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## **SUPERCHARGED RADAR/LASER DEFENSE SYSTEM**

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# **PASSPORT® SRX**



**ULTIMATE PERFORMANCE**

## **SUPERCHARGED RADAR/LASER DEFENSE SYSTEM**

Owner's Manual

## Congratulations and Important Warning

### Congratulations

Your new Passport SRX is the most advanced remote radar/laser detector available.

The Passport SRX includes full X, K, and SuperWide Ka radar coverage, new front and rear Laser Shifters, improved Digital Signal Processing for superior range and reduced false alarms, our patented Mute and AutoMute, audible and visual band alerts, and all the performance you'd expect from Escort.

In addition, your new Passport SRX introduces a new level of Radar/Laser defense including:

- Supercharged radar performance, for superior K and Ka-band sensitivity
- New programmable Laser Shifters, for maximum protection against laser targeting
- Advanced EZ-Programming lets you instantly set up to 9 customized features
- Exclusive AutoSensitivity™ mode drastically reduces false alarms, plus Highway and City settings
- Ultra-bright alphanumeric display uses 280 LEDs for crystal clear information
- Exclusive ExpertMeter™ tracks and displays up to 8 radar signals
- New SpecDisplay provides numeric frequency for any radar signal
- Detects and decodes up to 64 Safety Warning Systems signals
- High-Speed A/D converter dramatically improves radar detection range
- Exclusive vertical display option provides

unlimited installation options

- Standard remote mute button provides one-touch mute and volume adjustment
- Optional external speaker enables Voice alerts

If you've used a radar detector before, a review of the Quick Reference Guide on page 4 and the EZ-Programming information on pages 9 and 10 will briefly explain the new features. If this is your first detector, please read the manual in detail to get the most out of your new Passport's performance and features. Please drive safely.

### IMPORTANT INSTALLATION WARNING

Your new Passport must be installed by a professional. Car Audio specialists and many car dealers can install Passport for you.

Attempting to install the Passport SRX without expertise in automotive electronic installations can cause personal injury during the installation, or can damage your Passport or your vehicle. If your vehicle is damaged during installation, its safety systems may be compromised, which could cause personal injury or property damage.

You can locate an authorized dealer in your area by logging on to our web site at [www.escortradar.com](http://www.escortradar.com)

#### FCC Note:

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

## Quick Reference Card

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### Passport SRX Quick Reference Card

There are 9 user-selectable options so you can customize your Passport SRX for your own preferences.

The buttons labeled CITY and MUTE are also used to enter the Program Mode, REVIEW your current program settings, and to CHANGE any settings as desired. The words PROGRAM, REVIEW, and CHANGE are located on the front of the display, and are highlighted in gold graphics.

#### How to use EZ-Programming

**1 To enter Program Mode, press and hold both buttons down for 2 seconds.** (The unit will beep twice, and will display the word "Program").

**2 Then press the REVIEW button to review the current settings.** (You can either tap the button to change from item to item, or hold the button to scroll through the items).

**3 Press the CHANGE button to change any setting.** (You can either tap the button to change from setting to setting, or hold the button to scroll through all the options).

**4 To leave Program Mode, simply wait 8 seconds without pressing any button.** (The unit will display Complete, beep 4 times, and return to normal operation).

#### Factory Default Settings

To reset Passport to its original factory settings, press and hold the "CITY" and "MUTE" buttons while turning the power on. Passport's display will provide a "Reset" message, accompanied by an audible alert, acknowledging the reset.

#### An example

For example, here is how you would turn Passport's AutoMute feature off.

**1** Enter the Program Mode by holding both the CITY and MUTE buttons down for 2 seconds. *Passport will beep twice and display Program.*

**2** Press and hold the REVIEW button. *Passport will scroll through the categories, starting with Pilot Light (Pilot), then Power-on sequence (Power-On), then Signal strength meter (Meter), and then AutoMute (AutoMute).*

**3** Release the REVIEW button when Passport shows the AutoMute item. *Since the factory setting is for AutoMute to be on, Passport will display AutoMute ON. (If you accidentally don't release the Review button in time, and Passport goes to the next category, hold the Review button down again, and after Passport scrolls through all categories, it will begin again at the top of the list.)*

**4** Press the CHANGE button to change from AutoMute ON to AutoMute OFF.

**5** To complete the Programming, simply wait 8 seconds without pressing any button. *Passport will display Complete, beep 4 times, and return to normal operation.*

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# Quick Reference Card



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## Passport SRX Quick Reference Card

