# FURUNO OPERATOR'S MANUAL

COLOR SEARCHLIGHT SONAR

MODEL CH-18



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## SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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This notice indicates apotentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury, or property damage.

# **WARNING**



Do not open the cover of the equipment.

This equipment uses high voltage electricity which can shock, burn, or cause death. Only qualified personnel should work inside the equipment.

### Do not dissasemble or modify the equipment.

Fire, electrical shock or serious injury can result.

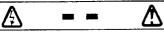
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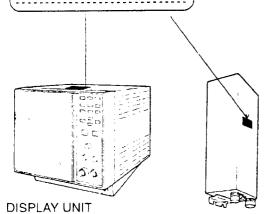
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remove cover. No user-serviceable parts inside.



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TRANSCEIVER UNIT

## **A** CAUTION

Do not place liquid-filled containers on the top of the equipment.

Fire or electrical shock can result if a liquid spills into the equipment.

Do not place heater near the equipment.

Heat can melt the power cord, which can result in fire or electrical shock.

Do not operate the unit with wet hands.

Electrical shock can result.

Use the correct fuse.

Use of the wrong fuse can cause fire or equipment damage.

Do not exceed speed 15 knots when operating the equipment or during lowering or raising of the transducer.

The transducer muy become damaged.

The zinc block attached near the transducer must be replaced yearly.

The junction between the transducer and main shaft may corrode, which can result in loss of the tansducer or water leakage inside the ship.

#### A WORD TO FURUNO CH-18 OWNERS

Congratulations on your choice of FURUNO CH-18 Color Searchlight Sonar! We are confident that you will enjoy many years of operation with this fine piece of equipment.

For over 40 years Furuno Electric Company has enjoyed an enviable reputation for quality and reliability throughout the world. This dedication to excellence is furthered by our extensive global network of agents and dealers.

The CH-18 Color Searchlight Sonar is a microcomputer-controlled up-to-date sonar for small fishing boats developed with our many years of experience and state-of-art technology in the design and manufacture of large sonars. Although the CH-18 is compact and light-weight, it incorporates many useful functions which usually can not be found in this class of sonar and will contribute to modernization and high efficiency of your fishing operation. The excellence of signal processing technique combined with well-suspended sidelobes brings you a high quality 8-color picture on an 8-inch screen.

We would appreciate feedback from you, the end-user, about whether we are achieving our purpose.

Thank you for considering and purchasing Furuno equipment.

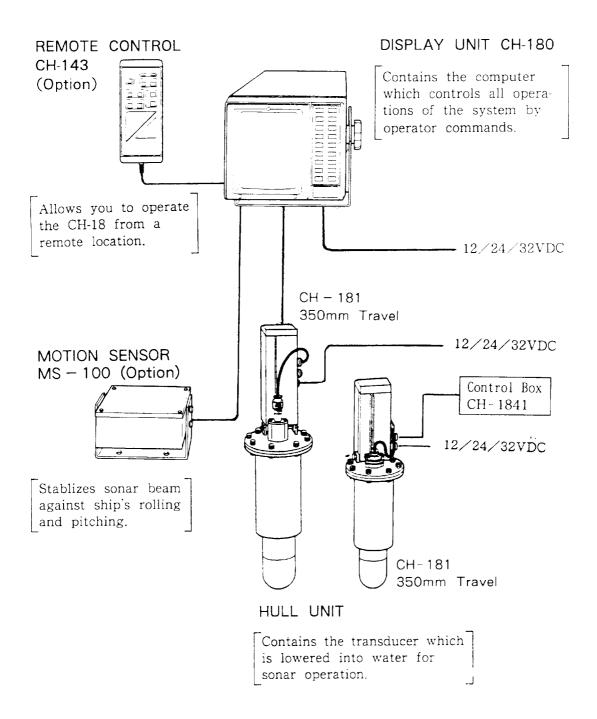
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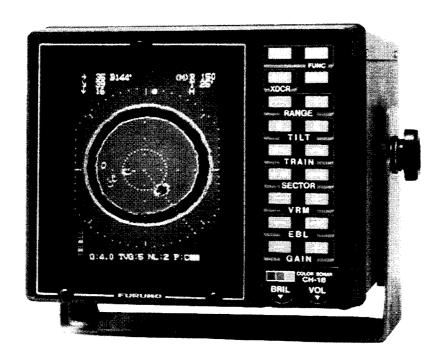
#### 1. SYSTEM CONFIGURATION

The CH-18 consists of the following units.



#### 2. OPERATIONAL CONTROLS

The front part of the display unit is separated into two sections: controls on the right-hand side, and the CRT on the left-hand side. Changing a touchpad setting will cause a corresponding change on the screen as well as a change in the appearance of the echoes being viewed.

