



PreView® Sentry™
ST82 & ST87 Series
Sensor Operating Manual



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Overview

This document describes the PreView® Sentry™ radar sensor manufactured by Preco® Electronics, Inc., located in Boise, Idaho, USA. The document does not claim to cover all the possible applications or deployment areas for these devices. This document may be amended, corrected, and enhanced in keeping with the sensor development progress.

Product Description

The PreView® Sentry™ is a small, rugged, short/medium range radar sensor designed by Preco® Electronics for use in heavy duty applications, such as trucks/busses, construction, mining, waste, utilities, and other applications requiring a robust, high-performance radar. **This frequency band is legal throughout most of the world, but check with Preco Electronics or your country's regulations before purchasing.**



Figure 1. PreView® Sentry™ Radar Sensor

The Sentry works in adverse weather conditions, has a wide operating temperature range, is sealed to meet IP69K, withstands high vibration and shock levels, and is maintenance free.

Using a frequency modulated transmit waveform, the Sentry measures radial range, speed and angle, reflectivity, and other parameters of multiple stationary and moving targets simultaneously. This radar sensor has a wide horizontal field of view up to $\pm 75^\circ$, providing coverage flexibility to be a solution for virtually any application. Figure 2 illustrates an example of the Sentry sensor's adjustable detection zone.

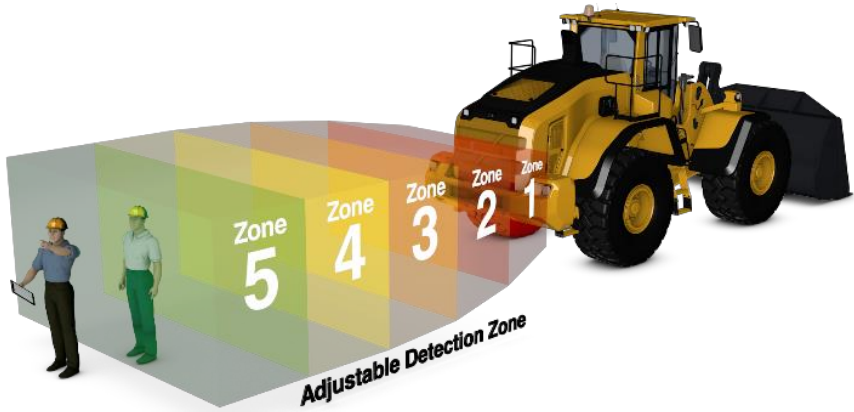


Figure 2. Adjustable Detection Zone

The Sentry has multiple models with preconfigured detection zones: both range and width of detection zone. **Note:** the www.preco.com website contains the most current data on radar sensor models.

Sentry ST87 Series radar sensors include an 8-pin Deutsch connector pigtail as shown in Figure 1. The Sentry ST82 Series radar sensors use an 8-pin Conxall connector on the back of the radar.

The Sentry model numbering system is as follows:

Model ST8XYZ, where

X defines the connector type - 7 is for Deutsch and 2 is for Conxall

YY defines the sensor's detection range in meters

Z defines the detection width in meters

Example: Model ST87063 describes a sensor with a Deutsch connector, a 20 feet (6 m) detection range and a 10 foot (3 m) detection width.

Please contact Preco Electronics or refer to www.preco.com for available model numbers.

Figure 3 illustrates a truck backing application with the radar detection zone set to a range of 6 m and a width of 3 m.

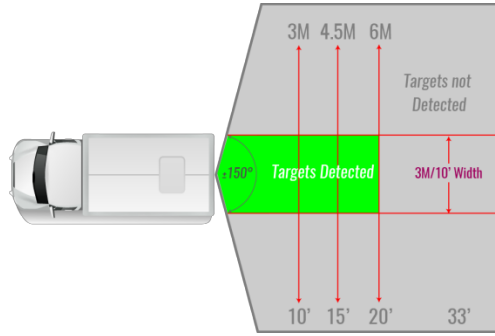


Figure 3. Detection Zone 6 m

Figure 4 illustrates a mining haul truck backing application with the radar detection zone set to a range of 30 m and a width of 10 m.

