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EP-25 Speed
Electronic Sensor
Installation Instructions

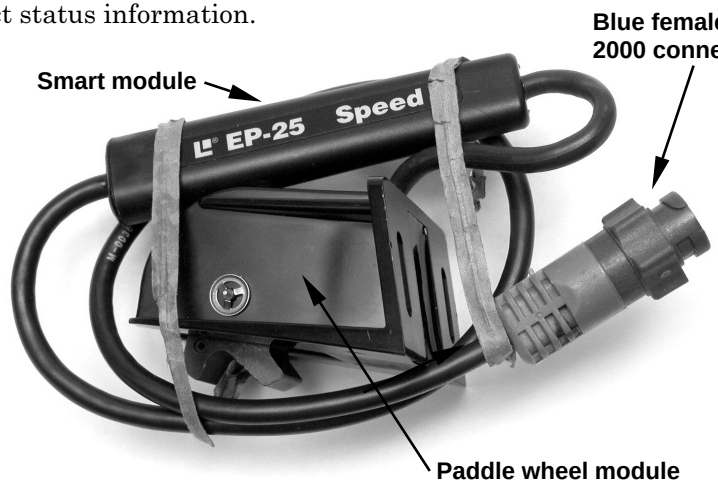
This instruction sheet tells how to install your EP-25 Speed sensor and connect it to a NMEA 2000® network using LowranceNET™ network components. You must refer to your digital gauge, sonar or GPS unit's manual for sensor operation instructions.

Caution:

Installing LowranceNET NMEA 2000 devices is ***significantly different*** *from installing earlier Lowrance components without NMEA 2000 features. You should read all of the installation instructions before proceeding. You should decide where to install all components before drilling any holes in your vessel.*

Some sonar or GPS units may require a software upgrade to display NMEA 2000 data correctly and a manual addendum describing how to operate the sensor. You can download these free and get additional information on the NMEA 2000® compatible LowranceNET™ system at our web site, www.lowrance.com.

All Lowrance NMEA 2000 capable devices are either NMEA 2000 certified or certification is pending. See our web site for the latest product status information.



The EP-25 Speed sensor.

The EP-25 consists of the paddle wheel module, a blue female locking cable connector and the smart module. The cable length from the

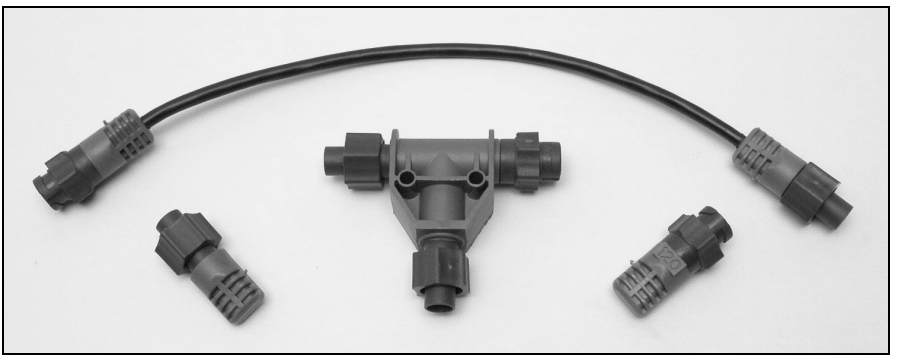
connector to the smart module is 18 inches (46 cm) and from the smart module to the paddle wheel module is 10 feet (3 meters).

The smart module converts speed data from the paddle wheel to the NMEA 2000 data format. This allows any digital gauge, sonar or GPS unit connected to the NMEA 2000 network to display the speed.

The EP-25 Speed, like the other Lowrance Electronic Probe (EP) sensors, is designed only for use with a NMEA 2000 Network. It ***must*** be connected to a NMEA 2000 network or it ***will not*** function.

Tools and Supplies

Your EP sensor packs with a T connector needed to attach it to a LowranceNET NMEA 2000 network. If you are connecting to an existing LowranceNET network, those are all the electronic components you need. If this is the first sensor you are connecting, you will also need a one-time purchase of a LowranceNET Node Kit.



LowranceNET Node Kit for a NMEA 2000 network. Includes a 2 foot (61 cm) extension cable, T connector, 120-ohm male terminator and 120-ohm female terminator.

