

# MultiScanner® i520

OneStep™

## Multifunction Wall Scanner

The MultiScanner® i520 OneStep™ features four scanning modes:

- Stud Scan Mode: Locates the center and edges of wood and metal studs up to 19 mm deep
- Stud DeepScan® Mode: Locates the center of wood and metal studs up to 38 mm deep
- Metal Scan Mode: Detects and locates ferrous (magnetic) metal up to 76 mm deep and non-ferrous (non-magnetic) metal up to 38 mm deep
- AC Scan Mode: Detects and locates live AC wires up to 51 mm deep
- WireWarning® Alert automatically detects and alerts the user to live AC wires in Stud Scan, Stud DeepScan®, and Metal Scan modes

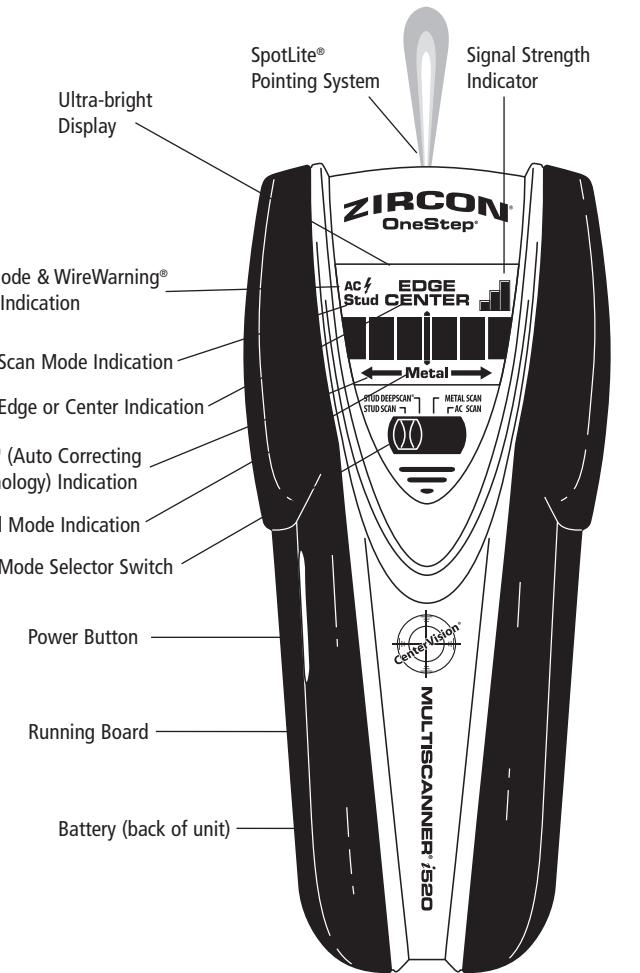
### 1. INSTALLING THE BATTERY

Press battery door release in with your finger or a coin and lift up to remove door. Connect 9-volt battery to cable. Place into the compartment and press into place. Replace battery door and snap shut. Battery will last approximately 2 years under normal conditions.

### 2. SELECTING THE MODE

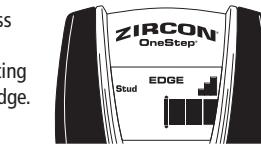
Move selector switch to the desired mode: STUD SCAN for finding wood or metal studs; DEEPSAN® for scanning walls over 9 mm; METAL SCAN for locating metal; or AC SCAN for locating live AC wiring.

Unit will remain off if POWER BUTTON is not depressed.

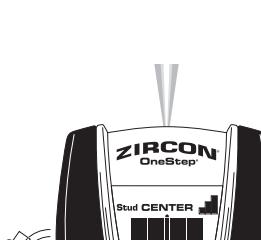


### 3. FINDING A STUD

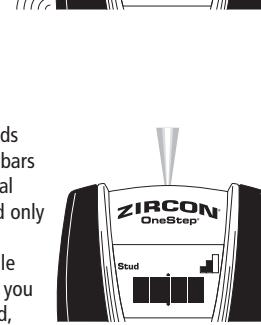
Always scan for studs with the scanner placed flat against the wall. Move the mode switch to STUD SCAN, place the tool flat against the wall, then press and hold the POWER BUTTON. Wait for beep to confirm calibration has completed before moving scanner.



Slowly slide tool across surface. EDGE display will illuminate, indicating location of the stud edge.



Continue sliding tool. When the center of a stud is located with three bars on the Signal Strength Indicator, the buzzer will sound, and the four middle bars, CENTER display, and SpotLite® Pointing System will illuminate.



In cases of deeper studs (or thicker walls) two bars will show on the Signal Strength Indicator and only the SpotLite® Pointing System and four middle bars will illuminate. If you still can't locate a stud, try STUD DEEPSAN® Mode.

