"



Confirm by pressing Menu



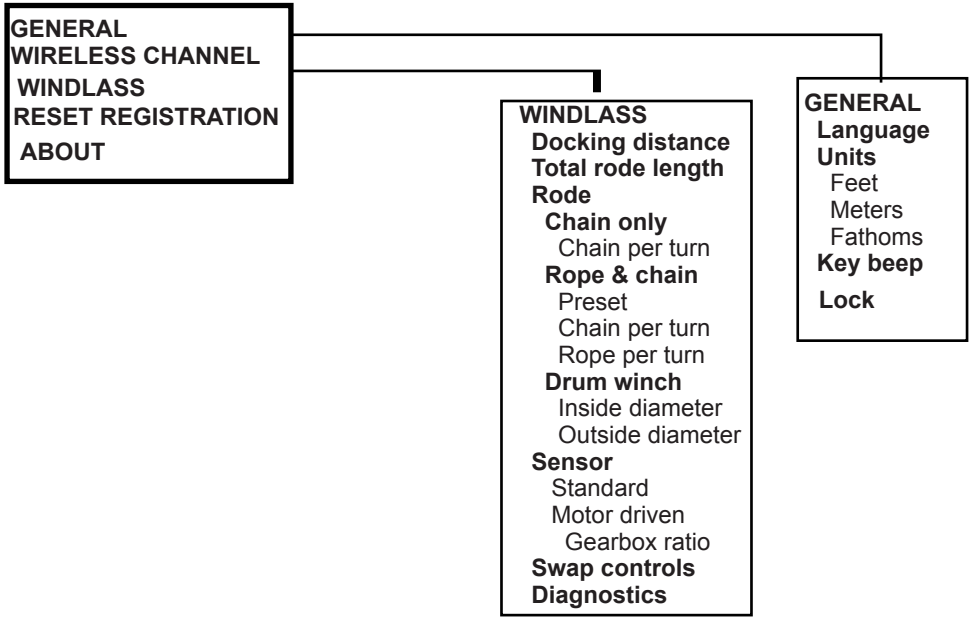
Follow the instructions on page 21 to register the console to the master base station as if it is a new product.

### 3.3 SET UP MENU OVERVIEW

The AutoAnchor must be turned off to access the Set up menu.

Hold  +  together to display the Set up menu.

Use  to scroll through the menu.



**Note:** If you have more than one AA remote console, ensure only one unit is switched on during setup or when changing settings. The other remotes will automatically update when switched back on.

### 3.4 MODES SET UP

The AA702 base station must be powered up and the AA570 remote console must be turned off to access the Set up Menu.

The AA570 system can be set up to operate your choice of equipment on the boat. The standard kit has one master base station and one console. Each base station has 6 outputs. Up to 2 slave stations can be attached to the master station to provide extra outputs. The default system is 1 windlass located on the bow. The options available are explained below, followed by examples of system setups.

#### 3.4.1 WINDLASS SETTINGS

Allocate the outputs for windlasses and anchoring operations in the Modes menu.

##### 3.4.1.1 Windlass Location - Outputs 1 and 2 (Default is 1 windlass)

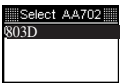
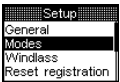
If you have more than one windlass you will need to allocate the outputs and enter the windlass locations into the system. An individual base station is required for each windlass. The windlass outputs must be Output 1 and Output 2. The outputs are operated using the up  and down  buttons.

### 3.5 ALLOCATE MODES (FUNCTIONS) TO THE AA702 BASE STATIONS

After the AA702 base stations have been connected to the equipment the console must be set up to operate it. Follow the instructions below:

#### Turn the AutoAnchor off

-  Hold together to display the Setup menu.
-  Scroll to Modes.
-  Select Modes.
-  Select the AA702 base station that you wish to set up.
-  The ID of all base stations connected to the system will display automatically. If you have more than 1 base station you need the ID for each station.



The ID is on the white label next to the registration switch. This number is the same as the the last 4 digits on the bar code label on the outside of the base station.



Base Station ID

Follow the screen prompts to select the functions for each base station.

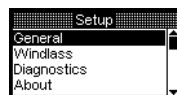
**Note:** When selecting the base station this message may appear for a few seconds. If it stays for longer than 30 seconds the base station may not be powered up or it may be too far away.



### 3.3 GENERAL SET UP

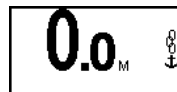
#### To Access General Set Up

- ① Turn the AutoAnchor Off.
- (M) + ① Hold together to display the Set Up menu.
- (M) Select General.



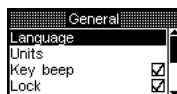
#### To Exit General Set Up

- ① Exit to the Set up menu or hold for 2 seconds to exit to the start screen.



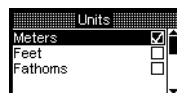
#### Set Language

- (M) Select Language.
- ▲▼ Scroll to the preferred language.
- (M) Save.
- ① Return to General Menu.



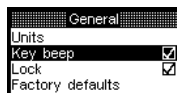
#### Set Units

- (M) Select units.
- ▲▼ Scroll to meters, feet or fathoms.
- (M) Save.
- ① Return to General Menu.



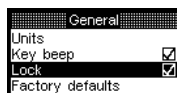
#### Set Key Beep

- ▲▼ Scroll to key beep.
- (M) Save key beep on or off.