<p>Press the <b>REVIEW</b> button to go from one category to the next</p>	<p>Press the <b>CHANGE</b> button to change your setting within a category</p>
DISPLAY	<p>Disp STD * Standard display</p> <p>Disp VERT Vertical display</p>
PILOT LIGHT (Power-on indication)	<p>Pilot HwY * Full word: Highway or Auto or City</p> <p>Pilot H Letter: H or A or C</p> <p>Pilot H.&gt; Letter with scanning dot</p> <p>Pilot + Symbol: + or - or -</p> <p>Pilot +.&gt; Symbol with scanning dot</p> <p>Pilot +&gt; Scanning symbol</p> <p>Pilot U Vehicle voltage</p>
POWER-ON SEQUENCE	<p>PwrOn STD * Standard power-on sequence</p> <p>PwrOn FST Fast power-on sequence</p>
SIGNAL STRENGTH METER	<p>Meter STD * Standard signal strength meter</p> <p>Meter EXP ExpertMeter</p> <p>Meter SPC SpecDisplay</p>
AUTOMUTE	<p>aMute ON * AutoMute on</p> <p>aMute OFF AutoMute off</p>
AUDIOTONES	<p>Tone STD * Standard tones</p> <p>Tone LOUD Loud tones</p>
CITY MODE SENSITIVITY	<p>City STD * Standard City mode sensitivity</p> <p>City LoX Low X band sensitivity in City Mode</p> <p>City NoX No X band sensitivity in City Mode</p>
BRIGHTNESS	<p>Brt AUTO * Brightness adjusts automatically</p> <p>Brt MIN Minimum brightness when turned on</p> <p>Brt MED Medium brightness when turned on</p> <p>Brt MAX Maximum brightness when turned on</p> <p>Brt DARK Dark Mode when Passport turned on</p>
BANDS	<p>Bands ALL * All bands enabled (Laser receive only)</p> <p>Bands MOD One or more bands has been modified</p>

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Turn bands "ON" or "OFF" by pressing the mute button

X ON or OFF  
 K ON or OFF  
 Ka ON or OFF  
 LSR ON or SHFT or OFF  
 SWS ON or OFF

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## Quick Reference Guide

### Power/Volume Control

Rotate the thumbwheel to turn Passport on and set the volume. (We recommend wiring the SRX to a switched circuit so that it will turn on/off with your ignition).

### City Button

Switches sensitivity modes between Highway, AutoSensitivity, and City settings. In general, we recommend the Auto mode. *Page 6.*



### Matrix Display

Passport's display will show "Highway," "Auto," or "City" as its standard power-on indication. *Page 5.* If you prefer, you can choose other power-on indications. *Pages 10-11.*

During an alert, the display will indicate the radar band, and a precise bar graph for the signal strength. *Page 7.*

You can program Passport for ExpertMeter, which displays up to 8 radar signals at once, or choose SpecDisplay mode, which provides the actual numeric radar frequency. *Pages 7-8.*

The display can also show Safety Radar text messages. *Pages 18-19.*

### AutoMute

Passport's patented AutoMute automatically reduces the volume level of the audio alert. *Page 5.* If you prefer, you can turn AutoMute off. *Page 9.*

### EZ-Programming

Passport is ready to go - just turn it on. But you can also easily change 9 features for your preferences. Press both buttons to enter the Program Mode, then easily Review or Change your settings. *Pages 9-13.*

### Mute Button

Briefly press this button on the display controller, or the standard remote mute button, to silence the audio for a specific alert. (The audio will alert you to the next encounter.) *Page 5.*

## Controls and Features

### Power and volume control

To turn Passport on and adjust the alert tone volume level, rotate the thumbwheel on Passport's Display/Controller. Turn the control to the left to increase the audio volume. When you turn Passport on, it goes through a sequence of alerts.

If you prefer, you may program your Passport for a shorter power-on sequence. See the EZ Programming section for details.

### Power-on indication

After Passport's start-up sequence is complete, the matrix display will show "Highway," "Auto," or "City," to show which sensitivity mode is selected.

If you prefer, you can select alternate power-on displays. See the EZ-Programming section for details.

### AutoMute

Your Passport has our patented AutoMute feature. After Passport alerts you to a radar encounter at your selected volume level, it automatically mutes the volume to a lower level. This keeps you informed without the annoyance of a continuous full-volume alert.

If you prefer, you can turn the AutoMute feature off. See the EZ-Programming section for details.

### Mute

The Mute Button, located on Passport's front panel, or the installed Remote Mute

Button, allows you to totally silence the audio alert during a radar encounter.

To mute the audio for a single specific signal, briefly press the Mute Button or the installed Remote Mute Button. After that radar encounter has passed, the mute will automatically reset and the audio will alert you to the next encounter.

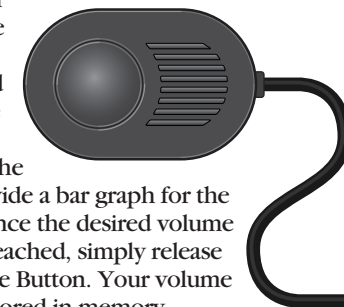
### Remote Mute/Volume Adjust

The installed Remote Mute Button can also be used to change the volume level without accessing the Display Controller. To change the volume level

with the Remote Mute Button, simply press and hold. An audible tone will be generated, and the

display will provide a bar graph for the volume level. Once the desired volume level has been reached, simply release the Remote Mute Button. Your volume setting will be stored in memory.

When the Laser Shifters are engaged, (see EZ-Programming section) the Remote Mute button can be used to manually stop shifting once you have corrected your speed. Simply press the Remote Mute Button twice during the "Laser Shifting" message, and the Shifters will cease to transmit. The Shifters will automatically reset within one minute, and a "Shift ON" reset message will be displayed.



