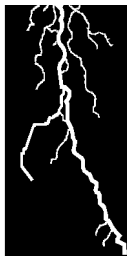


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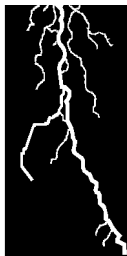
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This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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STATEMENT of LIMITED LIABILITY

A mathematical model is used by this Product to calculate physiological effects of SCUBA diving related to use of compressed air or other breathing mixtures while at depth. Such effects specifically relate to nitrogen absorption into and elimination from body tissues, as well as effects of oxygen used in Enriched Air Nitrox breathing mixtures.

However, because of the number of variables and the varying degrees to which they may affect individuals engaged in SCUBA diving, COCHRAN DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT USE OF THIS PRODUCT WILL PREVENT DECOMPRESSION SICKNESS OR ANY OTHER CONDITION OR INJURY INCURRED WHILE USING THIS PRODUCT.

These influencing variables may include, but are not limited to, dehydration, obesity, age, old injuries, or other physical conditions on the part of the diver, or environmental extremes of heat or cold, or poor training, or diving practices, any of which may promote the onset of decompression sickness or other harmful effects.

This Product is sold and intended to be used only as a guide, providing the TRAINED and CERTIFIED diver the information needed to make safe diving decisions. It is expressly understood that by buying and/or using this Product the Diver assumes ALL RISK as to its operability, reliability, quality, performance, accuracy, and suitability for his diving style. Furthermore, Diver recognizes that this Product is an electronic instrument being used in a hostile environment and is subject to failure, which may manifest itself in a number of ways. COCHRAN and its distributors and retailers will not be held liable for any personal injuries or other damages resulting from its use, even if COCHRAN has been advised of such occurrences or damages.

These products must be handled with care and properly maintained to assure the optimum performance. Users must possess the proper training for SCUBA diving activities and should be fully educated in the operation of this product. Users are encouraged to possess and utilize a redundant (backup) computer for their dive planning and execution. And divers are always encouraged to dive with a buddy at all times.

COCHRAN strongly supports and agrees with maximum depth limits of 50 metres for recreational SCUBA diving, as established by recognized training and certification agencies, and in no way encourages diving beyond these or any prudent lesser limits as may be necessitated by environmental, diver-specific, or other conditions.

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DO NOT ALLOW THE COMMANDER TO HAVE LOW OR NO BATTERIES FOR ANY PERIOD OF TIME! THIS WILL DISCHARGE THE INTERNAL LITHIUM BATTERY THAT KEEPS THE MEMORY ALIVE!

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INTRODUCTION: The COMMANDER NITROX is quite simple to use and operate, but underneath that simplicity lies a significant level of sophistication. To get the safest and most effective use of this instrument, it is important that the user fully understand the product. Please read and understand this entire manual and know the principles and practices of safe diving before using this device. By using the COMMANDER NITROX, the diver specifically acknowledges that he has been adequately and thoroughly trained and certified to engage in Nitrox diving by a professional, competent, recognized training agency.

USER & ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTATION: The COMMANDER NITROX is one of the new breed of Dive Computers that adapts its algorithm to the users diving environment and style as originally pioneered by COCHRAN. All of COCHRAN's newer dive computers incorporate this capability. The factors that are used for this "Adaptation" in the COMMANDER NITROX are:

Water Temperature	Salt/Fresh Water Compensation
Ascent Rate	Altitude Acclimatization
User Conservatism	Previous Dive Profiles

WATER TEMPERATURE: Diving in cold water can lead to a lower diver core and skin temperature which can affect the gas exchange rate of the body's tissues. The COMMANDER NITROX progressively makes its nitrogen algorithms more conservative as the water temperature declines below 25 degrees C. Above this water temperature, there is no temperature compensation. If the diver is wearing an insulated dry suit and is relatively warm even in cold water, this temperature compensation factor may be turned off at the divers discretion using the Analyst[®] PC software.

ASCENT RATE: There are several theories regarding the exact method by which a nitrogen bubble forms from a microbubble which was formed from a micronuclei. One predominant theory states that more rapid ascents accelerate bubble formation. The COMMANDER NITROX attempts to compensate, or adapt, for these higher Ascent Rates. For Ascent Rates less than 9 metres-per-minute (mpm) there is no compensation. As the Ascent Rate goes progressively higher than 9 mpm the compensation progressively increases.

USER CONSERVATISM: Current dive computers cannot tell if the diver is dehydrated, tired, smokes, overweight, or has some other physical issue that may require additional conservatism in the nitrogen algorithm. The COMMANDER NITROX allows the diver to input an added degree of conservatism to the nitrogen algorithm from 0 to 50 percent in one-percent increments. Field programming is featured.

SALT/FRESH WATER COMPENSATION: There is approximately three-percent difference in depth readings taken in salt water versus fresh water. Some dive computers are calibrated in metres of fresh water and some are calibrated in metres of seawater. Diving in a medium different from what the dive computer is calibrated will cause apparent depth errors. Only COCHRAN dive computers, including the COMMANDER NITROX, actually determine the type of diving medium and compensate the depth reading accordingly. This is accomplished by measuring the conductivity of the water during a dive. Caution must be taken interpreting readings since some apparent fresh water is actually high in minerals or contaminants and is correctly compensated as salt water. This commonly occurs in some caves, springs, and lakes.

PREVIOUS DIVE PROFILES: Under some circumstances, recent dive activity can have an effect on nitrogen loading, particularly if the diver engages in inverted profile diving. This occurs when a deep dive is followed by an even deeper dive. This recent dive history is used to compensate the nitrogen loading for the current dive.

ALTITUDE ACCLIMATIZATION: Driving or flying to a dive site significantly higher in altitude requires special modifications to the "sea level" algorithm. The COMMANDER NITROX regularly samples the ambient barometric pressure to determine these changes in altitude. Accordingly, the decompression algorithm is changed to reflect these barometric pressure changes. Note that temperature and weather systems also affect barometric pressure and hence, apparent altitude. Using the Time-To-Fly digits, the number of hours required to "adapt" to the new altitude is immediately known to the diver. If a significant altitude change occurs, a minimum of one hour should pass before diving to allow the unit to adapt to this new altitude. Rapid changes in altitude should be avoided. The dive computer may in fact, see particularly rapid changes from a higher to a lower altitude as a dive. Should this occur, removing the batteries for ten minutes will reset the computer, however, all tissue nitrogen loading will also be lost.

Should it be desired to initiate a dive PRIOR to completing the adaptation time, the COMMANDER NITROX will treat this dive as a repetitive dive in its algorithm, taking into account the "residual" nitrogen present due to travel to altitude. There are two methods of compensating for altitude. Via the Analyst® PC Interface, ZONE or SEAMLESS compensation for altitude may be selected.

In **ZONE**, all altitudes less than 600 metres above sea level use the sea-level algorithm. At altitudes greater than this, altitude compensation is “seamless”; literally, every small fraction of gained altitude is considered in adjusting the algorithm. ZONE will reduce the occurrences of obtaining slightly different altitude readings and corresponding no-decompression (NDC) limits when diving within a given area. However, ZONE reduces the accuracy of the altitude compensation for the first 600 metres above sea level, since all altitudes below 600 metres are treated as sea level. However, the advantage in ZONE is that changes in apparent altitude due to temperature or weather changes at sea level will not affect the NDC computations.

In **SEAMLESS**, the algorithm is adjusted for extremely small changes in altitude. However, a difference in altitude may be seen from day-to-day at a given dive site due to temperature or weather systems and their effect on barometric pressures. SEAMLESS will provide the most accurate altitude compensation algorithm, but normal variations in atmospheric barometric pressure may affect the no-decompression time which is more predominantly seen in the Pre-dive Prediction forecast.

BLEND SWITCHING: While other Nitrox dive computers limit the diver to the use of a single blend or percentage of oxygen, the COMMANDER NITROX allows the diver to use two different blends during a dive. These two blends are commonly referred to as the Bottom Blend (Blend #1) and the Decompression Blend (Blend #2). Commonly, the Bottom Blend is used from initial entry into the water and for most of the time spent during the dive. This Blend is restricted to a maximum of 50% oxygen. The Decompression Blend (Deco Blend) is used only for decompression purposes and can go to 99.9% oxygen content.

Typically, the Deco Blend is in a cylinder that is suspended at some relatively shallow depth beneath the surface.

