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# Cochran COMMANDER Owner's Manual

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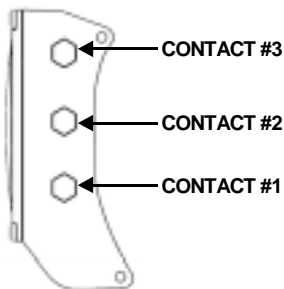


**PRODUCT INTRODUCTION:** The COMMANDER is quite simple to use and operate, but underneath that simplicity lies a significant level of sophistication. To get the safest and most effective use of this instrument, it is important that the user fully understand the product. Please read and understand this entire manual and know the principles and practices of safe diving before using this device. If you are using the COMMANDER with the Nitrox and/or the PO2 functions enabled, the diver specifically acknowledges that he has been adequately and thoroughly trained and certified to engage in Nitrox or Constant PO2 diving by a professional, competent, recognized training agency.

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## **SIDE CONTACTS:**



The Contacts are used to let the user command the unit to do a number of functions, communicate with a PC for extracting information or configuring the unit, and determining water conductivity. When Contacts 1 & 2 are shorted, the COMMANDER can detect the difference between wet fingers, metal objects, fresh water, salt water, and a PC interface probe.

**TURNING ON THE COMMANDER:** Although the COMMANDER 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 for two seconds. 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 60 minutes. If a dive is not initiated within this 60 minutes, the COMMANDER 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 Contacts 1 & 2 are bridged with wet fingers, the unit will stay on for one full hour.

The COMMANDER will not turn on if the altitude is greater than 15,000 feet or if the battery voltage is less than 1.6 volts, or a fault is detected during the self-test.

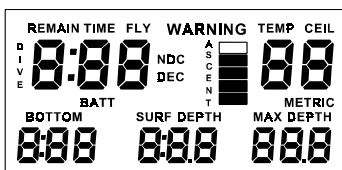


Figure 1  
DIAGNOSTIC DISPLAY  
(Unit Turning On)  
All Segments Illuminated

As the COMMANDER 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 that their operability can be confirmed by the user. 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.

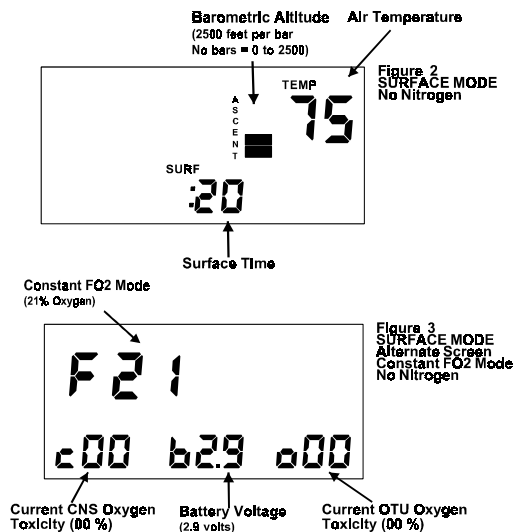
**TURNING OFF THE COMMANDER:** After the Post Dive Interval following a dive, the COMMANDER will remain on for one hour before automatically entering its "Sleep Mode". During the Sleep Mode, all calculations continue but the display is off. This is a power saving feature of the COMMANDER. The unit will continue calculating Surface Interval, compartment off gassing as required, and any changes in altitude as it affects Nitrogen Loading.

The current Surface Interval and PreDive Predictions can be viewed by reactivating the unit

## MAIN COMMANDER OPERATING MODES:

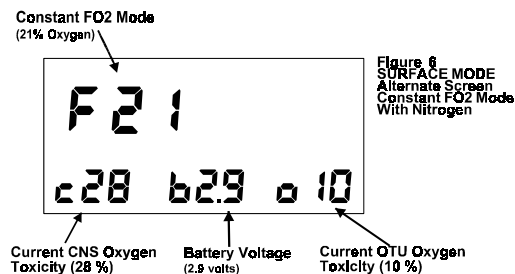
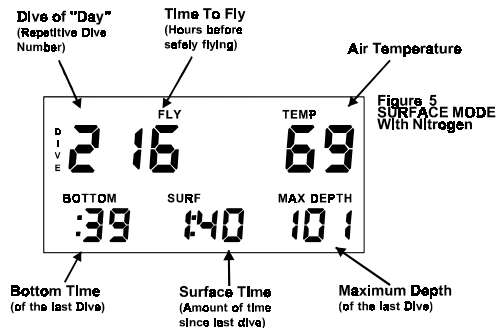
- Surface Interval (No Nitrogen Residual)
- Surface Interval (With Nitrogen Residual)
- Dive Mode (Normal No Deco)
- Decompression Mode
- Post Dive Interval
- Touch Programming

## SURFACE INTERVAL - SINGLE GAS NITROX:



After completion of the Self-Diagnostic mode or after the Post Dive Interval following a dive, the COMMANDER enters the Surface Interval. This period has two screens, a Primary and an Alternate. To switch to the Alternate Screen just tap once firmly on the face of the unit. The Primary Screen displays, if applicable; current Surface Time, the previous dive's Maximum Depth, the previous dive's Bottom Time, Dive of Day number, current Time to Fly, Altitude and Temperature. The Alternate Screen displays the Current FO2 (normal Blend) oxygen percentage, current calculated CNS and OTU values, and current battery voltage. Figure 2 shows the display with no residual Nitrogen (a clean Dive). Figure 5 shows the

display with residual Nitrogen (a repetitive dive). Figure 3 shows the alternate screen without residual Nitrogen, figure 6 with.



"Surface Time" starts at zero after a dive and begins counting minutes. If the computer shuts off and is turned on with Nitrogen residual left, the Surface Time continues 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.

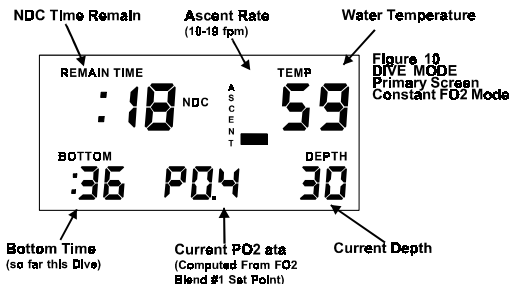
"Time to Fly" is displayed as the number of hours remaining until the nitrogen residual reaches zero plus a twelve-hour safety factor. Flying is not recommended until Time to Fly reaches zero.

"Barometric Altitude" is indicated in six ranges via the Ascent Rate Bar Graph as follows (Altitude compensation is seamless up to 15,000 feet above sea level). The six ranges are for display purposes only: The COMMANDER actually senses and computes extremely small altitude changes and hence, is called "Seamless". The term "Barometric Altitude" is used instead of just "Altitude" because the

COMMANDER measures Barometric Pressure to determine Altitude. Barometric Altitude can vary from actual Altitude by over +/- 1000 feet! What is important to the body when diving is Barometric Altitude

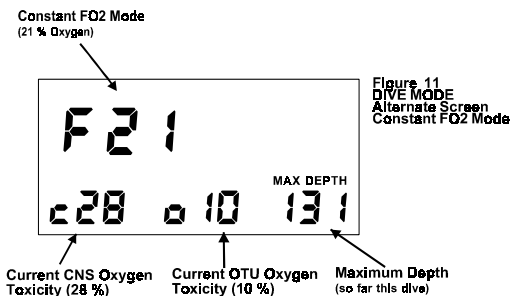
0 Bars	sea level to 2,500 feet
1 Bar	2,500 to 5,000 feet
2 Bars	5,000 to 7,500 feet
3 Bars	7,500 to 10,000 feet
4 Bars	10,000 to 12,500 feet
5 Bars	12,500 to 15,000 feet

## DIVE MODE - SINGLE GAS NITROX:



Whether in the Surface Interval, PreDive Prediction Mode, Programming Mode or the Logbook Mode, the COMMANDER will automatically enter the Dive Mode whenever the unit determines that it is in water deeper than five feet.

On the Primary Screen the Surface time will be replaced with the current calculated PO<sub>2</sub> value. Maximum Depth will be replaced with current Depth, displayed in one-foot increments. Bottom Time will begin once the COMMANDER senses that the diver has descended below five feet and continues until the diver has ascended above three feet. The maximum Bottom Time displayed is 9 hours 59 minutes.



The Alternate Screen will display the current FO<sub>2</sub> value that the unit is using in its NDC calculations, the current CNS and OTU values and the current battery voltage. (Figure 11)

A Depth Alarm which can be set to warn the diver should a certain depth be exceeded is set at 130 feet from the factory. The Depth Alarm issues an audible alarm and the "WARNING" legend and Depth Digits will flash on and off for five seconds. The depth alarm is disabled if in the Decompression Mode since flashing depth digits have another meaning in this Mode.

The maximum depth achieved on the current dive is shown as "MAX DEPTH". This is updated once per second.

"REMAIN TIME" (NDC) is the remaining time (in hours and minutes) that the diver can stay at the current depth without requiring decompression. A "Two Minute Warning" will be issued when this time reaches two minutes or less. An audible alarm will be issued and the "WARNING" legend and "REMAIN TIME" digits will flash. By immediately ascending to a shallower depth, the diver may avoid a required decompression stop.

Temperature is measured for two purposes. One is to compensate the Depth Transducer for Temperature variations. The other is to compensate the Nitrogen algorithm for changes in Temperature that may affect the body. Both of these purposes require that the Temperature be very slow reacting, just like the Depth Transducer and the body. This slow-reacting Temperature is what is displayed. For Temperature effects on the body, the amount of compensation can be set from NORMAL to REDUCED with the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC software Interface (see Analyst<sup>®</sup> Section), if the diver is using a good dry-suit in cold water.

Temperature compensation starts at 75 degrees F and gets progressively more conservative as the temperature decreases. There is no compensation above 75 degrees F.

Bottom Time will begin once the COMMANDER senses that the diver has descended below five feet (see Training Mode) and continues until the diver has ascended above three feet. The maximum Bottom Time displayed is 9 hours 59 minutes.

### **ASCENT RATE BAR GRAPH:**

The Ascent Rate bar graph and alarms are active in both the Dive Mode and Decompression Mode. The five-segment bar graph is used to display the diver's rate of ascent.



Via the Analyst® PC Interface, the Ascent Rate Alarms and Bar Graph can be set to the users preferences.

The first option is a VARIABLE-BY-DEPTH Ascent Rate. When on, 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:

60 feet or deeper	60 feet per minute
60 to 30 feet	feet per minute equal to the depth
Less than 30 feet	30 feet per minute



















If VARIABLE-BY-DEPTH is off, the Maximum Ascent Rate Alarm and Bar Graph is specified by the user and can be from 20 to 60 fpm, in one foot increments.

Another selection is the bar graph itself. The two selections are either FIXED or PROPORTIONAL.

With FIXED, each of the five bars indicates an additional 10 feet per minute 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.

For FIXED, the maximum ascent rate is 60 feet per minute. With this setting, no bars will illuminate if a diver is ascending at a rate less than 10 feet per minute.