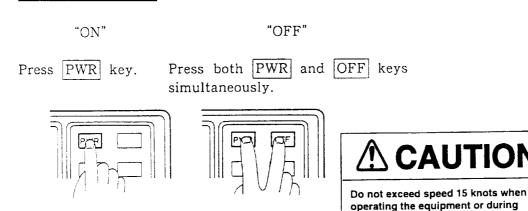


#### OPERATING CONTROL/KEY

PWR	POWER Key	na	TRAIN Key
OFF	OFF (FUNC) Key	++++	SECTOR Key
1/4	XDCR (Transducer) Key		VRM Key
MENU	MENU Key		EBL Key
- +	RANGE Key	- +	GAIN Key
1 1	TILT Key	BRIL	BRILliance Control
		VOL	VOLume Control

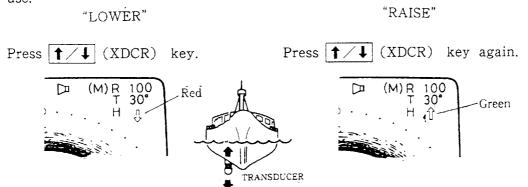
#### 3. BASIC OPERATION

#### POWER ON/OFF



#### TRANSDUCER RAISE/LOWER

Lower the transducer to use the sonar and retract it into the tank after use.

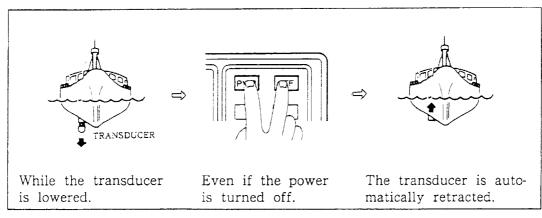


The " $\downarrow$ " indication flickers while lowering the transducer and lights in red when completed.

The "Î" indication flickers while raising the transducer and lights in green when completed.

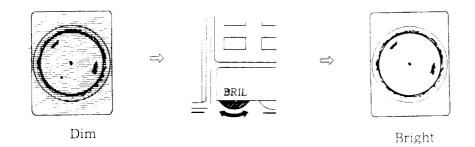
lowering or raising of the transducer.

The transducer may become damaged.



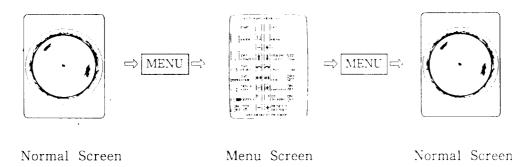
#### BRILLIANCE ADJUSTMENT

The screen brightness is adjustable with the BRIL control.



#### NORMAL/MENU SCREEN SELECTION

Every pressing of the  $\boxed{\text{MENU}}$  key changes the screen selection between normal and menu.

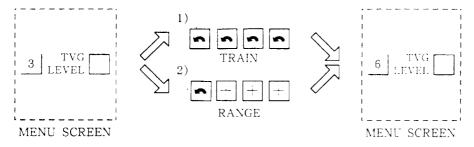


#### KEY OPERATION ON MENU SCREEN

The settings on the menu screen can be changed either by

- 1) pressing the corresponding control key repeatedly.
- 2) pressing the corresponding control key once and then the RANGE [-] keys.

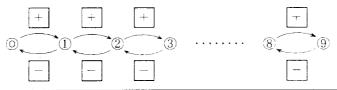
(EXAMPLE) To change TVG LEVEL.



#### O Difference Between The Two Methods

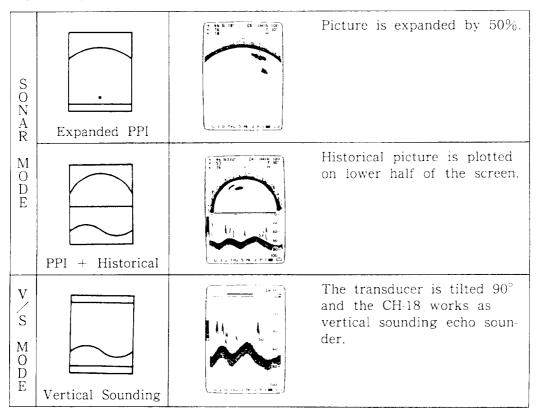
1) When only a control key is used, the settings can be changed in one direction.

2) When the RANGE + and - keys are used, the settings can be changed in both directions.

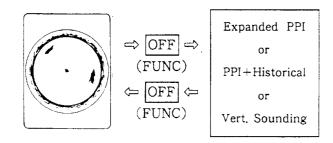


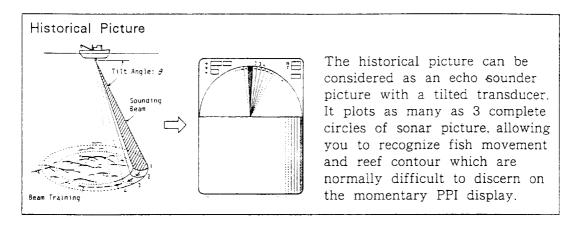
#### PICTURE SELECTION

In addition to the normal PPI sonar picture, the following three pictures are available as secondary pictures and one of them which has been preselected on the menu screen can be displayed by pressing the OFF (FUNC) key at any time.



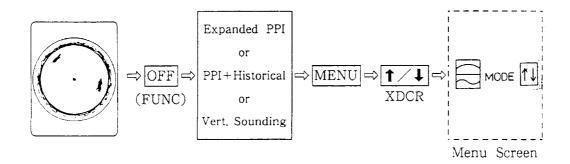
Every pressing of the OFF (FUNC) key alternates the normal PPI and the preselected secondary picture.





