# OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS



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#### Look for the highlighted pre-set positions

- 1. Assemble and adjust for length (Twist surplus lead around stem).
- 2. Insert batteries.
- 3. Set MODE SELECT (trigger switch) to MOTION (away from your body).
- 4. Set DISC (top left) to ALL METAL (fully anticlockwise).
- 5. Set NOTCH (bottom far left) to OFF (fully anticlockwise).
- 6. Set SENSITIVITY (top right) to white marker (3 o'clock position).
- 7. METER SWITCH (centre, below meter)
  - a) Push down and hold to indicate battery condition. Good batteries will be in the green area on the meter.
  - b) Push up to select METER DISC on the meter.
- 8. Push NOTCH SWITCH bottom left up to REJECT.
- 9. Push GROUND SWITCH bottom right up to INLAND.

You are now in ALL METAL MOTION MODE.

You will find all metals within the search head range including iron and trash PROVIDING THE SEARCH HEAD IS MOVING OVER THE TARGET (not stationary).

#### To ignore these low value metals:-

10. Adjust DISC (top left) to highlight position 5.

You are now in DISCRIMINATING MOTION MODE.

The other modes require more detailed explanation acquired from reading the full instructions.

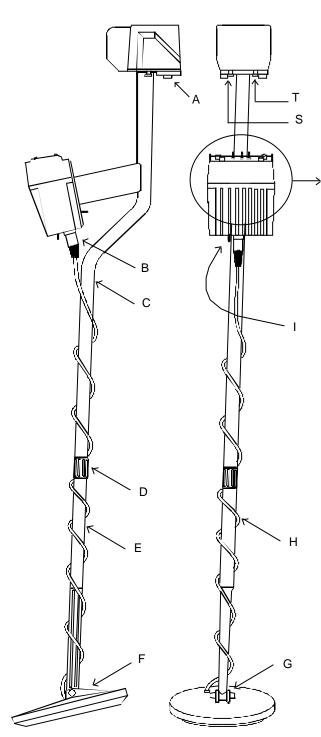
IF A PROBLEM IS ENCOUNTERED REFER TO THE FULL INSTRUCTIONS.

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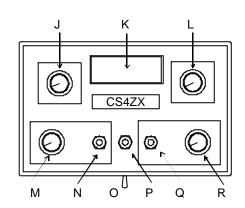
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## Controls



#### Diagram 1

# C-Scope CS4ZX



A	Battery Compartment
В	Din Plug & Socket
C	Upper Stem & Handle Grips
D	Stem Connecting Nut
E	Lower Stem
F	Search Head Lugs
G	Search Head Fastener
H	Cable
I	Frequency Select Switch
	(Both Modes)
J	All Metal Mode/Discrimination
	(Motion Mode)
K	Meter (Both Modes)
L	Power On/Off & Sensitivity
$\mathbf{M}$	Notch Discrimination
	(Motion Mode)
N	Notch Discrimination
	Accept/Reject (Motion Mode)
0	Mode Select
$\frac{\mathbf{P}}{\mathbf{Q}}$	Meter Function select
Q	Beach/Inland Select
	(Non Motion Mode)
R	Variable Ground Control
	(Non Motion Mode)
S	Battery Charge Socket Cover
T	<b>Headphone Socket Cover</b>

#### INTRODUCTION

To protect your investment complete both sections of the enclosed guarantee card and return the reply paid portion to C-Scope. **This is particularly important in order to obtain the free second year parts guarantee.** Please retain the original packing box. In the event that your detector should ever require to be serviced, this package will be most suitable for postal protection.

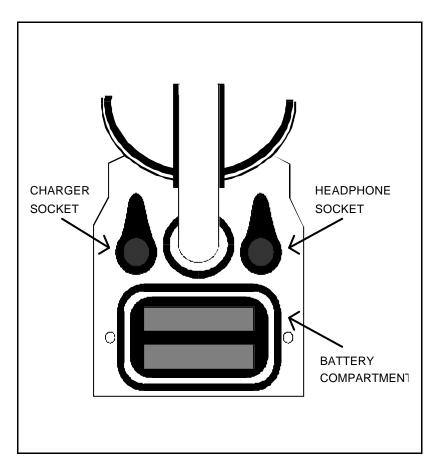
C-Scope detectors are recognised as the finest detectors available. They are designed with lasting quality, high technology, and above all, value for money. The only way to realise this value is to carefully study and understand this instruction manual. You will then be able to obtain all the advantages designed into your detector. It is also strongly recommended that you experiment with the detector's operation in air using various test samples, in order to learn to identify and understand the detector's capabilities and responses. Always remember that becoming a good metal detectorist is like becoming a good photographer or fisherman, that is, although it is an advantage to buy the best equipment, having bought it, patience and hours of practice are needed to become proficient.

#### **ASSEMBLY**

Open the inner carton and remove the main housing assembly. Remove the search head and lower stem from between the inner carton walls. Twist the plastic stem lock, located at the end of the upper stem to allow the lower stem to be inserted. Turn the stem lock to lock it at the desired position.

