

METAL DETECTOR



To come up against an electric cable while drilling a hole in a wall can have catastrophic consequences. Likewise, drilling into gas, water pipes or central heating pipes can be extremely hazardous. With a handy metal detector it can now be determined beforehand whether there are metal objects to be found in a wall, ceiling or floor. An LED indicates if a metal object is in the vicinity.

Specifications:

Avoid disasters when drilling holes in walls
Locate pipes, cables, metal studs, ...
Great project for novices
Your own unique application
Push button operation

Features:

- Detection range adjustable up to 8cm/ 3.1"
- Power supply : 9V battery
- Power consumption : 30mA max.
- · LED indicator
- 12VDC-buzzer connection (buzzer not included)
- Dimensions : 55x64mm / 2.2"x2.5"

Assembly hints

A good quality soldering iron (25-40W) with a small tip.

- Wipe it often on a wet sponge or cloth, to keep it clean; then apply solder to the tip, to give it a wet look. This is called 'thinning' and will protect the tip, and enables you to make good connections. When solder rolls off the tip, it needs cleaning.
- Thin raisin-core solder. Do not use any flux or grease.

1.1 Make sure you have the right tools:

- A diagonal cutter to trim excess wires. To avoid injury when cutting excess leads, hold the lead so they cannot fly towards the eyes.
- Needle nose pliers, for bending leads, or to hold components in place.
- · Small blade and Phillips screwdrivers. A basic range is fine.

 \sum For some projects, a basic multi-meter is required, or might be handy

1.2 Assembly Hints :

- \Rightarrow Make sure the skill level matches your experience, to avoid disappointments.
- \Rightarrow Follow the instructions carefully. Read and understand the entire step before you perform each operation.
- \Rightarrow Perform the assembly in the correct order as stated in this manual
- ⇒ Position all parts on the PCB (Printed Circuit Board) as shown on the drawings.
- ⇒ Values on the circuit diagram are subject to changes, the values in this assembly guide are correct*
- \Rightarrow Use the check-boxes to mark your progress.
- \Rightarrow Please read the included information on safety and customer service

* Typographical inaccuracies excluded. Always look for possible last minute manual updates, indicated as 'NOTE' on a separate leaflet.

1.3 Soldering Hints :

- 1- Mount the component against the PCB surface and carefully solder the leads
- 2- Make sure the solder joints are cone-shaped and shiny
- 3- Trim excess leads as close as possible to the solder joint













DO NOT BLINDLY FOLLOW THE ORDER OF THE COMPONENTS ONTO THE TAPE. ALWAYS CHECK THEIR VALUE ON THE PARTS LIST!

1. Coils

The coil consists of two windings around the ferrite core supplied.

In order to facilitate winding, thin double sided sticky tape can be stuck to the ferrite core, each winding can be held down using ordinary sellotape.

Both windings must be wound in the same direction (see fig 1.0)

Winding L1 = 120 turns (this winding can be marked with a sticky label)

□ Winding L2 = 43 turns.







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10. Assembly

Connect the battery terminal to the point marked "+" (red) and "-" (black), see figure 2.0.



□ Connect the windings to their respective points marked with a, b, (L1) and c, d (L2), see figure 3.0.





11. Test & final adjustments

- 1. Connect a 9V battery to the battery holder.
- 2. Go to a place where NO metal object is known to be in the vicinity.
- 3. Turn preset RV1 fully clockwise.
- 4. Turn RV2 fully anti-clockwise.
- 5. Depress the push button and hold it in during the final adjustments.
- 6. Turn RV1 anti-clockwise until the LED goes out.
- All further remaining adjustments are now concerned with RV2 only.

To set to maximum sensitivity: turn RV2 until the LED is weakly lit. When the detector now comes into the vicinity of a metal object, the LED will be more brightly lit. This gives an indication of the distance and/or the size of the metal object.

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Diagram

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13. Diagram









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