#### Set Lock - For safety we recommend the lock be left on.

- ▲▼ Scroll to lock.
- (M) Save lock on or off.



### 3.4.5 WIRELESS CHANNEL - Default: Channel 2

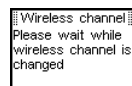
**Do not use this setting unless you need to select a clear channel to avoid interference.**

**Turn OFF all consoles prior to commencing this.**

Channel changing should only be carried out **close to the base station**. The procedure can take up to 20 seconds to complete. It may take two attempts to select the new channel. If contact with the base is lost - try again. The console will then scan for its base and re-allocate the system to the new channel. Additional consoles must all be changed to the new channel using this procedure. Slave base stations will follow the master automatically.

From the Set Up Menu:

- (M) Select Wireless channel
- ▲▼ Increase or decrease the channel number
- When the process is finished the unit automatically returns to the Set up Menu.

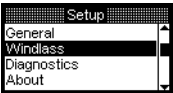


3.5 WINDLASS SET UP

For accurate counting you must set up the AutoAnchor with information for your windlass. Record the settings for future reference.

3.5.1 To Access Windlass Set up

- ① Turn the AutoAnchor Off.
- M + ① Hold together to access the Set up menu.
- A/V Scroll to Windlass.
- M Select Windlass.

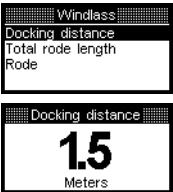


3.5.2 Set Docking Distance

Default = 1.5m or 4ft. Minimum setting = 1m or 3.3ft.  
Note: During retrieval the windlass stops at the docking distance.

- A/V Scroll to Docking distance.
- M Select docking distance.
- A/V Increase or decrease the docking distance.
- M Save and return to Windlass Setup.

Setting:

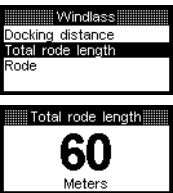


3.5.3 Set Total Rod Length

Add total length of chain plus total length of rope.  
Default = 60m or 196ft. Minimum setting = 10m (33ft).  
or OFF to operate as a counter only.

- A/V Scroll to Total rod length.
- M Select Total rod length.
- A/V Increase or decrease the value in meters or feet.
- M Set

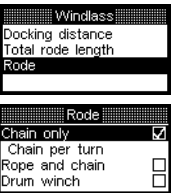
Setting:



3.5.4 Set Rod

- A/V Scroll to Rod.
- M Select Rod.
- M Select Chain only or Rope and chain and follow the instructions below to enter the settings for the rod selected.

Setting:



3.6 CHAIN ONLY RODE SET UP

3.6.1 Chain Per Turn

This is the length of chain that is released during one complete turn of the chainwheel. The information for some windlasses is listed in Appendix 1. If your windlass is not listed follow the instructions below to calculate the chain per turn.

3.6.2 To Enter the Chain per Turn for Chain Only Rode



- Select Chain per turn.
- Enter the measurement. In mm or in metric inches (depending on units selected). See the table below for metric inch calculations.
- Save and return to Rode Set up.
- Exit to Windlass Set up.

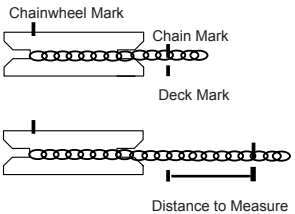
Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

| Rode           |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Chain only     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Chain per turn | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Rope and chain | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

| Chain per turn |
|----------------|
| <b>168</b>     |
| Millimeters    |

3.6.3 Calculating the Chain Per Turn

- Step 1** Use adhesive tape to place a mark on the chainwheel.
- Step 2** Use adhesive tape to place a mark on the chain coming out of the chain wheel.
- Step 3** Use adhesive tape to place a mark on the deck below the mark on the chain.
- Step 4** Carefully release the chainwheel so that it can be turned by hand to feed the chain out.
- Step 5** Using the mark on the chainwheel as a guide, turn the chainwheel one turn, causing the chain to be released on to the deck.
- Step 6** Measure the length of chain from the mark on the deck to the mark on the chain.
- Step 7** Enter this measurement (See below).



Metric Inches Conversion Table

| Inches | Metric Inches | AutoAnchor Setting (to 1 decimal point) |
|--------|---------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1/8    | 0.125         | 0.1                                     |
| 1/4    | 0.25          | 0.3                                     |
| 3/8    | 0.375         | 0.4                                     |
| 1/2    | 0.5           | 0.5                                     |
| 5/8    | 0.625         | 0.6                                     |
| 3/4    | 0.75          | 0.8                                     |
| 7/8    | 0.875         | 0.9                                     |

3.7 ROPE AND CHAIN RODE SET UP

Some rope and chain windlasses have the settings already entered in the AutoAnchor. Refer to the Preset Windlass Profile List in Appendix 1. If your windlass is on the list select “Use preset” to enter the Windlass profile.

If your windlass is not on the list:

You will need to enter information for the chain and rope per turn. (See instructions on page 25).

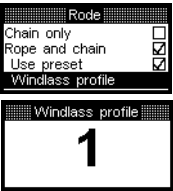
| Rode           |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Chain only     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Rope and chain | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Use preset     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Chain per turn | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

### 3.7.1 Selecting Use Preset

Refer to the Preset Windlass Profile List list in Appendix 1.

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

-  Select Use Preset.
-  Select Preset.
-  Scroll to the correct Windlass profile for your windlass.
-  Save and return to Windlass Set up. There are no further settings.
-  Exit to Set up menu or hold for 2 seconds to return to the start screen.



