General Safety Information

**WARNING!** Read and understand all instructions. Failure to follow all instructions listed below may result in electric shock, fire, and/or serious personal injury.

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS!**

**Work Area Safety**
- Keep your work area clean and well lit. Cluttered benches and dark areas may cause accidents.
- Do not operate electrical devices or power tools in explosive atmospheres, such as in the presence of flammable liquids, gases, or heavy dust. Electrical devices or power tools create sparks which may ignite the dust or fumes.
- Keep bystanders, children, and visitors away while operating tool. Distractions can cause you to lose control.

**Electrical Safety**
- Do not operate the system with electrical components removed. Exposure to internal parts increases the risk of injury.
- Avoid exposure to rain or wet conditions. Keep battery out of direct contact with water. Water entering electrical devices increases the risk of electric shock.
- Do not probe high voltage line.

**Battery Precautions**
- Use only the size and type of battery specified. Do not mix cell types (e.g. do not use alkaline with rechargeable). Do not use partly discharged and fully charged cells together (e.g. do not mix old and new).
- Recharge batteries with charging units specified by the battery manufacturer. Using an improper charger can overheat and rupture the battery.
- Properly dispose of the batteries. Exposure to high temperatures can cause the battery to explode, so do not dispose of in a fire. Some countries have regulations concerning battery disposal. Please follow all applicable regulations.

**Personal Safety**
- Stay alert, watch what you are doing and use common sense. Do not use diagnostic tool while tired or under the influence of drugs, alcohol, or medications. A moment of inattention while operating tools may result in serious personal injury.
- Gloves should always be worn for health and safety reasons. Sewer lines are unsanitary and may contain harmful bacteria and viruses.
- Do not overreach. Keep proper footing and balance at all times. Proper footing and balance enables better control of the tool in unexpected situations.
- Use safety equipment. Always wear eye protection. Dust mask, non-slip safety shoes, hard hat, or hearing protection must be used for appropriate conditions.
- Use proper accessories. Do not place this product on any unstable cart or surface. The product may fall causing serious injury to a child or adult or serious damage to the product.
- Prevent object and liquid entry. Never spill liquid of any kind on the product. Liquid increases the risk of electrical shock and damage to the product.
- Avoid Traffic. Pay close attention to moving vehicles when using on or near roadways. Wear visible clothing or reflector vests. Such precautions may prevent serious injury.

**Scout Use and Care**
- Use equipment only as directed. Do not operate the Scout unless proper training has been completed and the owner’s manual read.
- Do not immerse the antennas in water. Store in a dry place. Such measures reduce the risk of electric shock and instrument damage.
- Store idle equipment out of the reach of children and other untrained persons. Equipment is dangerous in the hands of untrained users.
- Maintain the instrument with care. Properly maintained diagnostic instruments are less likely to cause injury.
- Check for breakage of parts, and any other conditions that may affect the Scout’s operation. If damaged, have the instrument serviced before using. Many accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.
- Use only accessories that are recommended by the manufacturer for the Scout. Accessories that may be suitable for one instrument may become hazardous when used on another.
- Keep handles dry and clean; free from oil and grease. Allows for better control of the instrument.
- Protect against excessive heat. The product should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves or other products (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
Service

- **Diagnostic instrument service must be performed only by qualified repair personnel.** Service or maintenance performed by unqualified repair personnel could result in injury.

- **When servicing a tool, use only identical replacement parts.** Follow instructions in the Maintenance Section of this manual. Use of unauthorized parts or failure to follow maintenance instructions may create a risk of electrical shock or injury.

- **Follow instructions for changing accessories.** Accidents are caused by poorly maintained tools.

- **Provide proper cleaning.** Remove battery before cleaning. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a damp cloth and some mild detergent. Do not immerse in water.

- **When cleaning, do not use scraping tools or abrasives as they may permanently scratch the display.** NEVER USE SOLVENTS to clean any part of the system. Substances like acetone and other harsh chemicals can cause cracking of the Case.

- **Conduct a safety check.** Upon completion of any service or repair of this product, ask the service technician to perform safety checks to determine that the product is in proper operating condition.

- **Damage to the product that requires service.** Remove the batteries and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under any of the following conditions:
  - If liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into product;
  - If product does not operate normally by following the operating instructions;
  - If the product has been dropped or damaged in any way;
  - When the product exhibits a distinct change in performance.

If you have any questions regarding the service or repair of this machine, call or write to:

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Technical Service Department  
400 Clark Street  
Elyria, Ohio 44035-6001  
Tel: (800) 519-3456  
E-mail: TechServices@ridgid.com  
On the Web: www.ridgid.com or www.seesnake.com

In any correspondence, please give all the information shown on the nameplate of your tool including model number and serial number.