**Diagram 2** Battery Compartment

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#### **BATTERIES**

The CS4ZX is powered by AA batteries eight (not supplied) available from department stores, garages, etc. or single 12v rechargeable pack from C-Scope. It is advisable to use standard batteries to start with. You can then evaluate the sort of use you give the detector decide whether and the investment in rechargeables is iustified.

The batteries should be fitted in the holder which is located in the battery compartment. To fit new batteries first check the power switch on the unit is switched to OFF. Then loosen the two captive screws located

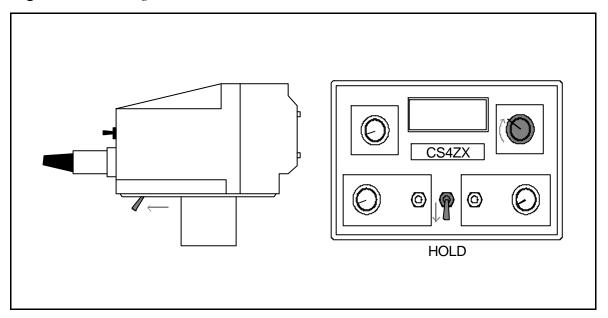
in the battery cover (do not fully remove these from the cover) and remove the cover. Inside is the battery holder. Lift out the holder and detach the connector if it is already fitted. Load it with the eight batteries ensuring that each battery is inserted the correct way round, (direction of batteries alternating). Roll each individual battery to ensure it is located correctly and making proper contact. Replace the connector making sure that it is firm and well seated, and put the loaded holder into the housing. Fit the cover and tighten the two captive screws finger tight.

Note: Zinc Carbon batteries should not be left in the detector for long periods where they could leak, so remember to remove them at the end of a day's searching.

#### BATTERY CHECK

A battery condition indicator is provided on the detector. To do this for the first time prior to reading the remainder of the operating instructions proceed as follows:- Push the trigger switch (see diagram 3) located underneath the main housing forward, towards the search head. Turn the SENSITIVITY (POWER) control on. Press the centre toggle switch marked METER DISC GROUND, BATTERY to BATTERY and hold down. The meter will indicate in the green area if the batteries are good and in the **red or central position** if the batteries need replacing or recharging. Release the switch and turn the SENSITIVITY control off. Rechargeable batteries will not read as high into the green as standard batteries even when fully charged. They also give less indication of discharge on the meter during use.

**Diagram 3** Checking The Batteries

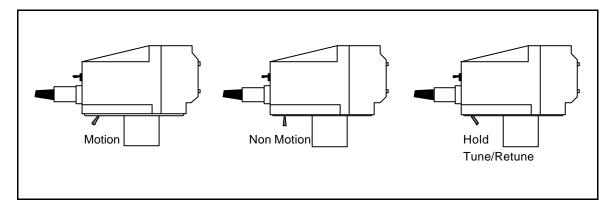


#### **GETTING TO KNOW YOUR CS4ZX**

The CS4ZX has two modes of operation, Motion and Non Motion.

# In Motion mode the detector head must be moving for the detector to register a find. Motion has the advantage of automatic ground cancellation and simplicity of operation. Non motion mode allows greater performance in restricted areas such as in undergrowth and allows accurate pin pointing of targets. In Non Motion the detector head need not be moving to indicate a target but patience and practice is required to develop the skills necessary to enjoy the full benefit of this mode. Selection of mode is made on the Trigger switch located behind the hand grip and is operated with your index finger.

**Diagram 4** Changing Modes



Push the switch forward to operate in MOTION mode, leave in the central position to operate NON MOTION and pull back and release to RETUNE in NON MOTION and to recentralise the meter.

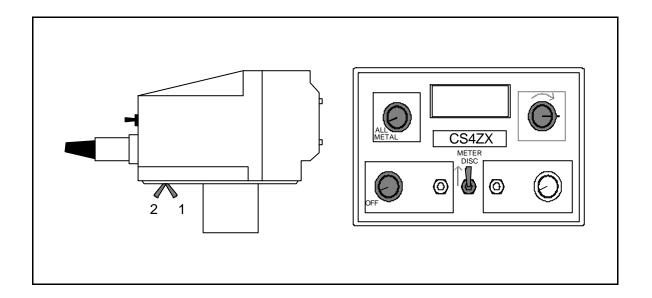
You will see the control panel on the front of the detector has been grouped into boxes. The DISC and NOTCH controls and the NOTCH switch are functional when the detector is in MOTION mode only. The GROUND control and switch are functional in the NON MOTION mode. The SENSITIVITY control is common to both modes. The function of each control is explained fully in the section headed 'CONTROLS' (PAGE 8).

Find an area where the search head can be put, free from metal, including floor boards and reinforced concrete, and try out the detector, i.e. on a table with search head facing upwards and overhanging the edge.