Since the depth of the Deco blend cylinder is known ahead of time, and the expected duration of the dive is also known, these two factors can be used to automatically switch the computer to the second Blend or back to the first Blend should the diver descend again. This is accomplished prior to starting a dive by specifying both Blend #1 and Blend #2 oxygen percentages. The absolute maximum depth of the Deco Cylinder is also specified. Depending on surface swells, a small amount may be added to this depth to ensure that when the diver is shallower than the depth the Deco Blend will actually be in use. If the diver subsequently descends below this depth, the Bottom Blend is again assumed to be in use. The other important factor that must be specified is the Bottom Time that must elapse before Blend Switching is enabled. The purpose of this factor is to ensure that the switch to the Deco Blend does not occur prematurely should the diver ascend early and not require use of the Deco Blend. Should the diver surface early and not require use of the Deco Blend, the setting of this factor must be carefully considered. All of these factors can be set by either the field programming method or via the Analyst[®] PC interface. If switching to Blend #2 is NOT desired, it may be disabled via the Analyst[®]. Setting both Blends to the same percentage of Oxygen is the same as disabling Blend #2.

If the diver is not in a decompression dive and if the computer is using Blend #2 for computations, the "DEC" legend will be flashing and the "NDC" legend will be on. If in the Decompression Mode, and the computer is using Blend #2, the "NDC" legend will be off and the "DEC" legend will be flashing.

METRIC/IMPERIAL MODES: Most dive computers always compute in either Metric or Imperial units and merely convert the display to the other units. The COMMANDER NITROX actually computes and displays in the selected units which gives maximum accuracy and user familiarity. If the computer is computing and displaying in Metric, the "METRIC" legend will be illuminated when the computer is on. Metric/Imperial selection is made using the Analyst[®] software. Changing Modes does not affect any profiles or data stored in the computer.

LOW BATTERY INDICATIONS: Fresh ENERGIZER[®] brand alkaline batteries should read about 3.2 volts on the PreDive Prediction display. When the battery voltage decays to 2.5 volts, the "BATT" legend will be illuminated. It is recommended to change the batteries at this point, but several dives might still remain possible. When the battery voltage decays to 2.3 volts, the "BATT" legend will begin to flash on and off. Also, the TACLITE if on, will be turned off to conserve the remaining battery power even though the unit may be on a dive. While there should be sufficient battery power to normally complete a dive, it is not recommended to begin a new dive until fresh ENERGIZER[®] brand alkaline batteries are installed. After the computer automatically turns itself off 40 minutes after a dive, it cannot be turned back on if the battery voltage is less than 2.3 volts. Fresh ENERGIZER[®] brand alkaline batteries must be installed. See the "BATTERY CHANGES" section of this manual for detailed information on how to change batteries.

CAUTION!!! COMPLETE LOSS OF BATTERY POWER WILL CAUSE ALL PREVIOUS DIVE NITROGEN LOADING TO BE LOST. THIS WILL AFFECT NITROGEN CALCULATIONS ON NEAR-FUTURE DIVES. AFTER A BATTERY CHANGE, CONFIRM THAT NO-DECOMPRESSION TIME DATA IS REASONABLE DURING PRE-DIVE PREDICTION MODE. DIVE-OF-DAY NUMBER GOING TO ZERO IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHANGING BATTERIES IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF A LOSS OF NITROGEN LOADING.

SIDE CONTACTS: For identification purposes, put the COMMANDER NITROX face up in the orientation that allows the display, display bezel, and product name to be read. There are three contacts on the right side of the unit. The closest contact toward the bottom of the display is Contact 1, the middle contact is Contact 2, while the contact farthest away at the top of the display is Contact 3. Contacts are used to:

- Turn the unit on by sensing wetted Contacts 1 & 2;
- Enter Logbook Mode by sensing wetted Contacts 1 & 2;
- Enter Programming Mode by sensing shorted Contacts 1 & 2;
- Step through Programming functions by sensing shorted Contacts 1 & 2;
- Increment Programmable options by sensing shorted Contacts 2 & 3;
- Determine water conductivity when in a dive via Contacts 1 & 2 & 3;
- Communicate with the Analyst[®] PC Interface via Contacts 1 & 2 & 3.

It is important that the Contacts be kept clean and dry when the computer is not in use. Do not use solvents. Use only clean, fresh water.

TURNING ON THE COMMANDER NITROX: Although the COMMANDER NITROX automatically turns on when it is submerged in water, it is STRONGLY recommended that the unit be manually powered up by wetting two fingers and simultaneously touching Contacts 1 and 2 just prior to a dive. This allows the diver to ensure that the unit is operating correctly and has adequate battery capacity prior to entry. Once activated, the unit will remain on for 15 minutes. If a dive is not initiated within this 15 minutes, the COMMANDER NITROX automatically shuts off. Notice that when Contacts 1 & 2 are first bridged, a short beep is issued which indicates that the unit is recognizing the touch.

Every time the Contacts 1 & 2 are touched and the short beep is heard, the "on" time is again extended to 15 minutes. It is recommended that this procedure be followed prior to a dive since this prevents the unit from "timing out" just as the diver is entering the water. The COMMANDER NITROX will not turn on if the altitude is greater than 4.5 km or if the depth is greater than one metre. Also, the battery voltage must be above 2.3 volts for the unit to turn on.

As the COMMANDER NITROX first recognizes a turn-on command, it begins a "Diagnostic" function where many aspects of the system will be exercised and tested. This procedure takes about three seconds and an audible beep is issued each second as certain tests are successfully completed. During this time, all of the segments in the display are turned on so their operability can be confirmed. Should a test indicate a malfunction or marginal test, the unit will turn back off again. The user should ensure that all of the display segments are on and operating correctly.

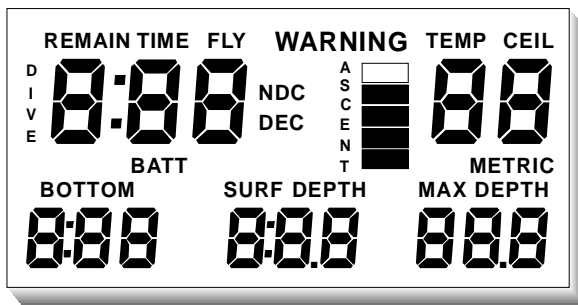


Figure 1
 SELF DIAGNOSTIC DISPLAY
 All Segments Illuminated

TURNING OFF THE COMMANDER NITROX: After a dive, the COMMANDER NITROX remains on for 40 minutes before automatically entering its "Sleep Mode". During the Sleep Mode, all calculations continue but the display is off. This is a power saving feature of the COMMANDER NITROX. The unit will continue calculating Surface Interval and compartment off gassing until all residual nitrogen is eliminated. The current Surface Interval and PreDive Predictions can be viewed by turning the unit back on.

OXYGEN TOXICITY FACTORS: The COMMANDER NITROX has the ability to track Oxygen Toxicity levels for the Central Nervous System (CNS) as well as the Mission Oxygen Tolerance Units Dose (OTU). In addition, a maximum Partial Pressure of Oxygen (PO₂) warning alarm can also be set. While most other audible alarms of the dive computer consist of five long beeps, the CNS, OTU, and PO₂ have a distinctive audible alarm that consists of short double-beeps that sound once per second for five seconds.

As long as one or more of these three parameters is outside its limits, the “WARNING” legend on the display will continue to flash and the audible alarm will be repeated once per minute.

None of these three functions are active if the NITROX capability is disabled via the Analyst[®] PC Interface (see later description of the Analyst[®]).

PARTIAL PRESSURE OF OXYGEN (PO2): High levels of PO2 can cause severe Oxygen poisoning. Widely different levels of PO2 can affect individual divers. The user via the Analyst[®] can set the PO2 alarm to any level between 0.50 ATA and 1.60 ATA.

As shipped from the factory, this is set to 1.60 ATA. Should the PO2 be above the alarm set point, the audible alarm will sound and the “MAX DEPTH” digits will be replaced with a “P” followed by the two-digit PO2 value with decimal point.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS) TOXICITY: Should the CNS Toxicity reach 75% of the maximum allowable, the audible alarm will sound and the “MAX DEPTH” digits will be replaced with a “C” followed by the two digit CNS percentage. All three of these digits on the display will be flashing along with the “WARNING” legend.