Variable-by-depth and Proportional Selected		
Fixed at 60 fpm	Depth less than 30 ft	Depth Greater than 60 ft
A  50 fpm or more	A  25 fpm or more	A  50 fpm or more
S  40 To 49 fpm	S  20 To 24 fpm	S  40 To 49 fpm
C  30 To 39 fpm	C  15 To 19 fpm	C  30 To 39 fpm
E  20 To 29 fpm	E  10 To 14 fpm	E  20 To 29 fpm
N  10 To 19 fpm	N  5 To 9 fpm	N  10 To 19 fpm
T  5 To 9 fpm	T  5 To 9 fpm	T  10 To 19 fpm

**Figure 12a**  
**Ascent Rate Bar Graph**

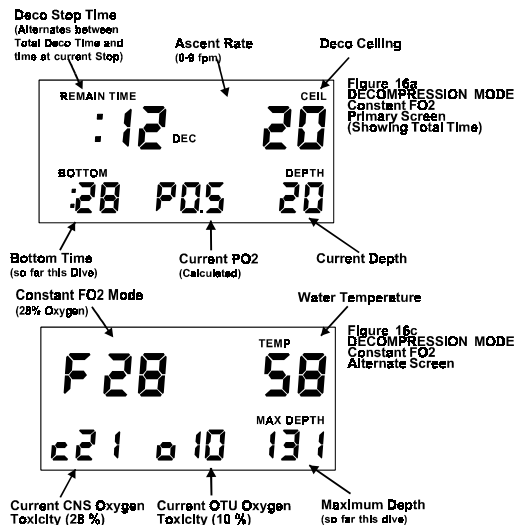
If the diver has an Ascent Rate that exceeds the selected maximum, the entire Ascent Rate Bar Graph will flash, and the audible alarm will sound once per second, and the WARNING legend will illuminate.

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

NOTE: Customizing the Ascent Rate and Ascent Rate Bar Graph are among many of the additional programmable features available when using the Analyst® PC Interface. Available features are described in the section "USER CONFIGURABLE OPTIONS".

As shipped from the factory, the Ascent Rate is set for VARIABLE-BY-DEPTH AND PROPORTIONAL.

## DECOMPRESSION MODE - SINGLE GAS NITROX:



Should a no-decompression limit be overstayed, the COMMANDER 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 two digits will be replaced with the "CEIL" legend and two digits. The Ceiling will start at 10 feet and increase in ten-foot increments as the diver remains at a relatively deep depth.

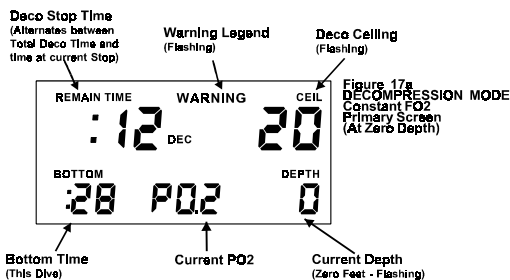
The Remaining No-decompression Time and "NDC" legend will be replaced with Decompression Time and "DEC" legend (Figure 16d). Both STOP time and TOTAL time are displayed in the upper left hand three digits of the screen in hours and minutes. STOP and TOTAL time will alternate at the rate of once every two seconds. In this way, the diver can view the time to spend at a particular STOP depth, and the TOTAL time it will take to complete all STOPS. Clearly, the larger of the two alternating numbers is the Total Decompression Time of all stops, and the smaller of the two numbers is the time required at the current stop. At the ten foot stop, the TOTAL and STOP times may be the same and therefore appear to not alternate.

When at a specific stop, the required decompression time at that stop is as shown, and will appear to count down as it is recomputed every second, based on the divers exact current depth. The Decompression times

(both Stop and Total) are accurate only if the divers depth is exactly the same as the required Ceiling. However, it is not necessary to be precisely at that specified Ceiling. Appropriate In-gassing or Out-gassing will be computed regardless of the divers current depth.

A small margin shallower than the Ceiling also exists. Should a Ceiling be 'violated' (diver is shallower than Ceiling), the "WARNING" legend will illuminate and flash along with the Depth and Ceiling digits. An Audible alarm will sound once every two seconds. This warning will continue until the Depth has been corrected. Out-gassing will continue even though the diver is shallower than the Ceiling. There is no 'Gauge' mode or 'Lockout' on the COMMANDER.

If the diver surfaces before satisfying his decompression obligation, the COMMANDER will continue to give out-gassing credit as if it were in a dive, but at a depth of zero feet and will satisfy the decompression time requirements of the required stops using an FO<sub>2</sub> of 21%. The unit will continue to log data and perform as if actually in a dive. When the decompression obligation is finally satisfied, the ten-minute "PostDive Interval" will begin.



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

### POST DIVE INTERVAL:

During the first ten minutes (or up to thirty minutes if the unit is in the Training Mode) after a dive, the COMMANDER is in the Post Dive Interval. The flashing "SURF" legend and a Surface Time of less than ten minutes (or up to thirty if the unit is in the Training Mode) 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 Post Dive Interval. However, when reviewing the profile with the

Analyst<sup>®</sup>, the time spent on the surface in this period will be shown.

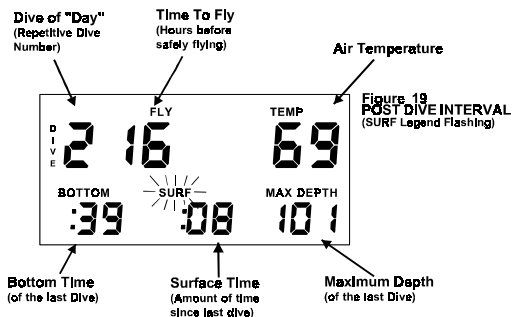


Figure 19  
POST DIVE INTERVAL  
(SURF Legend Flashing)

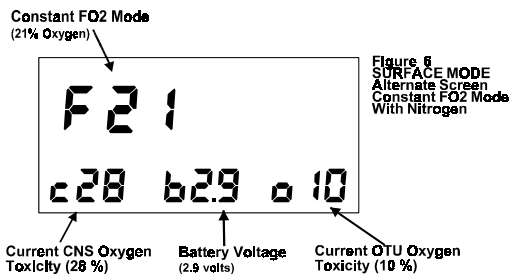


Figure 6  
SURFACE MODE  
Alternate Screen  
Constant FO2 Mode  
With Nitrogen

### CONFINED WATER PROTOCOL (Training Mode):

The COMMANDER is one of the first dive computers to offer an operating mode designed to record and store data from training dives. That is, dives performed in shallow water environments (swimming pools, shallow lakes, lagoons, etc.) or calm open water environments that have less than 1-foot seas. In the Training Mode, the COMMANDER enters the Dive Mode at a depth of 2 feet instead of 5 feet and will exit the Dive Mode at 1 foot instead of 3 feet. Also the Post Dive Surface Interval may be extended, via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> from 10 minutes up to a maximum of 30 minutes in 1-minute increments after which the dive data is stored in the computer's memory. These changes permit the Instructor to record the complete training session, including in-water surface periods, as a single dive. **The Training Mode can only be enabled/disabled via the Professional Edition of the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface.**

**TACLITE™:** The COMMANDER is equipped with the TACLITE™ tactical low-light fiber-optic backlighted display. The standard TACLITE™ color is night vision safe red, but it is also available in yellow for those

individuals who have vision difficulties with the color red. The TACLITE™ can be activated on demand. To turn the TACLITE™ on, tap the face of the COMMANDER and the TACLITE™ will turn on for the preprogrammed number of seconds (1 to 98), then turn off. By tapping the face again the TACLITE™ will turn on again. In this fashion the TACLITE™ can be kept on for as long as wanted. If 0 is entered, the TACLITE™ will never turn on. If 99 is entered, the TACLITE™ will stay on continuously and only turn off when the COMMANDER does. The number of seconds that the TACLITE™ stays on can be set via the Programming Mode or via the Analyst® PC Interface, factory setting is 10 seconds. The TACLITE™ will turn off when the COMMANDER turns off. If the batteries get too low, the TACLITE™ will turn off and cannot be turned back on until fresh batteries are installed.

**CLOCK MODE:** The Clock operating mode of the COMMANDER is NOT enabled when shipped from the factory. It can be enabled via the Analyst® P.C. Interface or at an Authorized Cochran Dealer.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING MODE:** Can only be accessed when the unit is in the Surface Interval and allows the user to view or program into the dive computer:

- Setting Clock and Alarm Time
- Select the PO<sub>2</sub> or FO<sub>2</sub> Operating Mode
- The PreDive Prediction Mode
- Displaying Mode, mode value, CNS, OTU & battery voltage
- A Maximum Depth Alarm
- An Added degree of Conservatism from 0 to 50%
- Setting oxygen percentage of blend 1 in the Constant FO<sub>2</sub> Mode
- Setting the Normal PO<sub>2</sub> set point in the Constant PO<sub>2</sub> Mode
- Setting the Deco PO<sub>2</sub> set point in the Constant PO<sub>2</sub> Mode
- Setting the Deco FO<sub>2</sub> oxygen percentage
- Setting the Deco Bottom Time Benchmark
- Setting the Deco Depth Benchmark
- Programming the On Time for the TACLITE™
- Access the Logbook Mode

**While all COMMANDER configurations share certain programming features others are dependent upon the specific configuration of the unit. Refer to the appropriate manual section for the relevant programming menu items.**

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CLOCK:** When the COMMANDER is placed into the Clock mode it will display the time of day in a 24 hour day format. The clock will continue to run when the COMMANDER is in the Dive Computer Mode. The COMMANDER can be placed into the Clock Mode from the Dive Computer Mode when the unit is in the Normal Surface Interval, while the unit is in Clock Mode the Dive Computer will be in the "Sleep" mode.

The Clock Mode can be selected with or without an Alarm. If the Alarm option is selected the unit will display the alarm set time as well as the current time.

When the alarm time is displayed the alarm is activated and at the programmed time the alarm will sound once every 24 hours. When the alarm is activated the unit will issue a medley of all the audible warning tones that the COMMANDER utilizes and the TACLITE™ will flash for one minute, this audible alarm can not be turned off, it will sound for the full one minute period.

**NOTE:** This Time of Day clock is the same clock that is used to time stamp dives. Modifying the Time of Day clock will effect the Local Time as viewed via the Analyst®. The Date portion of the Local Time clock must be changed via the Analyst®.

## **CLOCK PROGRAMMING PROCEDURE:**

Contacts 1, 2, & 3 are for programming sequences.

To begin the programming sequence:

1. Turn the unit on;
2. Using a coin or other conductive metal object, briefly bridge Contacts 1 and 2 until a short beep is heard and the CLoCk Menu is seen on the display.
3. To enter the Clock submenu, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 with wetted fingers. This will cause the unit to display the CLoCk Alarm selection – On or OFF. To Toggle the selection, bridge contacts 1&2 with wetted fingers.
4. Using a coin or other conductive metal object, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 to access the CLoCk Time or Alarm setting screen.
5. Shorting Contacts 1 & 2 with a coin will cause the first digit of the minutes to flash.
6. Shorting Contacts 2 & 3 with a coin will increment the numeric value, continue until the required value is displayed. A confirmation beep will sound with each increment.