#### PRE-SETTING OF SECONDARY PICTURE

The secondary picture which is displayed with the OFF (FUNC) key can be preset as follows on the menu screen.



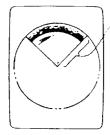
NOTE: To preset a secondary picture, the MENU key should be pressed when a picture other than the normal PPI is being displayed.

#### 4. SONAR MODE OPERATION

(NORMAL PPI, EXPANDED PPI, PPI + HISTORICAL)

#### PICTURE RANGE SELECTION

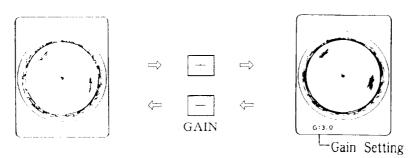
The picture range may be selected with the RANGE + - keys from the 11 ranges listed below.



- Picture	Picture Range										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Meter	10	20	40	60	100	150	200	250	300	400	600
Foot	30	60	100	200	300	400	600	800	1000	1200	2000
Fathom	5	10	20	40	60	80	100	120	150	200	300

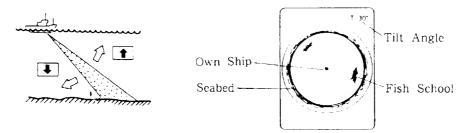
#### GAIN ADJUSTMENT

The picture (receiver) sensitivity is adjustable with the GAIN  $\boxed{+}$   $\boxed{-}$  keys from "0" to "10" in steps of 0.5. Normally it is used at "5" position.

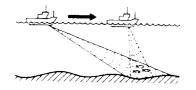


#### TILT ADJUSTMENT

The sounding direction (tilt angle of the transducer) may be set with the  $\uparrow$  keys:  $0^{\circ}$  for horizontal and  $90^{\circ}$  for vertical directions. It is normally set so that the seabed echoes appear near the screen edge.



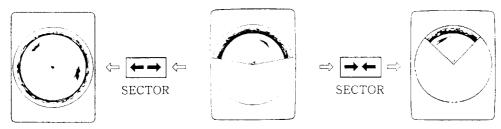
#### Tilt angle should be kept adjusted



The tilt angle should be continually adjusted after a fish school is detected so as not to miss it as the ship moves.

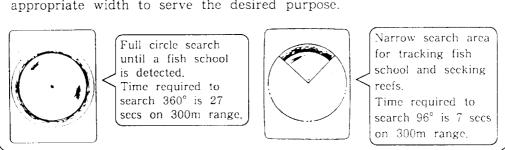
#### SEARCH AREA SETTING

The search area can be set with the SECTOR  $\longleftrightarrow$  keys from 6° to 360° in 8 steps.



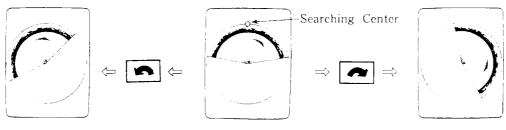
#### Selecting Appropriate Search Area

The search time depends on the width of the search area. Select an appropriate width to serve the desired purpose.



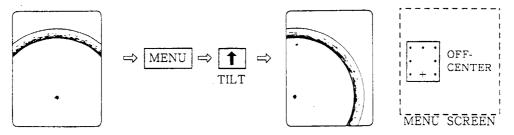
#### SEARCH DIRECTION SETTING

When the detected fish school moves out of the present search area, change the direction of the search area with the TRAIN keys. The center direction of the area is displayed with the "O" mark.



#### OFF-CENTERING EXPANDED PPI PICTURE

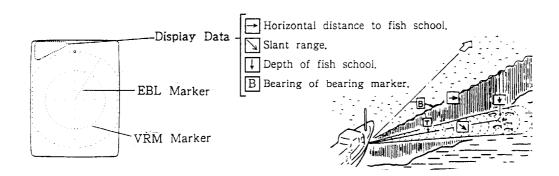
The expanded PPI picture may be off-centered in 45° steps to 8 directions on the menu screen.



The MENU key should be pressed when the expanded PPI picture is being displayed.

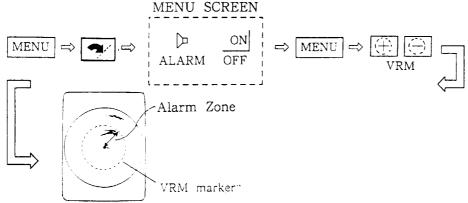
#### MEASURING RANGE AND BEARING TO FISH SCHOOL

To measure range and bearing to a fish school (target), move the VRM (Variable Range Marker) and EBL (Electronic Bearing Line) markers onto the fish school with the + and - keys of the VRM switch and + keys of the EBL switches.



#### DETECTING A FISH SCHOOL WITH ALARM FUNCTION

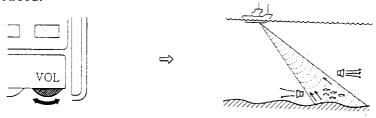
When you are occupied with other tasks and unable to concentrate on watching the picture, use the alarm function. The alarm function enables you to aurally detect a fish school appearing in a predetermined zone through the loudspeaker. The alarm zone is set with the VRM marker as shown below.



