

USER MANUAL



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## SAFETY STATEMENT

- Read and follow all instructions
- Read all warnings
- Only use the attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer
- All service must be provided by the manufacturer

#### WARNING:

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DO NOT DISASSEMBLE THE DEVICE. Disassembly can cause permanent damage and void the warranty.

#### WARNING:

This product contains natural rubber latex, which may cause allergic reactions!

#### CAUTION:

Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure.

#### CAUTION:

- Do not point the camera at high-intensity radiation sources such as the sun, lasers, or arc welders
- Do not leave fingerprints on the camera's infrared optics. Clean only with low pressure fresh water and a lens cloth
- Keep the equipment clean. Protect it from moisture, dramatic temperature drops, and electrical shocks
- DO NOT force the equipment controls past their stopping points
- DO NOT leave the equipment activated during breaks in operation
- D0 N0T store the equipment with the batteries installed
- Thoroughly clean and dry each item before placing them into the storage case

## NOTES:

- To avoid losing unsaved data, DO NOT remove the batteries or disconnect the external power source while the product is on
- Inadvertent sun damage is not considered a defect in material or workmanship, and is therefore not covered in the product warranty

## Breach® Thermal Monocular

The Breach thermal imaging monocular is used as a handheld viewer, and it has the ability to save an image or a video clip.

Nevertheless, in the industry and throughout this manual, this type of device is also referred to as a camera.

# SECTION 1. INTRODUCTION

# 1.1 MONOCULAR

This manual covers the FLIR Breach thermal monocular and all applicable components. It is recommended that you read and understand this manual to optimize the monocular's operation.

# 1.2 INTRODUCTION

Built for the rigors of law enforcement, the FLIR Breach spots the heat of suspects and objects in total darkness. Featuring the new FLIR Boson core and a compact design, the FLIR Breach offers unmatched tactical awareness. Weighing only 7.4 ounces (210 grams), the FLIR Breach can be concealed in a pocket or mounted to a helmet with its mini-rail feature, while adding minimal weight to officers' heavy gear. Additional features include onboard recording and seven palettes for fast detection of suspects or evidence, day or night.

Breach employs a fixed focus 1x lens and provides up to 4x digital e-Zoom. It has three external buttons for unit operation and an internal menu to configure options. The Breach monocular is powered by one CR123A (3V) batterv.

Breach has three integral rail mounts. The minirail design allows for mounting on a wide variety of in-service head mounts, helmet mounts, and install additional equipment.

Equipped with digital compass and inclinometer, Breach offers the operator the tools necessary to interpolate accurate distance to target and target orientation.

The Breach monocular has an internal storage for video recording and pictures. It is capable of digital video out via the USB-C. Breach has internal video and image recording. The files can be transferred directly to the computer.

**NOTE:** Internal recording and image capture cannot be used when USB-C is plugged into a computer.

# 1.3 FEATURES

- FLIR BOSON 12µm Pitch Thermal Sensor
- High resolution FLCOS display
- Multiple palettes
- Integrated digital compass and digital inclinometer
- Onboard video recording and picture capture (internal storage)
- USB-C connectivity
- Battery status indicator
- Rapid start-up
- Easy adaptability to wide selection of head and helmet with Dove Tail/ Bayonet interfaces
- Rugged construction
- Limited 3-year warranty
- 10-vear warranty on FLIR detector
- Made in the USA

# 1.4 REGISTER YOUR BREACH

In order to validate the warranty on your FLIR Personal Vision System product you must register it on: https://www.flir.com/support-center/support-hg/

# **1.5 INFRARED THERMAL** VISION VERSUS IMAGE INTENSIFIED NIGHT VISION

Breach makes images from heat, not light, a feat impossible for the naked eye or image intensified (I<sup>2</sup>) night vision devices. This allows you to see clearly without any visible light. People, animals, and objects all generate or reflect heat and are clearly seen by the Breach in even the most adverse conditions.

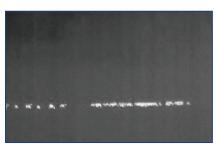
## BREACH ENABLES THE USER TO:

- See people or objects in difficult terrain, reduced visibility, or total darkness
- See through smoke, dust, and light fog
- · See more and further than low light night vision



**IMAGE INTENSIFIED I<sup>2</sup>** 





DETECTION I see something.



RECOGNITION It's a four-legged animal.



