

# SeeSnake® Mini

## Pipe Inspection System



### **WARNING!**

Read this Operator's Manual carefully before using this tool. Failure to understand and follow the contents of this manual may result in electrical shock, fire, and/or serious personal injury.

For support and additional information about using your SeeSnake Mini go to [support.seesnake.com/mini](https://support.seesnake.com/mini) or scan this QR code.



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## Introduction

The warnings, cautions, and instructions discussed in this manual cannot cover all possible conditions and situations that may occur. It must be understood by the operator that common sense and caution are factors that cannot be built into this product, but must be supplied by the operator.

## Regulatory Statements

**CE** The EC Declaration of Conformity (890-011-320.10) will accompany this manual as a separate booklet when required.

**FC** This device complies with Part 15 of FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

## Safety Symbols

In this manual and on the product, safety symbols and signal words are used to communicate important safety information. This section is provided to improve understanding of these signal words and symbols.



This is the safety alert symbol. It is used to alert you to potential personal injury hazards. Obey all safety messages that follow this symbol to avoid possible injury or death.

### **⚠ DANGER**

DANGER indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

### **⚠ WARNING**

WARNING indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

### **⚠ CAUTION**

CAUTION indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

### **NOTICE**

NOTICE indicates information that relates to the protection of property.



This symbol means read the operator's manual carefully before using the equipment. The manual contains important information on the safe and proper operation of the equipment.



This symbol means always wear safety glasses with side shields or goggles when handling or using this equipment to reduce the risk of eye injury.



This symbol indicates the risk of electrical shock.

## General Safety Rules

### ⚠ WARNING



Read all safety warnings and instructions. Failure to follow the warnings and instructions may result in electrical shock, fire, and/or serious injury.

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!

## Work Area Safety

- **Keep your work area clean and well lit.** Cluttered or dark areas invite accidents.
- **Do not operate equipment in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or dust.** Equipment can create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- **Keep children and bystanders away while operating equipment.** Distractions can cause you to lose control.

## Electrical Safety

- **Avoid body contact with earthed or grounded surfaces such as pipes, radiators, ranges, and refrigerators.** There is an increased risk of electrical shock if your body is earthed or grounded.
- **Do not expose equipment to rain or wet conditions.** Water entering equipment will increase the risk of electrical shock.
- **Keep all electrical connections dry and off the ground.** Touching equipment or plugs with wet hands can increase the risk of electrical shock.
- **Do not abuse the cord.** Never use the cord for carrying, pulling, or unplugging the power tool. Keep cord away from heat, oil, sharp edges, and moving parts. Damaged or entangled cords increase the risk of electrical shock.
- **If operating equipment in a damp location is unavoidable, use a ground fault circuit interrupter (GFCI) protected supply.** Use of a GFCI reduces the risk of electrical shock.

## Personal Safety

- **Stay alert, watch what you are doing, and use common sense when operating equipment.** Do not use equipment while you are tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medication. A moment of inattention while operating equipment may result in serious injury.
- **Dress properly.** Do not wear loose clothing or jewelry. Loose clothes, jewelry, and long hair can be caught in moving parts.
- **Practice good hygiene.** Use hot, soapy water to wash hands and other body parts exposed to drain contents after handling or using drain inspection equipment. To prevent contamination from toxic or infectious material, do not eat or smoke while operating or handling drain inspection equipment.
- **Always use appropriate personal protective equipment when handling and using equipment in drains.** Drains may contain chemicals, bacteria, and other substances that may be toxic, infectious, and cause burns or other issues. Appropriate personal protective equipment always includes safety glasses and may include a dust mask, hard hat, hearing protection, drain cleaning gloves or mitts, latex or rubber gloves, face shields, goggles, protective clothing, respirators, and steel toed, non-skid footwear.
- **If using drain cleaning equipment and drain inspection equipment at the same time, wear RIDGID drain cleaning gloves.** Never grasp the rotating drain cleaning cable with anything else, including other gloves or a rag which can become wrapped around the cable and cause hand injuries. Only wear latex or rubber gloves underneath RIDGID drain cleaner gloves. Do not use damaged drain cleaning gloves.

