

# POCKET RADAR™



## **USER MANUAL & GUIDE**

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## Personal Speed Radar.

**Congratulations!** You have just purchased the world's smallest, fully-capable, Personal Speed Radar. The Pocket Radar™™ is a versatile and convenient tool for making many types of speed measurements. Pocket Radar™ enables simple, point-and-shoot speed monitoring for all types of activities. Pocket Radar™ provides instantaneous accuracy to within +/- 1 Mile Per Hour (MPH) or +/- 2 Kilometer Per Hour (KPH).

Revolutionary new technology advances have now made it possible to fit high performance speed radar into your shirt pocket. This allows you to make speed measurements anywhere you go. Following these instructions will help you achieve the best performance from your Pocket Radar™.

Please read all of these instructions before using your new Pocket Radar™. If you have any more questions, please check the Pocket Radar™ website under frequently asked questions (FAQ) or contact us at [Info@PocketRadar.com](mailto:Info@PocketRadar.com).

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## Installing the Batteries

Pocket Radar™ uses two AAA Alkaline batteries (included in the box). To install the batteries, remove the battery cover from the back of the Pocket Radar™ by pressing on the top of the battery cover and sliding it down. (Look for the three lines at the top of the battery cover, directly below the label on the back of the Pocket Radar™). Insert the batteries in the direction indicated by the polarity marks inside the battery compartment and replace the cover by sliding it back on until it snaps in place.



## Point and Shoot

Hold the Pocket Radar™ up vertically like a camera phone with the radar lens at the back of the unit pointing in-line with the path of the moving target. Do not block the radar lens. Do not point the back of the Pocket Radar™ at the ground; think of it as a cell phone camera versus a TV remote control. Press and quickly release the RED button while aiming the radar lens (located on the back of the Pocket Radar™) at the moving target. The Pocket Radar™ will turn itself on and begin the measurement sequence as soon as you press the RED button.

## Timing

It is very important to know when to press the RED button. For objects that are in motion for a very short time, you will need to press and quickly release the RED button – once, typically just before the start of motion. For example – to measure the speed of a baseball pitch, press-and-release the RED button quickly – once, just before the pitcher releases the ball. The Pocket Radar™ will watch the pitch and display the fastest object it sees during the flight of the ball. It may require a little practice to get used to the timing. Try pressing the RED button earlier if you don't catch the baseball speed.

Alternatively, if you hold the RED button down, the speed will update approximately every  $\frac{3}{4}$  second, but it will not be possible to precisely time when the Pocket Radar™ makes a specific reading. This method works well when you desire to monitor a changing speed such as a person running or cars accelerating. You can later recall the last ten measurements to view the changes in speed over time.

## Measurements

The Pocket Radar™ can measure the speed of any object that is moving faster than 7 MPH and slower than 375 MPH. When you press the RED button, a small beam icon will appear at the top of the LCD display. This indicates that the radar beam is active. The radar will continue active for about a half of a second, and will search until it presents a speed or a “- - -” on the display. The “- - -” on the display indicates that the Pocket Radar™ could not find a measureable moving target within the speed range. This entire sequence occurs in less than a second.

**Memory**

Press and release the black RECALL button to display the memory. Each time you press the RECALL button, the Pocket Radar™ will display a previous speed reading, beginning with the most recent speed reading, up to the last 10 readings. When you reach the end of the memory the display will present “ - “. If you continue to press the button beyond the end of the list, it will start over and again present the most recent speed. If the display turns off (goes blank) before you view all of the previous readings, it will start over from the beginning of the list and present the most recent speed when you press RECALL again.

**Power Off**

There is no need to turn the Pocket Radar™ off. The Pocket Radar™ contains an automatic battery saving shut-off feature. After 30 seconds with no button pushes, the unit will automatically power off. This helps to increase battery life to over 10,000 measurements using Alkaline AAA batteries. The battery life indicator icon shows up on the lower left hand corner of the display. It will indicate the amount of battery life available and warn you when you need to change the batteries. The battery life indicator will blink when battery life drops to a very low level. Please remove the batteries for long-term storage.

**Changing Units of Measurement**

The Pocket Radar™ displays speed in units such as miles per hour (MPH) or kilometers per hour (KPH). To change the units of measurement, press and hold the RECALL button. While holding the RECALL button down, press and release the RED button and then release the RECALL button. The currently selected units indicator will blink. To advance to the next units selection, press and release the RED button. Continuing to press the RED button will cycle the units of measurement again. When the desired units of measurement show up on the display, press the RECALL button to return to normal operation with the new units setting.

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## Radar Measurement Challenges

Due to the nature of how Doppler speed radar works, all speed radars will only measure the relative speed of a target in the direction that it approaches or moves away from the speed radar. The Pocket Radar™ will measure speed most accurately when the path of the moving target runs directly in-line with the beam of the radar. (Note: Always be safe. Never put yourself in a position where you could be struck by a moving object.) If you point the beam of the Pocket Radar™ even a slight angle sideways to the path of the moving object, you will measure a slower speed than the object actually travels along its path. You will also find it more difficult to time the measurement and capture the object within the narrow beam of the radar when you measure off angle. (Think of the beam like a flashlight beam, not like a floodlight).