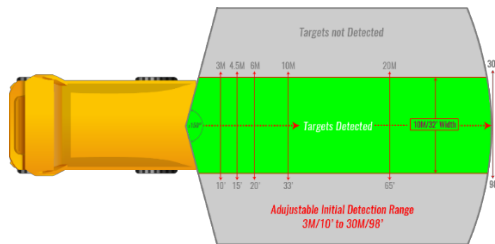


Figure 4. Detection Zone 30 m

The sensor is active and starts reporting detections within 300 milliseconds (ms) after power up.

The Sentry performance is not affected by other PreView Sentry or similar sensors operating in close proximity with each other.

Other Sensor Features

The Sentry™ sensor has a continuous Built-In-Self-Test (BIST) that notifies the operator display of sensor failure within a fraction of a second. This test functions by monitoring the transmit and receive performance as well as other internal operations.

The Sentry™ sensor can also determine if the face of the sensor is blocked with excessive ice, mud, or snow that is impeding proper operation. This blockage is then reported to the operator display.

Both the self-test and blockage detection features are important to fail-safe operation.

Sensor Interfaces and Configuration

Communication

The Sentry communicates with the operator display using a CAN interface as specified in ISO 11898-2. The CAN bus is not terminated and operates at 250 KBits/second.

Since CAN is a standard communication interface, the sensor can be connected to other CAN controllers, telematics interfaces, displays, etc. For custom installations, the CAN bus protocol is available from Preco Electronics. However, it is not described in this document.

Alarm Output

The Sentry provides an auxiliary output that becomes active whenever the Sentry detects an object. This output can be used to activate an external backup alarm or other devices as desired. The output is switched from a high impedance state to ground when active and is protected against an over-current or electrical short condition. The maximum operating current is approximately 1 amp, including any inrush current.

Sensor Input

The PreView® Sentry ST87 series radar sensor provides an auxiliary input that can be used to activate the alarm output, if configured. Contact Preco Electronics for more information.

Cable Connection

The Sentry comes equipped with a pigtail harness terminated with either a Deutsch DT connector (ST87 series) or a Conxall Connector (ST82 Series). The pinout for the Deutsch connector is defined in Figure 5. The mate for the Deutsch connector is the Deutsch DT04-08PA-C015.

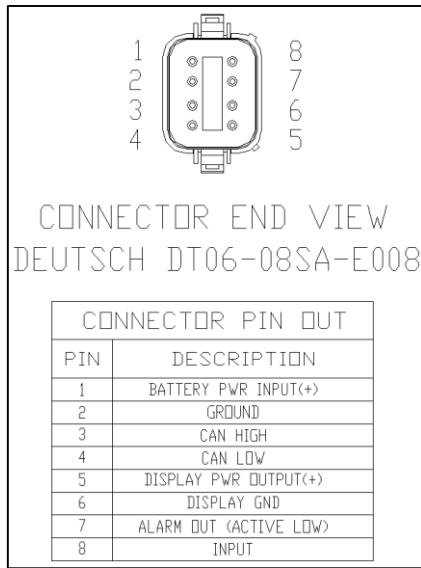


Figure 5. Deutsch Connector Pin Out (ST87 Series)

Figure 6 shows the pin out for the Conxall connector (ST82 Series). The mate for the Conxall connector is the 6280-8SG-XXX.

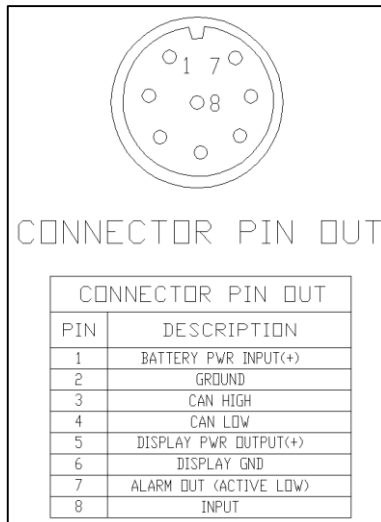


Figure 6. Conxall Connector Pin Out (ST82 Series).

Preco Electronics provides a variety of different cable lengths and configurations for the PreView Sentry radar sensor, as well as solution kits of radar, cabling, and displays. Please contact Preco Electronics for a list of available cables and kits.

Technical Data

The following figures provide the dimensions and specifications for the PreView Sentry radar sensor.