#### Motion Mode (see diagram 5):

- 1. Switch NOTCH to the off position (fully anticlockwise).
- 2. Switch DISC to the all metal position (fully anticlockwise).
- 3. Hold the trigger switch in the retune position 1 in diagram 5 and turn the SENSITIVITY to the large white segment, the detector should now be sitting quietly with the meter centralised.
- 4. Release the trigger switch and move it into its motion mode position 3 in diagram 6.
- 5. Now sweep a coin over the head, either side of the head will do, and the detector will give a signal. Move the coin slowly across the head, the detector will still give a signal. Place the coin on the head and the detector will be quiet or give a low volume tone all the time the coin is stationary. This is how the MOTION mode operates.
- 6. Remove the coin and recentralise the meter if necessary by pulling the trigger switch towards you and releasing (RETUNING), then pushing the switch away from you. The detector is ready for use in MOTION mode.

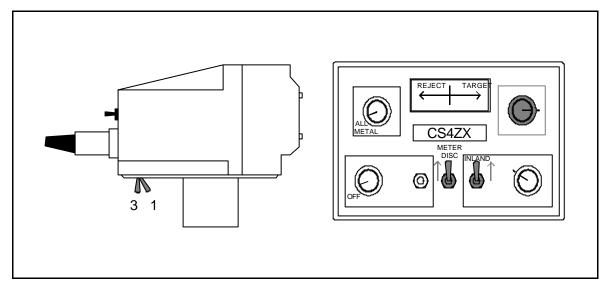
#### **Diagram 5** Settings For Motion Mode - All Metal Searching



#### Non Motion Mode (see diagram 6):

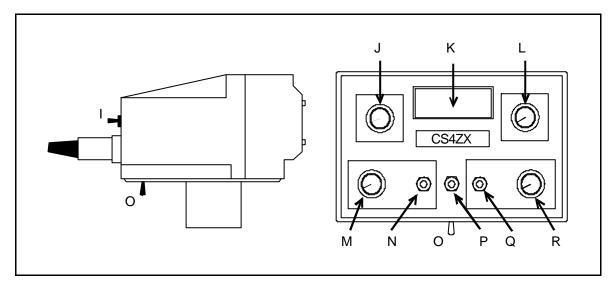
- 1. Select NON MOTION mode on the trigger switch (central position 3 in diagram 6).
- 2. Now pass a coin over the head and notice how the detector gives a signal all the time the coin is within a certain distance.
- 3. Your CS4ZX is built with the latest technology but it will be necessary to retune your detector from time to time by momentarily flicking into postition 1 in diagram 6. This will counteract any drift and recentralise the meter.

**Diagram 6** Settings For Non Motion Mode - Meter Discrimination



#### **CONTROLS**

Diagram 7 Control Layout



The following explains the controls of your CS4ZX. When you are familiar turn to page 12-15 for full operating details.

#### A. Controls Common To Both Operating Modes

#### i. SENSITIVITY (L in diagram 7).

This is a rotary control which enables the user to set the sensitivity of the detector to targets. The anticlockwise position is the minimum sensitivity setting. This control also functions as the detector power on/off switch.

Note: The actual maximum sensitivity setting is at the fully clockwise end of the sensitivity scale. At this position, a threshold tone can be heard and signals produced in response to target proximity will be superimposed on this tone. At lower sensitivity settings, the tone will be heard only when a target itself produces a response. Individuals will set this control where they feel comfortable as some prefer a background tone and others prefer silent operation. Most will find the best performance with a slight audible background tone in NON MOTION and just silent in MOTION mode.

#### ii. MODE TRIGGER SWITCH (O in diagram 7).

This is a switch located on the underside of the main case, just forward of the handle. There are three possible positions (see diagram 4):

#### a. Motion.

When the trigger is pushed forward towards the search head, the detector will be in the MOTION mode of operation.

#### b. Non Motion.

When the trigger is in the central position, the detector will be in the NON MOTION mode of operation.

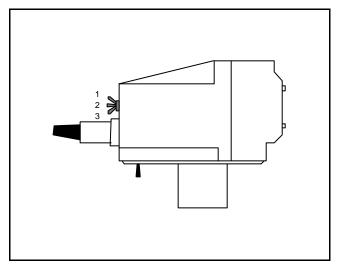
#### c. Tune/Retune.

When the trigger is pulled back towards the user, the NON MOTION mode will be 'retuned'. Note that this position on the switch is 'spring loaded', i.e. to maintain RETUNE, the trigger lever must be held in this position.

#### iii. FREQUENCY SHIFT SWITCH (I in diagram 7).

This three position switch found on the rear of the main case, close to the search head connector (diagram 8) allows the user to slightly change the operating frequency of the detector. This allows cancelling of interference (beating) caused by detectors in close proximity operating on the same frequency. The normal (recommended) operating position is '2', with the switch in the central position. If interference occurs then it will be necessary to select one of the other two positions until the interference is removed. Note: The audio tone will become slightly lower when the frequency switch is moved from the central position. It may be necessary to slightly re-set the ground exclude setting when changing frequency in the NON MOTION mode. When using the mini searchhead operate the detector with the frequency switch in position 2. It will be necessary to retune the detector when changing frequencies.