### 4. TIPS FOR PROPER OPERATION

For optimum scanning results, it is important to properly hold MultiScanner® i520 and move slowly when scanning. The following tips will ensure accurate scanning results:

- Grasp the handle with your thumb on one side and your fingers on the other side. Make sure your fingertips are resting on or above the running board and not touching the surface being scanned or the scanning head of the tool.
- Hold the tool straight up and down, parallel to the studs, and do not rotate the tool.
- Keep tool flat against the wall and do not rock or tilt the tool when slowly sliding across the surface being scanned.
- Make sure your other hand or any other part of your body is not touching the surface being scanned. This could interfere with the tool's performance.



### 5. CALIBRATING THE TOOL IN STUD SCAN/STUD DEEPSAN®

MultiScanner® i520 can be calibrated anywhere on the wall. It constantly monitors the subsurface environment 10 times per second and automatically recalibrates, when needed, to successfully find the center of studs in one step.

- Place MultiScanner® i520 against the wall **before** pressing the POWER BUTTON in STUD SCAN or STUD DEEPSAN®.
- Once powered on, tool will automatically perform all calibrations. The LCD will display all icons until calibration is complete. Upon completion of calibration, the SpotLite® Pointing System and buzzer will momentarily activate and the tool will begin continuous measurements. Continue to press the tool flat against the wall and begin scanning.

*Note: It is important to wait for calibration to complete (1–2 seconds) before moving the scanner.*

- ACT™ (Auto Correcting Technology)—During scanning, the tool will automatically recalibrate itself when needed. This recalibration is usually transparent and no indication is made. If the tool is initially calibrated near a stud and then moved away (it will detect the density of the wall decreasing), an arrow icon will be illuminated, indicating the direction of the missed stud.

### 6. WORKING WITH DIFFERENT MATERIALS

**Wallpaper:** The MultiScanner® i520 functions normally on walls covered with wallpaper or fabric, unless the materials are metallic foil, contain metallic fibers, or are still wet after application.\* \*Wallpaper may need to dry for several weeks after application.

**Lath & plaster:** Due to irregularities in plaster thickness, it is difficult for the MultiScanner® i520 to locate studs in STUD SCAN Mode. Change to METAL SCAN Mode to locate the nail heads holding wood lath to the studs. If the plaster has metal mesh reinforcement, MultiScanner® i520 will be unable to detect through that material.

**Textured walls or acoustic ceilings:** When scanning a ceiling or wall with an uneven surface, place thin cardboard on the surface to be scanned and scan over the cardboard. Calibrate with cardboard in place.

**Wood flooring, subflooring, or gypsum drywall over plywood sheathing:** Use DEEPSAN® Mode and move the tool slowly. The signal strength indicator may only display 1 or 2 bars when the tool locates a stud through thick surfaces.

MultiScanner® i520 cannot scan for wood studs and joists through carpeting and pad. In problematic situations, try using METAL SCAN to locate nails or drywall screws that line up vertically where a stud or joist is positioned.

*Note: Sensing depth and accuracy can vary due to moisture content of materials, wall texture, and paint.*

#### FCC Part 15 Class B Registration Warning

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of FCC Rules.

### 7. SCANNING IN METAL MODE

Note: When scanning for metal studs, use STUD SCAN Mode (or STUD DEEPSAN® on thicker walls) to quickly locate the center and edges of wood or metal studs.

Use METAL SCAN Mode only to determine if studs are wood or metal. In METAL SCAN Mode, only metal drywall screws will be found in wood studs, while metal will be indicated everywhere on a metal stud.

METAL SCAN Mode has interactive calibration to adjust to sensitivity, to metal, and be used to find the precise location of metal objects in walls, floors, and ceilings. Maximum sensitivity is ideal for quickly finding the approximate location of metal. However, the user can reduce sensitivity by turning on the tool closer to metal. The reason for reducing sensitivity is because with less sensitivity, the area where metal is indicated will be smaller. But in both cases, the metal target is in the center of the area where the tool indicates metal is present.

1. For maximum metal sensitivity, turn the tool on in the air by pressing and holding the power button. This will ensure that it calibrates away from any metal objects. (The tool can only be calibrated off the wall in METAL SCAN or AC SCAN Mode.)

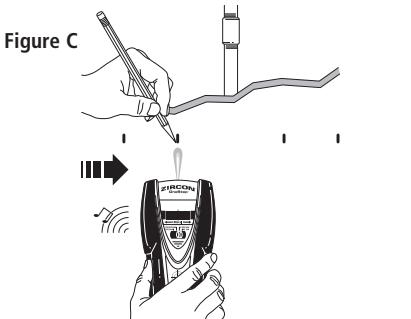
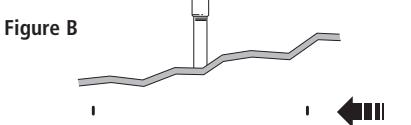
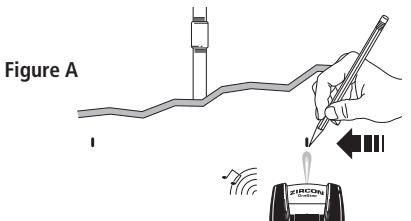
2. (Figure A) While holding the power button, press the tool flat against the wall and slowly slide the scanner across the surface. Mark the point where you get the highest metal indication (the most bars on the screen). If it is a strong target, the SpotLite® Pointing System will also shine a beam of light and a steady beep will sound. Continue in same direction until display bars reduce. Reverse direction and mark the spot where the display bars peak from the reversed direction. The midpoint of the two marks is the location of the center of the metal object.