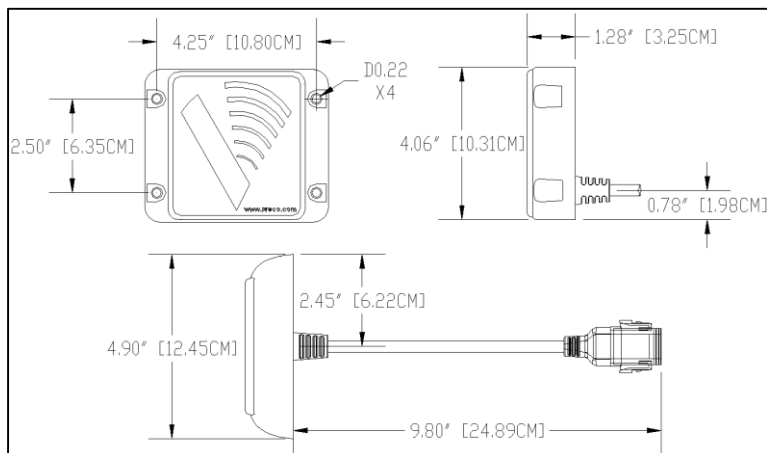


Figure 7. Sentry Dimensions (ST87 Series)

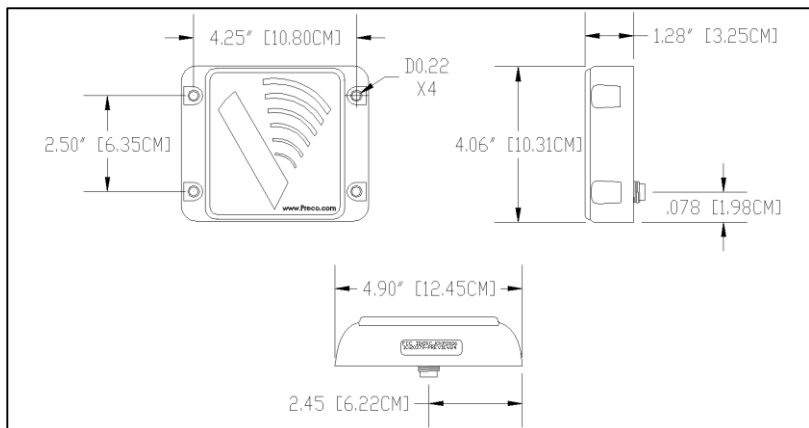


Figure 8. Sentry Dimensions (ST82 Series)

Measuring Performance	
Range:	0 – 30 m (10 dBsm target) depending on model number
Range Accuracy:	0.3 m
Azimuth Field of View:	±75 degrees (10 dBsm target)
Elevation Field of View:	±10 degrees (10 dBsm target)
Angle Accuracy:	±2° @ ±10° FOV, ±5 @ ±30° FOV, ±10 @ ±75° FOV
Velocity Range:	± 9 m/sec (± 20 mph)
Velocity Accuracy:	0.2 m/sec (0.5 mph)
Target Resolution:	1.4 m for static targets, approaching 0.3 m for dynamic targets
Cycle Time:	120 ms (A CAN bus target message is provided in every cycle.)
Operating Conditions	
Frequency:	24.00 – 24.25 GHz
Power Supply:	9 – 33 VDC, Reverse polarity and over-voltage protected
Current:	<0.5 A
Operating Temperature:	-40° C to +85° C
Storage Temperature:	-55° C to +105° C
Shock:	50 G
Vibration:	25 G, random, all three axis
Protection Rating:	IP69K
Operating Modes	
Detection Pattern:	Fixed based on model number
Target Detection Time:	300 ms
Power On to Active Time:	300 ms
Communications Interface	
J1939 CAN Bus:	250 Kbits/sec, terminated with 120 ohm resistor
LED Interface	Switch to ground, sink up to 1A, over current protected
Physical Characteristics	
Sealing:	IP69K
Housing Material:	Polycarbonate radome
Dimensions:	4.90" (w) x 4.06" (h) x 1.28" (d) (12.4 cm x 10.3 cm x 3.25 cm)
Weight:	1.0 lb (0.45 kg).
Mounting:	Four 0.22" (5.6 mm) diameter mounting holes.

Figure 9. Sensor Specifications

Regulatory Compliance

The Sentry is compliant with the following countries/regions and their regulations as of the published date of this manual. The sensor may be compliant in other countries/regions. Please check your local regulations.