7. Next using wetted finger, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 to select the next digit, once selected the digit will flash to identify that it is being programmed. Bridge Contacts 2 & 3 till the desired value is displayed.
8. To select Hours short Contacts 1 & 2 with a coin, increment as in step 6 and 7.
9. Repeat step 5 through 7 until all digits have been programmed.
10. To save the changes that have been made bridge Contact 1 & 2 with a coin or other conductive metal object. Once the next programming option is displayed the changes have been saved.

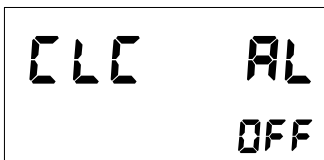
To exit the Clock Mode Bridge contacts 1 & 2 with wetted fingers and the computer will return to the Dive Computer Mode's Surface Display.

**NOTE: Ensure that the COMMANDER is in the Dive Computer Mode before commencing a dive.**

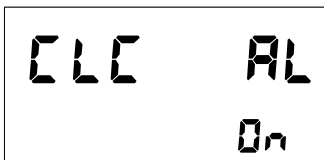
Figures 40, 41a, 41b, 42 and 43 show how the Clock display screens appear.



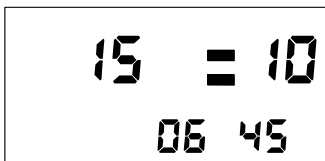
**Figure 40**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Clock Menu)



**Figure 41a**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Clock Alarm - On/OFF)

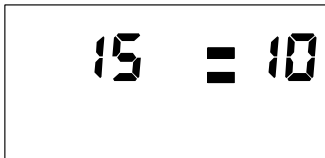


**Figure 41b**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Clock Alarm - On/OFF)



**Figure 42**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Clock with Alarm)

Time 15:10 (3:10 PM)  
Alarm 06:45 (6:45 AM)



**Figure 43**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Clock without Alarm)

Time 15:10 (3:10 PM)

**NOTE:** Once the COMMANDER is placed in Clock Mode the unit will remain in that mode until exited by the diver.

#### **TOUCH PROGRAMMING MODE:**

**NOTE:** To enable the Programming Mode, the COMMANDER must be on the Surface and not in the Post Dive Interval.

**NOTE:** All audible and visual alarms are suspended while the COMMANDER is in the Programming Mode. Upon exiting the Programming Mode all alarms are reactivated.

**NOTE:** Once a value has been changed and the next menu option selected, the new value is stored.

**NOTE:** It is strongly recommended that the Programming Mode is activated again and a complete review of what was stored is accomplished.

**NOTE:** If the COMMANDER is left in the Programming mode for five minutes without the contacts being touched, the unit will automatically exit the Programming Mode and return to the Surface Interval. Once this occurs the COMMANDER will retain the modified programmed settings that have been stored. Options that have not been modified will retain their previous settings.



## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING MODE - PROCEDURE:**

Contacts 1, 2, & 3 are for programming sequences.

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 conductive metal object, briefly bridge Contacts 1 and 2 until a short beep is heard and the Programming Menu is seen on the display. The Programming Menu options depend on whether the unit is activated for Clock, Nitrox, the number of Gas Blends, and if the unit is in the PO2 or FO2 mode. The Menu options are displayed in sequence, incrementing to the next selection each time that Contacts 1 & 2 are bridged with a **coin**. The program option is displayed on the upper row of the display. The current setting for this option is displayed in the lower right of the display.
4. To reprogram the displayed menu values, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 with wetted fingers. This will cause the current setting to flash or in the case of multi-digit numbers, the least significant digit will flash. The clock will toggle between on and off.
5. Using a coin or other conductive metal object, bridge Contacts 2 & 3 to increment the numeric value. A confirmation beep will sound with each increment.
6. Next using wetted finger, bridge Contacts 1 & 2 to select the next digit, once selected the digit will flash to identify that it is being programmed. Bridge Contacts 2 & 3 till the desired value is displayed.
7. Repeat step 5 until all digits have been programmed.
8. To save the changes that have been made bridge Contact 1 & 2 with a coin or other conductive metal object. Once the next programming option is displayed the changes have been saved.

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.

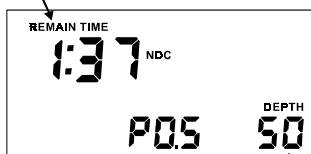
## **PROGRAMMING MENU - SINGLE GAS NITROX**

The following table lists the various programming choices with their display identification and figure number.

Identification		Description	Figure	Page
<b>CLC</b>		Clock – if enabled	40	13
<b>PdP</b>		PreDive Prediction	22	44
<b>InF</b>		<b>Misc.</b> Information	23	44
<b>dEP</b>	<b>AL</b>	Depth Alarm, Max value is 320 feet.	25	44
<b>Con</b>		Added Conservatism, Max allowed value is 50%.	26	45
<b>EAn</b>	<b>1</b>	Oxygen percentage of Blend, Allowed value 21 to 50	27	45
<b>TAc</b>	<b>dL</b>	TACLITE™ On Time. Allowed value 00 to 99.	33	46
<b>LOG</b>		Logbook	34a	45

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - PREDIVE PREDICTION:

**Predict NDC Time**  
(Time you can stay at  
predict depth without  
Decompression)



**Figure 14**  
**PRE DIVE PREDICTION**  
(Constant FO2 Mode)

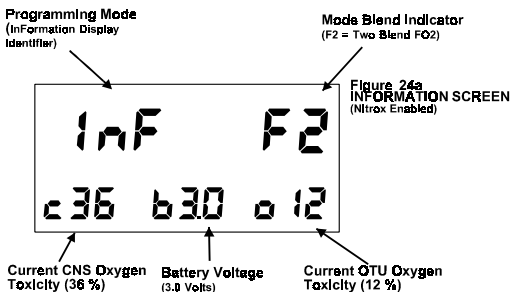
**Calculated PO<sub>2</sub>**  
(Based on FO<sub>2</sub>  
Blend Set Point)

**Predict Depth**

PreDive Prediction is accessed via the Touch Contact Programming Menu. This enables the diver to view the PreDive Prediction information at the touch of the Contacts. The COMMANDER's PreDive Prediction starts at 30 feet and increases in 10 feet increments. PreDive Predictions will terminate when the No-Decompression (NDC) time prediction reaches two minutes or a maximum depth of 320 feet is reached. Additional Conservatism, Residual Nitrogen, blend #1 oxygen percentage and Barometric Altitude can effect PreDive Predictions. Once the maximum PreDive Prediction depth has been reached the unit will return to the Surface Interval.

Refer to the Analyst® for information about how to modify parameters. During the PreDive Prediction Mode, the unit will compute and display the maximum safe time and the calculated PO<sub>2</sub> value at that depth.

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - INFORMATION DISPLAY:



The InFormation display is accessed via the Programming Mode. The information presented will depend on the configuration of the dive computer. The information in the upper right of screen indicates whether unit is in the Constant FO2 or PO2 Mode and the number of gas blends the unit is enabled for. The following table lists the identification and the description.

Identifier	Description
F0	Air only
F1	Single Blend Nitrox, 21 to 50%
F2	Two Blend Nitrox, 21 to 50% and 21 to 99.9%
P1	Single Blend PO2, 0.5 to 1.5 ata
P2	Dual Blend PO2, 0.5 to 1.5 ata and 0.5 to 1.5 ata

Battery voltage is displayed in the lower center of the screen as a two-digit number with a decimal point. If the unit is configured for Constant FO2 (Nitrox) or Constant PO2, the screen will display the current CNS, OTU and battery voltage. The current CNS exposure level is displayed on the lower left as a two-digit number proceeded by a lower case "c". The current OTU value is displayed on the lower right again as a two-digit number but proceeded by a lower case "o". Both the CNS and OTU values are expressed as percentages. Figure 24a displays a typical InFormation screen for a unit that is enabled for two nitrox blends.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - DEPTH ALARM:** The Depth Alarm allows the diver to select a maximum depth below which the diver does not wish to descend

before an alarm is issued. This depth can be set from 0 to 320 feet in one foot increments.

Programming Mode  
(Depth Alarm Identifier)



Figure 25a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Depth Alarm)

Depth Alarm Depth  
(124 feet)

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CONSERVATISM:** This programming function allows the diver to input an added degree of Conservatism into the Commander's nitrogen algorithm. Via Touch Programming the Conservatism can be set from 0 to 50%.

Programming Mode  
(Conservatism Identifier)



Figure 26a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Setting Conservatism)

Added Conservatism  
(15%)

### **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #1:**

The oxygen percentage of Blend #1 can be programmed from 21.0% to 50.0%. Once programmed the oxygen percentage will remain at the value programmed until changed by the user.

Programming Mode  
(Blend #1 Identifier)

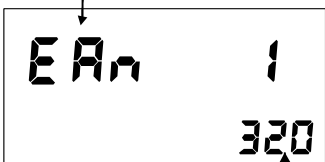
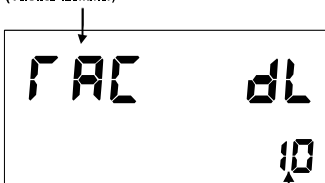


Figure 27a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Constant FO2 Mode)  
(Setting Blend 1 Oxygen %)

Blend #1 Oxygen %  
(32.0%)

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - TACLITE™:** The TacLite™ dwell (on) time can be set so that when the face on the COMMANDER is tapped the TacLite™ will stay on from 1 to 98 seconds. If the dwell time is programmed to '0' the TacLite™ will never come on, if programmed to 99 the TacLite™ will be on whenever the COMMANDER is awake.

**Programming Mode**  
(TacLite Identifier)



**Figure 33a**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Setting TACLITE On Time)

**TacLite On Time**  
(10 Seconds)

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - LOGBOOK MODE:** The Logbook of the COMMANDER has two screens, a Primary Screen and an Alternate Screen. To switch to the Alternate Screen just tap firmly on the face of the unit. The Logbook is accessed via the Touch Contact Programming (see page 15). This enables the diver to view dive statistics; the COMMANDER has the ability to provide diving data for the most recent 512 dives. The most recent dive will be displayed first. To view the next dive, touch the contacts 1 & 2 with wetted finger after pausing for a few seconds. Do not use a metal object such as a coin or knife-blade once in the Logbook since it will cause the unit to exit the Logbook and return to the Surface Interval.

Information contained in the Logbook will include:

Overall Dive Number	Minimum NDC Time
Fastest Rate of Ascent	Minimum Water Temperature
Bottom Time	Surface Interval Before Dive
Maximum Depth	Ending Battery Voltage
Maximum DEC Time (Deco Dive)	
Maximum Ceiling (Deco Dive)	

It is not necessary to exit the Logbook Mode prior to initiating a dive. Once the diver has descended below five feet, the COMMANDER will immediately enter the Dive Mode.

**NOTE:** The overall Dive Number that is displayed on the Logbook Menu screen (Figure 34) permits the diver to identify the total number of dives made with that COMMANDER. If the logbook example shown is the most recent dive made, it can be readily identified that 235 dives have been made with this specific unit.