By the accepted definition of CNS toxicity, should a PO2 value of greater than 1.6 ATA be measured, the CNS Toxicity will be 100%. During the Surface Interval, this percentage will decrease as the CNS declines toward zero. Once this has dropped below 75%, the MAX DEPTH reading will return. Whatever the current CNS Toxicity level, it can also be viewed in the Programming Mode.

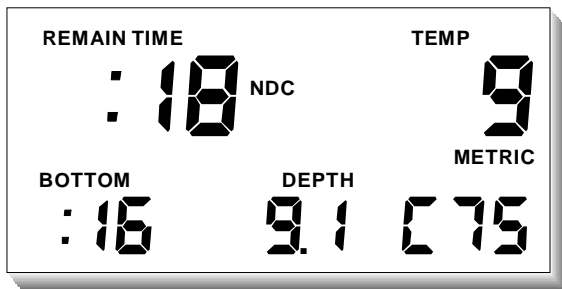


Figure 15
SUBSURFACE MODE DISPLAY
(Max CNS Alarm)

Current CNS	75 %
Remain NDC Time	18 mins
Depth	9.1 mtr
Bottom Time	16 mins
Temperature	9 c
Ascent Rate	0
Battery	OK

OXYGEN TOLERANCE UNITS (OTU): An issue with long term breathing of higher partial pressures of Oxygen above 0.5 ATA is Pulmonary Oxygen Toxicity or sometimes called **WHOLE BODY** which must be tracked properly.

The **COMMANDER NITROX** will track the OTU based on Dr. Bill Hamilton's 'REPEX' method of oxygen exposure management. The OTU Dose is an exponential function of oxygen partial pressure and time.

The time-dependent limit varies with length of time (days) that the diver continues to dive without full recovery to zero OTU. The Mission OTU Clock tracks the OTU, which is a running clock that tracks long-term Oxygen exposure. This clock may run for several weeks if frequent dives are made using high levels of PO₂. The current Mission Clock, CNS, and OTU can be seen via the Analyst[®] PC interface.

The recovery portion of the OTU algorithm is a linear reduction of OTU over time. The Mission OTU clock is reset to 0:00 when the OTU Dose reaches zero.

Should the OTU Dose reach 75% of the maximum allowable, the audible alarm will sound and the "MAX DEPTH" left digit will be replaced with an "O" followed by the two digit OTU Dose percentage. All three of these digits and the "WARNING" legend will be flashing. Symptoms of Pulmonary Oxygen Toxicity include burning in the throat and chest, coughing, and shortness of breath. Discontinue diving and consult a Physician should any of these, or other, symptoms appear.

WARNING INDICATIONS: Failure to observe audible and/or visual warnings and take corrective action may result in injury or death.

- If the diver is ascending faster than the selected maximum ascent rate, then the hollow bar of the ascent bargraph will flash and the "WARNING" legend will illuminate. The unique audible sweep alarm will continue to sound once per second until the situation is corrected.
- If the diver descends below the user set Depth Alarm, the Depth digits will flash. The audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds and will repeat once per minute. Depth alarm is not active in the Decompression Mode to avoid confusion with the "Shallower Than Ceiling" alarm.
- If the battery voltage goes below 2.3 volts, the audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds and will repeat once per minute.

- For High PO₂, see “**OXYGEN TOXICITY FACTORS**”.
- For High CNS, see “**OXYGEN TOXICITY FACTORS**”.
- For High OTU, see “**OXYGEN TOXICITY FACTORS**”.
- If the diver has less than two minutes of No-Decompression Time remaining, an audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds and repeat once per minute. The “WARNING” legend will also flash for as long as the condition exists.
- If the diver enters the Decompression Mode, an audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds. The “WARNING” legend on the display will flash for as long as the Decompression Mode is active.
- If a CEILING of 21 metres or greater is computed, a one-time, five beep audible alarm will sound and the Ceiling digits will flash once per second.
- During a Decompression dive, if the Depth is less than the CEILING, then the Depth and Ceiling digits will flash. The unique audible sweep alarm will continue to sound once per second until the situation is corrected.
- During a Decompression dive, if the CEILING is computed to be greater than 27 metres, the system will immediately enter the Gauge Mode. The audible alarm will sound once per second for five consecutive seconds.

MAIN MODES of the COMMANDER NITROX:

PreDive Prediction Mode
 Surface Mode
 Subsurface Mode
 Decompression Mode
 PostDive Interval Mode
 Logbook Mode
 Gauge Mode
 Programming Mode.
 Sleep Mode (previously described)

PRE-DIVE PREDICTION MODE: Once every minute the COMMANDER NITROX will “scroll” depths starting at 9 metres and increasing in 3 metre increments. PreDive Predictions will stop when the No-Decompression (NDC) time prediction reaches two minutes or the set maximum depth is reached. This limit is set to 39 metres at the factory, but can be changed by the Analyst® PC software. During PreDive Prediction the current setting for Blend #1 is used to compute NDC time remaining and will influence predictions. Furthermore, the PreDive Predictions will stop when the Max PO2 is computed. PreDive Predictions can also be affected by apparent altitude. Typical PreDive predictions can be seen in the next chart. Notice the termination of the PreDive Prediction Mode when the PO2 reaches the user set point (1.6 from factory)

TYPICAL PRE-DIVE PREDICTIONS:

Depth	Condition						
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
9	4:32	2:52	3:05	3:44	9:59	9:59	9:59
12	2:21	1:27	1:24	2:01	6:24	5:34	9:59
15	1:20	:55	:38	1:10	3:22	3:01	9:59
18	:57	:37	:24	:48	2:07	1:54	6:36
21	:40	:28	:18	:35	1:19	1:10	3:54
24	:31	:20	:12	:26	:59	:53	
27	:23	:14	:09	:21	:45	:41	
30	:18	:10	:08	:16	:35	:32	
33	:13	:08	:06	:12	:29	:26	
36	:10	:07	:05	:09			
39	:09	:06	:08				
42	:07	:05	:07				
45	:06	:05	:06				
48	:05	:04	:05				

	Current Altitude	O2%	Dive Depth	Bottom Time	Surface Interval
Condition A:	0	21	0	:00	:00
Condition B:	1.5km	21	0	:00	:00
Condition C:	0	21	18	:45	:13
Condition D:	0	21	18	:45	2:00
Condition E:	0	36	0	:00	:00
Condition F:	0	36	18	:45	2:00
Condition G:	0	50	0	:00	:00

For this chart, the Temperature Factor is set to off and the Conservatism factor is set to 0%. Both of these factors, in addition to any residual nitrogen, can affect the NDC predictions. The Conditions E, F, and G caused the PreDive prediction to terminate when the PO2 reached the current set point of 1.6 ATA. NDC times shown are approximate.

Refer to the Analyst[®] description about how to modify parameters. During the PreDive Prediction Mode, the unit will compute and display the maximum safe time at that depth. Current Surface Temperature and Battery Voltage are also displayed. Battery Voltage is displayed in the lower right hand corner of the display. Altitude is indicated in six ranges via the Ascent Rate Bar Graph as follows (Altitude compensation is seamless from 600m to 4.5km above sea level.

The six ranges are for display purposes only):

0 Bars	sea level to 600 metres	1 Bar	600 to 1,200 metres
2 Bars	1,200 to 1,800 metres	3 Bars	1,800 to 2,400 metres
4 Bars	2,400 to 3,000 metres	5 Bars	greater than 3,000 metres

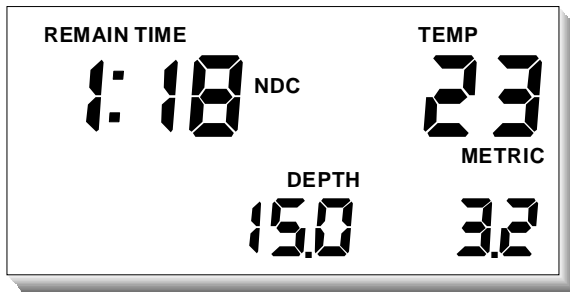


Figure 4
 PREDIVE PREDICTION

All Segments Illuminated	
Depth Predict	15 m tr
NDC Time Predict	78 m ins
Temperature	23 c
Altitude	< 600 m tr
Battery Voltage	3.2 v

SURFACE MODE: Surface Mode is entered after the COMMANDER NITROX successfully completes its Self-Diagnostic Mode after being turned on, or after the PostDive Interval after a dive. In this mode, current Surface Time, the previous dive's Maximum Depth, the previous dive's Bottom Time, Dive of Day number, current Time to Fly, and Temperature are displayed.