### TABLE OF EXAMPLES

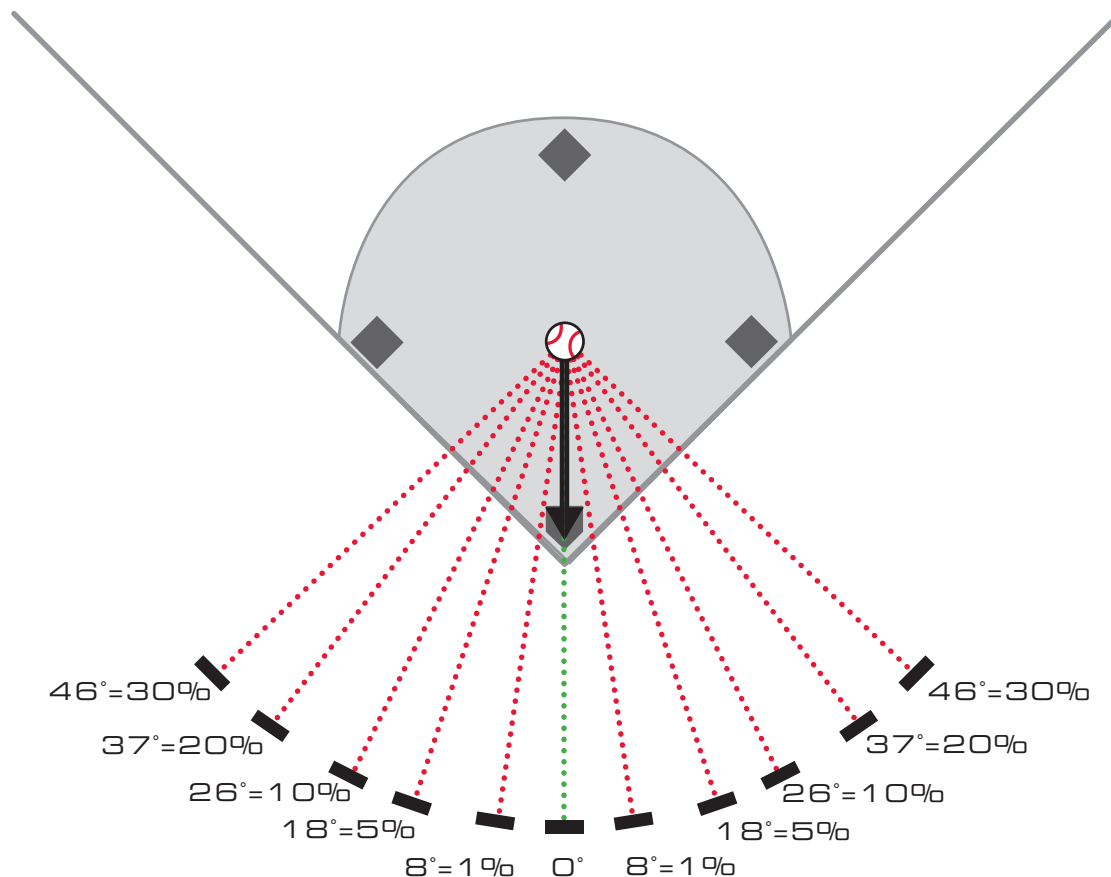
For more details, visit: [www.PocketRadar.com](http://www.PocketRadar.com)

ANGLE DEGREES (+/-)	0°	8°	18°	26°	37°	46°
TRUE SPEED (MPH)	MEASURED SPEED (MPH)					
25	25	25	24	23	20	18
35	35	35	33	32	28	25
45	45	45	43	41	36	32
50	50	50	48	45	40	35
60	60	59	57	54	48	42
70	70	69	67	63	56	49
90	90	89	86	81	72	63
100	100	99	95	90	80	70
150	150	149	143	135	120	105
200	200	198	190	180	160	140
350	350	347	333	315	280	245
% ERROR DUE TO ANGLE	0%	1%	5%	10%	20%	30%

This off angle speed measurement error is referred to as the COSINE error, named after the mathematical function that allows you to calculate the exact speed versus angle. The measured speed will always read lower than the actual speed as you move off the centerline of the path of the moving object. For small angles, this error will be very small. This is why you see police officers pointing their radar along the direction of the road; not down a side street pointing sideways to the road.

### Example

On a typical college or high school baseball field, right behind the backstop, if you stay within 12 feet to either side of the centerline between the catcher and pitcher, any pitches that are less than 90 MPH will read within 1 MPH of the true speed. As you move further off the center line, the readings will become less accurate and you may miss the measurement entirely. On Page 5, there is a chart and table of the angle versus the percentage error. This error will occur with any type of speed radar.