**LOGbook**  
(Indicates Logbook  
Menu Programming  
Selection)

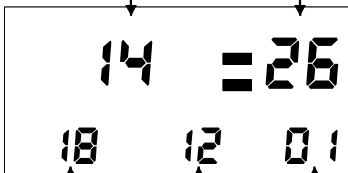


**Figure 34**  
**LOGBOOK MODE**  
(Primary Screen)

Logbook Dive Number

Hour  
00 to 24

Minutes  
00 to 59



**Figure 34b**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Logbook Menu  
Alternate Screen)

Date

Month

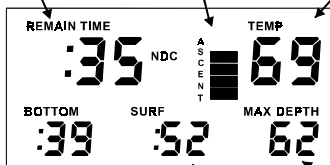
Year

Figures 35 & 37 display the Logbook of a Normal Dive.

**NDC Time Remain**  
(Minimum NDC time  
during the dive)

**Ascent Rate**  
(Maximum recorded  
on dives 40-49 fpm)

**Water Temperature**  
(Minimum recorded  
during the dive)



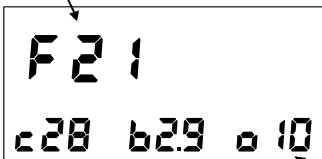
**Figure 35**  
**LOGBOOK MODE**  
(Primary Screen)

**Bottom Time**  
(of this Dive)

**Surface Time**  
(Amount of time  
since last dive)

**Maximum Depth**  
(of this Dive)

**Constant FO2 Mode**  
(21% Oxygen)



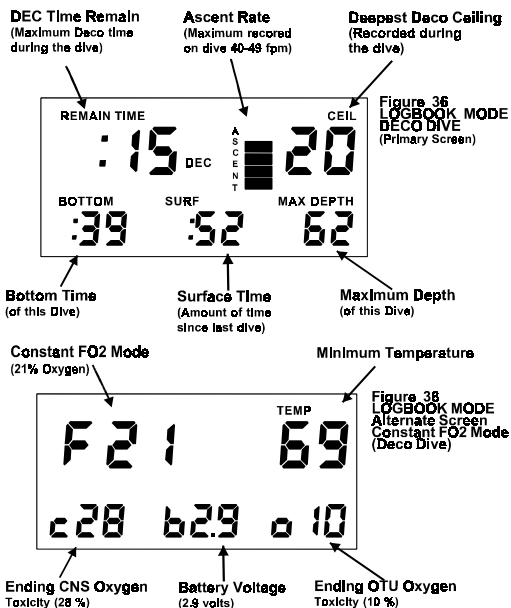
**Figure 37**  
**LOGBOOK MODE**  
Alternate Screen  
Constant FO2 Mode

**Ending CNS Oxygen**  
Toxicity (28 %)

**Battery Voltage**  
(2.9 volts)

**Ending OTU Oxygen**  
Toxicity (10 %)

While Figures 36 & 38 display that of a Deco Dive



**WARNING INDICATIONS:** Failure to observe audible and/or visual warnings and take corrective action may result in injury or death. In general, if the WARNING legend is flashing, some other digits should be flashing to indicate the anomaly.

- If the diver is ascending faster than the selected maximum ascent rate, then the top bar of the ascent bar graph will flash and the “WARNING” legend will illuminate. The unique high to low 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. A single beep audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds and will repeat every two minutes. The Depth alarm is not active in the Decompression Mode to avoid confusion with the “Shallower Than Ceiling” alarm.
- If the battery voltage goes below 2.1 volts, the “BATT” legend will illuminate, at 1.8 volts it will flash once per second.
- If the diver has less than two minutes of No-Decompression Time (NDC) remaining, the “WARNING” legend will illuminate and flash

along with the Remaining NDC time digits. A single beep audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds and repeat every two minutes.

- If the diver enters the Decompression Mode, a single beep audible alarm will sound once per second for five seconds.
- During a Decompression dive, if the Depth is less than the CEILING, the "WARNING" legend will illuminate and flash along with the Depth and Ceiling digits. A unique high to low audible sweep alarm will continue to sound once every two seconds until the situation is corrected.
- If the dive computer determines that either the Depth or Temperature sensor is malfunctioning. The "WARNING" legend will illuminate, the computer will also issue a 5-beep two tone audible alarm once every two minute to alert the diver to this condition. On the Appropriate Screen the Maximum Depth will be replaced with "S-d" or "S--" to indicate the low-pressure transducer or "S-t" for the temperature transducer.
- For High PO<sub>2</sub>, see "**OXYGEN TOXICITY FACTORS**" on page 23.
- For High CNS, see "**OXYGEN TOXICITY FACTORS**" on page 23.
- For High OTU, see "**OXYGEN TOXICITY FACTORS**" on page 23.

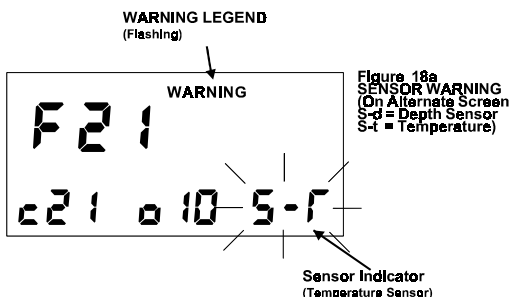
If an audible alarm is being issued, the computer will not switch to the Alternate display nor will the TACLITE™ activate.

**SENSOR WARNING:** The COMMANDER has the capability of monitoring the integrity of its' sensors, both the low-pressure (depth/altitude) and the temperature. When the computer detects an error in one of the transducers, the diver is alerted to this condition by the illumination of the "WARNING" legend, and the computer will also issue a 5-beep two tone audible alarm once every two minute to alert the diver to this condition. The Maximum Depth will be replaced with "S-d" or "S--" to indicate the low-pressure transducer or "S-t" for the temperature transducer (see figure 18a). The "WARNING" legend, along with either the Temperature digits or the Depth digits and the error code will flash once per second. In the highly unlikely situation were both sensors are detected as having errors, the display will alternate between "S-d" or "S--" and "S-t". This warning will be issued whether the computer is in the Surface Interval, Dive Mode, Decompression Mode or Post



Dive Interval. In the unlikely case that your computer issues one of these warnings the unit should be returned to the factory for evaluation and/or repair.

Figure 18a shows a Sensor Warning, in this case a Temperature Sensor, as it would be displayed in the Dive Mode. If the Sensor Warning was for the depth sensor it would display "S-d" or "S--".

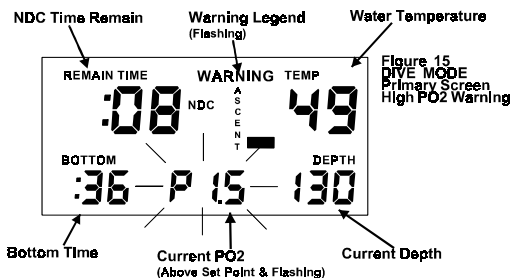


**OXYGEN TOXICITY FACTORS:** The COMMANDER has the ability to track Oxygen Toxicity levels for the Central Nervous System (CNS) as well as the Mission Oxygen Tolerance Units Dose (OTU). In addition, a maximum Partial Pressure of Oxygen (PO<sub>2</sub>) warning alarm can also be set. While most other audible alarms of the dive computer consist of five long beeps, the CNS, OTU, and PO<sub>2</sub> 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 every two minutes.

These three functions are not active if the NITROX capability is disabled via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface.

**PARTIAL PRESSURE OF OXYGEN (PO<sub>2</sub>):** High levels of PO<sub>2</sub> can cause severe Oxygen poisoning. Individual divers can be affected by widely different levels of PO<sub>2</sub>. The user via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> can set the PO<sub>2</sub> alarm to any level between 0.50 ATA and 1.59 ATA. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 1.40 ATA. Should the PO<sub>2</sub> be above the alarm set point, the "WARNING" legend will illuminate and the audible alarm will sound and the PO<sub>2</sub> value that is displayed will flash.



## CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM (CNS) TOXICITY:

The user via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> can set the CNS Toxicity alarm to any level between 40% and 80% of the maximum allowable limit. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 50%. Should the CNS Toxicity reach 50% of the maximum allowable, the “WARNING” legend will illuminate and the audible alarm will sound and on the Alternate Screen the displayed CNS percentage will be flashing along with the “WARNING” legend.

By the accepted definition of CNS toxicity, should a PO<sub>2</sub> 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. Whatever the current CNS Toxicity level, it can also be viewed on the Surface Interval Alternate Screen or on the InFormation screen in the Programming Mode.

**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 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.

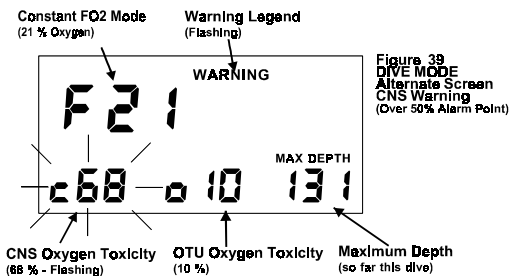
The time-dependent limit varies with length of time (days) that the diver continues to dive without full recovery to zero OTU. The Mission OTU Clock tracks the OTU, which is a running clock that tracks long-term Oxygen exposure. This clock may run for several weeks if frequent dives are made using high levels of PO<sub>2</sub>. The current Mission Clock, CNS, and OTU can be seen via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC interface or the current CNS and OTU values can be viewed on the Alternate Screen while in the Surface Interval, Dive Mode,

Decompression Mode or Post Dive Interval. The current CNS and OTU values can also be viewed via the Touch Contact Programming mode by selecting the InFormation option. 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.

The user via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> can set the OTU Toxicity alarm to any level between 40% and 80% of the maximum allowable limit. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 50%. Should the OTU Dose reach 50% of the maximum allowable, the "WARNING" legend will illuminate and the audible alarm will sound and on the Alternate Screen the displayed OTU value will be flashing along with the "WARNING" legend.

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.

Figure 39 shows a CNS exposure over the alarm set point (50%), in the situation were both the CNS and the OTU exposure was over their set points both values would flash.



## COMMANDER - TWO GAS NITROX

**OVERVIEW:** This configuration of the COMMANDER is capable of being used for two different Nitrox mixtures on the same dive. The first gas or Normal Blend is programmable from 21% to 50% Oxygen in 0.1% increments while the Deco Blend can be programmed from 21% to 99.9% Oxygen again in 0.1% increments. Both Blends are set at the factory to 21% Oxygen and use this in its decompression algorithm. PRIOR to diving an Enriched Air Nitrox gas blend, the unit must be programmed accordingly. This can be done via the Touch Contacts or via the

Analyst® PC Interface.

**GAS BLEND SWITCHING:** This configuration of the COMMANDER is capable of FO<sub>2</sub> to FO<sub>2</sub> gas Blend switching. While most other Nitrox dive computers limit the diver to the use of a single gas blend or percentage of oxygen, the COMMANDER allows the diver to use two different gas blends during a dive. These two gas blends are commonly referred to as the Normal or Bottom Gas Blend and the Decompression Gas Blend. Commonly, the Bottom Gas Blend is used from initial entry into the water and for most of the time spent during the dive. The Normal Gas Blend is restricted to a maximum of 50% oxygen. The Decompression Gas 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 switch 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 Deco Blend or back to the Normal Blend should the diver descend again. This is accomplished prior to starting a dive by specifying both the Normal Gas Blend Oxygen percentage and the Deco Gas Blend Oxygen percentage. The depth of the Deco switch is also specified. Depending on surface swells, a few feet 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 (Normal) 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, the setting of this factor must be carefully considered. The Deco Blend switch is enabled when the diver descends below the switch depth and satisfies the time requirements and then ascends to the programmed switch depth. If the diver does not exceed the programmed switch depth the unit will not switch to the Deco Blend. All of these factors can be set by either the touch contact programming or via the Analyst® PC interface. If switching to the Deco Blend is NOT desired, it may be disabled via the Analyst®. Setting both Blends to the same percentage of Oxygen is the same as disabling the Deco Blend .