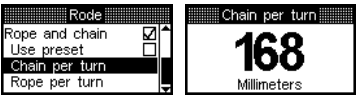
### 3.7.2 Chain per Turn for Rope and Chain Rode

This is the length of chain that is released during one complete turn of the chainwheel. The chain per turn for some windlasses is listed in Appendix 1. If your windlass is not listed, follow the instructions on page 25 to calculate it.

### 3.7.3 To Enter the Chain per Turn

-  Select Chain per turn.
-  Enter the measurement in mm or metric feet (depending on the units selected). See the table for metric inch calculations.
-  Save and return to Rode Set up.

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

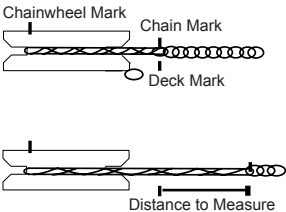


### 3.7.4 Rope per Turn for Rope and Chain Rode

This is the length of rope that is released during one complete turn of the chainwheel. You need to measure the length of rope pulled through for 10 turns and divide the result by 10. **See instructions below to calculate the rope per turn.**

### 3.7.5 Calculating the Rope Per Turn

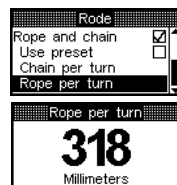
- Step 1** Carefully release the chainwheel so that it can be turned by hand to feed the rode out until you have rope.
- Step 2** As you did for the chain, use adhesive tape to mark the chainwheel, the deck and the rope. (See the instructions for the chain per turn above).
- Step 3** Using the mark on the chainwheel as a guide, pull the rope out by hand until the chainwheel has completed 10 turns.
- Step 4** Measure the length of rope pulled, divide it by 10.
- Step 5** Enter this measurement.



### 3.7.6 To Enter the Rope per Turn

Setting:

-  Select Rope per turn.
-  Enter the measurement in mm or metric inches (depending on the units selected).
-  Save and return to Rode Set up. There are no further settings.
-  Exit to Windlass Set up. Press twice to exit to the Set Up menu or hold for 2 seconds to return to the start screen.



### 3.8 SENSOR SET UP

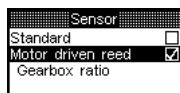
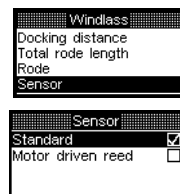
Default setting: **Standard - Applies to all AA sensors, reed switch baseplate sensors and proximity sensors.** The default setting should only be changed if you are using a motor driven sensor. (See below).

**Note:** The sensor is tuned to the system on first use.

#### 3.8.1 Motor Driven Sensors

To select the motor driven sensor:

-  Scroll to Sensor.
-  Select Sensor.
-  Scroll to Motor driven reed.
-  Select.
-  Scroll to Gearbox ratio.
-  Select Gearbox ratio.
-  Increase or decrease the Gearbox ratio.
-  Save and exit to the Sensor set up menu.
-  Exit to the Windlass set up menu or hold for 2 seconds to return to start screen.



### 3.9 SWAP CONTROLS

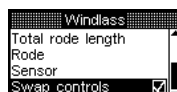
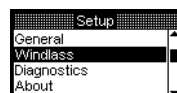
Default setting:  = Up and  = Down

Some operators prefer to use the buttons so that

 = Out and  = In

Access the swap controls feature via the Windlass Set up Menu.

-  Turn the AutoAnchor Off.
-  +  Hold together to access the Set up menu.
-  Scroll to Windlass.
-  Select Windlass.
-  Scroll to Swap Controls.
-  Select Swap Controls.
-  Exit to the Windlass Set Up or hold for 2 seconds to return to start screen.



**Note:** This feature can not be used to correct wiring errors.

3.10 DRUM WINCH SET UP

Access via the Windlass Set Up Menu. 3 settings are required:

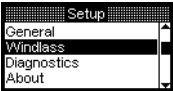
Total Rode Length.

Inside Diameter.

Outside Diameter with rode retrieved.

3.10.1 To Access Windlass Set up

- ① Turn the AutoAnchor Off.
- (M) + ① Hold together to access the Set up menu.
- ⏮ ⏭ Scroll to Windlass.
- (M) Select Windlass.

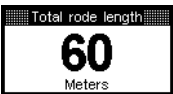
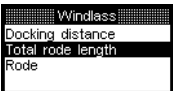


3.10.2 Set Total Rode Length

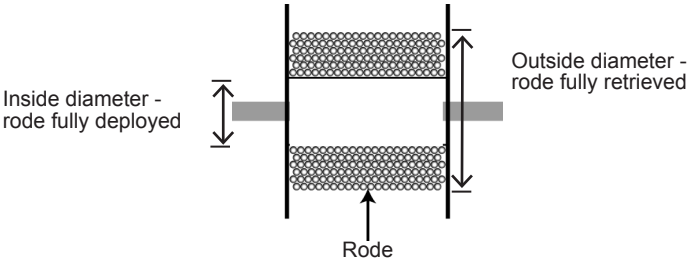
Add total length of chain plus total length of rope  
Defaut = 60m or 196ft. Minimum setting = 10m (33ft)

Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

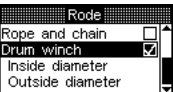
- ⏮ ⏭ Scroll to Total rode length.
- (M) Select Total rode length.
- ⏮ ⏭ Increase or decrease the value in meters or feet.
- (M) Save and return to Windlass Set up.