"Surface Time" starts at zero immediately after a dive and begins counting minutes. If the computer shuts off and is turned on with nitrogen residual left, the Surface Time will continue to count. If the computer shuts off and is turned on with no nitrogen residual left, the Surface Time will be zero.

"Dive of Day" starts at zero and increments after each dive regardless of the calendar day. When there is no remaining nitrogen residual, the Dive of Day is set to zero and the computer is referred to as a "clean" system.

“Time to Fly” is displayed as the number of hours remaining until the nitrogen residual reaches zero plus a twelve-hour safety factor. Flying is not recommended until the Time to Fly reaches zero.

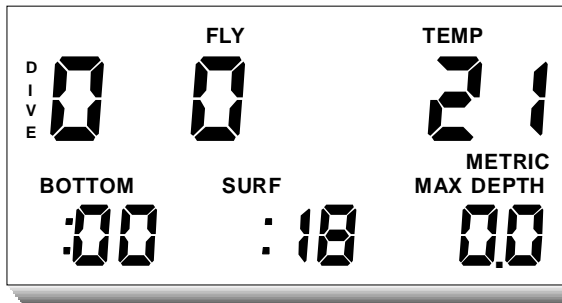


Figure 2
SURFACE MODE DISPLAY
No Nitrogen Residual

Dive of Day	0
Time to Fly	0
Temperature	21 °C
Bottom Time	0
Surface Time	18 mins
Max Depth	0
Altitude	< 600 m tr
Battery	OK

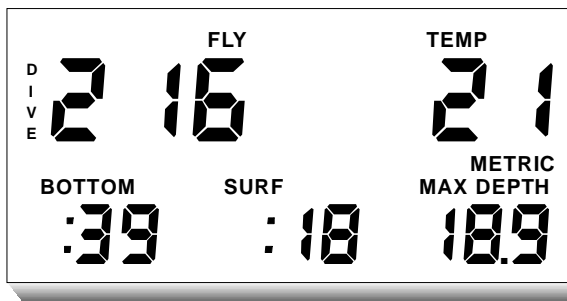


Figure 3
SURFACE MODE DISPLAY
With Nitrogen Residual

Dive of Day	2
Time to Fly	16 hrs
Temperature	21 c
Bottom Time	39 mins
Surface Time	18 mins
Max Depth	18.9 m tr
Altitude	< 600 m tr
Battery	OK

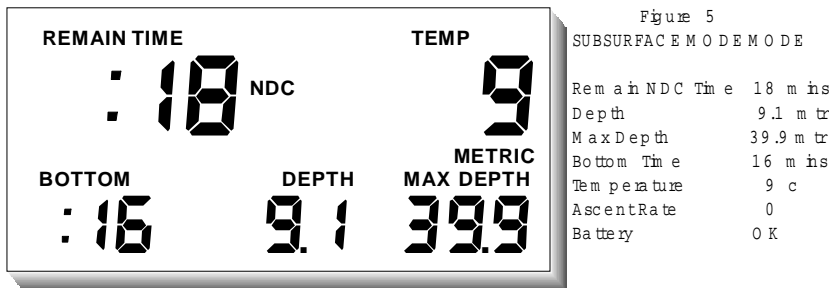
SUBSURFACE MODE: Whether in the Surface Mode, PreDive Prediction Mode, Programming Mode or the Logbook Mode, the COMMANDER NITROX will automatically enter the Subsurface Mode whenever the unit determines that it is in water deeper than two metres.

Surface Time will be replaced with current Depth, displayed in 0.1 metre increments, up to a maximum depth of 99.9 metres. Bottom Time will begin once the COMMANDER NITROX senses that the diver has descended below two metres and continues until the diver has ascended above one metre. The maximum Bottom Time displayed is 9 hours 59 minutes.

If the Central Nervous System (CNS) Oxygen Toxicity is 75% or more, the "MAX DEPTH" will be replaced with a "C" followed by the two-digit CNS toxicity. If the Oxygen Tolerance Units (OTU) is 75% or more, the "MAX DEPTH" will be replaced with an "O" followed by the two-digit OTU number.

If the PO2 is greater than the user set point (1.6 ATA from factory), the “MAX DEPTH” will be replaced with a “P” followed by the two-digit PO2 number.

If the computer is using Blend #2 for computations, the “DEC” legend will be flashing.



ASCENT RATE BAR GRAPH: The Ascent Rate bar graph and alarms are active in both the Subsurface Mode and Decompression Mode when the depth is below 3 metres. The five-segment bar graph is used to display the diver's rate of ascent. The factory default for maximum ascent rate is 18 mpm. With this setting, no bars will illuminate if a diver is ascending at a rate less than 3 mpm.

If the diver has an ascent rate of more than 18 mpm, the entire Ascent Rate Bar Graph will flash, and audible alarm will sound once per second, and the WARNING legend will illuminate. Each segment indicates an additional 3 mpm of Ascent Rate.

Via the Analyst[®] PC Interface, the maximum Ascent Rates alarms can be selected from 6 to 18 mpm. Another Analyst[®] selection pertains to the bar graph itself. The two selections given are either FIXED or PROPORTIONAL.

With FIXED, each of the five bars indicates an additional 3 mpm of Ascent Rate regardless of the maximum Ascent Rate selected. With PROPORTIONAL, each of the five bars indicate 20% (one-fifth) of the selected maximum Ascent Rate.

A third option that is accessible via the Analyst[®] PC Interface is a VARIABLE Ascent Rate. With this option, the Ascent Rate Alarm is determined by depth. As the diver ascends to shallow depths, the maximum Ascent Rate is lowered. The maximum Ascent Rates and their associated depth are:

18 metres or deeper	18 mpm
18 to 9 metres	mpm equal to the depth
Less than 9 metres	9 mpm

The sensitivity or responsiveness of the Ascent Rate may be selected. Via the Analyst[®], eight different levels of sensitivity are available.

GREATER THAN 18 METERS
PER MINUTE WARNING AND
TOP BAR OF GRAPH WILL FLASH

WARNING






A		15 TO 18 METERS PER MINUTE
S		12 TO 15 METERS PER MINUTE
C		9 TO 12 METERS PER MINUTE
N		6 TO 9 METERS PER MINUTE
T		3 TO 6 METERS PER MINUTE

FIG-6 Ascent Rate Bar Graph (Fixed at 18 metres-per-minute)

NOTE: Customizing the Ascent Rate and Ascent Rate Bar Graph are just two of the many additional programmable features available when using the Analyst[®] PC Interface. See an Authorized Team Cochran Dealer for a complete demonstration. Some available features are described in the section "USER CONFIGURABLE OPTIONS".

DECOMPRESSION MODE: Should a no-decompression limit be mistakenly overstayed, the COMMANDER NITROX will enter the Decompression Mode. In this mode, the Ceiling digits will display the depth at which the diver must stop and not ascend above during final ascent (the "TEMP" legend and digits will be replaced with the "CEIL" legend and digits). The first Ceiling will be at three metres and continue in three metre increments to a maximum of 27 metres. To alert the diver to an even more hazardous situation, the CEILING digits will flash if the Ceiling is 21 metres or more.

The Remaining No-decompression Time and “NDC” legend will be replaced with Decompression Time and “DEC” legend and the “WARNING” legend will come on. Both STOP time and TOTAL time are displayed using the same set of digits. As shipped from the factory (can be changed via Analyst[®]), STOP and TOTAL time will alternate at the rate of once every two seconds. In this way, the diver can view not only the time to spend at a particular STOP depth, but also the TOTAL time it will take to complete all STOPS and surface. Clearly, the larger of the two alternating numbers is the Total Decompression Time of all stops which includes ascent time to the surface, and the smaller of the two numbers is the time required at the current stop. At the three metre stop, the TOTAL and STOP times may be the same and therefore appear to not alternate.

Predicted Decompression Time assumes that the diver is at exactly the required Ceiling. However, it is not necessary to be precisely at the specified Ceiling. Outgassing credit will be given that is proportional to a depth that is deeper than the specified Ceiling. A small margin shallower than the Ceiling also exists. Should a Ceiling be violated (diver is shallower than Ceiling), the Depth and Ceiling digits will flash as a visual warning and a unique audible alarm will sound once per second. This warning will continue until the Depth has been corrected. For each second that is spent shallower than the Ceiling depth no decompression credit will be given and a 1.5-second penalty will be added to the decompression obligation. Remaining shallower than the Ceiling for five consecutive minutes will immediately put the computer into the Gauge Mode.