THERMAL IMAGING



**IDENTIFICATION** I can tell it is an Elk.

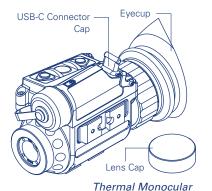
# SECTION 2. GETTING STARTED

# 2.1 UNPACKING AND INSPECTING

The FLIR Breach monocular is available with the features, options, and accessories described in this manual. Refer to the packing list enclosed with your product to determine the actual contents of your product package.

In addition to the product, the following items are included in the product package:

- FCC Declaration of Conformity
- CE Declaration of Conformity



# **2.2 BATTERY**

The FLIR Breach monocular uses one standard CR123A Lithium battery or one CR123 type rechargeable battery with voltage from 3.0V to 3.7V.

## BATTERY STATUS INDICATOR

While the monocular is ON, a battery status indicator is always shown in the corner of the display. This indicator provides an estimation of the remaining battery charge.

#### BATTERY INSTALLATION

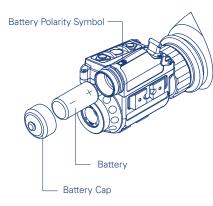
Verify that the equipment is off before installing battery.

Install battery as follows:

1. Unscrew the battery cap.

2. Insert the CR123A battery into the battery compartment, observing the polarity markings on the body of the monocular.

3. Replace the battery cap.



## 2.3 OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Optional items are shown and listed in the table below. The PART NO. column indicates the primary number used by the manufacturer to identify an item.

IMAGE	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
	Swing Arm #37 Mini rail to Bayonet adapter mounts monocular to standard US Mil headset (PVS7/PVS14 type) and helmet.	ANHG000002
	Swing Arm #172 Mini rail to Dovetail adapter mounts monocular to Dovetail- type headsets and helmet mounts.	ANHM000172

# FLIR BREACH

Thank You Card

CR123A Lithium Battery

Lens Cloth

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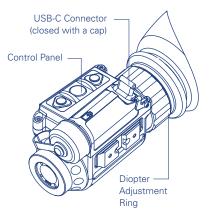
Hard Carrying Case

USB Cable

# SECTION 3. OPERATING THE SYSTEM

# **3.1 SYSTEM CONTROLS**

This section details the use of the Breach controls.

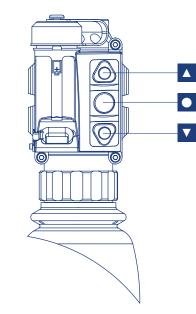


#### **3.1.1 DIOPTER ADJUSTMENT**

The diopter adjustment allows a user to alter the viewfinder to accommodate that individual's eyesight for optimum image sharpness. While looking through the eyepiece, rotate the diopter adjustment ring to optimize the sharpness of the image in the viewfinder.

## 3.1.2 CONTROL PANEL BUTTONS

The control panel buttons configures operational settings.



#### 3.1.2.1 TURNING ON/OFF

Push and hold the • button to turn on the power.

Hold down • button again for more than 8 seconds to turn off the power.

# 3.1.2.2 DISPLAY BRIGHTNESS CONTROL

Push the  $\blacktriangle$  button to increase the screen brightness or push the

▼ button to decrease the screen brightness.

### 3.1.2.3 DIGITAL ZOOM CONTROL

Push and hold the  $\blacktriangle$  button to increase the camera e-Zoom continuously from 1x up to 4x zoom. Push and hold the

▼ button to decrease e-Zoom. The central part of the image is magnified by the zoom level selected.

When e-Zoom is changed from 1x a scale will appear on the right side of the display.

The actual e-Zoom value will be displayed at the top of the scale. The scale will continue to display until e-Zoom is returned to 1x.



#### 3.1.2.4 USER-CONTROLLED MANUAL NON-UNIFORMITY CORRECTION/FLAT-FIELD CORRECTION (UCMNUC/FFC)

Use UCMNUC/FFC (User-Controlled Manual Non-Uniformity Correction/Flat-Field Correction) function to improve image quality. As the camera changes temperature, its pixels may drift due to internal and external temperature change. The pixels do not drift uniformly. The camera software compensates for the drift up to an accurate position point. The UCMNUC/FFC function is triggered when the limit is reached. A uniform mechanical shutter is placed between the lens and the detector for a moment, and the signal is processed.

Push the two control buttons ▲ and ▼ at the same time to manually trigger a User-Controlled Manual Non-Uniformity Correction/Flat-Field Correction.