### Highway / Auto / City Switch

The “City” button selects Passport’s sensitivity mode. We recommend the “Auto” (AutoSensitivity) mode for most driving.

Passport’s exclusive AutoSensitivity mode provides long-range warning with minimum false alarms. In this mode, Passport’s internal computer continuously analyzes all incoming signals and intelligently adjusts the sensitivity – eliminating the majority of false alarms.

You can also select conventional “Highway” and “City” modes. When driving in urban areas where annoying X-band intrusion alarms and door openers are common, City Mode can be engaged to lower X-band sensitivity and reduce X-band alerts. Full sensitivity is maintained on all other bands. You can customize Passport’s City Mode sensitivity. See the EZ-Programming section for details.

### Display Brightness

Passport’s display brightness is automatically adjusted to suit ambient lighting conditions in your car. (The light sensor is located between the City and Mute buttons on the display controller and may dim the display momentarily when you are accessing one or both of these buttons).

If you prefer, you can program your Passport for a fixed brightness level (Maximum, Medium, Minimum, or Dark). See the EZ-Programming section for details.

### Dark Mode

If you set Passport to its Dark Mode with its EZ-Programming, Passport changes to a very inconspicuous power-on indication: a very dim “HD,” AD,” or “CD.” (In this display, the H, A, or C indicates Highway, Auto, or City, and the D indicates Dark.)

When Passport is in the Dark Mode, the display will not show visual alerts when Passport detects signals. Only the audible alert will tell you of detected signals.

See the EZ-Programming section for more details.

### Audible Alerts

#### *For Radar signals:*

Passport uses a Geiger-counter-like sound to indicate the signal strength and type of radar signal being encountered.

When you encounter radar, a distinct Audible Alert will sound and occur faster as the signal gets stronger. When the signal is very strong, the Audible Alerts will blend into a solid tone. This allows you to judge the distance from the signal source without taking your eyes from the road. Each band has a distinct tone for easy identification.

X-band = beep tone

K-band = raspy brap tone

Ka-band = double-brap tone

#### *For Laser signals:*

Since Laser signals are a possible threat no matter how weak, Passport alerts you to all laser signals with a full laser alert.

#### *For Safety signals:*

When SWS detection in Passport’s programming is turned on (factory default), Passport will alert you to these signals with a double-beep tone, and a corresponding text message. A complete listing of the text messages is on page 19.

If you have turned off SWS detection in programming, Passport will still report these as a K-band signal.

### Signal Strength Meter

Passport’s matrix display consists of 280 individual LEDs, to provide an intuitive ultra-bright display of signal strength and text messages.

When Passport detects radar, it displays the band of the radar (X, K, or Ka), and a precise bar graph of signal strength.

### ExpertMeter

Passport’s exclusive ExpertMeter option is an advanced display for experienced detector users. Please use Passport for a few weeks to get fully familiar with its other features before using ExpertMeter.

To use the ExpertMeter instead of the standard bar graph signal strength meter, you must select ExpertMeter in Passport’s EZ-Programming (see pages 9-12).

Passport’s ExpertMeter simultaneously tracks up to 8 radar signals. It shows you detailed information on up to 2 Ka-band, 2 K-band, and 4 X-band signals.

ExpertMeter can help you spot a change in your normal driving environment; for example, a traffic radar unit being operated in an area where there are normally other signals present.

The ExpertMeter is actually a miniature spectrum analyzer. It shows what band each signal is, its relative frequency within the band, and its signal strength.



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*Above is the ExpertMeter Display if Passport was detecting 2 strong Ka-band, 2 strong K-band, and 4 strong X-band signals.*

As you can see, there are vertical lines after each band designator. Each line shows a signal being detected. The height of each line shows the relative signal strength of that signal. The position of the line shows the relative frequency of the signal within the band.

NOTE: If you use ExpertMeter, the brief signal shown in the power-on sequence when you turn on your Passport will also be in ExpertMeter: an “X” with a single vertical line.

A few more examples will help you better see how the ExpertMeter works.



KI XIII

*Here ExpertMeter shows 1 strong K-band signal, and three X-band signals, two strong and one weak.*

## Controls and Features

Ka1 X111

Here ExpertMeter shows 1 weak Ka-band signal, and three weak X-band signals.

X

On very weak signals, there will not be a vertical line at all. This shows a very weak X-band signal.

### ExpertMeter Details

The band designators (X, K, Ka) will stay on the display for a few seconds after the signal has passed. This allows you to see what the unit detected, even on very brief signals.

However, the vertical lines representing individual signals continuously change (several times a second) to give you a continuous view of the signal strength of all radar signals present.

### SpecDisplay

Passport's new SpecDisplay option is also designed for the advanced detector user. In this mode, Passport will display the actual numeric radar frequency being received.