- **United States** - FCC- Part 15.249
 - **FCCID:** OXZJCKP2016
- **Canada** - RSS-210 Radio Standards Specification
- **European Union** - ETSI EN300 440-1 Electromagnetic Compatibility and Radio Spectrum Matters (ERM)
- **Australia/New Zealand** - AS/NZ 4268 Radio Equipment and Services – Short Range Devices

Installation

Sensor Mounting

The Sentry mounting location is important for proper system operation. Ideally the sensor should be mounted on the rear of the vehicle as close to the center as possible at roughly 36" (1 m) above the ground. The sensor face should be perpendicular to the ground with the small end of the "V" graphic on the sensor face pointing down. Select a location that will provide some protection from impact and debris while allowing an unobstructed view of the target hazard area. Refer to the Keep Out/Interference Zones listed in Figure 11.

Mounting Tolerances

Mounting height tolerance at 36" (1 m) should be within +/- 12" (0.3 m). For optimal performance at 36" (1 m), the vertical angle (Up/Down) tolerances are +5 degrees (up) and -2 degrees (down), and the horizontal angle tolerance is +/- 5 degrees.

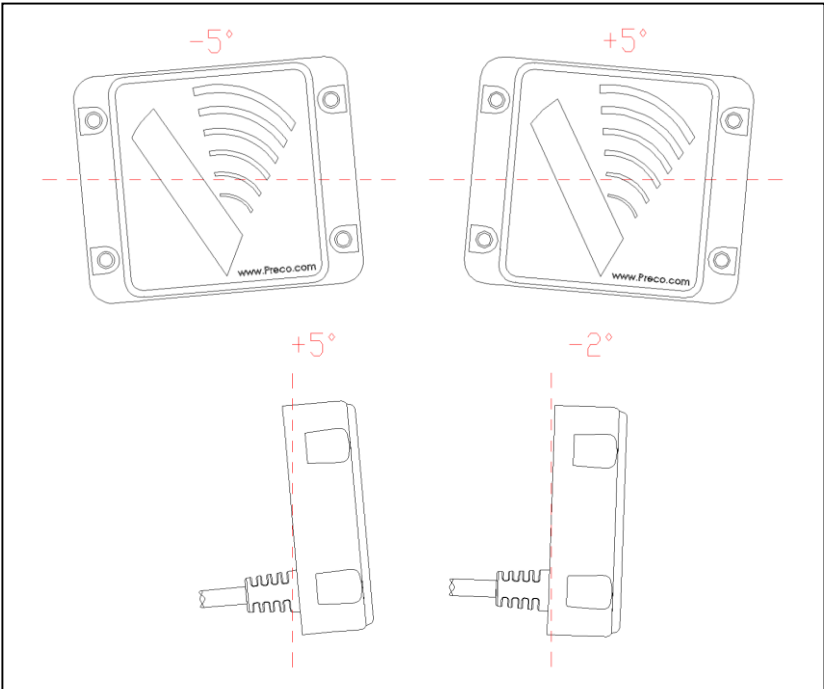


Figure 10. Vertical and Horizontal Angle Mounting Tolerances

Exceptions: if mounting higher than 4 feet (1.3 m), the sensor can be angled down a few degrees as necessary (less than 5 degrees in most applications).

The performance of the sensor can be negatively impacted if the sensor is angled down, causing false detection from the ground. Any time the sensor is not perpendicular to the ground, the performance should be tested. In some instances, mainly with longer range models, the sensor may need to be angled upward to reduce false detections from the ground.

Keep Out/Interference Zones

Metallic and any other strong radar reflecting objects must remain outside of the keep out zones defined in Figure 11. If radar reflecting objects reside within the keep out zones, testing must be performed to determine their influence on the sensor's performance.