If necessary, interrupt the automatic UCMNUC/ FFC process by pushing the central  $\bullet$  button on the control panel during the 5 second countdown which appears at the bottom of the display. The shutter will not interrupt viewing.

#### 3.1.2.5 SNAPSHOT

The snapshot function is used to capture images and to record video. Up to 1,000 pictures and up to 2.5 hours of recorded video can be stored in the camera's internal memory at one time.

#### TAKING A PICTURE

Click • button to capture a single image. Image Capture # will appear in the middle of the display

#### RECORDING VIDEO

Double click • button to begin video recording and double click again to stop recording.

#### 3.1.2.6 MAIN MENU

When the monocular is turned on pushing and holding • button will bring up the Main Menu selection.

Use  $\blacktriangle/\checkmark$  buttons to navigate through the items on the menu.

Push the • button to view the settings available for the item selected.

## 3.2 USING USB-C CONNECTOR

Remove the connector protective cap. Connect USB-C cable.

To view video using the USB-C, connect the cable to a USB input of a computer. Then it can be viewed like an external webcam.

To read/copy/delete files on the internal memory of Breach, operate it like any external mass storage device connected by an USB cable.

To power the Breach from an external source plug the cable into any standard USB power source.

# SECTION 4. MAIN MENU

## 4.1 MAIN MENU

Most setup options can be accessed from the MAIN MENU.

To display the MAIN MENU, hold down the central • button on the control panel.

MAIN MENU
> EXIT
PALETTE
ENHANCEMENT
RECORDING
SETTINGS
POWER DOWN

Once the MAIN MENU is displayed, use ▲/▼ buttons to navigate through the items on the menu.

Push • button to view the settings available for the item selected.

Use  $\blacktriangle/\checkmark$  buttons to adjust the settings when specified on the menu screen with < > symbols.

Select the EXIT item and then push • button to return to the MAIN MENU.

## **4.2 PALETTE MENU**

The PALETTE menu allows you to select from a choice of temperature imaging modes.

The palettes act as color templates for visualization of temperature changes in the scene.

PALETTE
> EXIT
WHITE HOT
BLACK HOT
RAINBOW_HC
IRONBOW
SEPIA
ARCTIC
OUTDOOR ALLERT

To navigate through the items on the PALETTE menu, press  $\blacktriangle$  or  $\blacktriangledown$  button.

There are seven palettes available. Please see the following images for examples of Breach's color palettes.

#### WHITE HOT

Most commonly used palette. Hot objects appear white. Good for scenes with either high or low contrast.



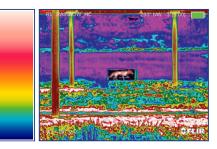
### BLACK HOT

Hot objects appear black. Scenes appear more lifelike than White-Hot, especially at night.



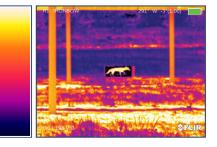
## RAINBOW\_HC

The Rainbow is a multi-color thermal palette that displays the temperature of objects in a wide color range.



#### IRONBOW

Ironbow color palette simulates the glow of objects that are heated to visible incandescence, similar to an iron in the fire.



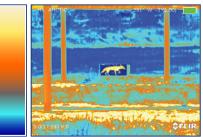
#### SEPIA

The Sepia thermal palette displays the heat intensity from black to yellow.



## ARCTIC

The Arctic is a thermal palette that sharply displays objects with higher temperature difference.



## OUTDOOR ALERT

Outdoor Alert combines the life-like detail seen in Black Hot images with the easy to spot bright targets highlighted from dark red to bright yellow to help identify target features. It assumes that the target is hotter than its surroundings.



## **4.3 ENHANCEMENT MENU**

The ENHANCEMENT menu settings allow the user to take advantage of advanced signal processing algorithms, and improve the quality of the image under a variety of different thermal environments.

ENHANCEMENT		
> EXIT		
PRESETS	<> DEFAULT	
CONTRAST	<> 100	
SHARPNESS	<> 90	
SMARTSCENE	<> 20	
GAIN	<> 138	
AGC SPEED	<> 85	

### PRESETS

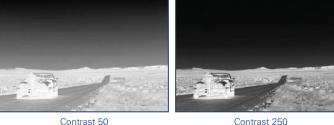
A group of default settings for various environmental conditions that are optimized toward best camera performance is available: Default, Sky/Sea, Indoors and Outdoors.