K 24.150

Display shows a K-band signal at 24.150 GHz

Ka34.700

Display shows a Ka-band signal at 34.700 GHz

X 10.525

Display shows a X-band signal at 10.525 GHz

**Note: Even long-time detector users will require a significant amount of time to get familiar with this new level of information.**

### Laser Shifters™

Your Passport SRX is equipped with a total of three Laser Shifters\* (2 front, 1 rear). **These Laser Shifters are shipped from the factory in the “receive only” mode.** If you prefer, you or your installer can program them to “Shift” an incoming laser signal when it is received. See the programming section for details.

When Passport is in receive only mode (**factory default**), and detects laser from the front, the display will show F LASER. When Passport detects laser from the rear, the display will show R LASER.

When Passport has been programmed to “Shift”, the display will show F LASER – SHIFTING when a signal is received from the front, or R LASER – SHIFTING when a signal is received from the rear.

This message will be accompanied by the normal Laser alert tone.

\*This feature may be limited or prohibited in some jurisdictions. Check applicable laws before using.

## How to customize Passport with EZ-Programming

There are 9 user-selectable options so you can customize your Passport for your own preferences. The buttons that are normally used for CITY and MUTE are used to enter the Program Mode, to REVIEW your current program settings, and to CHANGE any settings as desired. Pages 11-13 explain each option in more detail.

### How to use EZ-Programming

- 1 To enter Program Mode, press both buttons and hold for 2 seconds. (Passport will beep twice and display “Program.”** (Brightness is at maximum during programming.)
- 2 Then press the REVIEW button to review the current settings.** (You can either tap the button to change from item to item, or hold the button to scroll through the items.)
- 3 Press the CHANGE button to change any setting.** (You can either tap the button to change from setting to setting, or hold the button to scroll through all the options.)
- 4 To leave the Program Mode, simply wait 8 seconds without pressing any button.** (The unit will display “Complete,” beep 4 times, and return to normal operation.)

(To quickly return to all of the factory defaults, press and hold the CITY and MUTE buttons while turning on the unit. A reset message will be displayed.)

### An example

For example, here is how you would turn Passport's AutoMute feature off.

- 1 Enter the Program Mode by holding both the CITY and MUTE buttons down for 2 seconds. *Passport will beep twice and display Program.*
- 2 Press and hold the REVIEW button. *Passport will scroll through the categories, starting with Display (Disp), then Pilot Light (Pilot), then Power-on sequence (Pwr-On), then Signal strength meter (Meter), then AutoMute (aMute).*
- 3 Release the REVIEW button when Passport shows the AutoMute item. *Since the factory setting is for AutoMute to be on, Passport will display aMute ON. (If you accidentally don't release the Review button in time, and Passport goes to the next category, hold the Review button down again, and after Passport scrolls through all categories, it will begin again at the top of the list.)*
- 4 Press the CHANGE button to change from aMute ON to aMute OFF.
- 5 To complete the Programming, simply wait 8 seconds without pressing any button. *Passport will display Complete, beep 4 times, and return to normal operation.*

## Overview of EZ-Programming Options

Press the **REVIEW** button to go from one category to the next

DISPLAY

PILOT LIGHT  
(Power-on indication)

POWER-ON SEQUENCE

SIGNAL STRENGTH METER

AUTOMUTE

AUDIOTONES

CITY MODE SENSITIVITY

BRIGHTNESS

BANDS

Disp STD  
Disp VERT

Pilot HWY  
Pilot H  
Pilot H.>  
Pilot +  
Pilot +.>  
Pilot +>  
Pilot U

PwrOn STD  
PwrOn FST

Meter STD  
Meter EXP  
Meter SPC

aMute ON  
aMute OFF

Tone STD  
Tone LOUD

City STD  
City LoX  
City NoX

Brt AUTO  
Brt MIN  
Brt MED  
Brt MAX  
Brt DARK

Bands ALL  
Bands MOD

Press the **CHANGE** button to change your setting within a category

\* Standard display  
Vertical display

\* Full word: Highway or Auto or City  
Letter: H or A or C  
Letter, with scanning dot  
Symbol: + or • or -  
Letter, with scanning dot  
Scanning symbol  
Vehicle voltage

\* Standard power-on sequence  
Fast power-on sequence

\* Standard signal strength meter  
Expert Meter  
SpecDisplay

\* AutoMute on  
AutoMute off

\* Standard tones  
Loud tones

\* Standard City mode sensitivity  
Low X-band sensitivity in City Mode  
No X-band sensitivity in City Mode

\* Brightness adjusts automatically  
Minimum brightness when turned on  
Medium brightness when turned on  
Maximum brightness when turned on  
Dark Mode when Passport turned on

\* All bands enabled (Laser receive only)  
One or more bands has been modified

Turn bands "ON" or "OFF" by holding down the Mute button

X ON or OFF  
K ON or OFF  
Ka ON or OFF  
LSR ON or SHFT or OFF  
SWS ON or OFF

**\*Passport's Factory Default Settings**  
To reset Passport to its original factory settings, press and hold the "CITY" and "MUTE" buttons while turning the power on. Passport's display will provide a "Reset" message, accompanied by an audible alert, acknowledging the reset.