## **SURFACE INTERVAL - TWO GAS NITROX:**

The Surface Interval for the Two Gas Nitrox configuration is the same as the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 3.

## **DIVE MODE - TWO GAS NITROX:**

The Dive Mode for the Two Gas Nitrox configuration is the same as the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 5.

In the Dive Mode the Alternate Screen will display the current oxygen percentage that the computer is using in the NDC calculations, therefore after a gas switch the unit will display the Deco Gas Blend oxygen percentage.

## **DECOMPRESSION MODE - TWO GAS NITROX:**

The Decompression Mode for the Two Gas Nitrox configuration is the same as the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 8.

If the diver surfaces before satisfying his decompression obligation, the COMMANDER will continue to give out-gassing credit as if it were in a dive, but at a depth of zero feet. The unit will continue to log data and perform as if actually in a dive. The unit will actually decompress as if it were actually at the various required decompression stops using an FO<sub>2</sub> of 21%. When the decompression obligation is finally satisfied, the ten-minute "Post Dive Interval" will begin and the dive will terminate in ten minutes.

If the Deco Forecast with Deco Blend has been 'enabled' via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> P.C. Interface, the Total Deco Time will be calculated using the Deco Blend to calculate nitrogen out-gassing for the deco stops shallower than the blend switch depth. If this option is not enabled, the Forecast will be based on the Normal Blend, but if a Gas switch does occur the dive computer will update the decompression times to reflect the change in breathing gas.

Several seemingly ambiguous situations may occur with the Deco Forecast 'enabled', they are:

- Satisfying Deco Stops during ascent.
- The Deco Gas Switch may occur early or late.
- Forecast Deco Stop time & depths may switch up/down/up/down as the diver ascends due to

the in-gassing and out-gassing of the different 'controlling' tissue group.

**NOTE: This function should NOT be Enabled if the Diver is not performing a Gas switch.**

## POST DIVE INTERVAL - TWO GAS NITROX:

The Post Dive Interval is the same as in the Single Gas Nitrox, refer to page 9 for detailed information, except that if the unit has performed a gas switch. While in the Post Dive Interval the Alternate Screen will display the Oxygen percentage of the Deco Gas Blend and if the diver re-enters the Dive mode the unit will perform its' calculations based on the Deco Gas Blend Oxygen percentage until the diver descends below the Gas switch Depth. Below this depth the unit will revert to the Normal Gas Blend for the NDC calculations.

## PROGRAMMING MODE - TWO GAS NITROX

The programming procedure is the same as Single Gas Nitrox, refer to page 15.

## PROGRAMMING MENU - TWO GAS NITROX

The following table lists the various programming choices with their display identification and figure number.

Identification	Description	Figure	Page
<b>CLC</b>	Clock - if enabled	40	13
<b>PdP</b>	PreDive Prediction	22	44
<b>InF</b>	<b>Misc.</b> Information	23	44
<b>dEP</b> <b>AL</b>	Depth Alarm, Max value is 320 feet.	25	44
<b>Con</b>	Added Conservatism, Max allowed value is 50%.	26	45
<b>EAn</b> <b>1</b>	Oxygen percentage of Blend, Allowed value 21 to 50.	27	45
<b>EAn</b> <b>2</b>	Deco FO2 Oxygen percentage, Allowed value 21 to 99.9.	28	45
<b>dEC</b> <b>b</b>	Bottom Time Benchmark for Deco FO2 switching, Allowed value 10 to 999 minutes.	29	45
<b>dEC</b> <b>d</b>	Depth Benchmark for Deco FO2 switching, Max value is 99 feet.	30	45
<b>TAc</b> <b>dL</b>	TACLITE™ On Time Allowed value 00 to 99.	33	46
<b>LOG</b>	Logbook	34a	45

**NOTE:** If the **COMMANDER** is left in the Programming mode for five minutes without the contacts being touched, the unit will automatically exit the Programming Mode and return to the Surface Interval. Once this occurs the **COMMANDER** will retain the modified programmed settings that have been stored. Options that have not been modified will retain their previous settings.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CLOCK - TWO GAS**

**NITROX:** The Clock Programming Procedure for the Two Gas Nitrox is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 11.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - PRE-DIVE PREDICTION -**

**TWO GAS NITROX:** The PreDive Prediction for the Two Gas Nitrox is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 16.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - INFORMATION**

**DISPLAY - TWO GAS NITROX:** The InFormation display for the Two Gas Nitrox is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 16.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - DEPTH ALARM - TWO**

**GAS NITROX:** The Depth Alarm Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 17.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CONSERVATISM - TWO**

**GAS NITROX:** The added Conservatism Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 18.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #1 - TWO GAS**

**NITROX:** The Blend #1 Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 18.

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #2 - TWO GAS**

**NITROX:** The oxygen percentage of Blend #2 can be programmed from 21.0% to 99.9%. Once programmed the oxygen percentage will remain at the value programmed until changed by the user.

Programming Mode  
(Blend #2 Identifier)

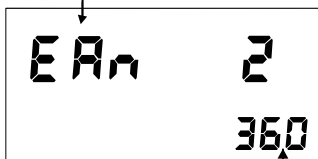


Figure 28a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Constant F02 Mode)  
(Setting Deco Blend Oxygen %)

Blend #2 Oxygen %  
(36%)

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #2 - TIME

**BENCHMARK - TWO GAS NITROX:** The Blend #2 (Deco) Time Benchmark can be programmed from 10 to 999 minutes. Once programmed the setting will remain at the value programmed until changed by the user.

Programming Mode  
(Deco Blend Time  
Benchmark Identifier)

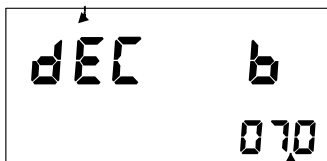


Figure 29a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Constant F02 Mode)  
(Setting Deco Blend -  
Time Benchmark)

Benchmark Time  
(70 Minutes)

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #2 - DEPTH

**BENCHMARK - TWO GAS NITROX:** The Blend #2 (Deco) Depth Benchmark can be programmed from 0 to 99 feet. Once programmed the setting will remain at the value programmed until changed by the user.

Programming Mode  
(Deco Blend Depth  
Benchmark Identifier)

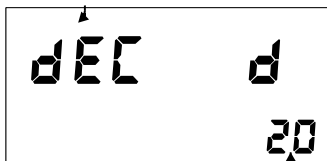


Figure 30a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Constant F02 Mode)  
(Setting Deco Blend -  
Depth Benchmark)

Depth                      20 feet

Benchmark Depth  
(20 Feet)

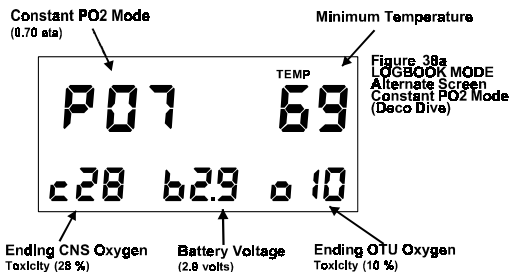
**TOUCH PROGRAMMING – TACLITE™ - TWO GAS NITROX:** The TacLite™ Programming Procedure is



the same is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 19.

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - LOGBOOK MODE -

**TWO GAS NITROX:** The Logbook Mode is the same as in the Single Gas Nitrox, refer to page 19 for detailed information.



## WARNING INDICATIONS - TWO GAS NITROX:

Refer to Warning Indications on page 21.

## SENSOR WARNING - TWO GAS NITROX:

Refer to Sensor Warning on page 22.

## CONSTANT PO2 OPERATING MODE

**CONSTANT PO<sub>2</sub> & FO<sub>2</sub> MODES:** Almost all other dive computers only compute using air or enriched air (Nitrox) which is referred to as "Constant FO<sub>2</sub>" and is commonly found in open-circuit systems and in semi-closed circuit rebreathers. The COMMANDER has this capability, but also computes using a "Constant PO<sub>2</sub>" as commonly found in closed-circuit rebreathers. The user can select which of these two modes, or combination of these two modes is desired by using the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface.

If the user selects CONSTANT PO<sub>2</sub> mode, the Partial Pressure of Oxygen (PO<sub>2</sub>) can be selected between 0.5 and 1.5 ata.

Regardless if the Commander is in CONSTANT PO<sub>2</sub> mode or the CONSTANT FO<sub>2</sub> mode when the unit is on the Surface after a dive, nitrogen out-gassing is based on Air (21% Oxygen).

## COMMANDER - SINGLE GAS PO2

**SURFACE INTERVAL - SINGLE GAS PO2:** The Surface Interval is the same as in the Single Gas Nitrox configuration, refer to page 3 for a detailed discussion. The exception is that the Alternate Screen displays the Current PO<sub>2</sub> set point value, current calculated CNS and OTU values, and current battery voltage. Figure 2 shows the display with no residual Nitrogen (a clean Dive). Figure 4 shows the alternate screen without residual Nitrogen.

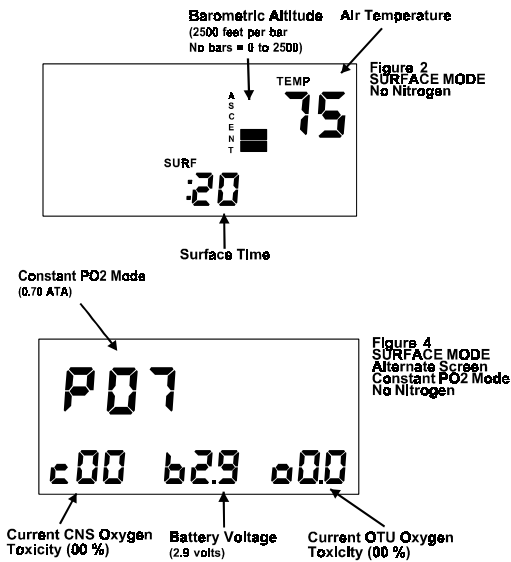
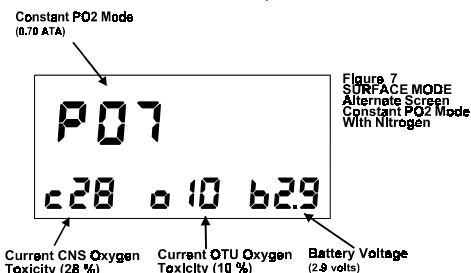
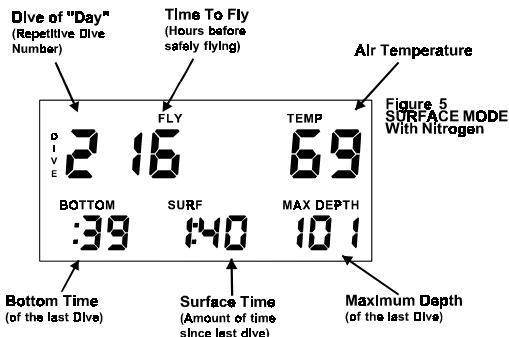
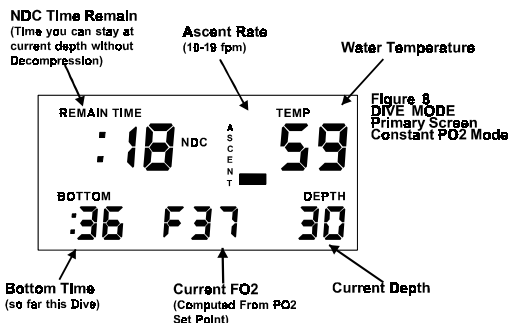


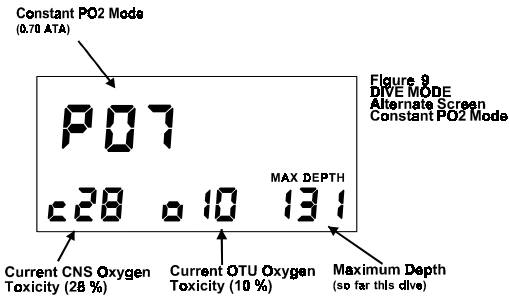
Figure 5 shows the display with residual Nitrogen (a repetitive dive), figure 7 shows the alternate screen with residual nitrogen.