For example, turning the "Sky/Sea" preset will improve contrast, but at the possible loss of some scene content. This is especially helpful in scenes with great expanses of visible sky or water. The following table is provided all presets and their settings.

ITEM	RANGE	DEFAULT	SKY/SEA	INDOORS	OUTDOORS
Contrast	50 to 250	100	100	100	100
Sharpness	0 to 800	90	100	75	110
Smart Scene	0 to 100	20	30	10	80
Gain	25 to 800	138	120	110	138
AGC Speed	0 to 100	85	85	85	99

#### CONTRAST

Active Contrast Enhancement (ACE) – a digital contrast correction that allows for a smart scene optimization based on dynamic adjustments, where a variety of contrast levels occur. See presets table for adjustment range and default value. Lower values will cause hotter objects to have greater contrast, and higher values will cause colder objects to have greater contrast.



#### Contrast 50

CONTRAST

#### **SHARPNESS**

Second Generation Digital Detail Enhancement (DDE) – a sharpness correction that digitally enhances the picture, significantly improving edge sharpening and further reducing image noise. See presets table for adjustment range and default value. Lower values will create an image with softer edges. Higher values will make objects sharper, enhance details, and increase the signal-to-noise ratio.



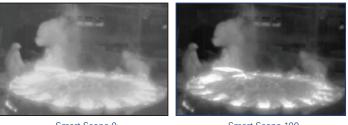
Sharpness 0

SHARPNESS



Smart Scene Optimization (SSO) – a fine-tuning computational correction that significantly improves overall visual acuity for targets with thermal signatures similar to the surrounding background.

Higher values provide a more linear automatic gain control, and objects with similar, but not identical temperatures can be differentiated with greater accuracy. See presets table for adjustment range and default value.



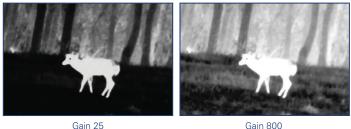
Smart Scene 0

Smart Scene 100

SMART SCENE OPTIMIZATION

#### GAIN

Automatic Gain Control (AGC) - a correction that used to automatically adjust the gain to an appropriate range, the weaker the image signal, the stronger the gain. See presets table for adjustment range and default value.



Gain 800

GAIN CORRECTION

#### AGC SPEED

AGC Speed - parameter that allows the user to control the refresh rate of Automatic Gain Control (AGC). See presets table for adjustment range and default value.

## 4.4 RECORDING MENU

The RECORDING menu allows the operator to delete selected image and video files stored in the camera.

VIDE	VIDEO RECORD		
> EXIT			
FILE	<> No Files		
DELETE			

## 4.5 SETTINGS MENU

The SETTINGS menu allows you to make compass calibration, to change the position of image on the screen, pair a new remote with the camera, as well as to restore the settings to their factory defaults. The Firmware (FW) revision number is listed at the bottom of the menu display.

SETTINGS		
> EXIT		
CAL. COMPASS		
LEFT MARGIN	<> 0	
TOP MARGIN	<> 0	
LEARN REMOTE		
FACTORY RESET		
FW: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX		

### CALIBRATE COMPASS

Select to calibrate the compass. When selected, rotate the camera in all directions for best calibration results.

#### LEFT MARGIN

Shifts the screen left to right.

### TOP MARGIN

Shifts the screen up and down.

## LEARN REMOTE

Learns the remote channel and encryption. Select this to pair a new remote with the camera. When pushed, the phrase PUSH ANY REMOTE KEY will appear. Push any button on the remote. When calibration is successful, the phrase LEARN SUCCESSFUL will appear. **NOTE:** Remote may not be available in every

country

#### FACTORY RESET

Resets the camera to factory defaults.

## FW:

Displays the System software version and the thermal camera software version.

## 4.6 POWER DOWN MENU

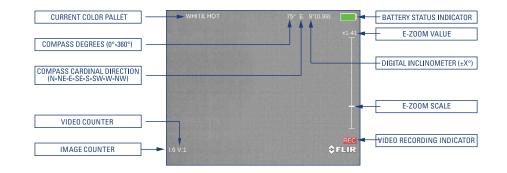
Select POWER DOWN item of Main Menu and then push ● button to turn monocular off. Or hold down ● button for more than 8 seconds.