#### Diagram 8 Frequency Shift Switch



### B. Controls Motion Mode

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#### i. GROUND (Switch) (Q in diagram 7).

This is a two position toggle switch located on the front panel in the right hand position and is labelled INLAND/BEACH. It is used in conjunction with the rotary control described in B.ii. below to change the range available on the rotary control. When set to the INLAND position, the range of the rotary control will work from the most neutral ground up to more mineralised ground that will be encountered on inland sites. When set to the BEACH position, the rotary control provides a much wider range which will be capable of coping with wet sand.

#### ii. GROUND (Rotary control) (R in diagram 7).

This control allows the user to optimise the detector for use on each site. This is achieved by reducing the effect of natural mineralisation sometimes found in the ground, but it must be individually set for each ground type.

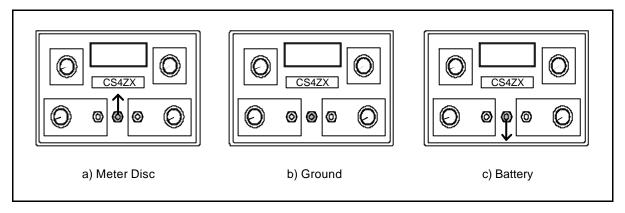
In high performance detectors, like your CS4ZX, mastering this control is essential to gain the full capabilities.

The range provided should allow accurate setting to exclude from the most neutral ground through to more 'mineralised' ground. This control is used in conjunction with the INLAND/BEACH switch described in B.i. above.

#### iii. METER FUNCTION SWITCH (P in diagram 7).

This is a three position switch located on the front panel in the central position and is labelled METER DISC/GROUND/BATTERY. It allows the user to select which information the meter will display.

#### **Diagram 9** Meter Function Switch



#### a. METER DISC

In this position the meter responds to signals by referring to the pre-programmed discriminating channel of the detector. After retuning the needle will normally be in the centre of the scale. The needle will move to the left for iron and small pieces of aluminium foil, i.e. a negative response, and stay central or move to the right for other targets, i.e. a positive response.

#### b. GROUND

With the switch in this position the meter shows the responses from the variable ground excluding channel of the detector. The meter will show no response to ground mineralisation when the BEACH/INLAND switch and the GROUND rotary control have been correctly set. When correctly set, all targets will produce a positive response on the meter, i.e. the needle will always move to the right. Note: in the BEACH setting, items of iron can give a negative response at high settings of the GROUND control.

This facility is provided for setting the GROUND control. The control should be adjusted until the proximity of the ground causes no movement of the needle. The detector should be retuned before the head is presented to the ground after each

adjustment of the GROUND control in NON MOTION mode (see page 15 for further details). Once correctly set this control can be returned to METER DISC (a).

#### c. BATTERY

In this position, the meter indicates the state of charge of the batteries. When the needle is in the green area, the batteries are in a good usable condition. If the needle is in the centre or to the left of centre, the batteries are exhausted. It must be stressed that when the charge falls to a totally unusable level then the needle will settle in the centre of the scale. Use this indication in conjunction with the audio signal from the speaker. If the needle is in the centre or to the left of centre and there is no sound emitted, then the batteries are exhausted. The switch must be held in this position to obtain a reading and it will return to the central position when released.

#### C. Controls Used In Motion Mode.

The controls for use in the motion mode are as follows:

#### i. DISC (J in diagram 7).

This is a rotary control allowing the user to set the response to certain targets. At the fully anticlockwise end of the control there is a switched position. In this position the detector will respond to ALL METAL. When only just moved from the switched position, small iron targets will be discriminated against. As the control is moved clockwise, more and more targets will be discriminated against (i.e. ignored on the audio output). The order of discrimination is typically: iron, silver paper, 5p, ring pull, 20p, 10p, screw bottle cap.

#### ii. NOTCH (M in diagram 7).

This rotary control allows the position of the 'Notch Window' to be set. The fully anticlockwise position of the control is a switch (NOTCH OFF) and in this position the NOTCH facility is disabled. As the control is moved clockwise, targets fall into the window in the same order as that described in the DISC control above.

#### iii. NOTCH (Mode Select Switch) (N in diagram 7).

This control is a two position switch located on the front panel in the left hand position and is labelled ACCEPT/REJECT. The switch only has an effect while the NOTCH control is switched on. When set to the REJECT position, targets within the window are ignored or REJECTED. When set to the ACCEPT position only targets within the window will produce a response from the loudspeaker.

#### **General note:**

When operating the detector in motion mode, the meter displays responses from the meter discriminating channel of the detector. This is independent of the position of the switch. Thus meter movements will be as described in section B.iii.a.

#### **CHANGING MODES**

Switching from one mode to another is done by operating the trigger switch (O in diagram 7). Away from the body to select MOTION and central to select NON MOTION.