## Equipment Use and Care

- **Do not force equipment.** Use the correct equipment for your application. The correct equipment does the job better and more safely.
- **Do not use equipment if the power switch does not turn it on and off.** Any equipment that cannot be controlled with the power switch is dangerous and must be repaired.
- **Disconnect the plug from the power source and/or the battery pack from the equipment before making adjustments, changing accessories, or storing.** Preventive safety measures reduce the risk of injury.
- **Store idle equipment out of the reach of children and do not allow persons unfamiliar with the equipment or these instructions to operate the equipment.** Equipment can be dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- **Maintain equipment.** Check for misalignment or binding of moving parts, missing parts, breakage of parts, and any other condition that may affect the equipment's operation. If damaged, have the equipment repaired before use. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained equipment.
- **Do not overreach.** Keep proper footing and balance at all times. This enables better control of the equipment in unexpected situations.
- **Use the equipment and accessories in accordance with these instructions, taking into account the working conditions and the work to be performed.** Use of the equipment for operations different from those intended can result in hazardous situations.
- **Use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for your equipment.** Accessories that may be suitable for one piece of equipment may become hazardous when used with other equipment.
- **Keep handles dry, clean, and free from oil and grease.** Clean handles give better control of the equipment.

## Pre-Operation Inspection

### ⚠ WARNING



**To reduce the risk of serious injury from electrical shock or other causes, and to prevent damage to your equipment, inspect all equipment and correct any problems before each use.**

To inspect all equipment, follow these steps:

1. Power off your equipment.
2. Disconnect and inspect all cords, cables, and connectors for damage or modification.
3. Clean any dirt, oil, or other contamination from your equipment to ease inspection and to prevent it from slipping from your grip during transport or use.
4. Inspect your equipment for any broken, worn, missing, misaligned, or binding parts, or any other condition which might prevent safe, normal operation.
5. Refer to the instructions for all other equipment to inspect and make sure it is in good, usable condition.
6. Check your work area for the following:
  - Adequate lighting.
  - The presence of flammable liquids, vapors, or dust that may ignite. If present, do not work in area until sources have been identified and corrected. The equipment is not explosion proof. Electrical connections can cause sparks.
  - A clear, level, stable, and dry place for the operator. Do not use the equipment while standing in water.
7. Examine the job to be done and determine the correct equipment for the task.
8. Observe the work area and erect barriers as necessary to keep bystanders away.

**See additional product specific safety information and warnings starting on page 8.**

## SeeSnake Mini Overview



### Description

The RIDGID® SeeSnake® Mini Pipe Inspection System is a portable camera reel in the SeeSnake family of premier diagnostic systems.

The Mini reel is ideal for inspecting 38 mm to 203 mm [1.5 in to 8 in] lines and comes with either a 30 m [100 ft] or a 61 m [200 ft] push cable. The push cable is reinforced with fiberglass and flexible enough to travel through sharp 90° bends, yet stiff enough to push the camera head long distances. A self-leveling camera head is also available to keep the image upright.

Each Mini reel includes a built-in Flexmitter® sonde that helps locate points of interest in the pipe. Flexmitter sondes have longer, more powerful antennas capable of putting out a stronger signal and preserve the camera's flexibility through turns.

The Mini reel works with any SeeSnake monitor to record and distribute inspections. Pair it with a CSx Series digital reporting monitor to deliver professional multimedia reports to your customers quickly and easily.

The included CountPlus accessory measures how far the camera has traveled inside the pipe. Use the water-resistant keypad to control the CountPlus' functions, which include day, date, time, distance, and preset or custom text overlays.

Specifications	
<b>Weight</b>	
30 m [100 ft] 61 m [200 ft]	8.6 kg [19 lb] 11.8 kg [26 lb]
<b>Dimensions</b>	
Length	519 mm [20.4 in]
Depth	288 mm [11.3 in]
Height	560 mm [22 in]
Drum diameter	462 mm [18.2 in]
<b>Camera, Fixed</b>	
Length	32 mm [1.3 in]
Diameter	30 mm [1.2 in]
Light	6 LEDs
<b>Camera, Self-Leveling</b>	
Length	26 mm [1 in]
Diameter	30 mm [1.2 in]
Light	18 LEDs
<b>Resolution</b>	
NTSC	656 × 492 pixels
PAL	768 × 576 pixels
<b>Sonde</b>	
Type	Flexmitter®
Frequency	512 Hz