**Each degree from center will cause your speed to read the noted % lower.**

Speed radars are very sensitive instruments for measuring moving objects of any kind. There may be times when the speed reading displayed may not make sense, or when there is no apparent moving object present. False readings of this kind are sometimes referred to as “ghost readings”. These can result from either a movement of some kind, such as a fan or hidden moving object, or an electrical source of interference, such as a fluorescent light, neon sign, computer monitor or cell phone. You will need to use your own judgment to decide if the speed measurement makes sense. If the speed doesn't make sense, you may have a false reading.

### **Movement**

Any objects that rotate, move or vibrate can create a reading on the display. Large amounts of vibration, such as very loud noises, can result in false readings. Things like motors, fans, nearby traffic or the motion of a person's arm can be detected by the speed radar. In some cases, if you are measuring the speed of a car at a very close distance, you may pick up the engine, the radiator fan, the heater or A/C fan inside the car, moving wheels or hubcaps, etc. In this case, try to make the measurement from a further distance away. This may cause difficulty when you are trying to measure speeds from inside a car, as you may only measure the speed of the internal fans and not the external moving objects.

### **Electrical**

Cell phones, wireless devices, radio and TV transmitters, computers, fluorescent lights, televisions, walkie-talkies, etc., can also possibly create a false reading.

In the event of getting any of these kinds of false readings, try to identify the possible source and then reposition the speed radar so that you are further away and have the beam pointed away from the source. Quite often the interfering moving object is not easy to spot. You may even be observing a reflection (such as a car behind you while you are pointing at a metal backstop behind home plate). All radars work this way, so remember to use your best judgment when you have a question about what you see.

For more details, visit: [www.PocketRadar.com](http://www.PocketRadar.com)



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## Specifications

Nominal Operating Frequency: 24.125 GHz

Measures from:

7 MPH to 375 MPH (Miles Per Hour)  
11 KPH to 600 KPH (Kilometers Per Hour)  
10 FPS to 550 FPS (Feet Per Second)  
3 MPS to 168 MPS (Meters Per Second)

Accuracy:

+/- 1 MPH  
+/- 2 KPH  
+/- 2 FPS  
+/- 1 MPS

Range under good radar measurement conditions:

Baseball from 120 feet  
Car from ½ mile

Size: Height 4.7 inches, Width 2.3 inches, Depth 0.8 inches  
Volume < 7.9 cubic inches

Weight: 3.7 ounces without batteries, 4.5 ounces with Alkaline batteries

Typical Battery Life: up to 10,000 readings on 2 AAA Alkaline batteries

Operating Temperature Range: 20° F to 120° F

Nominal Power Output: 2.5 mW

Memory Recall function, 10 readings deep

### **FCC Class B Product Label Statement**

This device complies with part 15 of the 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.

### **FCC Class B User Manual Statement**

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance may void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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## Limited Warranty

Pocket Radar™ Inc. ("Pocket Radar™") warrants to the original user that this product will be free of defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

If the product is found by Pocket Radar™ to be defective, Pocket Radar™'s entire liability and your exclusive remedy for breach of warranty shall be that Pocket Radar™ will repair or replace the product and return the product or its replacement to you at no charge, provided that you ship the product to Pocket Radar™ in the authorized RMA shipping package (provided upon request), with a description of the defect and subject to the other conditions of this warranty. Should the product prove to be irreparable, Pocket Radar™ may substitute an equivalent product of the same or similar style and of a value not in excess of the original purchase price of your instrument.

Pocket Radar™ warrants the repaired or replacement product to be free from defects in material and workmanship on the same terms as the product originally purchased. This warranty will be void if the product, serial number or other identification marks have been defaced, damaged or removed. This warranty does not cover wear and tear due to normal use, or damage to the product as the result of improper usage, neglect of care, alteration, accident or unauthorized repair, nor does this warranty apply to the battery necessary to operate the product.

This warranty is extended to the original retail purchaser only and may not be transferred or assigned to subsequent owners. In order to validate your warranty, you must provide proof of purchase acceptable to Pocket Radar™ together with the product shipped for warranty repair/replacement.

Products returned to Pocket Radar™ must be pre-authorized by Pocket Radar™ and must be returned in the authorized RMA (Return Material Authorization) packaging. Please contact Pocket Radar™ to obtain this authorized package and to obtain return instructions or for any other question regarding this warranty.

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Limited Warranty (Con't)

THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS GIVEN IN LIEU OF AND Pocket Radar™ DISCLAIMS ALL OTHER WARRANTIES OR REPRESENTATIONS, EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED, IN FACT OR IN LAW, WITH RESPECT TO THIS PRODUCT, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, (1) THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR (2) THAT USE OF THE PRODUCT WILL BE UNINTERRUPTED AND ERROR FREE.

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For US customers, please do not return any defective unit to the retailer, but contact Pocket Radar™ directly. Visit [www.PocketRadar.com/contact](http://www.PocketRadar.com/contact) for the Pocket Radar™ contact to obtain an RMA or for any other question regarding this warranty or use of the Pocket Radar™.

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