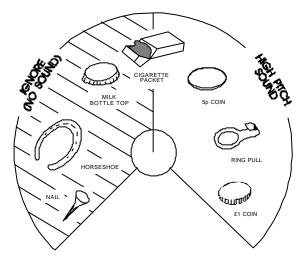
#### **OPERATING IN MOTION MODE**

Push the trigger switch forward to select MOTION mode and turn the SENSITIVITY to the highlighted area. Your CS4ZX, in MOTION mode, is now ready to use.

#### DISC

Discrimination allows the user to ignore certain metals whilst still finding others. DISC does not allow individual metals to be ignored but rather a range. In the ALL METAL position nothing is ignored. Turning the DISC control on at its lowest setting, the detector ignores small iron objects but still detects the more valuable metals. Increasing the setting still further and the detector will also ignore aluminium foil. Beyond this setting some valuable items will begin to be rejected. Operating at a disc setting of ten rejects silver and nickel coins. A recommended setting of five is highlighted at which iron and small pieces of aluminium foil are ignored but most valuable items are still detected.

Diagram 10 Effect of Discriminate Control Position



#### **NOTCH**

NOTCH is a variation of the DISC control which allows individual targets to be ignored, or with the REJECT/ACCEPT switch in ACCEPT, detected and all others ignored. NOTCH should only be used where specific items such as ring pulls are causing a nuisance as the response to some valuable items is affected.

To set the detector to ignore ring pulls first make sure the ACCEPT/REJECT switch is set to REJECT and DISC is in ALL METAL (off). Sweep the ring pull across the head whilst

adjusting the REJECT NOTCH control slowly. Repeat this until no sound is emitted. The NOTCH cannot work on the deepest targets so to eliminate the response from ring pulls totally then the SENSITIVITY must also be reduced slightly.

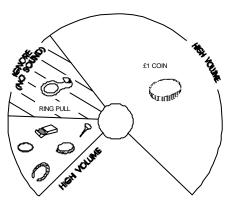
NOTCH ACCEPT works in the same way except a small band of targets are detected and all others are ignored.

Now set DISC at 5 to ignore iron, etc.

#### Please note the following:

- i) Always set the NOTCH with the DISC control in ALL METAL.
- ii) The position at which objects are notched out is **not** exactly the same as the position at which they are ignored on DISC.
- iii) Which ever is set highest of DISC and NOTCH has authority, thus NOTCH ACCEPT will not work if the DISC setting is higher.
- iv) If necessary accurate pinpointing can be achieved by changing to the NON MOTION mode.

**Diagram 11** Effect of Notch Control Position

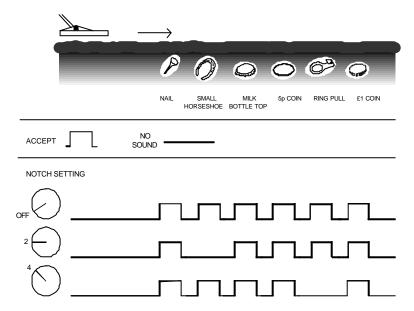


The NOTCH is now set and the DISC control can now be used to achieve the desired combination.

It is the skilful combination of these two controls which gives the CS4ZX its versatile ability in most conditions and the following chart gives graphic explanation as to their effective use.

**Diagram 12** Effect Of Discriminate & Notch Setting

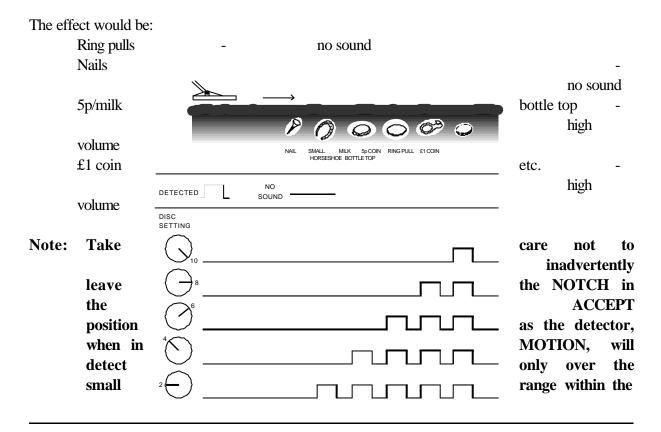
#### Diagram 12 continued



Although the CS4ZX is manufactured to the highest specification, slight variations can occur in all electronic equipment. This chart, therefore is intended as a guide only and precise setting for maximum performance will be achieved by constant practice.

#### How to use diagrams 10,11 and 12:

If you wished to avoid detecting ring pulls and small ferrous objects (e.g. nails) then you would set the NOTCH at 4 and the DISC control at 2.



ACCEPT 'window'. This can give the impression that the detector is not functioning correctly. It is simply remedied by switching to the highlighted REJECT position.