The audio alarm is triggered by echoes displayed in red and reddish brown regardless whether they are from a fish school or seabed.

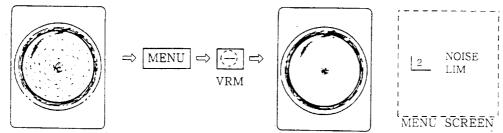
#### UTILIZING AUDIO FOR FISH DETECTION

In addition to the alarm function mentioned above, the audio from the external loud speaker can be used for fish detection. Since echoes from fish school generally sound in a different tone, it would become possible to detect a fish school from a range longer than that detected on the display when you are accustomed to using this audio function. Note that in case of the alarm function, the tone is the same for both fish school and seabed.



#### ELIMINATING LOW LEVEL NOISE

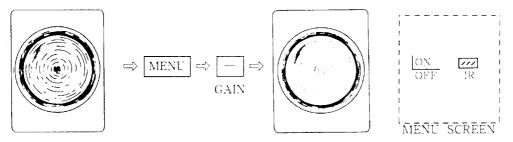
When low level noise appears over an extended area of the screen, mainly due to contaminated water, use the NOISE LIMiter function to eliminate it.



Usually set it to "2" or "3". Too high a setting causes weak echoes (displayed in green or light blue) to go undetected.

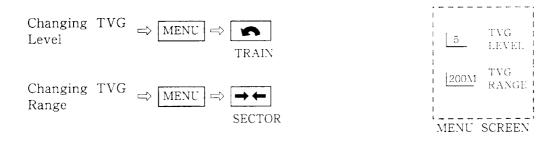
#### ELIMINATING INTERFERENCE

When interference from other acoustic equipment operating nearby or other electric equipment can be seen on the screen, use the IR (Interference Rejection) function.



#### CHANGING TVG SETTING

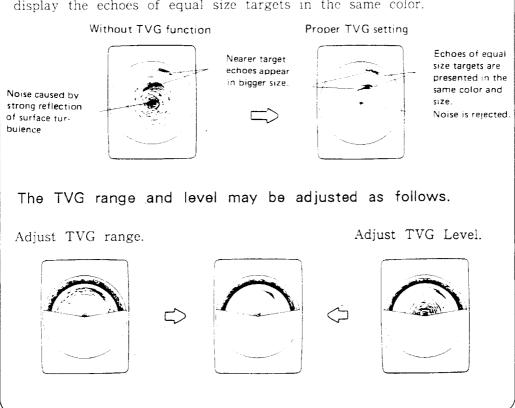
The TVG setting can be changed on the menu screen.



The standard setting is "5" for TVG level and "200m" for TVG range.

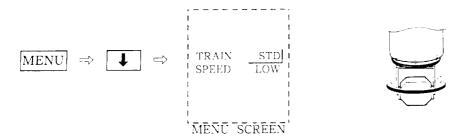
#### HOW TVG WORKS

The TVG compensates for receiver gain in accordance with distance in order to suppress noise caused by sea surface reflections and to display the echoes of equal size targets in the same color.



#### CHANGING TRAIN SPEED

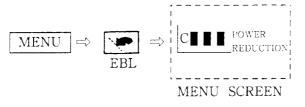
Two train speeds (rotation speed of transducer) are available and either of them can be selected on the menu screen.



The standard speed is recommended for quick searching of a wide area and to track fish schools which swim fast. In the low speed setting, higher sensitivity can be expected.

#### REDUCING OUTPUT POWER

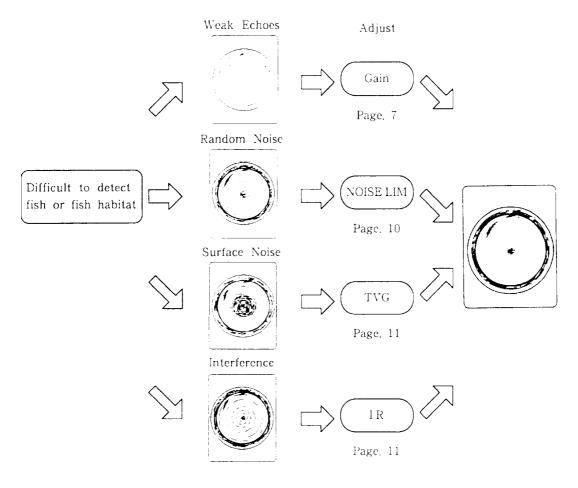
When many ships are operating nearby and operating echo sounders or sonars at the same frequency as the CH-18, it is recommended that the output power be reduced to avoid mutual interference.



INDICATION	OUTPUT						
C	Full Power						
В	Power 1/10						
A 🛮	Power 1/100						

#### HOW TO OBTAIN QUALITY PICTURE

Most of poor detecting range complaints result from improper settings of keys. For example, fish, fish habitat can not be readily detected by merely increasing the gain. Adjust appropriate settings by carefully studying the picture.

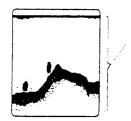


# 5. VERTICAL SOUNDING (V/S) MODE OPERATION

• This mode can be used even while the transducer is retracted into tank.

