

UtiliSwitch™

REMOTE SWITCHING FOR FASTER LOCATING

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READ AND UNDERSTAND THIS USER GUIDE PRIOR TO OPERATING THE SYSTEM



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UtiliSwitch™ Operation Manual

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1. UtiliSwitch Features



Figure 1. UtiliSwitch Switcher



Figure 2. UtiliSwitch Remote

WARNING! Direct connection to live conductors is POTENTIALLY LETHAL. Direct connections to live conductors should only be attempted by fully qualified personnel using the relevant products that allow connections to energized lines

WARNING! The transmitter is capable of outputting potentially lethal voltages. Take care when applying signals to any pipe or cable and be sure to notify other technicians who may be working on the line.

⚠ WARNING! The transmitter is capable of outputting potentially lethal voltages. UtiliSwitch is only to be used by competent personnel familiar with the operating instructions of Radiodetection's Tx transmitter products.

Ensure that appropriate measures have been taken to protect the general public from the live locate circuits, particularly when switching outputs.

- Use of UtiliSwitch for any other purpose is expressly forbidden.
- Ensure UtiliSwitch and Tx transmitter are turned off when connecting or disconnecting.
- MARNING! Switch off UtiliSwitch Switcher and disconnect cables before changing batteries.
- MARNING! UtiliSwitch is NOT approved for use in areas where hazardous gases may be present.

UtiliSwitch Switcher contains devices that emit radio frequency energy during the operation of certain product features. While the devices are pairing, optimizing communications or sending commands to each other always ensure a minimum separation of 8 inches (200mm) between the antenna and your body.

Battery disposal

Batteries should be disposed of in accordance with your company's work practice, and / or the relevant laws or guidelines in your country or municipality.

Training

Radiodetection provides training services for most Radiodetection products. Our qualified instructors will train equipment operators or other personnel at your preferred location or at Radiodetection headquarters.

For more information go to www.radiodetection.com or contact your local Radiodetection representative.

2. Overview

UtiliSwitch™ Switcher has been designed to switch the output of Radiodetection™ Tx transmitter products to up to four outputs remotely.

3. Installing batteries in UtiliSwitch

NOTE: Ensure that the batteries are installed with the correct polarity as marked in the battery compartments.

Undo the two D-rings on UtiliSwitch Switcher to access the battery compartment (see Figure 1).

Undo the two Phillips screws on UtiliSwitch Remote to access the battery compartment (see Figure 2).

4. Preparing UtiliSwitch for use

Turn Switcher On

Press Power button for between 1 and 5s

batteries OK

🔆 batteries should be replaced

NOTES:

The Remote has no separate Power button, no user action is required.

Pair Switcher and Remote

Press Power button on Switcher for more than 5s, and

Press buttons 1 and 2 together on Remote

pairing mode

pairing successful

pairing unsuccessful, try pairing again

The Switcher and Remote must be paired to enable the two units to communicate.

If the paired units are solely used with each other, Pairing should only need to be carried out once, even if the batteries are changed. Pairing will have to be carried out again if a different Switcher or Remote unit is used.

Optimize Communications chooses the best radio channel between the two units, maximizing the range over which they can communicate.

Units can still communicate, even if Optimize Communications was unsuccessful. Please see "Connection and Operation" flow diagram for how to implement Optimize Communications manually.

Switcher and Remote Optimize Communications

Switcher and Remote automatically enter Optimize Communications mode after pairing

Switcher in Optimize Communications mode

Remote in Optimize Communications mode

Optimize Communications successful

Optimize Communications unsuccessful

Switcher and Remote are ready for use

Please see "Connection and Operation" flow diagram for details

Turn Switcher Off

Press Power button for between 1 and 5s

shut down mode

The Remote has no separate Power button, no user action is required.

Output 4 is active when Switcher is turned off (but no power is consumed).

5. Connection and operation

⚠ WARNING! Ensure UtiliSwitch and Tx transmitter are turned off when connecting or disconnecting cables.

Please refer to Figures 1 and 2.

Connect Switcher to Tx Transmitter

Plug Switcher input cable to Tx Transmitter output socket

NOTES:

Provide a ground return path

Connect the Tx Earth Reel to the Earth connection on the Switcher and a suitable earth return as usual, such as a ground stake

For more details regarding earth returns, please see the RD8000[™] Cable and Pipe or RD8000 Cable, Pipe and Marker Operation Manual.

Connect up to four Switcher outputs

Connect to the utilities to be located using the leads provided. Output 4 can be connected to a Tx-compatible Direct Connect lead set or Clamp

If Output 4 is connected to compatible Tx Direct Connect leads, the black lead must be connected to a suitable earth return, such as a ground stake.