#### OPERATING IN NON MOTION MODE

#### **Setting The Ground Control On Inland Sites**

Prior to searching, the detector must first be set to ignore the signal due to the ground mineralisation. To do this find an area of ground thought to be free of metal objects and check using MOTION mode.

#### Then proceed as follows:

- 1. Select NON MOTION on the trigger switch (O in diagram 7) and set the GROUND control to position 3 (highlighted).
- 2. Select GROUND on the METER switch located directly beneath the centre of the meter.
- 3. Select INLAND on the GROUND switch located next to the GROUND CONTROL.
- 4. Turn the SENSITIVITY control to maximum (or audio threshold) if using headphones.
- 5. Position the search head two to three inches above the ground and RETUNE by pulling trigger switch towards your body.
- 6. Lower the head to the ground whilst looking at the meter. If the meter moves to the right followed by a recovery (back to the central position) adjust the GROUND control clockwise about one division. If the meter moves to the left, followed by a recovery to the central position adjust the GROUND control anticlockwise one division.
- 7. Repeat 5 and 6 using progressively smaller adjustments of the GROUND control each time until no meter movement occurs as the head is raised and lowered.
- 8. Having done this reduce the SENSITIVITY until the audio threshold is comfortable and select METER DISC on the METER switch. Ensure the head is at the search height and RETUNE on the trigger switch to centralise the meter needle.
- 9. The GROUND control is now set and searching can commence.

#### **Identifying Targets**

Having located a target, hold the search head to one side of the target and retune the detector. Now sweep the head slowly across the target and note the response of the meter. Ferrous objects give a meter reading into the red, non-ferrous produce a reading into the green <u>or no movement</u>, (deep ferrous objects can also give no reading). An idea of the depth of the target can be made from the

area of response, deep targets give a broad response whilst shallow targets tend to be narrower. The ability to distinguish between good targets and deep iron comes with practice.

#### Searching On A Beach

The range of soil types is greater on the beach ranging from dry sand which shows very little ground effect to salty water which exhibits severe mineralisation. To accommodate this range the GROUND switch must be put into BEACH. The GROUND control is then adjusted as described above for the INLAND site.

Note: At high levels of the GROUND control (BEACH setting) ferrous targets produce negative response and are not detected.

#### **Anti-drift**

Note: The non motion circuitry has built in automatic anti-drift. This is apparent when the SENSITIVITY is set to give an audio tone (threshold) and the head is held still over a deep target. The detector treats the signal as it would drift. The audio signal will gradually decay to the threshold level (set on the SENSITIVITY control). As the head is moved away from the target the audio will also drop away, followed by a slow recovery to threshold.

#### **DETECTION RANGE**

Detection ranges will vary depending on the size of the object, the length of time an object has been buried, and the type of ground the object is buried in. The best ground conditions are well compacted soils and coins can be found at the greatest depth if the object has been buried for some time and the coin has interacted with the salts in the ground, thereby appearing larger to the detector. The worst conditions for detecting are on loosely compacted or freshly dug ground or when the object has only recently been buried. In these conditions detection range will be reduced. 90% of all artefacts are found within 6" of the surface.

N.B. Your CS4ZX is a top performance deep seeker but adverse soil conditions can significantly reduce the depth of detection.

#### DETERMINING THE TARGET SIZE AND DEPTH

An operator who is familiar with his instrument will be able to do an excellent job of determining object size, shape and depth before he digs. This technique is learned from careful analysis of the audio signal coming from the detector. Each time a signal is heard, listen for any peculiar characteristics it may have, determine over how large an area you get a detector signal, and try to 'outline' the object before you dig. After digging up the object, compare the object size, shape, depth and position in the ground with signal information you received before digging. After careful analysis of many signals you will learn to 'read' the hidden target before digging.

#### **ACCESSORIES (OPTIONAL)**

Available from C-Scope

#### **Headphones:**

Headphones not only extend battery life but improve sensitivity by cutting extraneous noise. The headphones should be fitted with a standard stereo 1/4 inch (6.35mm) jack plug. The headphone socket is located under the protective cap in the battery housing.

#### Mini searchhead:

The mini searchhead can be used in place of the supplied head for searching in heavily trashed sites. The depth penetration is reduced slightly. When using the mini head operate with the frequency switch in position 2.

#### Rechargeable battery pack:

A shrink wrapped pack of 8 rechargeable nicad batteries to replace the standard batteries and holder.

#### **Battery charger:**

The C-Scope battery charger is designed to charge the rechargeable pack quickly and safely.

#### CHARGING BATTERIES

A battery charge socket is provided for use with the C-Scope battery charger (see Accessories) and is located under the protective cap in the battery housing. (The smaller of the two sockets.) Inserting the charger will automatically remove the power from the detector so the charger must be removed to do a battery check. Do not attempt to recharge standard batteries. It will take between eight and fifteen hours to fully recharge flat batteries with the C-Scope charging unit.

For further information, and a price list, for all C-Scope accessories please telephone (0233) 629181.