#### PICTURE RANGE SELECTION

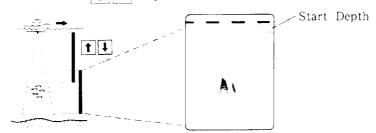
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#### RANGE PHASING

The range phasing is to shift the start depth of the picture displayed on the screen. It can be shifted in steps of 1/5 of the picture range with the TILT  $\uparrow \downarrow$  keys.



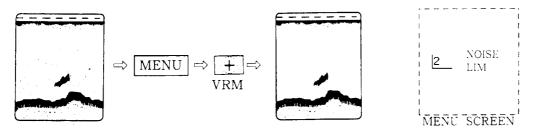
#### GAIN ADJUSTMENT

The receiver sensitivity is adjustable with the GAIN + keys. Set it to the point just below where excessive noise appears on the screen. Normally it is set around "5".



#### ELIMINATING LOW LEVEL NOISE

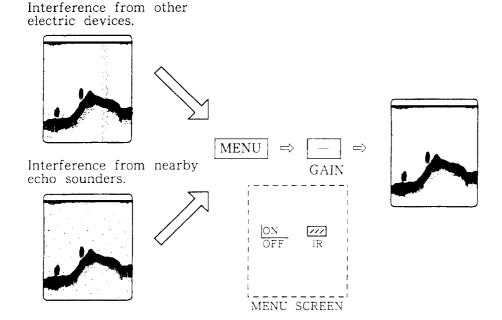
When blue dots appear on the whole screen, mainly due to contaminated water, use the NOISE LIMiter function.



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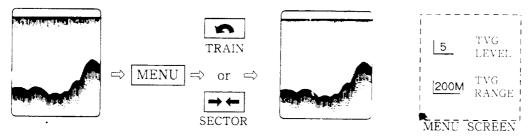
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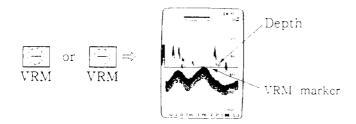
#### **ELIMINATING SURFACE NOISE**

When surface noise masks a shallow target, adjust the TVG settings on the menu screen. In addition to suppressing surface noise, the TVG works to compensate for propagation loss of sound so that the echoes from the same size fish schools are displayed in the same color.



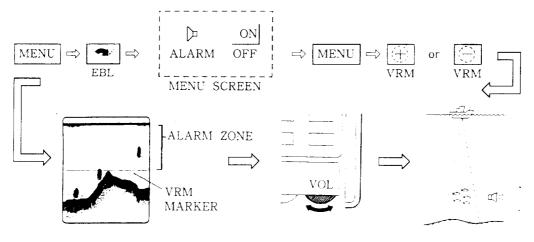
#### MEASURING DEPTH OF A FISH SCHOOL

To measure the depth of a fish school accurately, use the VRM marker.



#### DETECTING A FISH SCHOOL AURALLY

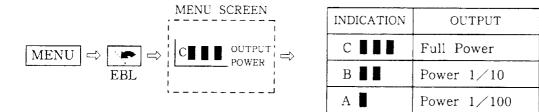
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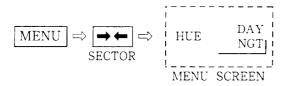
output power be reduced to avoid mutual interference.

# 6. OPERATIONS COMMON TO SONAR AND VERTICAL SOUNDING MODES

 The following settings are common to both sonar and vertical sounding modes and can be changed on either menu screens.

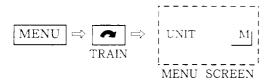
#### BACKGROUND COLOR SELECTION

The background color can be changed for day and nighttime operations; blue for day and black for night.



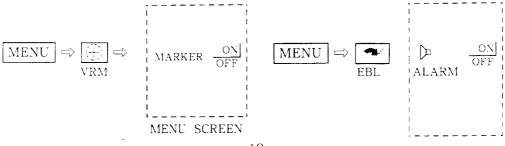
#### UNIT SELECTION

The unit of range and depth display can be selected among meter (M), foot (FT) and fathom (FA).



#### ON/OFF OF VRM AND EBL MARKERS

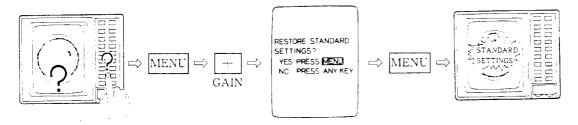
The VRM and EBL markers can be turned on/off on the menu screen with the VRM [] key.



#### 7. USEFUL FUNCTION

#### RESTORING TO STANDARD SETTING

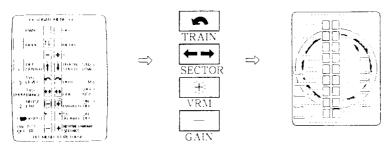
When you are lost in operation and unable to restore the desired picture, try to press MENU and GAIN + and then MENU keys, and all settings on the menu screen are returned to the standard settings.



Note that only the settings on the displayed menu screen are reset.

#### SETTING MENU SCREEN WHILE OBSERVING PICTURE

When the TVG, NOISE LIM, IR or OUTPUT item is selected on the menu screen, the sonar picture is automatically superimposed and the settings can be adjusted while observing it.