The COMMANDER NITROX has the unique ability to calculate a second gas blend which may be used while decompressing. See the following PROGRAMMING MODE and the previous BLEND SWITCHING sections for complete information. If this second blend is active, the “DEC” legend will flash on and off.

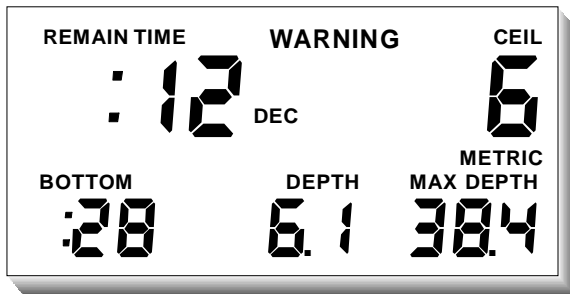


Figure 7
DECOMPRESSION MODE
(Showing TotalDeco Time)

TotalDeco Time	12 mins
Stop Ceiling	6 m tr
Depth	6.1m tr
MaxDepth	38.4 m tr
Bottom Time	28 mins
AscentRate	0
Battery	OK

NOTE: COCHRAN does not intend for this instrument to be used for deliberate Decompression diving.

POST DIVE INTERVAL MODE: During the first ten minutes after a dive, the COMMANDER NITROX is in the PostDive Interval Mode. The flashing “SURF” legend and a Surface Time of less than ten minutes indicate this. Should another dive be commenced before the completion of the Post Dive Interval, that dive will be considered an extension of the previous dive.

In this case, Bottom Time will NOT include the time spent on the surface in this PostDive Interval Mode. However, when reviewing the profile with the Analyst[®], the time spent on the surface in this mode will be shown.

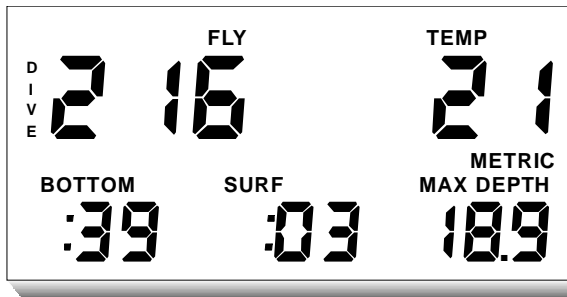


Figure 8
 POSTDIVE INTERVAL
 ("SURF" Legend Flashing)

Dive of Day	2
Time to Fly	16 hrs
Bottom Time	39 mins
Surface Time	3 mins
Max Depth	18.9 m tr
Temperature	21 c
Altitude	< 600 m tr
Battery	OK

LOGBOOK MODE: To enter the Logbook Mode, the COMMANDER NITROX must be in the normal Surface Mode. Touching Contacts 1 and 2 simultaneously with wetted fingers will cause the unit to enter the Logbook Mode.

The most recent dive will be displayed first. To view the next dive, touch the contacts again after pausing for a few seconds. Do not use a metal object such as a coin or knife-blade to enter the Logbook Mode since it will cause the unit to enter the Programming Mode.

The internal storage capacity of the Logbook Mode is 100 dives. Therefore, only the most recent 100 dives can be viewed since the earlier dives have been over-written. Information contained in each log will include Overall Dive Number, Minimum Water Temperature, Maximum Depth, Bottom Time, Surface Interval before the dive, and Fastest Rate of Ascent. Each log will be displayed for 30 seconds before “timing-out” and returning to the Surface Mode. Via the optional Analyst® Personal Computer Interface, the Logbook Mode “time-out” timer can be set from 10 to 60 seconds in one-second increments which would allow the user to view each dive for more or less time.

It is not necessary to allow the time-out timer to complete prior to initiating a dive. Once the diver has descended below two metres, the COMMANDER NITROX will immediately enter the Subsurface Mode.

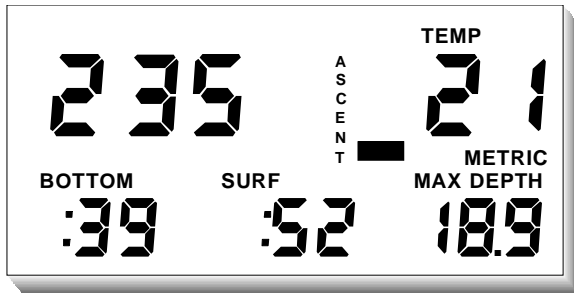


Figure 9
LOGBOOK MODE DISPLAY

Overall Dive Number	235
Max Depth	18.9 mtr
Bottom Time	39 m ins
Surface Time	52 m ins
Min Temperature	21 c
Max Ascent Rate	5 m pm
Battery	OK

NOTE: The overall Dive Number allows the diver to immediately identify the total number of dives made with that COMMANDER NITROX. If the logbook example shown was the most recent dive made, it could be identified that that 235 dives had been made with that specific unit.

GAUGE MODE: Should the diver violate the design limitations of the COMMANDER NITROX Gauge Mode will be entered since it is impossible for the computer to continue computing and displaying accurate or even reasonable information. While in this mode, the only data that will be displayed are Depth, Max Depth, Ascent Rate, Temperature, and Bottom Time. The COMMANDER NITROX will continue to compute Oxygen toxicity factors.

The conditions, which will cause the computer to enter the Gauge Mode, are:

- A dive 100 metres or deeper is performed;
- A Decompression Ceiling of greater than 27 metres is calculated;
- Diver is shallower than the required Decompression Ceiling five consecutive minutes.

The COMMANDER NITROX will remain in Gauge Mode for 24 consecutive hours of surface time. After the diver has been on the surface for 40 minutes, the unit will enter its "Sleep Mode". The total hours until the unit exits Gauge Mode is displayed in the Time-To-Fly digits when the unit is again turned on.

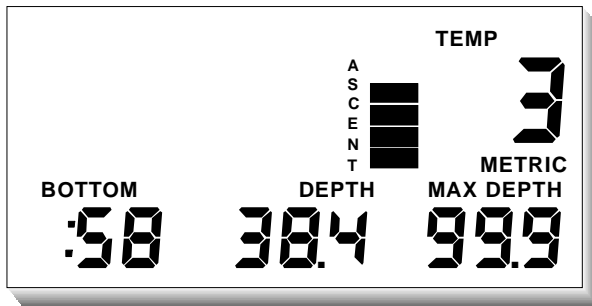


Figure 10
GAUGE MODE DISPLAY
(SubSurface)

Depth	38.4 m tr
MaxDepth	99.9 m tr
Bottom Time	58 m hs
Temperature	3 c
AscentRate	14 fpm
Battery	OK

FIELD PROGRAMMING MODE: Contacts 1, 2, & 3 are for programming sequences. The COMMANDER NITROX is set at the factory to calculate Air (21% Oxygen) in its decompression algorithm. PRIOR to diving an Enriched Air Nitrox gas blend, the unit must be programmed accordingly.

In addition to programming the Oxygen Percentage for Blend #1 and Blend #2, two benchmarks for switching to Blend #2 must be programmed. Blend #2 calculations are activated when both of these benchmarks are satisfied. The first benchmark is Bottom Time. Here, a Bottom Time will be established that the dive will be beyond when switching to Blend #2. The minimum value programmable for this benchmark is 10 minutes, and the maximum value is 600 minutes. The second benchmark is for Depth. This benchmark will indicate the Depth the diver will be ABOVE when switching to Blend #2.

It is not sufficient for only one of these benchmarks to be satisfied in order to switch to Blend #2, BOTH benchmarks must be met. If at any time one benchmark is not satisfied, Blend #1 will be used in the decompression algorithm. This may occur if the diver descends back below the Depth benchmark.

To begin the programming sequence:

1. Analyze the gas blend(s) using a calibrated Oxygen Analyzer;
2. Turn the unit on;
3. Using a coin or other highly conductive metal, briefly bridge Contacts 1 and 2 until a short beep is heard and the Programming Menu is seen in the display.