#### THE IMPORTANCE OF THE RIGHT APPROACH

Treasure hunting can be a profitable and rewarding hobby, if approached in a patient and diligent manner. Time spent researching to locate a worthwhile site for a search can be time wasted if your search is hasty and erratic. To achieve maximum results it is important then, to decide on your approach to any particular site in advance of the actual search.

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Tactics will be decided by the type of site - it is more profitable to scan a small area thoroughly than to conduct a haphazard search of the total site. However, when the site is too far away for you to make several return visits, a plan should be adopted which gives maximum coverage, at the same time as indicating the most likely area for detailed search.

Your detector alone is not a guarantee of successful treasure hunting. Any detector needs an operator and for the best results the operator needs the right approach, attitude and technique. Too many beginners neglect the importance of pre-planning and research before using their detector in the field, and patience and technique during the actual search.

A successful search should begin with research some time before the day of the actual search. The extent and thoroughness of your research will be one of the major factors in the success of your detecting. You should aim to get as complete an understanding as possible of the local history and geography.

The key to the choice of site is to think of people, where they congregated over the past few hundred years. What were their customs and pursuits? Where did they spend money? Where did they carry money? The answers are not Roman sites, nor are they associated with mystic treasure stories of crocks of gold. Rather, they are unassuming, undramatic places, like public footpaths and ancient rights of way, old houses and so on.

When you have chosen your site, allocate a whole day from early morning to early evening for the search. Make sure you have all the equipment you are likely to need. Your detector should be checked before starting out, and you should always carry a spare set of batteries. You will also need a strong, sharp trowel. It is also a good idea to have a set of lines and pins so that you can lay out your search area scientifically.

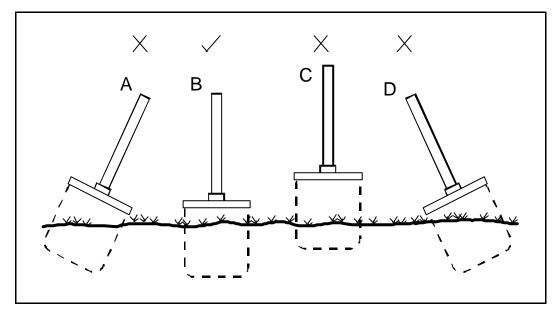
Most beginners make the mistake of rushing about hoping to chance upon a rare find. If for example there happened to be a valuable ring that was buried 4" deep on the site you were searching, if you rushed about haphazardly and quickly on the site, the odds would be very much against you finding it. On the other hand, if you pegged out the area scientifically and searched slowly and thoroughly, the odds of finding the ring would be very much more in your favour.

Remember, BE PATIENT and WORK SLOWLY. Do not try to cover too large an area, restrict yourself to a small area and work through it thoroughly. Make a note of the position and the extent of the area, and then when you return you can start again further on without missing any ground or covering the same area twice.

It is also important to keep the detector head as close to the ground as possible. Ideally, you should 'iron' the ground with the search head of the detector, so that you do not lose any detection range. Similarly, if you work slowly and carefully you should be able to distinguish the faint signals as well as the clear-cut signals and further increase your finds.

The technique of getting the best out of your detector is not learnt overnight. You need to get as much experience as possible so that you can recognise every kind of signal. Indeed, a good detector operator can often tell you what is being detected before it is unearthed.

**Diagram 13** Search Head Position



It is essential that the search head is kept close and parallel to the ground as in B. Do not hold the search head too high above the ground, or at an odd angle as in A, C, D as you will be apt to miss finds.

#### **SWEEPING TECHNIQUE**

For extremely small object searching, such as coins, rings, nuggets, etc. lower the search coil to within 1 inch of the ground. Sweeping the coil from side to side in a straight line in front of you. Keep the coil at a constant height as you sweep from side to side. Move the coil at a rate of 1 metre per second in MOTION and 0.5 metre per second in NON MOTION.

The optimum sweep rate must be determined by each operator. The detector should be held comfortably in the hand, with the coil held as closely to the ground as possible. As the detector is scanned from side to side in front of the operator, the search coil should be advanced approximately two-thirds the diameter of the coil. This keeps the operator moving ahead, and it allows some overlapping of each sweep. This overlapping ensures that nothing will be missed. It is well to note here that the operator should not rush. This is one of the most common mistakes made by detector users. If you rush, you will not adequately cover the ground.

#### METAL DETECTING AND THE ENGLISH LAW

The rights of the finder fall into two distinct classes. The first relates to objects that have been recently lost, and the second to items of gold or silver which are subject, or might be subject, to the laws of the Treasure Trove.

In the first place, where the object has been recently lost and found and is valuable, it should be handed to the Police as soon after it has been found as possible. The Police will then attempt to locate the owner. If they succeed in locating the owner, he has the legal right to the object and is not legally bound to reward the finder. That is a matter for the owner's conscience.