3.10.3 To Enter the Inside and Outside Diameter



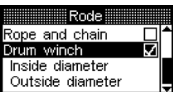
- ⏮ ⏭ Scroll to Rode.
- (M) Select Rode.
- ⏮ ⏭ Scroll to Drum winch.
- (M) Select Drum winch.



- (M) Select Inside diameter.
- ⏮ ⏭ Enter the measurement in mm or metric inches (depending on the units selected).
- (M) Save and return to Drum winch set up.
- ① Exit to Windlass Set up. Press twice to exit to the Set Up menu or hold for 2 seconds to return to the start up screen.

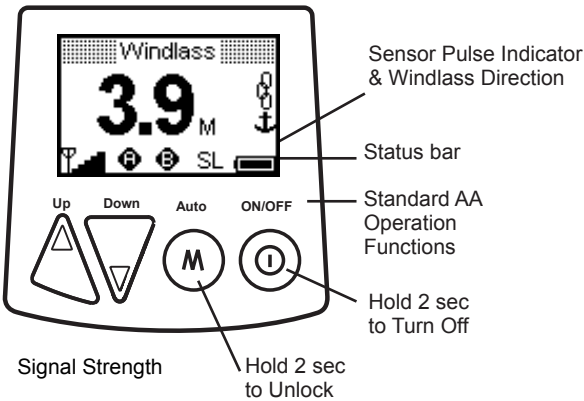
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Outside Diameter: \_\_\_\_\_



# PART 4 OPERATION

## AA570 BUTTONS

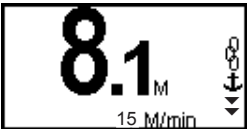


**In an emergency shut off the power to the windlass using the isolating/breaker switch.**

**Note:** Some operators prefer to swap the Up/Down buttons as follows:  
Up = Out and Down = In.

### 4.1 INFORMATION DISPLAYED DURING OPERATION

- The length of rode deployed in feet, metres or fathoms.
- The direction the anchor is moving.
- The type of rode being deployed (chain or rope).
- Windlass speed.



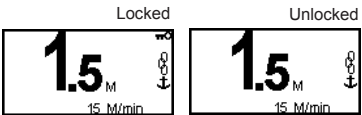
Settings and measurements are saved if the unit is turned off or the battery fails.  
Counting continues if the windlass is operated by another control eg foot switches.

#### 4.1.1 Lock

The AutoAnchor is fitted with a lock to help protect against unintentional windlass operation.



Hold the Mode button for 2 seconds to unlock.



The lock automatically resets 5 minutes after the AutoAnchor was last operated or when the AutoAnchor is turned off. You can also reset the lock by holding down the (M) button until **the key** is displayed in the top right corner.

### 4.1.1 SELECTING BETWEEN WINDLASSES

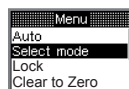


Cycle through the modes by pressing the Mode button for 1 second at a time

**OR**



Press and release the Mode button to access the menu.  
Select the Mode.



Select desired windlass to operate.

### 4.2.2 SIGNAL STRENGTH

This is the signal received by the remote console from the base station. It is affected by the distance between the two units and by structural aspects of the boat. Eg. A high concentration of steel superstructure between the base station and the remote console. If the base station is installed beneath a steel, carbon fibre or alloy deck it may need an antenna.

## 4.3 USER PRECAUTIONS

It is the owner's sole responsibility to ensure the AutoAnchor is installed, used and maintained in a manner that will not cause accidents, personal injury or property damage. When using the AutoAnchor the operator must follow safe boating practices for all equipment use.

- all equipment controlled by the AutoAnchor must be installed and used strictly according to the original equipment manufacturer's instructions;
- only persons who are fully aware of the correct use of the thruster, windlass, auxiliary or optional equipment should be allowed to use the AutoAnchor to control this equipment;
- the user must personally control and supervise all anchoring, docking and other equipment operations;
- the user must have a clear view of all equipment when operated using the AutoAnchor;
- the user must know the location of the main breaker or battery switch to disconnect the windlass, thruster or auxiliary equipment from all power sources in the event of an emergency;
- the power supply to all equipment must be turned off when it is not in use;
- there must be an alternative method available to operate all equipment to be operated by the AutoAnchor, including the windlass, thruster, auxiliary and optional equipment;
- a failure of the wireless link will result in loss of control of the equipment via the AutoAnchor.

## 4.4 SET UP AND TESTING

Before use the AutoAnchor must be correctly set up for the equipment it is to control and then tested in a safe environment. For example, the AutoAnchor will not count correctly if the windlass selection is wrong or the windlass is not standard (eg it is installed with a different chainwheel or motor).

## 4.5 WINDLASS OPERATION WITH THE AA570

### 4.5.1 PLUG & PLAY SENSOR TUNING

Required for all sensors other than a motor driven reed sensor. This screen automatically displays on first use or if Factory Defaults are loaded, the sensor is reset or there has been a loss of sensor signal.

**Installation and set up must be complete and the anchor must be docked before starting this process.**

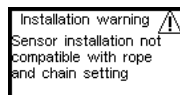
Clear the AutoAnchor to zero if necessary.

Deploy the anchor using the AutoAnchor. Initially the status bar will display **"Sensor tuning"**. Continue deployment until this message changes to **"Tuning done"**. **This must be done in one continuous operation without taking your finger off the button until the "Tuning done" message displays. This could take up to 10 turns of the windlass.** Retrieve the anchor to the docked position and clear to zero if needed.