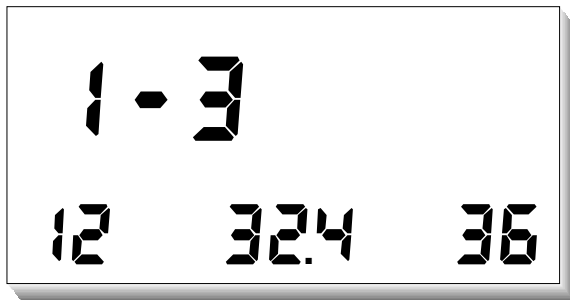


Figure 12
FIELD PROGRAMMING
(Setting Blend #1 %)
(Setting 10 s d i t)
(W i t h N i t o x F u n c t i o n s)

CNS Toxicity	12 %
O ₂ Dose	36 %
Blend # 2 Oxygen	32.4 %

4. The first display seen is for setting Blend #1 (bottom mix). The upper left corner will display a "1-3". The "1" indicates Blend #1 and the "3" indicates the 10's digit is being programmed. The Oxygen Percentage being programmed is displayed bottom center. Upon initial programming, this value should display "21.0" as set at the factory. At the bottom left, will be seen the current CNS Oxygen Toxicity percentage displayed while the current OTU percentage is displayed lower right.
5. Using the same coin or metal object, bridge Contacts 2 and 3 to increment the 10's value. A confirmation beep will sound with each increment. If diving a bottom mix of 40.0%, Contacts 2 and 3 should be bridged until a "4" is displayed at the bottom center's 10's digit.
6. Next, bridge Contacts 1 and 2 to select the 1's digit programming sequence. This is identified by a "1-2" being displayed at the upper left corner of the display. The "1" identifies that Blend #1 is still being programmed Blend #1 while the "2" identifies the 1's digit is being programmed.
7. Bridge Contacts 2 and 3 to increment the 1's digit to the desired value. If the example of setting an Oxygen Percentage of 40.0% for Blend #1 is continued, Contacts 2 and 3 would be bridged until a "0" appears in the 1's digit at the bottom center display.
8. Next, bridge Contacts 1 and 2 to move to the 1/10's programming sequence. This is identified by displaying "1-1" in the upper left corner of the display. The "1" signifies that Blend #1 is being programmed, while the "1" signifies that the 1/10's digit is being programmed.
9. Bridge Contacts 2 and 3 to increment the 1/10's digit. When the desired setting is displayed for the 1/10's digit, bridge Contacts 1 and 2 to move to the next selection.

All programming sequences use the same routine of using Contacts 1 and 2 to SELECT the next programming sequence and Contacts 2 and 3 to INCREMENT the specified value. If a value requires three digits to be programmed, a -3, then a -2, and then a -1 will be displayed in the upper left-hand corner. The -3 identifies the most significant digit, or the far-left digit, of the value being displayed. The -2 identifies the next most significant digit, or the center digit, of the value being displayed. The -1 identifies the least significant digit, or the right digit, of the value being displayed.

For Blend programming, the -3 identifies the 10's digit, the -2 identifies the 1's digit, and the -1 identifies the 1/10th's digit. For Depth Alarm, the -3 identifies the 100's digit, the -2 identifies the 10's digit, and the -1 identifies the 1's digit. Some values use only two digits. For these values, only a -2 and -1 will be displayed.

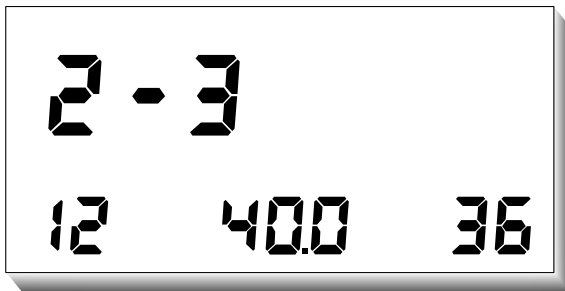


Figure 12a
FIELD PROGRAMMING
(Setting Blend #2 %)
(Setting 10's digit)
(With Nitrox Functions)

CNS Toxicity	12 %
OTU Dose	36 %
Blend #2 Oxygen	40.0 %

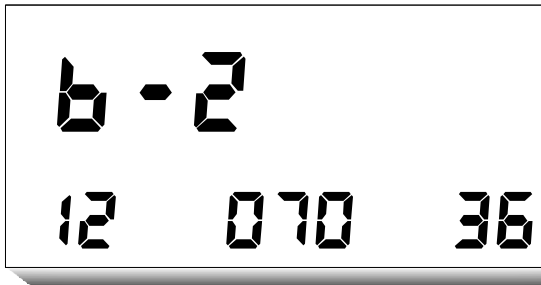


Figure 12b
 FIELD PROGRAMMING
 (Setting Blend #2 -
 Bottom Time Benchmark)
 (Setting 10's digit)
 (With Nitrox Functions)

CNS Toxicity	12 %
OTU Dose	36 %
Bottom Time	70 min.

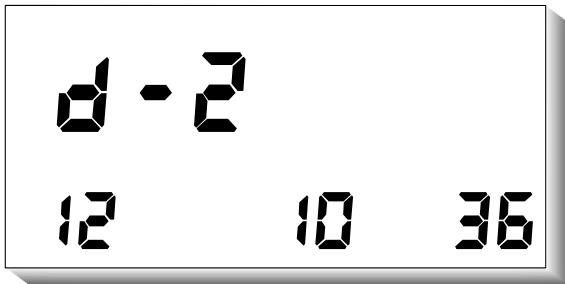


Figure 12c
 FIELD PROGRAMMING
 (Setting Blend #2 -
 Depth Benchmark)
 (Setting 10's digit)
 (With Nitrox Functions)

CNS Toxicity	12 %
OTU Dose	36 %
Depth	10 meters.

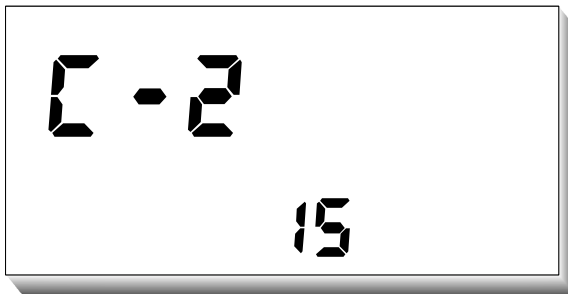


Figure 11
FIELD PROGRAMMING
(Setting Conservatism)
(Setting 10's digit)
(No Nitrox Functions)

Conservatism 15 %

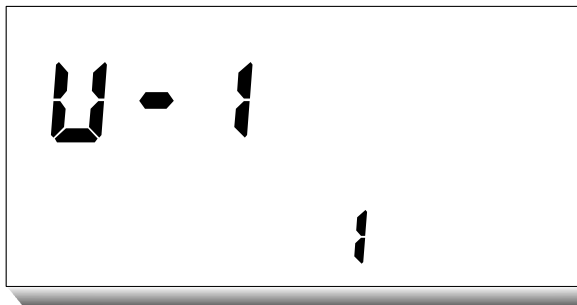


Figure 13
FIELD PROGRAMMING
(Setting TACLITE on/off)
(No Nitrox Functions)

TACLITE On

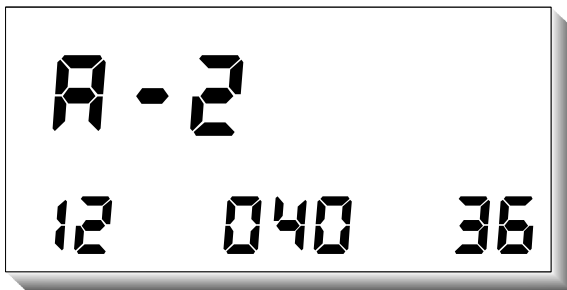


Figure 22
FIELD PROGRAMMING
(Setting Depth Alarm)
(Setting 10's digit)
(With Nitrox Functions)

CNS Toxicity	12 %
OTU Dose	36 %
Depth Alarm	40 meters

Once all of the desired values have been programmed, you must SELECT through the entire programming sequence WITHOUT making any additional changes before the COMMANDER NITROX will exit the Programming Mode with all of the values saved into memory. It is strongly recommended that the Programming Mode is activated again and a complete review of what was stored is accomplished.

CAUTION: Bridging Contacts 1 and 2 with wetted fingers instead of a metal object while in the Programming Mode will cause the COMMANDER NITROX to exit the Programming Mode WITHOUT saving the desired values. A coin or other highly conductive metal must be used throughout the entire programming process.