## Details of EZ-Programming Options

### Display

Disp STD (Display standard)

This is the standard setting for use when Passport's Display is mounted horizontally. (factory default)

AUTO

VERT

DispVERT (Display vertical)

This setting is used when Passport's Display is mounted vertically; for example, mounted on the side of a center console.

### Pilot Light (Power-on indication)

Note: When you are using the Dark mode, the display will only show HD, AD, or CD, (Highway-Dark, Auto-Dark, or City-Dark).

PilotHWY (Full description)

In this setting, Passport will display "Highway," "Auto," or "City" as its power-on indication. (factory default)

Pilot H (Letter)

In this setting, Passport will display "H" for Highway, "A" for Auto, or "C" for City.

Pilot H.> (Letter with scanning dot)

In this setting, Passport will display "H" for Highway, "A" for Auto, and "C" for City. Also, a single dot will continuously scroll across the display.

Pilot+ (Symbol)

In this setting, Passport will display "+" for Highway, "." for Auto, and "-" for City.

Pilot+.> (Symbol with scanning dot)

In this setting, Passport will display "+" for Highway, "." for Auto, and "-" for City. Also, a single dot will continuously scroll across the display.

Pilot+> (Scanning symbol)

In this setting, Passport will display "+" for Highway, "." for Auto, and "-" for City. Each will continuously scroll across the display.

Pilot U (Vehicle voltage)

In this setting, Passport will display "H" for Highway, "A" for Auto, or "C" for City, and the vehicle's voltage. If the vehicle's voltage drops below 10.5 volts, a low voltage warning is displayed, followed by an audible alert. A high voltage warning is also given if the voltage goes above 16.5 volts. The high-voltage warning is also followed by an audible alert.

## Details of EZ-Programming Options

### Power-on Sequence

PwrOnSTD (Standard)

In this setting, each time you turn on Passport, it will display “Passport,” “SRX,” “LASER,” “Ka-band,” “K-band,” “X-band,” followed by a brief X-band alert. It then confirms communications to the front radar receiver, and front and rear Laser Shifters. If a communications error occurs, the appropriate error message will be displayed. (see page 21 for error messages)

PwrOnFST (Fast power-on)

This setting shortens Passport’s start up sequence to single beep. Passport’s self-diagnostic test is still performed in this mode.

### Signal Strength Meter

MeterSTD (Standard meter)

The meter displays the band, and bar graph showing signal strength. (factory default)

MeterEXP (ExpertMeter)

The meter simultaneously tracks up to 2 Ka-band, 2 K-band, and 4 X-band signals.

MeterSPC (SpecDisplay)

The meter displays the actual numeric frequency of the radar signal being received. Note: See more details on pages 6-7.

### AutoMute

aMute ON (AutoMute on)

In this setting, Passport’s audio alerts will initially be at the volume you set, but after a

few seconds, Passport will automatically reduce the volume level, to keep you informed, but not annoyed. (factory default)

aMuteOFF (AutoMute off)

With AutoMute off, Passport’s audio alerts will remain at the volume you set for the duration of the radar encounter.

### Audio Tones

Tone STD (Standard tones)

This setting uses more pleasing tones. (factory default)

ToneLOUD (Loud tones)

This setting uses tones that are more piercing, and easier to hear in a louder vehicle.

### Optional Voice Alerts

Voice alerts are only available using an external speaker, which can be purchased through your local installer.

Voice ON

In this setting, all radar and laser alerts, including SWS messages will be accompanied by a voice announcement.

Voice OFF

With Voice off, the standard tones will be used.

**NOTE: The program option to turn Voice ON/OFF is only displayed when an external speaker is plugged in.**

### City Mode Sensitivity

City STD (Standard)

In this setting, when you put Passport in the City mode, X-band sensitivity is significantly reduced, to minimize annoyances from X-band intrusion alarms and motion sensors. (factory default)

City LoX (Low X band sensitivity)

In this setting, when you put Passport in the City mode, X-band sensitivity is reduced more than the standard setting. This will reduce X band alarms from other sources even further, but also significantly reduces range to X band traffic radar.

City NoX (No X band sensitivity)

In this setting, when you put Passport in the City mode, Passport will not respond to any X band signals. **WARNING: Only choose this setting if you are absolutely certain that there are no X band traffic radar units where you drive.**

Note: These settings only apply when Passport is operated in City mode. X-band sensitivity is not affected when used in “Auto” or “Highway” modes.

### Brightness

Brt AUTO (Auto)

Display brightness automatically adjusted to suit the ambient lighting in your car. (factory default)

Brt MIN (Minimum)

Sets display to minimum brightness.

Brt MED (Medium)

Sets display to medium brightness.

Brt MAX (Maximum)

Sets display to maximum brightness.

Brt DARK (Dark)

In this setting, Passport will only display a very dim HD, AD, or CD for the power-on indication, and will not show any visual alerts when signals are detected.

### Bands

BandsALL

In this setting, all radar, laser (receive only), and SWS frequencies are monitored. This is the factory default setting, and it is highly recommended that you use your Passport in this mode.