**Note: If you do need to take your finger off the button, start the process again.**

**Rope/Chain System:** The default rode set up is chain only. If rope and chain rode is selected without the correct sensor and magnet set up a "Sensor installation not compatible with rope and chain setting" message will display. Check the installation and rode set up and reset the sensor to restart the tuning process.



# 4.4 AUTOMATIC AND MANUAL OPERATION

Keep your finger on the button to deploy the anchor manually or use the automatic function for hands free anchor deployment and retrieval. See the instructions for both options below.

**For an accurate reading always ensure the AutoAnchor display reads 0.0 before deploying the anchor.**

## 4..4.1 MANUAL OPERATION

**Deploy and Retrieve the Anchor Using Manual Operation.**

-  Turn the AutoAnchor on.
-  Clear the safety lock.
-  Hold down the up or down button to deploy or retrieve the anchor. Releasing the button stops the windlass operation.

**Ensure the anchor is fully docked and secured before moving the boat.**

**DOCKING ALARM:** During retrieval the windlass will stop and the AutoAnchor beeps to warn the operator the anchor is at the preset docking distance. Press and hold the button to continue retrieval.  
**Extra care must be taken at this stage of retrieval.**



## 4.4.2 AUTOMATIC OPERATION

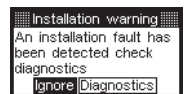


**WARNING:** There is an inherent risk when using any automatic function on a boat. If you choose to use the AutoAnchor automatic functions, you must still control and supervise all windlass and anchoring operation.

Use the Automatic Function to:

- Preset the length of rode for deployment.
- Have hands-free operation of the windlass.
- Retrieve the anchor automatically to the preset docking distance.

Note: For rope/chain counting, if the sensor or load sensing wires are not installed correctly the automatic function **will not operate**. An Installation warning message will display on the screen. The windlass can still be operated using manual operation but on retrieval the display may be incorrect because it cannot allow for the stretch in the rope.

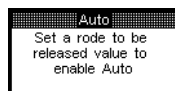


## Safety Override

Press any button on the AutoAnchor to stop the windlass during automatic release or retrieval. **In an emergency shut off the power to the windlass using the isolating/breaker switch.**

## Enable Automatic Operation

A “rode to be released” value must be entered to use automatic operation.

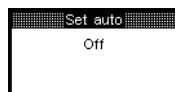


### To Set A Rode to be Released Value

-  Turn the AutoAnchor on.
-  Clear the safety lock.
-  Press the Mode button twice to enter Set auto.
-  Scroll up or down to change the value.
-  Save ready to deploy. Press twice to return to start screen.

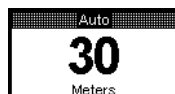


**To disable the automatic operation: Set the rode to be released value to Off.**



### Deploy the Anchor Using Automatic Operation

-  Turn the AutoAnchor on.
-  Clear the safety lock.
-  Press the Mode button to select Auto. The screen displays the current length for Auto release.
-  If this setting is correct. Press and release the down button to deploy the anchor.



### To Change the setting:

-  Press the Mode button again to select Set auto.
-  Enter the value.
-  Save and return to Auto.

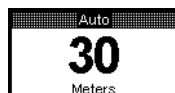


The windlass will stop and the AutoAnchor will beep when the preset length of rode has been released. The screen will display “Auto target reached”.



### Retrieve the Anchor Using Automatic Operation

-  Turn the AutoAnchor on.
-  Clear the safety lock.
-  Press the Mode button to Select Auto.
-  Press and release the Up button to retrieve the anchor.
- The windlass will stop and the AutoAnchor will beep when the docking distance is reached. The screen will display Docking distance.
-  Press the Up button to complete retrieval of the anchor.
- The AutoAnchor will beep during this process.



**Ensure the anchor is fully docked and secured before moving the boat.**

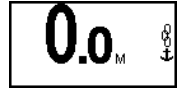
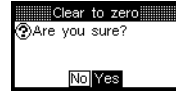
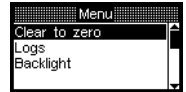
### 4.3 OTHER OPERATION SETTINGS

Press  to access the menu when the AutoAnchor is turned on.

#### 4.3.1 To Clear to Zero

The AutoAnchor must be turned on.

-  Press to access the Menu.
-  Select clear to zero.
-  Select No/Yes.
-  **Yes** - return to start screen.
-  **No** - return to the menu, then press  again to return to the start screen.



#### 4.3.2 To Check Logs

The AutoAnchor must be turned on.

-  Press to access the Menu.
-  Select Logs.
-  Return to the menu.
-  Exit and return to start screen.



Logs are cleared using the Factory Default Settings.

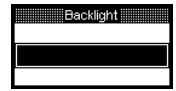


**Resetting the Factory Defaults clears all logs and calibrations.**

#### 4.3.4 To Adjust Backlight

The AutoAnchor must be turned on. It is best to change this setting in low light.

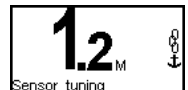
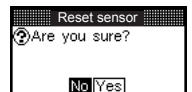
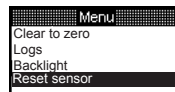
-  Press to access the Menu.
-  Select Backlight.
-  Change the Backlighting level.
-  Save and return to the menu.
-  Exit and return to start screen.