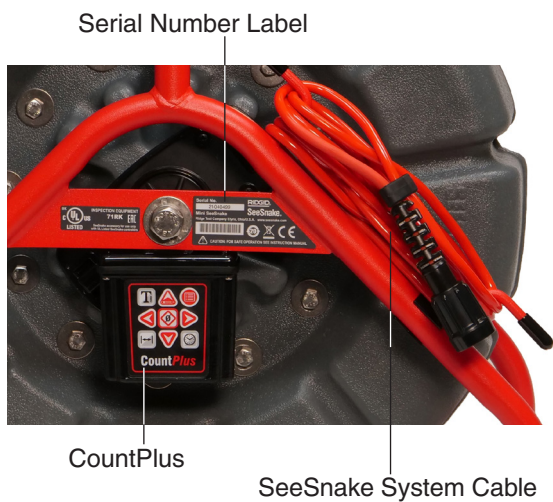
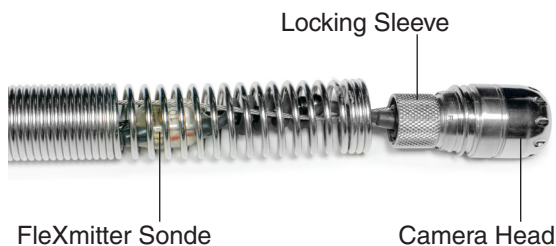
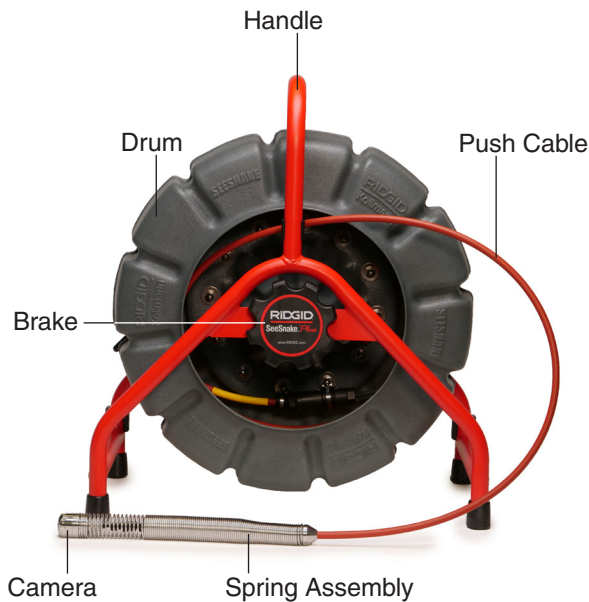
Specifications	
<b>Push Cable</b>	
Length	30 m [100 ft] 61 m [200 ft]
Diameter	9.1 mm [0.36 in]
Fiberglass core diameter	3.5 mm [0.14 in]
Minimum bend radius	76 mm [3 in]
<b>Pipe Capacity §</b>	38 mm to 203 mm [1.5 in to 8 in]
<b>System Cable Length</b>	3 m [10 ft]
<b>Operating Environment</b>	
Temperature ‡	-10°C to 50°C [14°F to 122°F]
Storage temperature	-10°C to 70°C [14°F to 158°F]
Ingress protection (without monitor)	IP×5
Relative humidity	5 to 95 percent
Altitude	4,000 m [13,123 ft]
Camera depth rating	Waterproof to 100 m [328.1 ft]
§ Actual pipe capacity depends on pipe conditions.	
‡ While the camera can function in extreme temperatures, some image quality changes may occur.	

## Standard Equipment

- SeeSnake Mini camera reel
- Operator's manual
- Pipe guide kit
- Spanner wrench



## System Components



## Specific Safety Information

### ⚠ WARNING



This section contains important safety information that is specific to the SeeSnake Mini Pipe Inspection System. Read these precautions carefully before using the equipment to reduce the risk of electrical shock, fire, and/or serious injury.

### SAVE ALL WARNINGS AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!

## SeeSnake Mini Safety

- Read and understand this manual, the digital reporting monitor's manual, and the instructions for any other equipment you are using before operating the equipment. Failure to follow all instructions may result in property damage and/or serious injury. Keep this manual with the equipment for future use.
- Operating the equipment while in water increases the risk of electrical shock. Do not operate the system if operator or equipment are standing in water.
- The equipment is not designed to provide high voltage protection and isolation. Do not use where a danger of high voltage contact is present.
- To prevent damage to the equipment and to decrease the risk of injury, do not expose the equipment to mechanical shocks. Exposure to mechanical shocks can damage equipment and increase the risk of serious injury.
- Always use appropriate personal protective equipment when handling and using equipment in drains. Wear appropriate protective equipment such as latex or rubber gloves, goggles, face shields, and respirators when inspecting drains that might contain hazardous chemicals or bacteria. Always wear eye protection to protect against dirt and other foreign objects.



# Operating Instructions

## Placement

Set up your SeeSnake system near the pipe entrance so you can manipulate the push cable while viewing the monitor. Make sure that the drum can spin freely. Placing the reel where the drum cannot spin freely may result in over-winding the cable, which may result in property damage and/or serious injury.



Lay the SeeSnake on its back for greater stability, particularly when on a rooftop, overhead entry, or hillside.