BandsMOD

In this setting, Passport will warn you with an audible alert, and associated text message, that one or more bands have been turned off in programming (i.e. “SWS OFF”). This warning is displayed during the start-up sequence (standard or fast).

**WARNING: Only modify bands if you are absolutely certain that there are no traffic radar units using that specific band in your area.**



## Interpreting Alerts

Although Passport has a comprehensive warning system and this handbook is as complete as we can make it, only experience will teach you what to expect from your Passport and how to interpret what it “tells” you. The radar alerts you receive are affected by the specific type of radar being

used, the type of transmission (continuous or instant-on) and the location of the radar source.

The following examples will give you an introduction to understanding Passport’s warning system for radar, laser and safety alerts.

### Alert

Passport begins to sound slowly, then the rate of alert increases until the alert becomes a solid tone. The Signal Meter ramps accordingly.

Passport emits short alerts for a few seconds and then falls silent only to briefly alert and fall silent again.

Passport suddenly sounds a continuous tone for the appropriate band received. All segments in the Signal Strength Meter are lit.

A brief laser alert.

Passport receives weak signals. These signals may be a little stronger as you pass large, roadside objects. The signals increase in frequency.

### Explanation

You are approaching a continuous radar source aimed in your direction.

An instant-on radar source is being used ahead of you and out of your view.

An instant-on radar source or laser source is being used nearby. This kind of alert requires immediate attention!

Laser is being used in the area. Because laser is inherently difficult to detect, any laser alert may indicate a source very close by.

A moving patrol car with continuous radar is overtaking you from behind. Because these signals are reflected (reflections are increased by large objects), they may or may not eventually blend into a solid tone even when the patrol car is directly behind you.

### Alert

Passport alerts slowly for awhile and then abruptly jumps to a strong alert.

Passport alerts intermittently. Rate and strength of alerts may be consistent or vary wildly.

Passport alerts intermittently. Rate and strength of signal increases with each alert.

Passport gives an X-band alert intermittently.

### Explanation

You are approaching a radar unit concealed by a hill or an obstructed curve.

A patrol car is travelling in front of you with a radar source aimed forward. Because signals are sometimes reflected off of large objects and sometimes not, the alerts may seem inconsistent.

A patrol car is approaching from the other direction, sampling traffic with instant-on radar. Such alerts should be taken seriously.

You are driving through an area populated with radar motion sensors (door openers, burglar alarms, etc.). Since these transmitters are usually contained inside buildings or aimed toward OR away from you, they are typically not as strong or lasting as a real radar encounter.

***CAUTION: Since the characteristics of these alerts may be similar to some of the preceding examples, overconfidence in an unfamiliar area can be dangerous. Likewise, if an alert in a commonly traveled area is suddenly stronger or on a different band than usual, speed radar may be set up nearby.***

### How Radar Works

Traffic radar, which consists of microwaves, travels in straight lines and is easily reflected by objects such as cars, trucks, even guardrails and overpasses. Radar works by directing its microwave beam down the road. As your vehicle travels into range, the microwave beam bounces off your car, and the radar antenna looks for the reflections. Using the Doppler Principle, the radar equipment then calculates your speed by comparing the frequency of the reflection of your car to the original frequency of the beam sent out.

Traffic radar has limitations, the most significant of these being that it typically can monitor only one target at a time. If there is more than one vehicle within range, it is up to the radar operator to decide which target is producing the strongest reflection. Since the strength of the reflection is affected by both the size of the vehicle and its proximity to the antenna, it is difficult for the radar operator to determine if the signal is from a sports car nearby or a semi-truck several hundred feet away.

Radar range also depends on the power of the radar equipment itself. The strength of the radar unit's beam diminishes with distance. The farther the radar has to travel, the less energy it has for speed detection. Because intrusion alarms and motion sensors often operate on the same frequency as X-Band radar, your Passport will occasionally receive non-police radar signals. Since these X-Band transmitters are usually contained inside of buildings or aimed toward the ground, they will generally produce much weaker readings than will a true radar encounter. As you become familiar with the sources of these pseudo alarms in your daily driving, they will serve as confirmation that your Passport's radar detection abilities are fully operational.

### How Laser (Lidar) Works

Laser speed detection is actually LIDAR (Light Detection And Ranging). LIDAR guns project a beam of invisible infrared light. The signal is a series of very short infrared light energy pulses which move in a straight line, reflecting off your car and returning to the gun. LIDAR uses these light pulses to measure the distance to a vehicle. Speed is then calculated by measuring how quickly these pulses are reflected given the known speed of light.

LIDAR (or laser) is a newer technology and is not as widespread as conventional radar; therefore, you may not encounter laser on a daily basis. And unlike radar detection, laser detection is not prone to "false" alarms. Because LIDAR transmits a much narrower beam than does radar, it is much more accurate in its ability to distinguish between targets and is also more difficult to detect. ***As a result, even the briefest laser alert should be taken seriously.***

There are limitations to LIDAR equipment. LIDAR is much more sensitive to weather conditions than RADAR, and a LIDAR gun's range will be decreased by anything affecting visibility such as rain, fog, or smoke. A LIDAR gun cannot operate through glass and it must be stationary in order to get an accurate reading. Because LIDAR must have a clear line of sight and is subject to cosine error (an inaccuracy which increases as the angle between the gun and the vehicle increases) police typically use LIDAR equipment parallel to the road or from an overpass. LIDAR can be used day or night.