#### 4.3.5 To Reset Sensor

The AutoAnchor must be turned on.

-  Press to access the Menu.
-  Select Reset sensor.
-  Select No/Yes.
-  Exit return to start screen.



Deploy the anchor to tune the sensor.

## PART 5 MAINTENANCE

The AutoAnchor does not contain any user servicable parts.

User maintenance is limited to:

- Checking all cables and connections for signs of wear or damage and replacing them as necessary.
- Checking the sensor head is not worn and has not moved out of alignment with the magnet and replacing the sensor if necessary. **After any sensor repairs or changes to sensor installation reset the sensor. See page 28.**
- Checking the magnet is not worn or corroded and replacing the magnet if necessary.

Note: Do not use chemical or abrasive materials to clean the console unit. If it is dirty wipe it with a clean damp cloth. Avoid wiping the display screen with a dry cloth as this could scratch the screen.

## PART 6 TROUBLESHOOTING

Messages are displayed on the AA570 console screen to assist with operation and troubleshooting. These messages are designed to assist the user. They may be **information messages**, for example that the console is locked, or the sensor is tuning. They may also be **diagnostic messages**, for example, that the sensor installation is not compatible or the power supply is wired incorrectly.

Many of the messages are self explanatory. Some will require further diagnostics. See the Troubleshooting Messages, the Diagnostics Table and the Internal Voltmeter/Test Tool information on the following pages.

**Please Note:** The messages are designed to help find an installation problem. They are triggered by external wiring, installation or set up issues which need fixing. **They are not caused by a fault with the AutoAnchor.**

| TRUBLESHOOTING MESSAGES                                                                                                                                                 | POSSIBLE CAUSE/ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| 1. Auto mode disabled<br><br><i>Note: Unless the fault is in the solenoid wiring the AA570 will operate the windlass in manual mode when this message is displayed.</i> | Auto mode is disabled when:<br>1. No sensor pulses are detected. See message 6 below.<br>2. The sensor installation is not compatible with rope and chain settings. See message 7 below.<br>3. The load sensing wires are not connected for rope/chain counting. See the rope/chain wiring diagram and message 7 below.<br>4. A solenoid wire is disconnected. See message 9 below.<br>5. No rode to be released value has been entered.<br>6. Total rode set to OFF. |
| 2. Battery voltage too low to operate windlass.<br><br><i>The voltage displays on the status bar.</i>                                                                   | 1. If the battery is fully charged, check the wiring for bad connections.<br>2. Check the cable meets the specifications. If the cable is the wrong size there may be voltage drop between the battery and the AutoAnchor.<br>Go to the Diagnostics in the Set up menu to view the battery information.                                                                                                                                                               |
| 3. Installation warning                                                                                                                                                 | Appears when switching on the AutoAnchor.<br>Go to Diagnostics for more information.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 4. Motor externally controlled.                                                                                                                                         | 1. Another control is being used for the windlass.<br>2. Solenoid common ground is not connected or swapped with an up or down terminal.<br>3. Large voltage potential difference between AA710 Ground and Solenoid common ground.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 5. Power supply wired incorrectly.                                                                                                                                      | The wiring diagram has not been followed. Power is backfeeding to the AutoAnchor from a supply outside the control circuit. Refer to wiring diagram. Common example of incorrect wiring is AA710 and deck switches powered from separate sources.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |