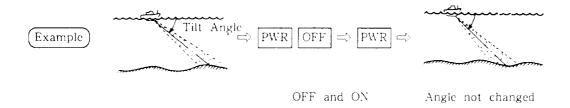
In the menu screen of the vertical sounding mode, the picutre is always displayed at the left 15% of the screen.

## SONAR MODE SETTINGS ARE INDEPENDENT OF VERTICAL SOUNDING MODE SETTINGS

The settings are mutually independent on the sonar and vertical sounding modes and therefore even if the gain is, for example, adjusted on the sonar mode, the gain of the vertical sounding picture is unaffected.

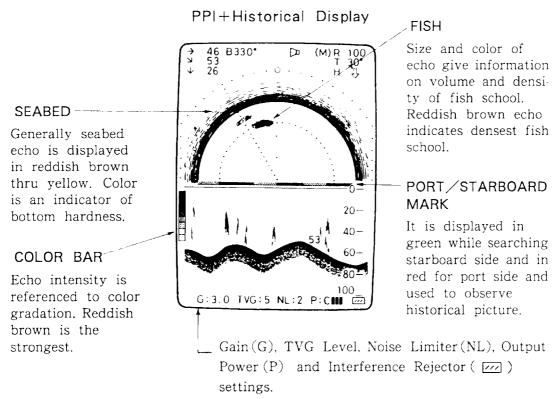
#### SWITCH SETTINGS ARE REMEMBERED

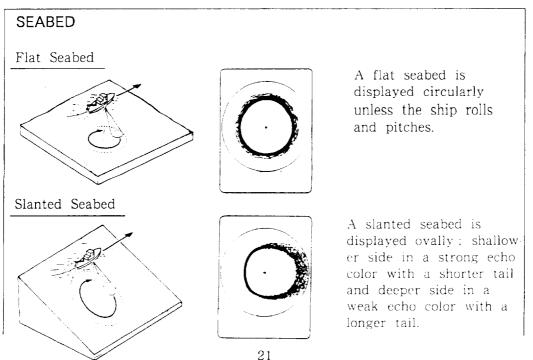
Since most of the switch settings are remembered in the memory while the power is off, your CH-18 operates in the same settings when used in the next time.