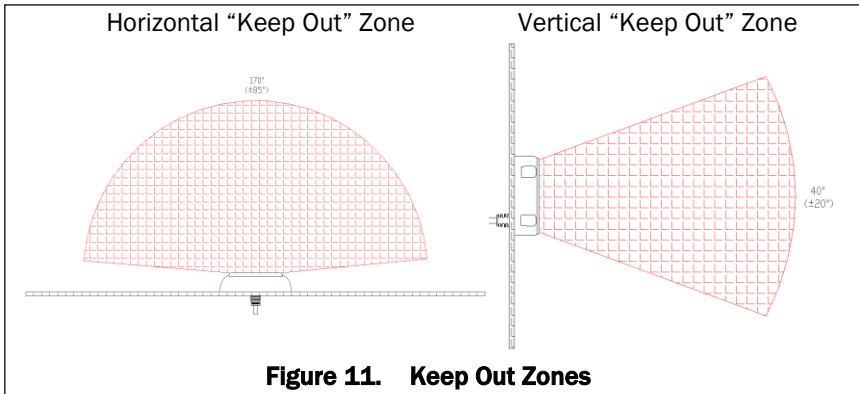


Figure 11. Keep Out Zones

The sensor's horizontal field of view is +/- 75 degrees and the vertical field of view is +/- 10 degrees. For optimal performance, the sensor should protrude beyond any other portion of the vehicle.

Important!

Before permanently installing the Sentry on the vehicle, verify that the selected sensor mounting location provides a clear detection zone. Take the machine to a clear area, temporarily attach the sensor in the proposed mounting location, apply power to the system, and verify that nothing is being detected.

Sensor Mounting Procedure

Preco Electronics supplies two different brackets for the Sentry radar sensor. If the provided 90° bracket shown in Figure 12 is not appropriate, an adjustable mounting bracket is available, shown in Figure 13.

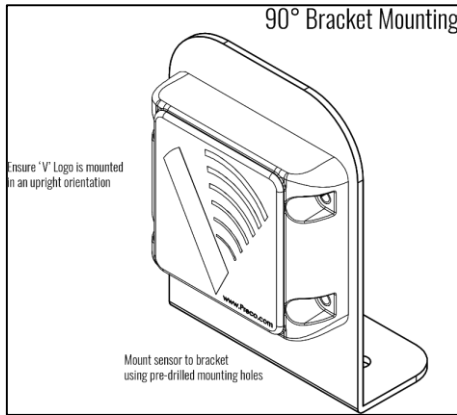


Figure 12. Provided 90° Mounting Bracket

If mounting to the vehicle using the provided bracket, follow the procedure outlined below.

1. Select the appropriate sensor mounting location.
2. The standard mounting configuration is with the small end of the “V” graphic pointing down, as shown below.
3. Using the provided bracket as a drill template, scribe position marks through the holes. Drill 1/4” (6 mm) holes centered at the marks.
4. If needed, a 1.5” (40 mm) diameter clearance hole is required for the sensor connector and mating cable connector.
5. Secure the sensor to the bracket with the four supplied #10-24 UNC button head screws, washers, and locking nuts or equivalent. Apply a maximum torque of 22 lb-inch (25 kg-cm) when securing the sensor.

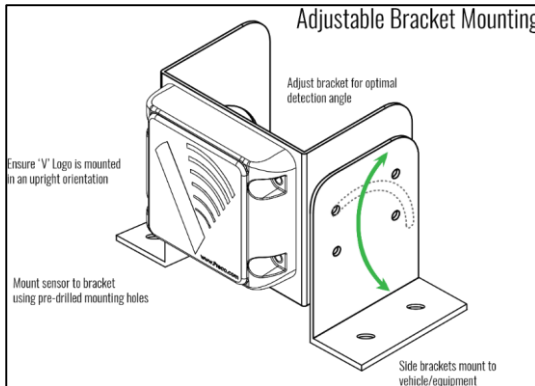


Figure 13. Adjustable Mounting Bracket

Troubleshooting

The troubleshooting below is for the most common PreView display. Refer to the particular display manual for errors code descriptions.

Display Status LED is not illuminated.

- Verify that DC power (9-33 V) is applied to the sensor.
- Verify that the cable between the sensor and display is connected.

Display Status LED is RED.

- Check connection between display and sensor.

Display Status LED is RED and one Yellow LED is illuminated.

LED Error Code	Possible Reason
LED #5 on	No communication with any sensor(s)
LED #4 on	Built in Self Test Error – Contact Factory
LED #3 on	Missing sensor(s)

Display Status LED is RED and all yellow LEDs are illuminated.

- • A sensor blockage indication - verify that the sensor face is clean, All the display LEDs are illuminated when sensor is mounted.
- Verify the sensor is pointing outward from the vehicle in an open area with no obstructions. This may require removing the mounting screws and lifting the sensor out and away from the rear of the vehicle. If the display LEDs are not active when moved away from the vehicle, but are active when mounted, then the sensor’s mounting position will have to be moved.