### How Safety Warning Systems Works

Safety Warning Systems, or SWS, is a modified K-band radar signal used to transmit important driving related information.

From the factory, your Passport is programmed with SWS turned ON. If SWS is not used in your area, you can simply turn SWS reception OFF by using Passport's EZ-Programming feature.

The SWS system has 64 possible messages (60 allocated). The SWS messages your Passport can decode and display are listed on the facing page.

Note: Some of the safety messages have been condensed, so each message can be displayed on one or two screens on Passport's eight character display.

Since Safety radar technology is relatively new and the number of transmitters in operation is not yet widespread, you will not receive Safety signals on a daily basis and should not be surprised to encounter emergency vehicles, road hazards and railroad crossings that are unequipped with these transmitters and, therefore, fail to provide a signal. As Safety transmitters become more prevalent (the number of operating transmitters is growing every day), these Safety radar signals will become more common.

For more information and details about SWS safety radar, visit their web site at [www.swslc.com](http://www.swslc.com).

## SWS Text Messages

1	WorkZone	33	HighWind
2	Road Closed	34	Severe Weather
3	Bridge Closed	35	HeavyFog
4	WorkCrew Highway	36	Flooding
5	WorkCrew Utility	37	BridgIce
6	Detour	38	RoadIce
7	Truck Detour	39	Dust Blowing
8	MustExit	40	Sand Blowing
9	RtLane Closed	41	Blinding Snow
10	CntrLane Closed	42	Future Use
11	LeftLane Closed	43	RestArea
12	Future Use	44	RestArea w/servic
13	Police	45	24hrFuel
14	Train	46	Insp Stn Open
15	Low Overpass	47	Insp Stn Closed
16	BridgeUp	48	Reduced Speed
17	Bridge Wt Limit	49	Speed Enforced
18	RockSlid Area	50	HazMatls Exit
19	School Zone	51	Expect Delay
20	Road Narrows	52	10 Min Delay
21	Sharp Curve	53	20 Min Delay
22	Crosswalk	54	30 Min Delay
23	Deer Crossing	55	1 Hour Delay
24	Blind or Deaf Kid	56	Traffic TunRadio
25	SteepUse LowGear	57	Pay Toll
26	Accident	58	Trucks ExitRight
27	PoorRoad Surface	59	Trucks ExitLeft
28	Loading ScholBus	60	Future Use
29	DontPass	61	Emerg Veh Mvng
30	Dangrous Intrsect	62	Police Pursuit
31	Emergncy Vehicle	63	Oversize Vehicle
32	Future Use	64	SloMovng Vehicle

## Problem

Passport beeps briefly at the same location every day, but no radar source is in sight.

Passport does not seem sensitive to radar or laser.

Passport did not alert when a police car was in view.

Passport did not provide a Safety signal while within range of an emergency vehicle.

Passport's audible alerts are less loud after the first few alerts.

Passport's power-on sequence reoccurs while you are driving.

Your 14-year old son has changed all 9 of the EZ-Programming options.

Passport will not turn on.

Passport's Display feels warm.

## Solution

- An X-band motion sensor or intrusion alarm is located within range of your route. With time, you will learn predictable patterns of these signals.

- Passport may be in City Mode.
- Radar band(s) are turned off in programming.

- VASCAR, (Visual Average Speed Computer And Recorder) a stopwatch method of speed detection, may be in use. Officer may not have radar or laser unit turned on.

- Safety transmitters may not be commonly used in your area.

- Passport is in AutoMute Mode. See page 4 for details.

- A loose power connection can cause Passport to be briefly disconnected, and will retrigger the power-on sequence.

- You can return all of the programming options to the factory defaults by holding down the City and Mute buttons while you turn Passport on.

- Check that volume control is ON.
- Check that vehicle ignition is ON.
- Check all connections.

- It is normal for Passport to feel warm.

### Explanation of Displays

LsrF ERR	There is a problem with one or both front Laser Shifter(s). There could be an unplugged connection, damaged wiring, or a problem within the front Laser Shifter(s). After Passport alerts you to this, it will then resume operation with the front radar receiver and rear laser only.
LsrR N/A	There is a problem with the rear Laser Shifter. It could be an unplugged connection, damaged wiring, or a problem within the rear Laser Shifter itself. After Passport alerts you to this, it will then resume operation with the front radar and Laser Shifters only.
Check Receiver Wiring	There is a problem with the front receiver. It could be an unplugged connection, damaged wiring, or a problem within the front receiver itself. Passport will continue to display this message, and will not operate until the problem has been repaired.
HD	Sensitivity control is in Highway mode, display is in Dark Mode (page 13)
AD	Sensitivity control is in Auto mode, display is in Dark Mode (page 13)
CD	Sensitivity control is in City mode, display is in Dark Mode (page 13)
PilotHWY	One of the many programming messages (pages 9-13)
WorkZone	One of the many Safety Radar messages (page 19)
XI, or KI, or KAI, etc.	Passport has been programmed in the ExpertMeter Mode (pages 7-8)
Self Cal	Passport is running a self-calibration test.
Rcvr ERR	Passport's radar receiver has failed to calibrate. Contact your Dealer for repair.
ShiftOFF	Laser Shifters were manually shut off during a laser alert.
Comm ERR	Serial communications between the interface and the display have been interrupted. Contact your dealer for repair.