For complete instructions on setting up a new NMEA 2000 network or expanding an existing one refer to the *"Setup and Installation of NEMA 2000 Networks, General Information"* document (part number 988-0154-172) included with your EP-25 sensor. If that document is missing it can be downloaded free from the Lowrance web site.

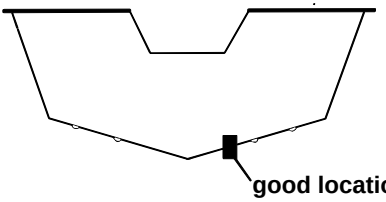
Supplies are not included, unless otherwise indicated. Required supplies for this job are: four #8 stainless steel wood screws (3/4" or 19 mm long), *high quality, marine grade* above- or below-waterline sealant compound.

Recommended tools for this job include: screwdriver, drill, 1/8" (3 mm) drill bit for pilot holes. If you want to feed the smart module or blue cable connector through a transom or bulkhead, you will also need a 7/8" (22 mm) drill bit.

Installation

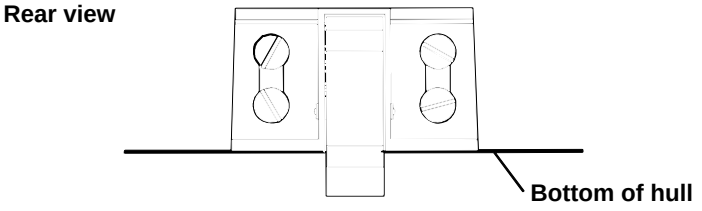
To install the speed sensor, first find a location on the boat's transom where the water flow is smoothest. Don't mount the paddle wheel module behind strakes or ribs. These will disturb the water flow to the paddle wheel.

Make sure the paddle wheel will remain in the water when the boat is on plane. Also make sure the location doesn't interfere with the boat's trailer. Typically, the paddle wheel module is mounted about one foot (30.5 cm) to the side of the transom's centerline.



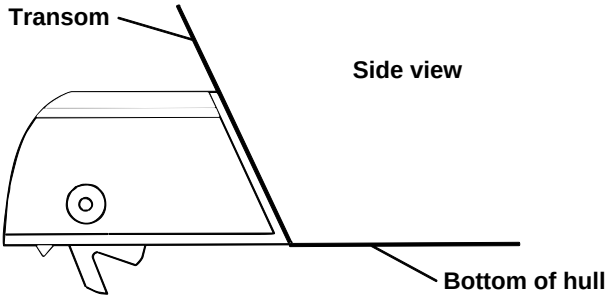
Stern view showing good mounting location on transom.

Once you've determined the proper location for the paddle wheel, place it on the transom. The bottom of the bracket should be flush with the hull's bottom. Using the paddle wheel's bracket as a template, mark the hull for the screws' pilot holes. Drill four 1/8" (3 mm) holes, one in each end of the slots.



Paddle wheel module rear view.

Mount the paddle wheel module to the hull using four #8 stainless steel wood screws. Use a high quality, marine grade above- or below-waterline sealant to seal the screws. Make sure the paddle wheel bracket is flush with the bottom of the hull and tighten the screws.



Paddle wheel module side view.

If the base of the transom has a radius, fill the gap between the transom and the paddle wheel bracket with sealant. This will help ensure a smooth water flow.

Run the cable connector and smart module over or through the transom. If routing through the transom, drill a 7/8" (22 mm) hole. *Make sure the smart module is inboard, and not left exposed on the transom.*

Caution:

If you drill a hole in the transom for the cable, make sure it is located ***above*** *the waterline. After installation, be sure to seal the cable hole with the same marine grade above-or below-waterline sealant used for the screws.*

Route the sensor's cable connector to the T on the network backbone where you intend to attach it, and plug it in. The sensor is now ready to use.

Connecting to a NMEA 2000 Network

A network bus is an installed and operational network cable (backbone) running the length of your boat, already connected to a power supply and properly terminated. Such a bus provides network connection nodes at various locations around your boat.

This is similar to the telephone wiring in a house. If you pick up a phone in your living room, you can hear someone talking into the phone in the bedroom.