## 4.6.1 STANDBY MODES

The available Standby mode within the Power Down menu are available only when used with the remote control. While in Standby mode, BREACH can be activated by using the remote.

# SECTION 5. DISPLAY INDICATION

Information on the current operating state (battery status, active function, etc.) is continuously displayed, making field operation of the FLIR Breach simple and convenient.



# SECTION 6. MAINTENANCE

# **6.1 BATTERY REPLACEMENT**

Refer to Part 2.2 for battery installation procedure.

## **6.2 CLEANING BREACH**

Wipe the housing with a damp cloth as needed.

**CAUTION:** Do not use abrasives or solvents to clean the housing, lens, or display window. Do not use ammonia-based cleaning products to clean the lens. Doing so may damage the anti-reflective coating of the lens.

The Breach thermal camera lens is designed for the harsh outdoor environment and has a coating for durability and anti-reflection, but it may require cleaning occasionally. Avoid scratching the lens and/or leaving fingerprints on the optics. The camera optics can be damaged by improper cleaning. Clean the lens according to the instructions below when image quality degradation is noticed or excessive dirt or other contaminant is on the lens.

Do not use abrasive materials, such as paper or scrub brushes as this will possibly damage the lens by scratching it. Only wipe the lens clean when there is visible contamination on the surface.

#### PREFERRED METHOD FOR CLEANING THE LENS Materials:

- Optical-grade cloth
- Pure water (de-ionized or other)
- Isopropyl alcohol (IPA)

Saturate a piece of the lens tissue with the water and drape it over the lens. Let the surface tension of the water pull the tissue onto the lens surface and then drag the tissue across the lens surface. Repeat several times with different pieces of tissue.

Repeat the same step using IPA instead of water. Drag the final piece of tissue over the lens several times to prevent pooling, which could leave a residue behind.

# SECTION 7. WARRANTY

# 7.1 GLOBAL LIMITED WARRANTY

Follow the link to https://www.flir.com/supportcenter/warranty/ retrieve FLIR's warranty document.

## 7.2 PRODUCT REGISTRATION

In order to validate the warranty on your product, FLIR Personal Vision Systems must register the product on https://www.flir.com/support-center/ support-hq/.

# 7.3 OBTAINING WARRANTY SERVICE

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# SECTION 8. SPECIFICATIONS

The table below contains the latest product specifications for the Breach; however, with all of our products as they evolve and are further developed these specifications are subject to change without notice.

SENSOR SPECIFICATIONS		
Detector Type	FLIR BOSON 12um VOx Microbolometer	
Resolution	320 × 256	
Refresh Rate	60 Hz	
SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS		
Lens System	9.1 mm; F/1.04	
Optical Magnification	1×	
Field of View (H x V)	24° × 19°	
Digital e-Zoom	1× - 4× continuous	
Diopter Adjustment Range	-5 to +5 dpt	
Focusing Range	0.25m to infinity (not focusable)	
Eye Relief	16 mm	
Display	Quad-VGA (1280 x 960) FLCD	
Video Output	Digital Video	
Internal Memory	Up to 1,000 pictures and up to 2.5 hours of recorded video can be stored in the camera's memory	
Temperature Imaging Modes (Image Palettes)	White Hot, Black Hot, Rainbow HC, Ironbow, Sepia, Arctic, Outdoor Alert	
USER INTERFACE		
Control Panel Buttons	<ul> <li>Turning Unit On/Off</li> <li>Display Brightness Control</li> <li>Image Palette Control</li> <li>Digital Zoom Control</li> <li>On-Screen Menu Navigation</li> <li>Image Snapshot / Video Recording</li> </ul>	
Diopter Adjustment Ring	Adjusts the Eyepiece Diopter	

INTERFACING		
USB-C Connector	Power In; Video out; Video and image files transfer	
POWER		
Battery Type	One CR123A 3V Lithium battery or CR123 type rechargeable battery with voltage from 3.0V to 3.7V	
Battery Life (Operating)	Up to 90 minutes at 20°C	
ENVIRONMENTAL		
Operating Temperature Range	-20 to +50°C (-4 to +122°F)	
Storage Temperature Range	-40 to +60°C (-40 to +140°F)	
PHYSICAL		
Weight	210 g (0.46 lbs)	
Size	139 × 70 × 49 mm (5.5 × 2.7 × 1.9 in)	
Color (housing)	Black	
Country of Origin	USA	


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