**DIVE MODE - SINGLE GAS PO<sub>2</sub>:** The Dive Mode for the PO<sub>2</sub> configuration is the same as the Single Gas Nitrox. The Primary Display Screen will display the current Calculated FO<sub>2</sub> of the Breathing Gas, in the lower center of the display, based on the Depth and PO<sub>2</sub> Setting. (Figure 8).

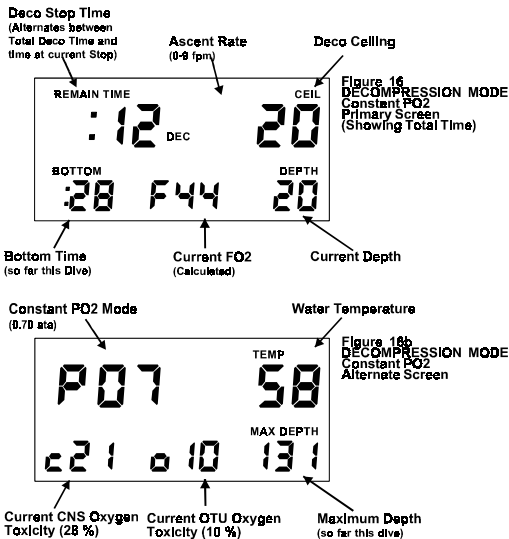


The Alternate Screen in the PO<sub>2</sub> Mode will display the current PO<sub>2</sub> set point that the unit is using in its NDC calculations, the current CNS and OTU values and the Maximum Depth reached so far on this dive. (Fig. 9)



**DECOMPRESSION MODE - SINGLE GAS PO2:** The Decompression Mode for the PO<sub>2</sub> Mode configuration is the same as the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 8.

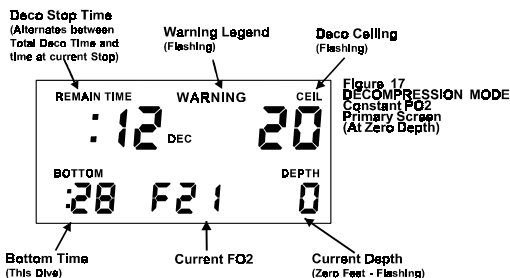
Figures 16 & 16b shows the COMMANDER in the PO<sub>2</sub> mode at the Decompression Stop.



If the diver surfaces before satisfying his decompression obligation, the COMMANDER will

continue to give out-gassing credit as if it was in a dive, but at a depth of zero feet. The unit will continue to log data and perform as if actually in a dive. When the decompression obligation is finally satisfied, the ten-minute “Post Dive Interval” will begin and the dive will terminate in ten minutes.

Figure 17 shows the primary display at a depth of Zero feet.



It should be noted that in the Constant PO<sub>2</sub> mode the shallower the decompression stop the shorter the stop decompression time. This is a result of higher FO<sub>2</sub>s in the breathing gas as the depth decreases.

#### POST DIVE INTERVAL MODE - SINGLE GAS PO<sub>2</sub>:

The Post Dive Interval is the same as in the Single Gas Nitrox, refer to page 9 for detailed information.

#### TOUCH PROGRAMMING - SINGLE GAS PO<sub>2</sub>

The programming procedure is the same as Single Gas Nitrox, refer to page 15, except that there is an additional programming choice that selects the FO<sub>2</sub> or PO<sub>2</sub> mode. The first table shows the programming sequence with PO<sub>2</sub> selected as the operating mode and the second table shows the menu as it appears with FO<sub>2</sub> selected.

#### TOUCH PROGRAMMING MENU - FO<sub>2</sub>/PO<sub>2</sub> - PO<sub>2</sub> SELECTED

The following table lists the various programming choices with their display identification and figure number. The Programming sequence and choices are determined by the selection of PO<sub>2</sub> or FO<sub>2</sub> Mode. This table assumes Programming choice #1 is PO<sub>2</sub>.

Identification	Description	Figure	Page
CLC	Clock – if enabled	40	13
PO <sub>2</sub> / FO <sub>2</sub>	Toggles between PO <sub>2</sub> Mode and FO <sub>2</sub> Mode.	21	44
PdP	PreDive Prediction	22	44
InF	Misc. Information	23	44

<b>dEP</b>	<b>AL</b>	Depth Alarm, Max value is 320 feet.	25	44
<b>Con</b>		Added Conservatism, Max allowed value is 50%.	26	45
<b>PO2</b>	<b>1</b>	PO2 value. Allowed value 0.5 to 1.50.	31	45
<b>TAc</b>	<b>dL</b>	TACLITE™ On Time.		
		Allowed value 00 to 99.	33	46
<b>LOG</b>		Logbook	34a	46

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING MENU - FO2/PO2 MODE - FO2 SELECTED**

The following table lists the various programming choices with their display identification and figure number. The Programming sequence and choices are determined by the selection of PO<sub>2</sub> or FO<sub>2</sub> Mode. This table assumes Programming choice #1 is FO<sub>2</sub>.

<b>Identification</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Figure</b>	<b>Page</b>
<b>CLC</b>	Clock – if enabled	40	13
<b>PO2 / FO2</b>	Toggles between PO2 Mode and FO2 Mode.	20	44
<b>PdP</b>	PreDive Prediction	22	44
<b>InF</b>	<b>Misc.</b> Information	23	44
<b>dEP</b>	<b>AL</b> Depth Alarm, Max allowed value is 320 feet.	25	44
<b>Con</b>	Added Conservatism, Max allowed value is 50%.	26	45
<b>EAn</b>	<b>1</b> Oxygen percentage of Blend, Allowed value 21 to 50.	27	45
<b>TAc</b>	<b>dL</b> TACLITE™ On Time		
	Allowed value 00 to 99.	33	46
<b>LOG</b>	Logbook	34a	46

**NOTE:** If the **COMMANDER** is left in the Programming mode for five minutes without the contacts being touched, the unit will automatically exit the Programming Mode and return to the Surface Interval. Once this occurs the **COMMANDER** will retain the modified programmed settings that have been stored. Options that have not been modified will retain their previous settings.

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CLOCK - ONE GAS**

**PO2:** The Clock Programming Procedure for the Single Gas PO2 is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 12.

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING – PO2/FO2 - ONE GAS**

**PO2:** The selection of PO2 or FO2 determines the operating mode of the computer. The selection will

toggle between PO2 and FO2. Figure 20 shows the Programming display with FO2 selected and figure 21 with PO2.



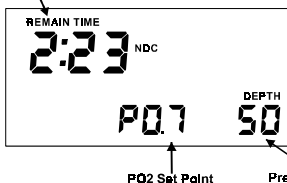
**Figure 20**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(FO2/PO2 - Showing FO2)



**Figure 21**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(FO2/PO2 - Showing PO2)

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - PRE DIVE PREDICTION - SINGLE GAS PO2:** PreDive Prediction is accessed through the Touch Contact Programming Menu (See Programming, page 16). This enables the diver to view the PreDive Prediction information at the touch of the Contacts. The COMMANDER PreDive Prediction starts at 30 feet and increases in 10 feet increments. PreDive Predictions will terminate when the No-Decompression (NDC) time prediction reaches two minutes or a maximum depth of 320 feet is reached. During PreDive Prediction the current PO2 setting that the unit is programmed for is used to compute the NDC time remaining and will be displayed in the lower center of the display. Additional Conservatism, Residual Nitrogen and apparent Altitude can also effect PreDive Predictions.

**Predict NDC Time**  
(Time you can stay at  
predict depth without  
Decompression)



**Figure 13**  
**PRE DIVE PREDICTION**  
(Constant PO2 Mode)

**TOUCH PROGRAMMING - INFORMATION DISPLAY - SINGLE GAS PO2:** The InFormation display for the Single Gas PO2 is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 17.

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - DEPTH ALARM -

**SINGLE GAS PO2:** The Depth Alarm Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 17.

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CONSERVATISM -

**SINGLE GAS PO2:** The added Conservatism Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 18.

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #1 - SINGLE

**GAS PO2:** The Blend #1 Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox except the diver is programming a constant PO2 value between 0.5 and 1.5 ata, please refer to page 18.

Programming Mode  
(Blend #1 Identifier)

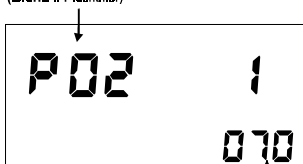


Figure 31a  
PROGRAMMING MODE  
(Constant PO2 Mode)  
(Setting PO2 Value)

Blend #1 PO2  
(0.70 ata)

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING – TACLITE™ - SINGLE

**GAS PO2:** The TacLite™ Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 18.

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - LOGBOOK - SINGLE

**GAS PO2:** The Logbook Mode is the same as in the Air Only Mode, but contains additional information on the Alternate Screen (Non Deco dive Figure 37a, Deco Dive Figure 38a), refer to page 19 for detailed information.

Constant PO2 Mode  
(0.70 ata)

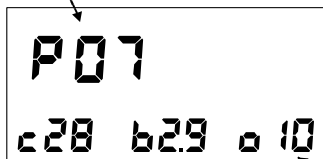


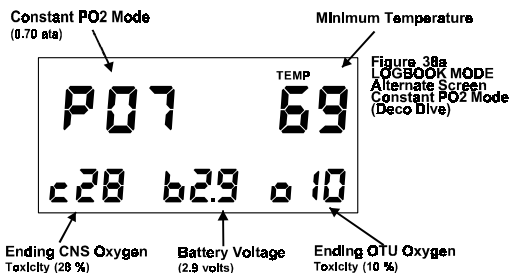
Figure 37a  
LOGBOOK MODE  
Alternate Screen  
Constant PO2 Mode

Ending CNS Oxygen  
Toxicity (28 %)

Battery Voltage  
(2.9 volts)

Ending OTU Oxygen  
Toxicity (10 %)





## WARNING INDICATIONS - SINGLE GAS PO<sub>2</sub>:

Refer to Warning Indications on page 21.