## Inspection Overview

To perform a pipe inspection, connect any SeeSnake monitor to the reel, power on the system, push the push cable through the pipe, and observe the display.

For advanced inspection options, such as capturing media, locating the sonde, tracing the push cable, and delivering reports, refer to the manual that comes with your monitor.

## Connecting to the Monitor

Connect the system cable to the monitor by aligning the connector guide pin with the socket and pushing the connector straight in.

**NOTICE** Only twist the outer locking sleeve. Never bend or twist the connector.



## Retrieving the Camera

Pull the push cable back out of the pipe with slow, steady force and feed small lengths back into the drum. Wipe the push cable with a paper towel or rag as you retrieve it.

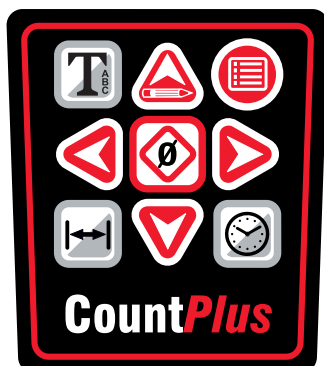
**NOTICE** Do not exert excessive force or pull at sharp angles. Feeding longer lengths or forcing the push cable may cause it to loop, kink, or break.

## Pipe Guides

Pipe guides center the camera in the pipe, improve picture quality, and help keep the lens clear. Use pipe guides when possible to reduce wear and tear on the camera system.

## CountPlus

The Mini reel comes with the CountPlus counter accessory. The CountPlus measures the total length of the push cable and can measure the push cable's distance from a temporary zero point, such as a pipe head or joint. It can also be used to create custom text slides.



*Note: Many SeeSnake monitors include the ability to control what information is displayed on the monitor and recorded to media, including the cable distance. Read your monitor's operator's manual to find out if the monitor includes this feature.*

*If you are using a monitor that includes this feature, we recommend controlling the display through the monitor's interface instead of the CountPlus.*

Keypad		
	Menu	Open the menu. Press to exit screens and menus.
		Menu
		Edit Slide
		Information
		Tools
	Select	Time Settings
		Date Settings
		Unit Settings
		Reel and Cable Settings
	Arrows	Select highlighted items.
		Start and stop temporary segment measurements. Press and hold to reset system measurement to zero.
		Navigate menus and text characters. Reposition slides in the slide layout screen.
		Down Create new slide or choose from saved slides.
		Left/Right Switch between saved slides.
	Text Slide	Up/Edit Edit current slide.
		Show and hide text slide. When creating a new text slide, toggle between slide layout and text entry screens.
	Count	
		Show and hide count.
	Date/Time	
		Cycle date/time options: show date, time, both, or neither.

## Maintenance and Support

### Cleaning

Clean your system with rags and a soft nylon brush. If desired, a mild detergent or disinfectant can be used. Do not use solvents or high pressure water to clean any part of the system.

### Maintaining Components

#### Camera Head

Scratches on the camera have a minimal effect on the its performance. Do not use scraping tools or sand the camera to remove scratches.

#### Push Cable

Run a rag over the push cable and visually inspect it for cuts and abrasions while pushing it back into the drum. Replace or repair the push cable if the outer jacket is cut or abraded.

### Storage

The SeeSnake Mini must be stored in a dry, secure area between -10°C and 70°C [14°F and 158°F]. Store your equipment in a locked area out of the reach of children and people unfamiliar with its purpose.

### Support

For support and additional information about using your system, visit [support.seesnake.com/mini](http://support.seesnake.com/mini).

## Service and Repair

**Improper service or repair can cause the camera reel to be unsafe to operate.**

Service and repair of the camera reel must be performed at a RIDGID Independent Authorized Service Center. To find your nearest service center or for any service or repair questions:

- Contact your local RIDGID distributor.
- Visit [RIDGID.com](http://RIDGID.com).
- Contact RIDGID Technical Services Department at [rtctechservices@emerson.com](mailto:rtctechservices@emerson.com) or, in the USA and Canada, call 1-800-519-3456.

## Disposal

Parts of your system contain valuable materials that can be recycled. There are companies that specialize in recycling that may be found locally. Dispose of the components in compliance with all applicable regulations. Contact your local waste management authority for more information.



**EC Countries:** Do not dispose of electrical equipment with household waste!

According to the European Guideline 2002/96/EC for Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment and its implementation into national legislation, electrical equipment that is no longer usable must be collected separately and disposed of in an environmentally correct manner.

## Battery Disposal

**EC Countries:** Defective or used batteries must be recycled according to the guideline 2006/66/EEC.

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