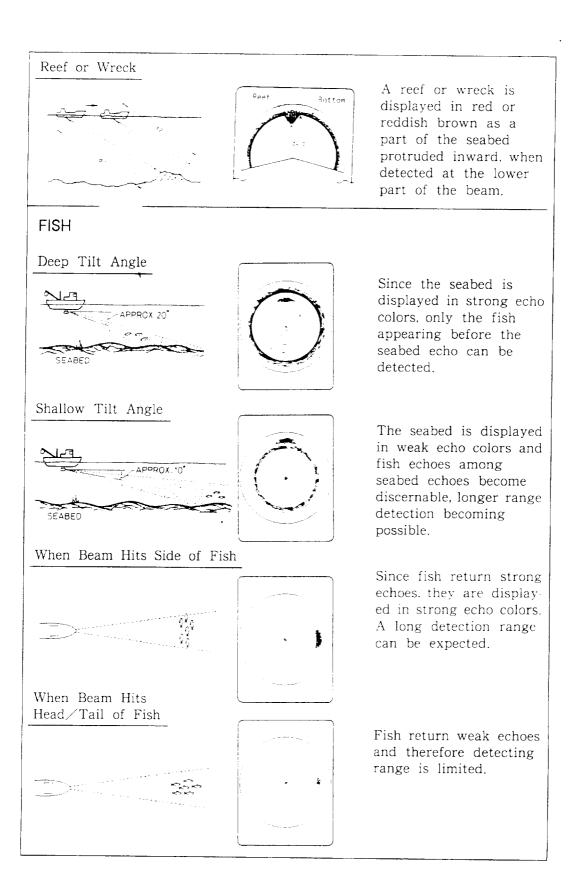


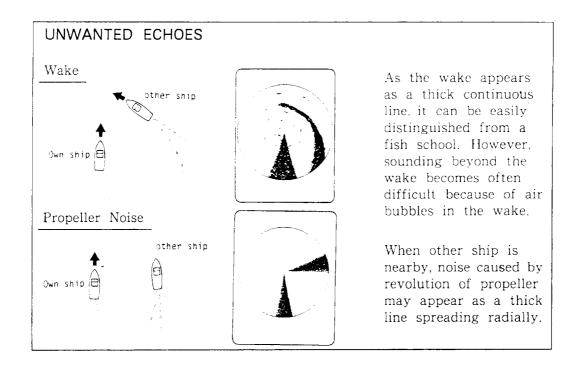
#### 8. INTERPRETING THE PICTURE

#### SONAR MODE

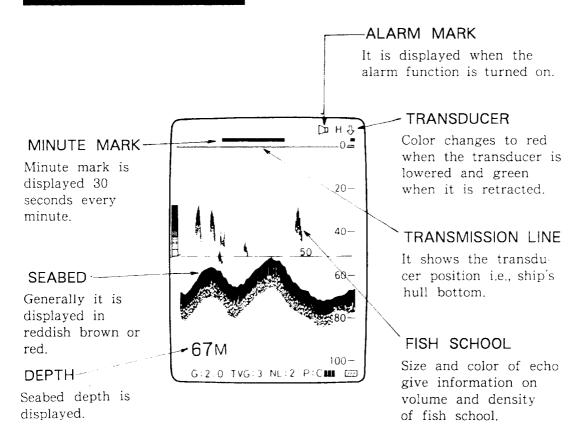






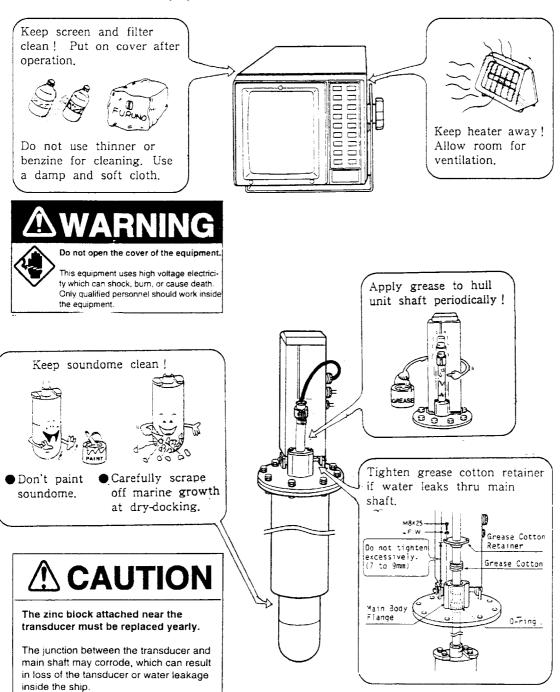


#### VERTICAL SOUNDING MODE



# 9. MAINTENANCE AND PERIODICAL CHECK

 Observing the following points will help to keep your CH-18 in top condition for many years.



#### 10. TROUBLESHOOTING

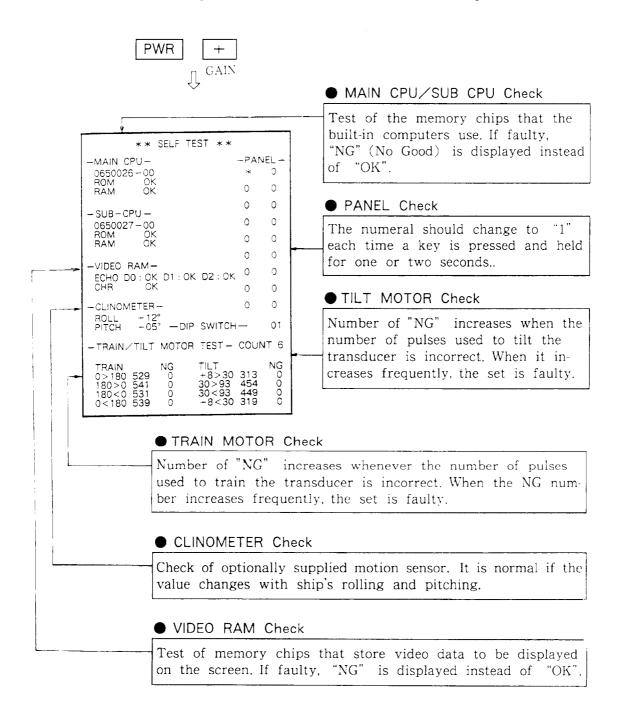
If your CH-18 seems faulty, look over the following check list. If proper operation cannot be restored, call for service informing service personnel of the symptom and the result of the self-check shown on page 25.

Symptom	Check
	● Power supply is OK?
	Check ship's mains voltage at the power plug connected to the display unit.
	• Fuse is OK?
No picture	Replace the fuse if blown. Call service personnel if it blows again after replacement.
	• Sea is rough?
	Distance to seabed changes due to rolling and pitching.
	● Long range is selected?
Bottom echo becomes irregular	Since receiving time is longer, ship's rolling and pitching are apt to effect detection of echo.
	Output power is set to "C"?
	Check the setting on the menu screen and set it to "C" (maximum output power) if not set so.
	● TVG effect is excessive?
Feable echo	An excessive setting of TVG results in disappearance of useful echoes.
	● Equipment generating strong magnetic field is sited nearby?
	Make sure that magnetic field generating equipment such as a rectifier is separated sufficiently from the display unit.  Magnetic field
distorted Picture	

Symptom	Check	
	● Equipment is grounded firmly?	
	Carefully check the ground.	
	Other cable is run along with signal cable?	
	The signal cable may pick up noise emit ted from the power cable of other equip ment if they are too close to each other. Separate them if necessary.	Copper Strap
	Seawater is dirty with floating debris?	⇒ Separate
Noisy picture	Reject unwanted echoes with the interference rejector, TVG or noise limiter function.	Registrative Physically
	No bearing signal comes from the hull unit.	·
"TRAIN NG"	Message "TRAIN NG" means that the transducer is not rotating properly. Check the fuses in hull unit. If not blown, raise transducer, turn off power and call for service.	
appears		
	No tilt signal comes from the hull unit.	
"TILT NG"	Message "TILT NG" means that the transducer is not tilting properly. Check the fuses in hull unit, If not blown, raise transducer, turn off power and call for service.	Fuse
appears		

#### DIAGNOSTIC SELF-CHECK

The major circuits of the set can be checked with the self-check facility. If you suspect something is wrong with your set, turn off the set and turn it on again by pressing the PWR and GAIN + keys simultaneously, and the following self-check page is displayed. If any abnormality is found, call for service and report the check results to the service personnel.