**SENSOR WARNING - SINGLE GAS PO<sub>2</sub>:** Refer to Sensor Warning on page 22.

## COMMANDER - TWO GAS FO<sub>2</sub> / PO<sub>2</sub>

**CONSTANT PO<sub>2</sub> & FO<sub>2</sub> MODES:** Almost all other dive computers only compute using air or enriched air (Nitrox) which is referred to as "Constant FO<sub>2</sub>" and is commonly found in open-circuit systems and in semi-closed circuit rebreathers. The COMMANDER has this capability, but also computes using a "Constant PO<sub>2</sub>" as commonly found in closed-circuit rebreathers. The user can select which of these two modes, or combination of these two modes is desired by using the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface.

If the user selects CONSTANT FO<sub>2</sub> mode, the Oxygen content of the Nitrox blends can be selected from 21.0 to 50.0 percent on the normal blend and 21.0 to 99.9 percent on the Deco.

If the user selects CONSTANT PO<sub>2</sub> mode, the Partial Pressure of Oxygen (PO<sub>2</sub>) for both the Normal and Deco blends can be selected between 0.5 and 1.5 ata.

Via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC Interface, the user can specify when, or if the unit should change from CONSTANT PO<sub>2</sub> mode to CONSTANT FO<sub>2</sub> mode at or near the surface.

**BLEND SWITCHING:** Depending on the configuration of the COMMANDER 'BLEND' refers to Constant FO<sub>2</sub> Nitrox gas blends or Constant PO<sub>2</sub> gas blends. The COMMANDER is capable of FO<sub>2</sub> to FO<sub>2</sub>, FO<sub>2</sub> to PO<sub>2</sub>, or PO<sub>2</sub> to PO<sub>2</sub> Blend switching.

For a detailed description of blend switching refer to page 26.

**SURFACE INTERVAL - TWO GAS PO2:** The Surface Interval for the Two Gas PO2 configuration is the same as the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 3.

**DIVE MODE - TWO GAS PO2:** The Dive Mode for the Two Gas PO2 configuration is the same as the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 5.

**DECOMPRESSION MODE - TWO GAS PO2:** The Decompression Mode for the Two Gas PO2 configuration is the same as the Two Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 8.

If the diver surfaces before satisfying the decompression obligation, the COMMANDER will continue to give out-gassing credit as if it were in a dive, but at a depth of zero feet. The unit will continue to log data and perform as if actually in a dive. The unit will decompress as if it were actually at the various required decompression stops using an FO<sub>2</sub> of 21%. When the decompression obligation is finally satisfied, the ten-minute "Post Dive Interval" will begin and the dive will terminate in ten minutes.

If the Deco Forecast with Deco Blend has been 'enabled' via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> P.C. Interface, the Total Deco Time will be calculated using the Deco Blend to calculate nitrogen out-gassing for the deco stops shallower than the blend switch depth. If this option is not enabled the Forecast will be based on the Normal Blend, but if a Gas switch does occur the dive computer will update the decompression times to reflect the change in breathing gas.

It should be noted that in the Constant PO<sub>2</sub> mode the shallower the decompression stop the shorter the stop decompression time. This is a result of higher FO<sub>2</sub>s in the breathing gas as the depth decreases.

If the Deco Forecast with Deco Blend has been 'enabled' via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> P.C. Interface, the Total Deco Time will be calculated using the Deco Blend to calculate nitrogen out-gassing for the deco stops shallower than the blend switch depth. If not 'enabled' the Deco Forecast will be based on the Normal Gas Blend.

**NOTE: This function should not be Enabled if the Diver is not performing a Gas switch.**

**POST DIVE INTERVAL MODE - TWO GAS PO2:**  
The Post Dive Interval is the same as in the Air only

Mode, refer to page 9 for detailed information, except that if the unit has performed a gas switch. While in the Post Dive Interval the Alternate Screen will display the Oxygen percentage of the Deco Gas Blend and if the diver re-enters the Dive mode the unit will perform its' calculations based on the Deco Gas Blend Oxygen percentage until the diver descends below the Gas switch Depth. Below this depth the unit will revert to the Normal Gas Blend for the NDC calculations.

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING - TWO GAS PO<sub>2</sub>/FO<sub>2</sub>

The programming procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, refer to page 15. The table below shows the programming sequence with FO<sub>2</sub> selected as the operating mode, on page 41 the table shows the programming menu as it appears with PO<sub>2</sub> selected.

### TOUCH PROGRAMMING MENU - TWO GAS FO<sub>2</sub>/PO<sub>2</sub> - FO<sub>2</sub> TO FO<sub>2</sub> GAS SWITCH

The following table lists the various programming choices with their display identification and figure number. The Programming sequence and choices are determined by the selection of PO<sub>2</sub> or FO<sub>2</sub> Mode. This table assumes Programming choice #1 is FO<sub>2</sub> with an FO<sub>2</sub> to FO<sub>2</sub> gas blend switch.

Identification	Description	Figure	Page
<b>CLC</b>	Clock – if enabled	40	13
<b>PO<sub>2</sub> / FO<sub>2</sub></b>	Toggles between PO <sub>2</sub> Mode and FO <sub>2</sub> Mode.	20	44
<b>PdP</b>	PreDive Prediction	22	44
<b>InF</b>	<b>Misc.</b> Information	23	44
<b>dEP</b> <b>AL</b>	Depth Alarm, Max value is 320 feet.	25	44
<b>Con</b>	Added Conservatism.		
	Max value is 50%.	26	45
<b>EAn</b> <b>1</b>	Oxygen percentage of Blend, Allowed value 21 to 50.	27	45
<b>EAn</b> <b>2</b>	Deco FO <sub>2</sub> Oxygen percentage, Allowed value 21 to 99.9.	28	45
<b>dEC</b> <b>b</b>	Bottom Time Benchmark for Deco FO <sub>2</sub> switching. Allowed value 10 to 999 minutes.	29	45
<b>dEC</b> <b>d</b>	Depth Benchmark for Deco FO <sub>2</sub> switching, Max value is 99 feet.	30	45
<b>TAc</b> <b>dL</b>	TACLITE™ On Time. Allowed value 00 to 99.	33	46
<b>LOG</b>	Logbook	34a	46

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING MENU - TWO GAS FO<sub>2</sub>/PO<sub>2</sub> - PO<sub>2</sub> TO FO<sub>2</sub> GAS SWITCH

The following table lists the various programming choices with their display identification and figure number. The Programming sequence and choices are determined by the selection of PO<sub>2</sub> or FO<sub>2</sub> Mode. This table assumes Programming choice #1 is PO<sub>2</sub> with a PO<sub>2</sub> to FO<sub>2</sub> gas blend switch.

Identification	Description	Figure	Page
<b>CLC</b>	Clock – if enabled	40	13
<b>PO<sub>2</sub> / FO<sub>2</sub></b>	Toggles between PO <sub>2</sub> Mode and FO <sub>2</sub> Mode.	21	44
<b>PdP</b>	PreDive Prediction	22	44
<b>InF</b>	<b>Misc.</b> Information	23	44
<b>dEP</b> <b>AL</b>	Depth Alarm, Max value is 320 feet.	25	44
<b>Con</b>	Added Conservatism, Max value is 50%.	26	45
<b>PO<sub>2</sub></b> <b>1</b>	PO <sub>2</sub> value. Allowed value 0.5 to 1.50.	31	45
<b>EAn</b> <b>2</b>	Deco FO <sub>2</sub> Oxygen percentage, Allowed value 21 to 99.9	28	45
<b>dEC</b> <b>b</b>	Bottom Time Benchmark for Deco PO <sub>2</sub> switching. Allowed Value 10 to 999 minutes.	29	45
<b>dEC</b> <b>d</b>	Depth Benchmark for Deco PO <sub>2</sub> switching. Max value is 99 feet.	30	45
<b>TAc</b> <b>dL</b>	TACLITE™ On Time . Allowed value 00 to 99.	33	46
<b>LOG</b>	Logbook	34a	46

## TOUCH PROGRAMMING MENU - TWO GAS PO<sub>2</sub>/FO<sub>2</sub> - PO<sub>2</sub> to PO<sub>2</sub> GAS SWITCH

The following table lists the various programming choices with their display identification and figure number. The Programming sequence and choices are determined by the selection of PO<sub>2</sub> or FO<sub>2</sub> Mode. This table assumes Programming choice #1 is PO<sub>2</sub> with a PO<sub>2</sub> to PO<sub>2</sub> gas switch.

Identification	Description	Figure	Page
<b>CLC</b>	Clock – if enabled	40	13
<b>PO<sub>2</sub> / FO<sub>2</sub></b>	Toggles between PO <sub>2</sub> Mode and FO <sub>2</sub> Mode.	21	44
<b>PdP</b>	PreDive Prediction	22	44
<b>InF</b>	<b>Misc.</b> Information	23	44

<b>dEP</b>	<b>AL</b>	Depth Alarm, Max value is 320 feet.	25	44
<b>Con</b>		Added Conservatism, Max allowed value is 50%.	26	45
<b>PO2</b>	<b>1</b>	PO2 value.		
		Allowed value 0.5 to 1.50.	31	45
<b>PO2</b>	<b>2</b>	Deco PO2 value.		
		Allowed value 0.5 to 1.50.	32	45
<b>dEC</b>	<b>b</b>	Bottom Time Benchmark for Deco PO2 switching, Allowed value 10 to 999 minutes.	29	45
<b>dEC</b>	<b>d</b>	Depth Benchmark for Deco PO2 switching, Max allowed value is 99 feet.	30	45
<b>TAc</b>	<b>dL</b>	TACLITE™ On Time.		
		Allowed value 00 to 99.	33	46
<b>LOG</b>		Logbook	34a	46

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CLOCK - TWO GAS**

**PO2:** The Clock Programming Procedure for the Two Gas PO2 is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 12.

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - PRE-DIVE PREDICTION - TWO GAS PO2:**

The PreDive Prediction for the Two Gas PO2 is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 16.

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - INFORMATION**

**DISPLAY - TWO GAS PO2:** The InFormaTion display for the Two Gas Nitrox is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 17.

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - DEPTH ALARM - TWO**

**GAS PO2:** The Depth Alarm Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 17.

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - CONSERVATISM - TWO**

**GAS PO2:** The added Conservatism Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 18.

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #1 - TWO GAS**

**PO2:** The Blend #1 Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas PO2, please refer to page 37.

## **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #2 - TWO GAS**

**PO2:** The Blend #2 Programming Procedure is the same as for the Two Gas Nitrox, except the PO<sub>2</sub> value can be programmed from 0.50 to 1.50 ata. Once

programmed the oxygen percentage will remain at the value programmed until changed by the user.

Programming Mode  
(Blend #2 Identifier)



Figure 32a  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Constant PO2 Mode)  
(Setting Deco PO2 Value)

Blend #2 PO2  
(1.30 ata)

### **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #2 - TIME**

**BENCHMARK:** The programming procedure for the Blend #2 Time Benchmark is the same as for Two Gas Nitrox, refer to page 30.