The programming sequence is consistent from value to value. The table below lists the various programming sequence and their display identifications.

Identification	Description
1-3 1-2 1-1	Blend #1 Oxygen %. Maximum allowable value is 50.0%
2-3 2-2 2-1	Blend #2 Oxygen %. Maximum allowable value is 99.9%
b-3 b-2 b-1	Bottom Time Benchmark for Blend #2 in minutes. Maximum allowable value is 600 minutes.
d-2 d-1	Depth Benchmark for Blend #2. Maximum allowable value is 27 metres.
C-2 C-1	Added Conservatism. Maximum allowable value is 50%.
U-1	TACLITE On/Off. If bottom center display is a zero, TACLITE is off. If the bottom center display is a one, TACLITE is On.
A-3 A-2 A-1	Depth Alarm. Maximum allowable value is 99 metres.

DATA STORAGE TYPES & CAPACITY: The COMMANDER NITROX has the following internal distinct data storage activities that can be recalled, viewed, and stored with the Analyst[®] PC computer interface:

- **Current Variable Information:** Local Time, CNS toxicity, OTU dose, OTU Mission Clock, Altitude, Battery voltage, 12 tissues loading.
- **Current Configuration Data:** As can be seen in “USER CONFIGURABLE ITEMS”, below.
- **Historical Totals Summaries:** Dive Time, Number of Dives, Number of Marginal Dives, Number of Violated Dives, Number of Warnings, Decompression Dives, and Decompression Time.
- **Each Dive Beginning Statistics:** 12 tissues loading, Local Time Clock, Dive of Day, Dive Number, Surface Time, CNS Toxicity, OTU Dose, Mission Clock, Altitude, Time to Fly, Battery Voltage. Capacity is the most recent 100 dives.
- **Each Dive Ending Statistics:** 12 tissues loading, Bottom Time, Max Depth, Average Depth, Min NDC Time, Max Deco Time, Max Deco Ceiling, Missed Ceiling, Missed Deco Time, CNS Toxicity, OTU Dose, Max PO2, Max Ascent Rate, Max A/R Time, Max A/R Depth, Blend #2 Switch Depth, Blend #2 Switch Time, Min Temperature, Average Temperature, Maximum Temperature, Min Battery Voltage, Time to Fly, number of Warnings. Capacity is the most recent 100 dives.
- **Each Dive Configuration Data:** Full and complete configuration of the system, including Blend #1 Oxygen %, Blend #2 Oxygen %, Blend #2 Activate Time, Blend #2 Activate Depth, User Conservatism. Capacity is the most recent 100 dives.
- **Profile Graphical Information:** Depth Graph, Ascent Rate Graph, Temperature Graph, PO2 Graph, CNS Graph, and OTU Graph. Capacity is 6 hours at one second sampling, 12 hours at two second sampling, etc.
- The user via the Analyst[®] can set sampling from one to 15 seconds sampling. Uploading to a PC often via the Analyst[®] prevents earlier data overwritten by more recent data from being lost forever. Default from the factory is four-second sampling. The sampling rate does not affect the compute rate, which remains fixed at one second.

USER CONFIGURABLE ITEMS: By using the optional Analyst® Personal Computer Interface, the user has the ability to change the following items:

Dive Time/date Stamp: This is the internal clock setting that is used by the system to time-stamp each individual dive as it occurs. Due to changes in battery voltage and temperature, the internal Time-of-day clock may slowly drift from the ideal. It is recommended that this clock be periodically set to your local time via the Analyst®.

PreDive Planning Maximum Depth: This option allows you to enter the maximum depth that will be predicted during the PreDive Prediction Mode. You may enter this maximum depth in 3 metre increments from 0 to 100 metres. If zero is selected, there will be no PreDive Planning.

Select Altitude <600 metres as One Zone (Off or On): This option provides "actual" altitude for any given day at any diving location as explained in the previous section "ALTITUDE ACCLIMATIZATION". With changes in barometric pressure due to temperature and weather systems, it is possible, even expected, to have a different apparent altitude at the same dive site from day to day.

While the seamless means of monitoring provides the most accurate decompression schedule, all altitudes less than 600 metres above sea level can be treated in the algorithm as sea level if so selected. With this option OFF, the unit is calculating altitude in a seamless fashion. With this option ON altitudes less than 600 metres above sea level will be treated as sea level. Regardless of the selection, altitudes greater than 600 metres above sea level will be treated in a seamless manner. From the factory, this is set to sense seamless altitude from sea level to 4.5 km above sea level.

Select Decompression Time Display (Total, Stop, Both): There are three options for the manner in which the decompression time is displayed. If you select TOTAL, the decompression time displayed will indicate the total time you will spend in decompression, including ascent to the surface.

Watch the Ceiling depth change in order to identify when to ascend to the next stop depth. If you select STOP, the decompression time displayed will indicate the time you must remain at the current Ceiling. When this time is 0:00, the Ceiling depth will decrease and the new stop time will be displayed. If you select BOTH, the TOTAL time and STOP time will alternate at the rate of once every 2 seconds. From the factory, the unit is set to BOTH.

Select Backlight on Display (On or Off): This option may also be set via the Field Programming method. To conserve battery life, it is suggested that the light be turned off immediately after a dive while in the Surface Mode. Regarding battery life, every hour the TACLITE is on is equivalent to about five dive hours without TACLITE. From the factory, the TACLITE is set to OFF.

Temperature Dependent NDC Computations (Off or On): This feature compensates the decompression algorithm proportional to the ambient water temperature if the water temperature is below 25 degrees C. If the diver is using a warm, well-insulated dry suit, it may be desirable to turn this feature off. See previous explanation of this capability. The COMMANDER NITROX is shipped from the factory with this feature ON.

Selectable NDC Conservatism (0% to 50%): This feature will allow the diver to input an added degree of conservatism to the decompression algorithm from 0 to 50 percent in one-percent increments. This may be desirable if the diver is dehydrated, tired, or has some other factor that warrants added conservatism. This option may also be set via the Field Programming method. Conservatism is set to zero as shipped from the factory.

Selectable Type of Ascent Rate Alarm (Fixed or Variable): This option gives the diver the ability to utilize a fixed ascent rate warning or a warning based on depth. Should the diver prefer the fixed ascent rate warning, the diver can select the maximum ascent rate limit can be selected from 6 to 18 mpm (See next topic). As shipped from the factory, this is set to FIXED. If the VARIABLE rate is selected then the warning will illuminate based on the following table:

<u>DEPTH</u>	<u>AVERAGE ASCENT RATE</u>
18 metres and deeper	18 mpm
18 to 9 metres	mpm same as depth
Shallower than 9 metres	9 mpm

The COMMANDER NITROX is shipped from the factory as FIXED with an 18-mpm alarm.

Selectable Fixed Ascent Rate Alarm Limit: If FIXED Ascent Rate alarm was selected from the above topic, the user may enter the desired Ascent Rate for the alarm to sound. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 18 mpm. The COMMANDER NITROX is shipped from the factory as FIXED with an 18-mpm alarm.

Selectable Ascent Rate Bar Graph (Fixed or Proportional): This option determines whether the Ascent Rate bar graph indicates the speed of ascent or the percentage of the selected maximum ascent rate. The COMMANDER NITROX is shipped from the factory as FIXED.

Selectable Logbook Dwell Time (10 to 60 seconds): This feature allows the diver to determine how long (in seconds) a particular dive's logbook is displayed before the Logbook Mode is exited. This option is set to 30 seconds as shipped from the factory.

Ascent Rate Responsiveness (0 to 7): This option determines the responsiveness or sensitivity of the Ascent Rate Bar Graph. Zero is highly responsive and seven is very slow. This feature is set to three as shipped from the factory.

Remaining Time Responsiveness (0 to 7): This determines the responsiveness of the Remaining Time information that is displayed. Zero is highly responsive and seven is very slow. This feature is set to three as shipped from the factory.

Metric or Imperial: The diver may select whether the data is computed and displayed in Metric or Imperial units. The COMMANDER NITROX may be ordered either way as shipped from the factory.

Max Depth Alarm: This option allows the diver to select a maximum depth below, which the diver does not wish to descend before an alarm is sounded. This function is disabled when in the Decompression Mode. The Field Programming Mode previously described may also modify this setting. As shipped from the factory, the Depth Alarm is set for 40 metres.