In the event of the Police failing to locate the owner they will probably return the object to the finder. If, however, the owner makes a claim for the object at a later date, the finder must return the item to the owner. If the owner is not located the finder has the best rights to ownership, provided that the object was not found on private property, in which case the owner of the land has a better right than the finder. The solution here, of course, is to obtain permission beforehand and to come to some agreement with the landowner with regards to the division of any finds.

If on the other hand, the find of gold or silver can be proved to have been deliberately concealed, with a view to recovery at a later date, the find comes under the law of the Treasure Trove. If the objects cannot be proved to have been deliberately concealed, the find cannot be declared Treasure Trove.

Usually this point centres around the quantity of coins in a hoard, or whether the find is in a container. Obviously, if there are a hundred coins in a pot, they were almost certainly deliberately concealed. If, however, there are only one or two coins, it is more likely that they were lost accidentally.

If the objects are declared Treasure Trove, the finder has no need to worry, for he is usually rewarded with a cash settlement to the full market value of the find.

When the objects are not declared Treasure Trove, the owner of the land on which the find was made usually has a better claim to ownership than the finder.

<u>In Scotland</u> all newly discovered ancient objects of all metals, whether deliberately concealed or not are subject to the same procedure as Treasure Trove finds in England.

#### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR METAL DETECTOR USERS

- 1. Do not trespass. Ask permission before venturing on to any private land.
- 2. Respect the Country Code. Do not leave gates open when crossing fields, and do not damage crops or frighten animals.
- 3. Do not leave a mess. It is simple to extract a coin or other small objects buried a few inches under the ground without digging a great hole. Use a sharpened trowel or knife to cut a neat circle or triangle (do not remove the plug of earth entirely from the ground); extract the object; replace the soil and grass carefully and even you will have difficulty in finding the spot again.
- 4. Help to keep Britain tidy and help yourself. Bottle tops, silver paper and tin cans are the last thing you should throw away. You could well be digging them up again next year. Do yourself and the community a favour by taking the rusty iron and junk you find to the nearest litter bin.
- 5. If you discover any live ammunition or any lethal objects such as an unexploded bomb or mine, do not touch it. Mark the site carefully and report the find to the local police.
- 6. Report all unusual historical finds to the landowner.
- 7. Familiarise yourself with the law relating to archaeological sites. Remember it is illegal for anyone to use a metal detector on a scheduled ancient monument unless permission has been obtained

- from the Historic Buildings and Ancient Monument Commission for England or the Secretary of State for the Environment in Scotland and Wales.
- 8. Remember that when you are out with your metal detector, you are an ambassador for our hobby. Do nothing that may give it a bad name.

#### **CARE OF YOUR DETECTOR**

#### **Storage**

When not in use your detector should be stored in a dry warm environment. If it is not to be used for a certain length of time it is advisable to remove the batteries to avoid leakage which could cause serious damage. The working life of your detector will be shortened by careless use or neglect of the unit. Think of your detector as a scientific instrument. Your detector is designed to withstand rugged handling on any terrain, but misuse or lack of due attention will tell in the end. After using your detector in a hostile environment (salt water, sand, etc.) The exterior parts should be flushed with clean fresh water, paying particular attention to the head and stems, then carefully wipe dry.

#### **DETECTOR NOT OPERATING?**

- (a) Check the condition of batteries under load using the meter. (See Battery Check Procedure).
- (b) Check that the search head is properly attached to the control box via the search head cable connector.
- (c) Interchange batteries and ensure connections are correct and secure. Battery life can vary tremendously between makes, therefore your 'new' batteries may already be insufficiently powerful to run the detector.
- (d) Check that NOTCH is not in ACCEPT mode.

#### Oscillating Signal Accompanied By Slight Meter Fluctuation

- (a) This could be due to poor battery connections. Ensure that they are tight and the batteries are securely clipped into place.
- (b) Loose search head cable connection tighten.
- (c) Interference from a vehicle using a radio transmitter or possibly a stationary source of electromagnetic radiation if this occurs then reduce the sensitivity. If the problem persists then the best remedy is to wait until the transmission stops.

#### **Intermittent Sound From Speaker**

- (a) This could be due to poor battery connections. Ensure that they are tight and the batteries are securely clipped into place.
- (b) Loose search head cable connection tighten.
- (c) Radio interference (see above).

#### The Detector Drifts Out Of Tune

- (a) Temperature drift caused by change in air temperature when a machine is moved from a house or car into the open. The greater the change in temperature the more the drift, and in severe conditions up to 30 minutes may be needed for the electronic circuitry to acclimatise itself.
- (b) Sometimes battery drain can cause drift of signal. Replace batteries and this should help to maintain a stable signal.

#### **Further Information**

If you experience any difficulty in operating your CS4ZX, or have any questions on the information in your CS4ZX Operating Instructions Manual, please do not hesitate to phone our Customer Service Department on (01233) 629181.

### Before returning a detector for repair to C-Scope ensure you have done the following:-

- (a) Read the instructions thoroughly.
- (b) Tried new batteries and checked procedure outlined above.
- (c) Return your detector with a letter giving full details of fault.



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