| TROUBLESHOOTING<br>MESSAGES Cont'd                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | POSSIBLE CAUSE/ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <p>6. <b>Sensor:</b> No sensor pulses detected.</p> <p><i>Note: The AA570 will continue to operate the windlass up and down in manual mode when this message is displayed. It will not count.</i></p>                                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use manual operation to check the windlass speed is more than the minimum operating speed of 5 metres per minute. Windlass speed is displayed on the status bar.</li> <li>2. Check the correct windlass set up and sensor has been selected.</li> <li>3. Check the magnet and sensor installation.</li> <li>4. Check the magnet and sensor are not damaged (eg rusted magnet).</li> <li>5. Check the gap between the magnet and sensor is correct for your set up.</li> <li>6. If using a rope/chain system check that the sensor installation is compatible with a rope/chain set up. See message 7 below.</li> <li>7. Go to Diagnostics in the Set Up Menu to view sensor voltages. See the tables on pages</li> </ol> |
| <p>7. <b>Sensor:</b> Sensor installation not compatible with rope and chain settings.</p> <p><i>Note: The AA570 will continue to operate the windlass up and down in manual mode when this message is displayed. The count will not be accurate.</i></p> | <p><b>APPLIES TO ROPE/CHAIN SYSTEMS ONLY</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Check the correct windlass set up has been selected.</li> <li>2. Check magnet and sensor installation is correct. The grey AA sensor must be installed for rope/chain counting. The magnet must be installed in the top of the chainwheel and the sensor must be fitted</li> <li>3. Check that the load sensing wires are connected. Refer to the rope/chain wiring diagram.</li> <li>4. Go to Diagnostics in the Set Up Menu to view sensor signal readouts.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <p>8. <b>Sensor:</b> Sensor tuning and tuning done</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The plug and play sensor detector is operating. Deploy the rode through the windlass until the message changes to "Tuning done" then dock the anchor.</li> <li>2. If the "sensor tuning" message does not change to "tuning done" after 10 turns of the windlass, check the sensor installation is correct.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <p>9. Solenoid is disconnected, shorted or stuck on.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use another control to check the solenoid is operating the windlass.</li> <li>2. Go to Diagnostics in the Setup menu to view the solenoid wiring readouts.</li> <li>3. Check solenoid wiring for open circuit or short circuit.</li> </ol>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| WIRELESS NETWORK TROUBLESHOOTING                                                                                 | POSSIBLE CAUSE/ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Screen Message: Cannot register console and base stations.                                                    | 1. Turn all consoles and base stations off and then back on. Try registration again. <b>If the problem persists:</b><br>2. Clear registration for all consoles and base stations<br>Try registration again. <b>If the problem persists:</b><br>3. Units may be out of range. Try repositioning the console or base station before trying registration again.<br>4. Check if the base station or console is close to severe interference eg. VHF radios, modified sine wave inverters, cable and antennas or radar antennas.<br>5. If connection is still not possible the system may require an antenna (Part #9403).                                                                                                                                                            |
| 2. Console cannot find base station. Console displays "base not found" for 60 seconds and then it will turn off. | 1. Check that master base station is powered up. <b>If the problem persists:</b><br>2. There may be interference on the current channel. Turn all consoles and base stations off and then back on. <b>If the problem persists:</b><br>3. Units may be out of range. Try repositioning the console or base station. <b>If the problem persists:</b><br>4. The registration may be incorrect. Clear registration settings for all consoles and base stations. Try registration again.<br>Check if the base station or console is close to severe interference eg. VHF radios, modified sine wave inverters, cable and antennas or radar antennas.<br>5. Try setting to another channel.<br>6. If connection is still not possible the system may require an antenna. (Part #9403). |
| 3. Console will not turn on.                                                                                     | 1. Check batteries are installed correctly. Batteries may require replacing.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4. System works in one location but will not connect at another or will not work at different times of the day.  | 1. There may be interference on the transmission channel. to set the system to another channel.<br>2. The system may require an antenna (Part #9403).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5. Immediately after pressing a button the solenoids click on and then off. Then the console loses connection    | 1. The power supply has dropped below 5V causing the unit to reset. To test check the base station. All 3 x LED's will flash twice before shutting down the system.<br>2. Check the battery voltage.<br>3. Check power supply wiring. It is likely the cable is below specification causing voltage drop.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

| OTHER TROUBLESHOOTING                                                                                                                                                                                 | POSSIBLE CAUSE/ACTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| 1. AutoAnchor counts when the windlass is not turning or counts erratically displaying a large number. The screen may display <b>Sensor unstable</b> and the unit may beep when turned off or locked. | 1. Uncontrolled anchor rode could be running through the windlass or there may be some external interference.<br>2. The sensor may be damaged. The sensor cable is not the specified type or the connection may be faulty.<br>3. Check the sensor wiring. If the AA sensor plug is not used the wires must be soldered. All wires must be connected (including the drain) and shielded cable must be used. |
| 3. AutoAnchor counts but does not operate the windlass                                                                                                                                                | Total length of rode has been set to off. AutoAnchor then operates as a counter only.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 4. The count pauses during retrieval.<br><i>This applies to rope/chain rode only.</i>                                                                                                                 | If the sensor indicator (arrow) is still pulsing, this is not a fault. The rode is changing from rope to chain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 5. The count stays on zero when rode is deployed and counts out when rode is retrieved.                                                                                                               | The unit is not receiving correct direction information. Solenoid up and down wires are swapped.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 6. Windlass deploys when the Up button is pressed and retrieves when the Down button is pressed.                                                                                                      | 1. The motor or solenoid wiring is reversed. Change the wiring and check the direction of windlass rotation. If the brown and white wires are connected, also check that they are correct after you have changed the wiring.<br>2. Buttons are swapped in the windlass menu.                                                                                                                               |
| 7. Windlass does not stop exactly at the preset point.                                                                                                                                                | Stopping is accurate to +1 chainwheel revolution. The chainwheel will run on slightly with momentum.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| 8. Windlass stops before the length of rode specified is deployed.                                                                                                                                    | Using the Automatic function the rode release stops 10ft (3m) short of the Total Length of Rode on Board setting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

#### AFTER ANY SENSOR REPAIRS OR CHANGES:

**DOCK THE ANCHOR AND RESET THE SENSOR. SEE PAGE 28.**

#### FOR ADDITIONAL TROUBLESHOOTING:

Contact AutoAnchor support on:

[www.autoanchor.co.nz/autoanchor-installation-help.php](http://www.autoanchor.co.nz/autoanchor-installation-help.php) Fill in the information form.

Email: [support@autoanchor.co.nz](mailto:support@autoanchor.co.nz) or Telephone: +64 9 360 0300

## PART 7 TECHNICIAN DIAGNOSTIC INFORMATION

Diagnostic messages help find an installation problem. The diagnostic messages are all caused by external wiring, set up or installation issues which need fixing. They are not caused by a fault with the AutoAnchor.

**INTERNAL VOLTMETER/TEST TOOL:** This tool displays the voltages and status of sensor, battery and load wires. The information is required by the AutoAnchor support team for effective technical assistance.

**Contact AutoAnchor support on:**

[www.autoanchor.co.nz/autoanchor-installation-help](http://www.autoanchor.co.nz/autoanchor-installation-help) Fill in the information form.

or

Email: [support@autoanchor.co.nz](mailto:support@autoanchor.co.nz) or Telephone: +64 9 360 300.