If the unit indicates metal over a large area, you can refine the scanning area to more accurately locate the metal target.

3. (Figure B) To further pinpoint the location of the metal target, scan the area again. Release the power button and then turn the unit back on, this time starting on the wall over one of the previous marks. This will reset the tool to a lower sensitivity and make the scan more precise.

4. (Figure C) Scan in both directions as in Step 1. The area indicated should become smaller so you can more precisely identify the metal location. This procedure can be repeated to narrow the field even further.

*Note: Small targets or targets deep within the surface may only illuminate some of the bars and not the center line or audio tone. In this case, use the highest indication to determine the metal position.*



### 8. SCANNING IN AC MODE

As with METAL SCAN Mode, AC SCAN Mode has interactive calibration and works in the same manner.

1. For maximum sensitivity to live AC wiring, turn the tool on in the air by pressing and holding the power button. This will ensure that it calibrates away from any live electrical wire. (The tool can only be calibrated off the wall in METAL SCAN or AC SCAN Mode.)

2. (Figure A) While holding the power button, press the tool flat against the wall and slowly slide the scanner across the surface. Mark the point where you get the highest AC indication (the most bars on the screen). If it is a strong target, the SpotLite® Pointing System will also shine a beam of light and a steady beep will sound. Continue in same direction until display bars reduce. Reverse direction and mark the spot where the display bars peak from the reversed direction. The midpoint of the two marks is the location of the center of the live AC wiring. If the unit indicates live electricity over a large area, you can refine the scanning area to more accurately locate the live AC wiring.

3. (Figure B) To further pinpoint the location of the live AC wiring, scan the area again. Release the power button and then turn the unit back on, this time starting on the wall over one of the previous marks. This will reset the tool to a lower sensitivity and make the scan more precise.

4. (Figure C) Scan in both directions as in Step 1. The area indicated should become smaller so you can more precisely identify the metal location. This procedure can be repeated to narrow the field even further.

#### WireWarning® Alert

Zircon's WireWarning® Alert feature works continuously in all modes. When live AC voltage is detected, the AC Alert warning icon will appear in the display. If scanning begins over a live AC wire, the AC indicator will flash continuously.

**CAUTION: Wires deeper than 51 mm from the surface, in plastic conduit, or behind plywood shear wall may not be detected. Metal shielded wires or those in metal conduit will not be detected. Use extreme caution under these circumstances or whenever live AC wiring is present. Always turn off power when working near electrical wires.**

### 9. HELPFUL HINTS (See also number 4, Tips for Proper Operation)

Situation	Probable Cause	Solution
Detects other objects besides studs in STUD SCAN Mode. Finds more targets than there should be.	• Electrical wiring and metal/plastic pipes may be near or touching back surface of wall.	• Scan the area in METAL and AC SCAN modes to determine if metal or hot AC is present. • Check for other studs equally spaced to either side 305, 406, or 610 mm apart or the same stud at several places directly above or below the first. Use CAUTION when nailing, sawing, or drilling in walls, floors, and ceilings where these items may exist.
Area of voltage appears much larger than actual wire (AC only).	• Static charge may develop on drywall, spreading voltage detection as much as 305 mm laterally from each side of an actual electrical wire.	• To narrow detection, turn unit off and on again at the edge of where wire was first detected and scan again. • Place your free hand flat against wall near tool during the entire scan to drain static.
Difficulty detecting metal.	• Tool calibrated over metal object. • Metal targets too deep or small.	• The scanner may have been calibrated over a metal object, reducing sensitivity. Try calibrating in another location. Scan in both horizontal and vertical directions. Metal sensitivity is increased when metal object is parallel to sensor, located under Zircon logo.
Image of metal object appears wider than actual size.	• Metal has greater density than wood.	• To reduce sensitivity, recalibrate MultiScanner® i520 over either of first two marks. (metal mode only)
Constant readings of studs near windows and doors.	• Double and triple studs are usually found around doors and windows. Solid headers are above them.	• Detect outer edges so you know where to begin.
You suspect electrical wires, but do not detect any.	• Wires are shielded by metal conduit, a braided wire layer, or metallic wall covering. • Wires deeper than 51 mm from surface might not be detected. • Wires may not be live.	• Try METAL SCAN to see if you can find metal, wire, or metal conduit. • Always turn off the power when working near electrical wires. • Try turning on switches to outlet. • Try plugging a lamp into outlet and turning on switch.

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