Turn on Switcher and Tx Transmitter

See instructions above for powering and pairing Switcher and Remote

Switcher and Remote must be paired to enable the two units to communicate.

Apply Tx Transmitter signal to chosen utility

Press and hold a numbered Remote channel select button until the LED flashes green to select the relevant output.

- channel select command being sent
- switch successful
- confirmation that the channel has switched has not been received from Switcher

The active output will switch off before the new selection is switched on

The new channel *may* be active even if a red LED displays. It is recommended that you press the Channel Select button again.

If range degrades, Optimize Communications manually

Press buttons 3 and 4 together on Remote

- Switcher in Optimize Communications mode
- Remote in Optimize Communications mode
- Optimize Communications successful
- Optimize Communications unsuccessful

6. Status indications

User action	Button Press Time (s)	Switcher action	LED Color	LED indication
None		Off	Off	
To turn on	1 to 5s	Switcher is turning on, battery is OK	*	Flashing fast
	1 to 5s	Switcher is turning on, battery is low	\	Flashing fast
		Switcher is on, waiting for a command, battery is OK	*	Flashing slow
		Switcher is on, waiting for a command, battery is low	\	Flashing slow
To turn off	1 to 5s	Switcher is turning off		Solid for 2s
To Pair	Over 5s	Switcher is in Pairing mode.	*	Flashing alternately
		Pairing was successful	•	Solid for 3s
		Pairing failed	•	Solid for 3s
To Optimize Communications	See Remote	Switcher and Remote are Optimizing Communication channels		Solid
		Communications were optimized successfully		Solid for 3s
		Communications were not optimized successfully		Solid for 3s

Table 1. Summary of UtiliSwitch Switcher status indications

UTILISWITCH	REMOTE:			
User action	Button Press Time (s)	Remote action	LED Color	LED indicators
None		Off	Off	
Select Channel	123 or 4 for more than 0.5s	Remote is sending a command	*	Channel LED flashing fast
		Success - Switcher Output Channel Selected		Channel LED Solid for 3s
		No response from Switcher¹		Channel LED Solid for 3s
To Pair	1 to 30s	Press and hold buttons 1 and 2 together	*	LED Position 1 flashing alternated
		Pairing successful	•	LED Position 2 solid for 3s
		Pairing failed		LED Position 2 solid for 3s
To Optimize Communications	1 to 30s	Press and hold buttons 3 and 4 together	*	LED Position 3 Flashing alternately
		Optimization successful		LED Position 4 solid for 3s
		Optimization failed		LED Position 4 solid for 3s

Table 2. Summary of UtiliSwitch Remote status indications

NOTES: ¹ A Channel Select command may have been executed by the Switcher even if no response is received by the Remote.

7. UtiliSwitch Product Specifications

Operating and storage temperature range	-20°C to +50°C		
Environmental protection	IP54		
Batteries	Switcher:	2xAlkaline D-cells (LR20) or NiMH (HR20)	
	Remote:	2xAlkaline AA-cells (LR6) or NiMH (HR6)	
Unit weight	Remote:	0.23lb (0.10kg) 0.34lb (0.15kg)	Including batteries: Excluding batteries
	Switcher:	2.35lb (1.07kg) 1.74lb (0.79kg) 1.11lb (0.50kg)	Including batteries and leads Including batteries Excluding batteries
Signal switching rating	10W max		
Maximum signal current	1.0A rms		
Maximum signal voltage	125Vrms / 250Vpk		
Maximum VA	10VA		
Maximum "foreign" signal	30V AC rms, (50/60Hz)		The system will continue to function correctly with an existing voltage on the target utility up to but not exceeding the Max foreign signal
Accidental connection protection	250V AC rms		Protected against accidental connection of output to 250V AC rms

Table 3. UtiliSwitch specifications

8. Part numbers

Description	Part number
UtiliSwitch kit (complete)	10/UtiliSwitchKit
UtiliSwitch Switcher	10/UtiliSwitcher
UtiliSwitch Remote	10/UtiliRemote
UtiliSwitch spare connection lead set	10/UtiliLeads

Table 4. UtiliSwitch part numbers

9. Compliance

FCC Compliance Statement

This equipment complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

The equipment may not cause harmful interference.

The equipment must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction manual, may cause harmful interference with radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference, in which case you will be required to correct the interference at your own expense.

Industry Canada Compliance Statements

ICES-003 Class A Notice:

This Class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Avis NMB-003, Classe A:

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

Modifications

Any modifications made to this equipment not approved by Radiodetection may void the authority granted to the user by the FCC to operate this equipment.

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