Sensor is detecting the ground, indicated by a few of the display LED’s being lit.

- In an open field, either move the sensor up higher or slightly angle the sensor upward 2 to 5 degrees. The minimum recommended mounting height is 24 inches.

Object Detection Capability

The PreView Sentry system is a blind spot collision warning system designed to supplement other safety practices and/or devices. The machine operator is always the first line of defense when safely operating a vehicle. The person or owner responsible for the equipment must ensure that all operators understand the installation, operation, limitations and safe use of the system.

The Sentry can detect most objects within the detection zone. However, there are some instances where objects can go undetected. Obstacle size, shape, relative location, and composition are all factors determining if, when, and where an object is detected. The Sentry operates by transmitting low power electromagnetic energy. Any energy that strikes an object reflects a certain amount of this energy back to the PreView Sentry radar sensor. If the returned energy is of sufficient magnitude, it is used to indicate object presence and determine the object's distance. While the Sentry can resolve multiple objects, only the object closest to the vehicle is reported to the operator display since it represents the most significant collision threat.

The amount of energy returned is based on a few factors:

Size – a larger object usually reflects more energy than a smaller object.

Composition – a metal object typically reflects more energy than a non-metallic object.

Scattering – a solid object reflects more energy than a non-solid object such as tree branches, gravel, bushes, etc.

Shape – complex shapes cause energy to be returned in a very non-uniform way. Very small variations or movement can change detection status.

Angle – an object flat side perpendicular to the sensor will reflect more energy than an object at an angle. See Figure 14 for an example of how angle can affect return energy.

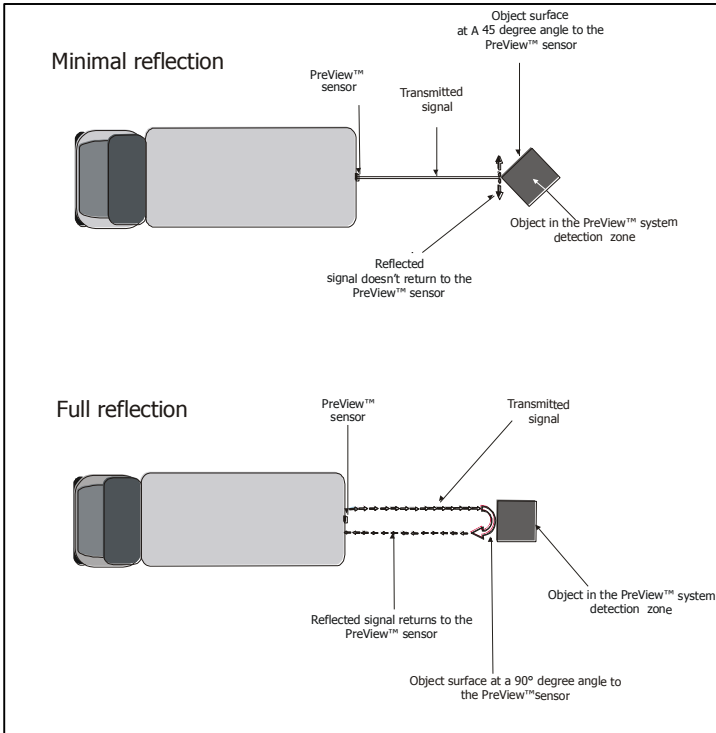


Figure 14. Object Reflection

Notes on Safety and Risks

Owner Responsibilities

The owner is responsible for ensuring that the device (and equipment) are used for their intended purpose, for the actions of the employees, for giving instruction to the employees, and for the operational safety of the equipment. The owner must understand the safety information for the device and the instructions given in the operating manual.

Lacking or incomplete training can lead to incorrect operation or improper usage. This may result in accidents involving serious injury or damage to property, assets, or the environment.

Always make sure that the device or equipment is not operated, serviced, or used by personnel who have not been properly trained to do so.

PreView® Sentry™ Daily Maintenance

Detach this page and place with daily operator maintenance procedures.