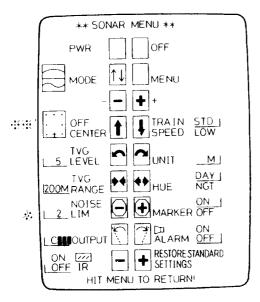
#### 11. APPENDIX

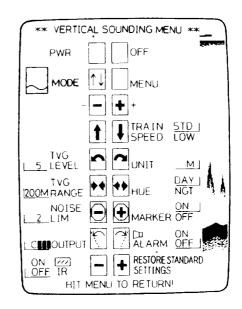
#### LIST OF FUNCTION OF CONTROL KEY

KEY		SETTING	BACKUP	INITIAL
NE I	RANGE	STEP	DACKUI	SETTING
XDCR			No	UP
MENU			No	Normal PPI
RANGE	10m~600m		Yes	
TILT	+5° ∼90°	l°	Yes	
TRAIN	0° ~360°	6°	Yes	
SECTOR	6° ~360°	6° . 36° , 60° . 96° . 120° , 156° . 180° , 360°	Yes	
VRM	Within range	Sonar Mode Range/120	Yes	
VRM	scale in use.	Vertical Sounding Mode Range/200	Yes	
EBL	0° ~360°	6°	Yes	
GAIN	0~10	0.5	Yes	

#### LIST OF MENU SCREEN SETTING

MENU	SETTING	STANDARD	SETTINGS	BACK-	REMARKS
IVILINO	RANGE	SONAR	V/S	UP	TEMATICS
TVG LEVEL	0~10	5	3	Yes	
TVG RANGE	25m. 50m. 100m. 200m. 400m	200m	50m	Yes	
NOISE LIMITER	0~10	2	2	Yes	
POWER REDUCTION	A, B, C	С	С	Yes	A: 8W B: 80W C: 800W
IR	ON, OFF	OFF	OFF	Yes	
OFF-CENTER	• • •	+	×	Yes	
UNIT	FA, FT, M, LD	N	1	Yes	Common to Sonar and V/S modes.
HUE	DAY, NIGHT	NIG	HT	Yes	"
MARKER	ON. OFF	0	N	Yes	"
TRAIN SPEED	O.V. OFF	STD	×	Yes	
ALARM	ON. OFF	OF	F	Yes	





- \*\* NOT DISPLAYED WHEN MENU IS PRESSED WHILE NORMAL PPI PICTURE IS DISPLAYED.
- \*\* DISPLAYED ONLY WHEN EXPANDED PPI PICTURE IS SELECTED.

#### DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STANDARD AND LOW TRAIN SPEED

RA	10	20	40	60	100	150	200	250	300	400	600	
TRAIN	STD (sec)	11	11	11	11	11	14	18	23	27	36	53
SPEED	Low (sec)	11	. 11	11	12	15	20	24	29	33	42	60

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

1. Display System: PPI and vertical display on 8-inch color CRT

2. Picture Color: 8 colors depending on signal strength

3. Display Mode: • Sonar mode

PPI, expanded PPI, PPI + historical displays are available.

● Vertical sounding (V/S) mode

4. Range, Pulselength (P/L), Train Speed, TX Interval

MODE	Range (m)	10	20	<b>4</b> 0	60	100	150	200	250	300	400	600
SONAR	Pulselength (ms)	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.6	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.7	3.3	4.4	6.6
SONAR	Train Speed (S)	11	11	11	11	11	14	18	23	27	36	53
V/S	Pulselength (ms)	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.8	2.2	2.6
1/5	TX Interval (ms)	100	100	200	200	400	400	500	500	600	700	830

Note 1. Unit for range scale can be selected among "meter" "feet" and "fathom".

2. Train speed can be changed to slower speed.

3. TX interval in sonar mode is every 6° transducer training.

5. Range Phasing: In steps of 1/5 of range for V/S mode.

6. Audio: 2W, 1.0kHz with external loudspeaker

7. Transceiver: Frequency: 180kHz

Output Power: 800Wrms

Beamwidth :  $6.5^{\circ}$  (-3dB point)

8. Training:

Train Sector	6° (Stop), 36°, 60°, 96°, 120°, 156°, 180°, 360°
Train Center	Can be set in any direction in 6 ° steps.
Train System	Continuous training or step-by-step training selectable

9. Tilt:  $+5^{\circ}$  (above horizontal) to  $90^{\circ}$  (vertical) +10 seconds

10. Transducer: CH - 181 (350mm travel) ··· Raise/lower time, 30sec. approx. Raise/Lower CH - 184 (250mm travel) ··· Raise/lower time, 4sec. approx.

11. Allowable Ship's Speed: 15 knots