Select Nitrox Computations (Off or On): This option enables and disables NITROX computations. If this option is disabled, mixtures other than 21.0% oxygen will be disallowed. Furthermore, if this option is selected as OFF, the COMMANDER NITROX will not compute CNS Toxicity, OTU' Dose, or maximum PO2 alarm. The factory setting for this option is ON.

Select Nitrox Blend #2 Switching (Off or On): This option enables the unit to switch to Blend #2 and is set at the factory to enabled.

Enter Blend #1 Oxygen % in Nitrox Mixture: This option allows you to enter the desired oxygen percentage for Blend #1 (Bottom Mix) in 0.1% increments. Values from 21.0% to 50.0% may be entered. The Field Programming Mode previously described may also modify this setting. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 21.0%.

Enter Blend #2 Oxygen % in Nitrox Mixture: This option allows you to enter the desired oxygen percentage for Blend #2 (Deco Mix) in 0.1% increments. Values from 21.0% to 99.9% may be entered. The Field Programming Mode previously described may also modify this setting. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 21.0%.

Enter Blend #2 Bottom Time Activation Minutes: Here, you will enter the bottom time benchmark for switching to Blend #2. The Field Programming Mode previously described may also modify this setting. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 600.

Enter Blend #2 Ascent Depth Activation: Here, you will enter the depth benchmark, which you will need to be above for switching to Blend #2. The Field Programming Mode previously described may also modify this setting. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 3 metres.

Max PO2 Alarm: This option allows the diver to select a maximum PO2 (Partial Pressure of Oxygen) at which an alarm is sounded. Values from 0.50 to 1.60 are allowed. This is set to a PO2 of 1.6 at the factory before shipping.

Profile Storage Period (1 to 15 Seconds): This option allows the diver to select the sample rate at which data is stored for later recall by the Analyst[®]. This option does not affect how frequently the computer performs its calculations, but only how often data of the dive in progress is stored for later retrieval. The faster (lower the number) the profile storage period, the more precise the re-creation of the dive will be.

However, this will also limit the number of dives retained in memory for later recall. For optimum re-creation of dives, sampling periods of greater than four seconds are not recommended. For each one-second increase in the sampling rate, the COMMANDER NITROX will store an additional six hours of profiles. As shipped from the factory, Profile Storage Period is set to four seconds which allows for 24 hours of storage before the earlier profiles are overwritten.

CAUTION: If the computer is not uploaded to a PC via the Analyst[®] before this period expires, some dive profiles will be irretrievably lost.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Algorithm	Modified Haldanian
Tissue Compartments	12
Computation Period	Every second
Activation	Manual and Water
Depth Display	99.9 metres, 0.1 metre increments
Depth Accuracy	+/- 1% of full scale
Maximum Altitude	4.5 km, seamless
Altitude Accuracy	+/- 300 m
Temperature Display	0 to 37 degrees C., 1 degree increments
Temperature Accuracy	+/- 2% of full scale
Surface Time	0 to 9:59 hrs/mins, 1 minute increments
Bottom Time	0 to 9:59 hrs/mins, 1 minute increments
Time To Fly	0 to 36 hours, 1 hour increments
No-Deco Time	0 to 9:59 hrs/mins, 1 minute increments
Decompression Time	0 to 9:59 hrs/mins, 1 minute increments
Decompression Ceiling	0 to 27 m, 3 m increments
Dive Summary Storage	100 Dives
Dive Profile Storage	6 Dive hours at one second sampling 24 Dive hours at four second sampling (default) 90 Dive hours at 15 second sampling
Profile Sampling	Selectable 1-15 secs, 1 second increments
Typical Battery Life*	Over 200 dive hours or 1 year, TACLITE off Over 40 hours, TACLITE on

* With fresh new ENERGIZER® brand alkaline batteries

Note: Specifications are additionally +/- one least-significant-digit due to rounding. Specifications are subject to change without notice.

CLEANING THE COMMANDER NITROX: Clean the unit only with fresh water after each use. Towel dry the unit, never use air pressure to dry the unit. This could damage the unit and will void the warranty. Do not use chemicals to clean the case or lens as this may damage the unit, or permanently fog the lens.

BATTERY CHANGES: The batteries should be changed when the 'BATT' legend is seen or battery voltage reaches 2.4 volts as can be seen during the PreDive Prediction. The unit will run until the battery voltage drops below 2.0 volts. Only use fresh, name brand N-Cell size Alkaline batteries for maximum battery life. At this time, *Eveready Energizer* Alkaline is recommended.

Do not use Lithium or rechargeable batteries, which may damage the computer and void the warranty. Be sure to confirm that the batteries are REALLY new and have not been sitting on a shelf losing life. Cold temperatures tend to shorten apparent battery life. Change batteries annually regardless of battery condition.

DO NOT ALLOW THE COMMANDER NITROX TO HAVE LOW OR NO BATTERIES FOR ANY EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME! THIS WILL DISCHARGE THE INTERNAL LITHIUM BATTERY THAT KEEPS THE MEMORY ALIVE!

CAUTION!!! ACCIDENTAL OR INTENTIONAL LOSS OF BATTERY POWER WILL CAUSE ALL PREVIOUS DIVE NITROGEN LOADING TO BE LOST. THIS MAY AFFECT NITROGEN CALCULATIONS ON NEAR-FUTURE DIVES. AFTER A BATTERY CHANGE, CONFIRM THAT NO-DECOMPRESSION TIME DATA IS REASONABLE DURING THE PRE-DIVE PREDICTION MODE. DIVE-OF-DAY NUMBER GOING TO ZERO IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHANGING BATTERIES IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF A LOSS OF NITROGEN LOADING. IF LOSS OF NITROGEN LOADING OCCURS, COCHRAN STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT A PERIOD OF 24 HOURS ELAPSES BEFORE MAKING ANY SUBSUQUENT DIVES.

Inspect the battery cap O-rings for nicks and scratches. If either O-ring is damaged carefully remove both O-rings and replace with new silicone O-rings. Lightly lubricate each end of the batteries with silicone grease or petroleum jelly to help minimize corrosion and therefore extend battery life.

When reinstalling the battery cap, lubricate the O-rings lightly and slowly twist the cap into place using a USA quarter (supplied). Press quarter into battery cap slot firmly to prevent slipping and damaging the slot. Ensure that there is no dirt or debris on the O-rings or the mating surface and that the O-rings are properly installed.

As the battery cap is screwed in, carefully observe that the double O-rings install correctly. Ask a Team Cochran Dealer for a demonstration.

It is best to have the new ENERGIZER® brand alkaline batteries ready to immediately install since the COMMANDER NITROX was designed to allow for battery changes without resetting and loosing any nitrogen residuals. This period of time is typically 30 seconds, but varies with temperature and the voltage of the batteries being replaced. It can be significantly less if batteries are not replaced promptly when the 'BATT' legend first comes on.

PRODUCT ASSISTANCE, REPAIR & MAINTENANCE: If you suspect that your COMMANDER NITROX is not operating correctly, please contact your dealer, distributor, or our Customer Support Department in the USA for assistance at 972.644.6284 or FAX details to 972.644.6286 or E-mail details to service@divecochran.com. Most problems can be resolved without returning the unit. The unit may also be returned to the place of purchase and request the dealer to contact us. If this is not possible or is inconvenient due to a change in location, contact us for the name of the nearest Team Cochran Authorized Dealer.

- **NEVER TEST OR SUBJECT THE PRODUCT TO PRESSURIZED AIR!**
- **NEVER REMOVE THE LENS FROM THE UNIT!**
- **ONLY USE FRESH WATER TO CLEAN UNIT! NEVER USE SOLVENTS!**
- **DO NOT USE A SCREWDRIVER TO REMOVE BATTERY CAP!**
- **ALWAYS KEEP FRESH ENERGIZER® BRAND BATTERIES INSTALLED!**
- **ALWAYS USE 1.5 VOLT ALKALINE BATTERIES!**
- **LUBRICATE BATTERY ENDS WITH THIN FILM OF SILICONE GREASE!**

REPLACEMENT PARTS:

Batteries (2)	1.5 VDC ENERGIZER® BRAND Alkaline 'N' cells
Battery Cap O-rings	Part Number 19930
Battery Cap Assembly	Part Number 19934
Wrist Strap (long, black)	Part Number 19951
Retractor Only	Part Number 15925
Retractor with Compass	Part Number 15935
Lens Protector (Pkg. of 3)	Part Number 15400