Safety Message to Operators of Vehicles with PreView Sentry Systems

1. The PreView Sentry system is intended as an Object Detection System and should not be relied upon as your first line of defense for the safe operation of the vehicle. It should be used in conjunction with established safety programs and procedures to augment the safe operation of the vehicle, ground personnel, and adjacent property. Should the system become inoperative, it could jeopardize the safety or lives of those who depend on the system for safety.
2. Testing and inspection of the system in accordance with these instructions and a record of the results should be listed on the daily maintenance report. The units on operating vehicles must be tested each day prior to the vehicle's operation. Results of this test must be recorded in the maintenance log.
3. People operating this equipment **MUST** check for proper operation at the beginning of every shift or safety inspection period.
4. If a PreView system is found to be inoperative upon test, the operator should flag or cover the driver display and mark as "inoperative" prior to the machine/vehicle operation.
5. People's lives depend on the proper installation of this product in conformance with these instructions. It is necessary to read, understand, and follow all instructions shipped with the product.
6. Failure to follow all safety precautions and instructions may result in property damage, serious injury, or death.
7. The PreView Sentry is intended for commercial use. Proper installation requires a good understanding of vehicle/machine electrical systems and procedures, along with proficiency in the installation.
8. Store these instructions in a safe place and refer to them when maintaining and/or reinstalling the product.

Testing and Maintenance

NOTE: A walk-around test shall be performed every day to verify proper function of the system and to familiarize the operator with the zone of detection. More frequent inspections should be performed when:

- The vehicle is operating in a particularly dirty or harsh environment.
- The operator has reason to suspect the system has been damaged.

This test should be performed with two people, one who remains in the cab (the operator), and one who walks through the sensor detection field (the assistant). The below example illustrates the test for a backing sensor application. Use a similar procedure for front, side or multiple radar systems by confirming detection of each radar sensor in the operator display.

1. Clean the sensor face of any accumulation of dirt, mud, snow, ice, or debris.
2. Visually inspect the attached wiring and cable and verify that they are properly secured, not chafing or dangling free where they could become snagged and damaged. Inspect the Radar Sensor and Operator Display Module and verify that they are securely attached to the vehicle.

3. Set the park brakes, start the vehicle, depress and hold the vehicle brake, and place the vehicle in reverse.
4. Verify the green "POWER" light is illuminated on the in-cab display, or if using an in-cab video monitor, verify that the radar indicator is showing a green (operating) status.
5. The area to the rear of the vehicle should be clear of obstacles for a distance greater than the sensor range. If the display shows any indicator other than the green light, then there are objects to the rear of the vehicle that will interfere with the test. Move the vehicle to a clear area and proceed.
6. The assistant should move to just behind the rear corner of the vehicle in sight of the operator's mirrors. He should then walk toward the centerline of the vehicle parallel to the rear, while the operator notes when the display buzzer sounds, signifying the sensor has detected the object.
7. The assistant should continue walking through the area at the rear of the vehicle while the operator notes the area where detection occurs.
8. Next, walk from the center of the rear of the vehicle straight back, away from the vehicle. When the display quits sounding, the detection limit has been reached.
9. Move halfway back and remain still for a few seconds. The display should continue to sound, demonstrating the system's ability to detect a still object.
10. The assistant should walk the complete rear of the vehicle while the operator notes the detection edges of the entire coverage area.
11. After the test, the operator and the assistant need to communicate the details on the detection zone.

For questions, call 1-866-977-7326 toll free in the USA, send a fax request to 1-208-323-1034, or submit an online request at www.precos.com/contact-us/ . A safety specialist will respond within 24 hours.

Warranty Information

MANUFACTURER STANDARD LIMITED WARRANTY AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Manufacturer warrants that on the Date of Purchase this Product will conform to Manufacturer's published specifications for the product, which are available from Manufacturer on request, and Manufacturer warrants that the product is free from defects in materials and workmanship. This Limited Warranty for the sensor extends for sixty (60) months from the date of shipment. Manufacturer will, at its option, repair or replace any product found by Manufacturer to be defective and subject to this Limited Warranty.

This Limited Warranty does not apply to parts or products that are misused; abused; modified; damaged by accident, fire or other hazard; improperly installed or operated; or not maintained in accordance with the maintenance procedures set forth in Manufacturer's Installation and Operating Instructions.

To obtain warranty service, you must ship the product(s) to the specified Manufacturer location within thirty (30) days from expiration of the warranty period. To obtain warranty service, call Preco® Customer Service at 866-977-7236 or 208-323-1000, or fax your request to 208-323-1034. Customer Service will issue warranty authorization and further instructions. You must prepay shipping charges and use the original shipping container or equivalent.

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