### Features and Specifications

#### Operating Bands

- X-band 10.525 GHz ± 25 MHz
- K-band 24.150 GHz ± 100 MHz
- Ka-band 34.700 GHz ± 1300 MHz
- Laser 900nm, 33 MHz bandwidth

#### Radar Receiver / Detector Type

- Superheterodyne, GaAs FET VCO
- Scanning Frequency Discriminator
- Digital Signal Processing (DSP)
- 4-bit High-Resolution A-to-D Converter

#### Laser Detection

- Quantum Limited Video Receiver
- Multiple Laser Sensor Diodes (6F, 3R)

#### Laser Shifter

- Multiple Laser-Shifting Diodes (16F, 8R)

#### Display Type

- 280 AlGaAs LED Matrix/Text
- Bar Graph, ExpertMeter or SpecDisplay
- Automatic Brightness Control

#### Power Requirement

- 12VDC, Negative Ground

#### Programmable Features

- Display (Horizontal or Vertical)
- Power-On Indication
- Power-On Sequence
- Signal Strength Meter
- AutoMute
- Audio Tones

- City Mode Sensitivity
- Display Brightness
- Radar and Laser Bands

#### Sensitivity Control

- AutoSensitivity, Highway, and City

#### Auto Calibration Circuitry

#### Complete VG2 Immunity

#### Dimensions (Inches)

- Display/Controller: 4.2 x 1.4 x .55
- Receiver Unit: 3.75 x 3.15 x 1.75
- Front Laser Units: 4.65 x 1.8 x 0.8
- Rear Laser Unit: 6.0 x 1.0 x .65

#### Patented Technology

Passport is covered by one or more of the following US patents.

6,693,578	6,614,385	6,587,068	6,400,305
6,249,218	6,069,580	5,668,554	5,600,132
5,587,916	5,559,508	5,446,923	5,402,087
5,365,055	5,347,120	5,305,007	5,206,500
5,164,729	5,134,406	5,111,207	5,079,553
5,049,885	5,049,884	4,961,074	4,954,828
4,952,937	4,952,936	4,939,521	4,896,855
4,887,753	4,862,175	4,750,215	4,686,499
4,631,542	4,630,054	4,625,210	4,613,989
4,604,529	4,583,057	4,581,769	4,571,593
4,313,216	D314,178	D313,365	D310,167
D308,837	D296,771	D288,418	D253,752

Passport is also covered by one or more of the following Canadian patents:  
 2,330,964 1,295,715 1,295,714 1,187,602  
 1,187,586

Additional patents may be listed inside the product.  
 Other Patents Pending.

### Service Procedure

*If your Passport ever needs service, please follow these steps:*

- 1 Check the troubleshooting section of this manual. It may have a solution to your problem.
- 2 Contact your installing dealer. They will evaluate your unit and arrange repairs if necessary.

### Parts

Replacement parts are available from your installing dealer.

### Accessories

The following accessories are available through your local dealer:

- 12-volt Amplified External Speaker\*
- Hidden Display Package. Package includes a single bi-color LED for alert and a 12-volt Amplified External Speaker\*.

\*Use of external speaker enables Voice alerts.

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# Warranty

## Non-Transferable Limited Consumer Warranty

Escort Inc., (Escort) warrants to the original purchaser the PASSPORT SRX Radar & Laser Defense System (the Product), purchased and installed from an authorized Escort dealer within ninety (90) days after the purchase of a new vehicle in which the Product is installed, is free from defects in materials or workmanship under normal use and conditions for a period of three (3) years from the date of purchase or the first 36,000 miles as registered on the new vehicle's odometer reading, whichever occurs first. Product purchased or installed more than ninety (90) days after the new vehicle is purchased is warranted for a period of one (1) year from date of purchase of the Product.

Should the Product be determined to be defective during the applicable warranty period, the Product will be repaired or replaced with a new or comparable reconditioned part(s), at Escort's option. To obtain warranty service, the Product must be returned to an authorized Escort dealer along with proof of purchase and installation.

NOTE: This warranty does not cover labor costs for the removal and reinstallation of the Product. IN ORDER FOR THIS WARRANTY TO BE VALID, YOUR PRODUCT MUST BE SHIPPED OR DELIVERED WITH PROOF OF PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION BY AN AUTHORIZED ESCORT DEALER. ALL PRODUCTS RECEIVED BY ESCORT OR AN AUTHORIZED ESCORT DEALER FOR WARRANTY REPAIR WITHOUT PROOF OF ESCORT DEALER INSTALLATION WILL BE DENIED.

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