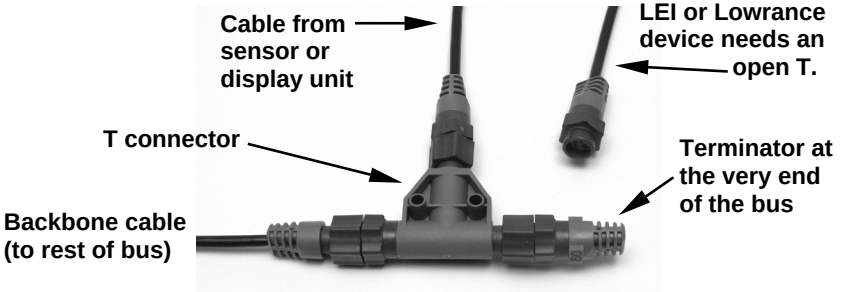
Network Nodes

A network bus is built of network nodes spread along a backbone. Network nodes are made by fitting T-shaped connectors into the backbone (using the sockets on the sides), and attaching a display unit or sensor at the bottom of the T.

Using our telephone example, the T connectors are similar to telephone jacks. The backbone is like the phone wiring running through a house. Phones in a house must be connected to each other to communicate, and

in the same way only sensors and display units plugged into the NMEA network can share information.

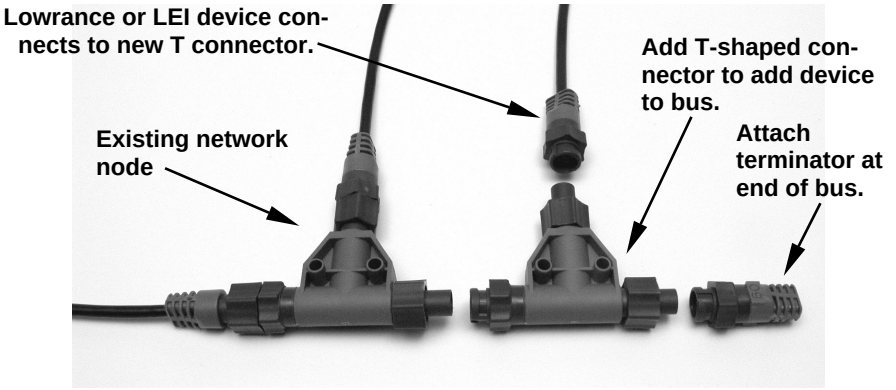
Connections found in the middle of the bus will have one or more of these T-shaped connectors with the backbone cables plugged into both sides. Connections at the end of a network will have the backbone plugged into one side, and a terminator plugged into the other, as shown in the following figure.



NMEA 2000 network node located at the end of a NMEA 2000 bus.

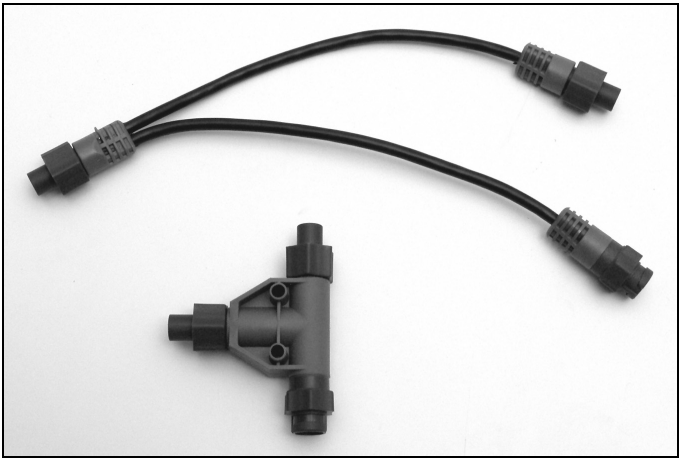
Adding a Network Node

You can add a node anywhere along the network backbone where a connection already exists. This connection could be at the end of the network (between a T connector and a terminator), between two T connectors, between a T connector and a backbone extension cable, or between two extension cables. Wherever you want to add the new node, simply separate the sockets of the old connection and attach your new T connector between them.



Add a new device to a NMEA 2000 bus by attaching a T connector between two T connectors, between a T connector and the end terminator, or between two backbone extension cables.

If you want to add a node at the end of the line (as shown in the previous figure) remove the terminator from the very last connector, securely attach the new T connector, and then attach the terminator on the new connector. Either method will allow you to add a device.



The "soft" T connector, shown above with a "hard" T connector, is another option for connecting devices in a NMEA 2000 network. The soft T works the same as a hard T. The soft T is used to install a network node in areas were a hard T will not fit.

Additional Network Information

Further instructions on creating or expanding a network are illustrated in the NMEA 2000 network setup booklet, part number 988-0154-172, which came packed with this instruction sheet.

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