**Access the information from the Set up menu or from the installation warning screen.**

The AA570 must be turned off to access the Set up menu.

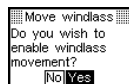
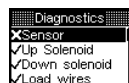
Hold (M)+(C) together to display the Set up menu.

Use  $\Delta/\nabla$  to scroll through the menus and (M) to select windlass. Scroll to "Diagnostics" and select with (M)

Press (M) again for extended diagnostic information and test tools.

To update the recorded signal levels rotate the windlass 2 or more turns  
Press  $\Delta/\nabla$  buttons or freewheel the windlass to rotate.

**Check the windlass is safe and clear before using this function.**



### Sensor Information

| Sensor                                                                                                        | Source Icon<br>Signal<br>Voltage (V)<br>Signal (mV) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Correct Parameters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>AA Grey Sensor</b><br>Chain Only<br>Set Up<br><i>Bottom Fit Magnet</i><br><i>Polarity not relevant</i>     |                                                     | <b>Signal A</b> - (Red sensor wire from the console) is sensor power supply. Voltage must be between 4.6V and 4.9V.<br><b>Signal B</b> - Reading depends on gap and magnet polarity. Range 0.5V - 4.6V. Minimum working signal 0.5V.<br><b>Signal C</b> - If Signal B is less than 0.5V then Signal C will take over and operate down to 100mV for an all chain set up. |
| <b>AA Grey Sensor</b><br>Rope/Chain Set Up<br><i>Top Fit Magnet</i><br><i>Polarity not relevant</i>           |                                                     | <b>Signal A</b> - (Red sensor wire from the console) is sensor power supply.<br><b>Signal B</b> - Reading is not relevant.<br><b>Signal C</b> - Minimum value is 100 mV when reading the chain pulses.                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>AA Black Sensor</b><br>Chain Only Set Up<br><i>Bottom Fit Magnet</i><br><i>South pole must face sensor</i> |                                                     | <b>Signal A</b> - (Red sensor wire from the console) moves between 2.6V and 4.6V. Minimum working signal 0.5V.<br><b>Signal B</b> - Reading is not relevant<br><b>Signal C</b> - Reading is not relevant.                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Reed Switch</b><br>Chain Only Set Up<br><i>Bottom Fit Magnet</i><br><i>Polarity not relevant</i>           |                                                     | <b>Signal A</b> - (Red sensor wire from the console) is not used.<br>Black sensor wire (from the console) is connected to the reed switch.<br><b>Signal B</b> - Range is 0.0V to 5V.<br><b>Signal C</b> - Reading is not relevant.                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>NPN Proximity</b><br>Sensor Chain Only<br>Set Up                                                           |                                                     | <b>Signal A</b> - (Red sensor wire from the console) is the proximity sensor's power supply.<br><b>Signal B</b> - Range 2.5V - 4.6V. Minimum working signal 0.5V<br><b>Signal C</b> - Reading is not relevant.                                                                                                                                                          |

### Sensor Installation Diagnostic Messages

These messages appear when the AA570 is turned on. Go to the extended diagnostics for more information. After fixing the sensor installation retune the sensor. See page 28.

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| Red sensor wire grounded                                         |  | <p>The Red sensor wire is overloaded below 2.5 volts</p> <p>Disconnect the plugs one at a time to locate the short or excessive load.</p> <p>If no short is found, the sensor may be damaged. Try a new sensor.</p> <p><i>Windlass will operate but not count.</i></p>                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| No Sensor pulses                                                 |  | <p>Electrical connections are OK (voltages are correct) but no sensor pulses are being received by the console and it is not counting.</p> <p>Rotate the windlass to check for signal voltage. If there is still no signal either the magnet or the sensor needs replacing. Check the magnet is strong and not rusted and check the sensor for physical damage.</p>                                                                                              |
| Sensor installation not compatible with rope and chain settings. |  | <p>A rope/chain mode has been selected but the installation is not compatible with this selection.</p> <p>The system is tuned to the Signal B sensor input (all chain) instead of Signal C sensor input (rope/chain).</p> <p><b>Possible causes:</b></p> <p>Magnet is installed on the bottom of chainwheel instead of the top.</p> <p>The sensor is not the grey AA sensor.</p> <p>The windlass has been operated with no chain so the tuning is incorrect.</p> |

| Other Diagnostic Messages |  | Possible Causes and Solutions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| Up Solenoid               |  | <p>Check the solenoid wires are properly connected.</p> <p>Solenoid common ground is not connected or swapped with an up or down terminal.</p> <p>The load connected to the solenoid wires is insufficient. Check that each solenoid wire has a load of more than 10mA (12V DC) or 20mA (24V DC).</p> <p>The idle voltage is greater than 2.0V - this can occur when connecting to a solid state or low current drive windlass control eg PLC or AC VFD. A dummy resistor load Part #9515 may be required to fix this.</p> |
| Down Solenoid             |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Load wires                |  | <p><b>These wires are used for combination rope and chain modes. They are not required for chain only use.</b></p> <p>When correctly connected to the motor terminal both wires show nearly zero volts at idle. Under load they show motor ground and supply terminal voltages.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Battery                   |  | <p>The voltage at the time of failure is recorded on the status bar.</p> <p>This page records the voltage drop when the motor is started. In this example the supply voltage to the AA710 fell below 6V for a short period.</p> <p>The power supply wiring has high resistance or is too thin for the distance of the run or the ground wire is disconnected.</p>                                                                                                                                                          |



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