### **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - BLEND #2 – DEPTH**

**BENCHMARK:** The programming procedure for the Blend #2 Depth Benchmark is the same as for Two Gas Nitrox, refer to page 30.

### **TOUCH PROGRAMMING – TACLITE™ - TWO GAS**

**PO2:** The Taclite™ Programming Procedure is the same as for the Single Gas Nitrox, please refer to page 19.

### **TOUCH PROGRAMMING - LOGBOOK - TWO GAS**

**PO2:** The Logbook Mode is the same as in the Single Mix Nitrox, refer to page 19 for detailed information.

### **WARNING INDICATIONS - TWO GAS PO2:**

Refer to Warning Indications on page 21.

### **SENSOR WARNING - TWO GAS PO2:**

Refer to Sensor Warning on page 22.

### **TOUCH CONTACT PROGRAMMING SCREENS :**

The following are all of the screens that the COMMANDER is capable of presenting in the Touch Programming Mode. Refer to the particular configuration for appropriate screens.



Figure 20  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(F02/PO2 - Showing F02)



**Figure 21**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(FO2/PO2 - Showing PO2)



**Figure 22**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(PreDive PREDICTION MENU)



**Figure 23**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Information Display Menu)



**Figure 25**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Setting Depth Alarm)

Depth Alarm      124 feet



**Figure 26**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Setting Conservatism)

Conservatism      15 %



**Figure 27**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Constant FO2 Mode)  
(Setting Blend 1 Oxygen %)

Oxygen Percentage      32 %



**Figure 28**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
(Constant FO2 Mode)  
(Setting Deco Blend Oxygen %)

Oxygen Percentage      36 %



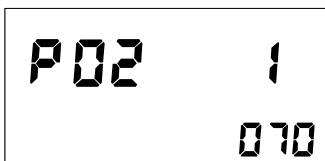
**Figure 29**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
 (Constant FO2 Mode)  
 (Setting Deco Blend -  
 Time Benchmark)

Bottom Time 70 min.



**Figure 30**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
 (Constant FO2 Mode)  
 (Setting Deco Blend -  
 Depth Benchmark)

Depth 20 feet



**Figure 31**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
 (Constant PO2 Mode)  
 (Setting PO2 Value)

Set Point PO2 070 ata



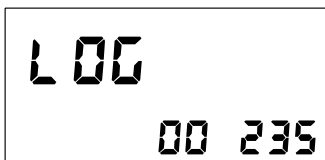
**Figure 32**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
 (Constant PO2 Mode)  
 (Setting Deco PO2 Value)

Set Point PO2 1.30 ata



**Figure 33**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
 (Setting TACLITE On Time)

On Time 10 sec



**Figure 34a**  
**PROGRAMMING MODE**  
 (Logbook Menu)

**DATA STORAGE TYPES & CAPACITY:** The COMMANDER has the following internal distinct data storage activities that can be recalled, viewed, and stored with the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC computer interface:

- **Current Variable Information:** Local Time, CNS toxicity, OTU dose, OTU Mission Clock, Altitude, Battery voltage, Current unit Temperature, 16 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, Decompression Time, Maximum Depth and Ceiling, Maximum Depth and Ceiling Dive Number.
- **Each Dive Beginning Statistics:** 16 tissues loading, Local Time Clock, Dive of Day, Dive Number, Surface Time, CNS Toxicity, OTU Dose, OTU Mission Clock, Altitude, Time to Fly, Battery Voltage. Capacity is up to the most recent 512 dives (dependent upon memory configuration).
- **Each Dive Ending Statistics:** 16 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 PO<sub>2</sub>, 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 512 dives (dependent upon memory configuration).
- **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 512 dives (dependent upon memory configuration).
- **Profile Graphical Information:** Depth Graph, Ascent Rate Graph, Temperature Graph, PO<sub>2</sub> Graph, O<sub>2</sub> % Graph, CNS Graph, and OTU Graph. Capacity is 550 hours at one second sampling (dependent upon memory configuration).
- **Inter-Dive Events:** Number of Initializations, Unit Activation, Altitude Changes of 500 Feet, Low Batteries, Sensor Malfunction, Analyst<sup>®</sup> interface with Dive Computer.

**INTER-DIVE EVENTS:** The COMMANDER stores important information between dives, even when the unit is not turned on. The information is stored as acquired and is called an “Inter-Dive Event”. These events can be viewed via the Analyst<sup>®</sup> P.C. Interface version 3.05 or higher. Some Inter-Dive events are:

- Initialization of the unit.
- The unit is turned on

- Low batteries
- Altitude Changes of over 500 feet
- Sensor Malfunction
- Analyst® P.C. Communication

**USER CONFIGURABLE ITEMS:** The number of and which of the configurable options are viewed is determined by the configuration of your COMMANDER.

**Caution: Items that can be changed via Touch Contact Programming may be different from their factory settings.**

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®.

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

**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 is shipped from the factory as 'Proportional' (percentage).

**Selectable Variable-By-Depth Ascent Rate Alarm (On or Off):** 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 of from 20 to 60 feet per minute (See next topic). As shipped from the factory, this is set to ON. If the VARIABLE rate is selected then the warning will illuminate based on the following table:

DEPTH	AVERAGE ASCENT RATE
60 feet and deeper	60 feet per minute
60 to 30 feet	same as depth
Shallower than 30 feet	30 feet per minute

**Selectable Fixed Ascent Rate Alarm Limit:** If Variable-By-Depth Ascent Rate Alarm was set to OFF

from the above topic, the user may enter the desired Ascent Rate for the alarm to sound.

**Ascent Rate for Deco Predictions (20 to 60):** This option allows the diver to select the ascent rate to be used in the forecasting of the displayed Total Decompression time. The COMMANDER is shipped from the factory with this option set to 60.

**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

**Max Depth Alarm:** This option allows the diver to select a maximum depth below, which the diver does not wish to exceed before an alarm is sounded. This function is disabled when in the Decompression Mode. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming. As shipped from the factory, the Depth Alarm is set for 130 feet.

**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.

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'.

**Repetitive Dive Dependent Nitrogen (Off or On):** This option allows the dive computer to consider recent dive history's effects on the nitrogen loading, particularly if the diver engages in inverted profile diving. If "On" the recent dive history is used to compensate the nitrogen loading for the current dive. The COMMANDER is shipped from the factory with this feature set to 'On'.

**Temperature Dependent NDC Computations (Normal or Reduced):** This feature compensates the

decompression algorithm proportional to the ambient water temperature. See User & Environmental Adaptation, Water Temperature on page 60 for a detailed description of this function. The COMMANDER is shipped from the factory with this feature set to 'Normal'.

**Select Altitude <2000 feet as One Zone (Off or On):**

This option provides "actual" altitude for any given day at any diving location as explained in the "ALTITUDE ACCLIMATIZATION" on page 62. 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 2,000 feet 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 2,000 feet above sea level will be treated as sea level. Regardless of the selection, altitudes greater than 2,000 feet above sea level will be treated in a seamless manner. From the factory, this is set to 'Off', seamless altitude from sea level to 15,000 feet.

**Select Alternate Screen Viewing Time (3 to 10):**

This option allows the diver to set the amount of time that the Alternate Screen will be viewed once it has been accessed. From the factory this is set to 4.

**Select Display Backlight On Time (0 to 99):** This option allows the user to set the amount of time, in seconds, that the TACLITE™ stays on once activated. If this option is set to "0" the TACLITE™ will never activate, if set to "99" the TACLITE™ will stay on all the time and only turn off when the COMMANDER does. From the factory this is set to 10. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming method.

**Select Audible Beeper Alarm (On or Off):** This allows the user to enable or disable the Audible Alarms and beeper. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'On'.

**Select Ceiling Display Divided by 10 (On or Off):**

This option allows the diver to select when in the Decompression Mode the Ceilings are displayed as 1 = 10, 2 = 20, 3 = 30 etc. (On) or as 10, 20, 30 etc (Off). From the factory this option is set to 'Off'.

**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 will not compute CNS Toxicity, OTU Dose, or maximum PO<sub>2</sub> alarm. The factory setting for this option is 'On'.

### **Select Constant Mode Computations (FO<sub>2</sub> or PO<sub>2</sub>):**

This allows the user to select between the Constant PO<sub>2</sub> and Constant FO<sub>2</sub> modes. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming method. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'Constant FO<sub>2</sub>'.

### **Enter Normal Blend Oxygen % in FO<sub>2</sub> Nitrox**

**Mixture (21.0 to 50.0):** For Constant FO<sub>2</sub> mode, this option allows the user to enter the desired Oxygen percentage for the FO<sub>2</sub> Blend in 0.1% increments. Values from 21.0% to 99.9% may be entered. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming method. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 21.0%.

### **Enter Deco Blend Oxygen % in FO<sub>2</sub> Nitrox Mixture**

**(21.0 to 99.9):** For Constant FO<sub>2</sub> mode, this option allows the user to enter the desired Oxygen percentage for the FO<sub>2</sub> Deco Blend in 0.1% increments. For Constant PO<sub>2</sub> mode, this option specifies the FO<sub>2</sub> blend percentage if and when the unit switches to FO<sub>2</sub> computations. Values from 21.0% to 99.9% may be entered. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming method. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 21.0%.

### **Enter Deco Blend Bottom Time Activation**

**Minutes:** Here, you will enter the bottom time benchmark for switching to the Deco Blend. The Field Programming Mode previously described may also modify this setting. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 600. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming method.

**Enter Deco Blend Ascent Depth Activation:** Here, you will enter the depth benchmark, which you will need to be above for switching to the Deco Blend. The Field Programming Mode previously described may also modify this setting. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 10 feet. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming method.

### **Enter Normal Dive PO<sub>2</sub> for Constant PO<sub>2</sub>**

**Computations (.50 to 1.50):** This allows the user to experiment with different PO<sub>2</sub>s. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming method. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 0.7.

**Enter Deco PO<sub>2</sub> for Constant PO<sub>2</sub> Computations (.50 to 1.50):** This allows the user to experiment with different PO<sub>2</sub>s. This option may also be set via the Touch Contact Programming method. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 0.7.

**Select Deco Blend Nitrox Switching (Enabled or Disabled):** This option enables the unit to switch to the Deco blend. If it is disabled the COMMANDER will not switch to the Decompression gas blend. As shipped from the factory, this set to 'Enabled'.

**Select Automatic PO<sub>2</sub>/FO<sub>2</sub> Switching (Enabled or Disabled):** This option enables the unit to switch from the Normal Dive PO<sub>2</sub> mode to the Deco Blend FO<sub>2</sub> mode. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'Disabled'.

**Select Touch Contact Programming of PO<sub>2</sub>/FO<sub>2</sub> Switch (Enabled or Disabled):** This option allows the diver to switch from the PO<sub>2</sub> mode to the FO<sub>2</sub> mode and vice versa via the Touch Contacts. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'Disabled'.

**High PO<sub>2</sub> Alarm Point (0.50 to 1.59):** This option allows the diver to select a maximum PO<sub>2</sub> (Partial Pressure of Oxygen) at which an alarm is sounded. Values from 0.50 to 1.59 are allowed. This is set to a PO<sub>2</sub> of 1.40 at the factory before shipping.

**Selectable NDC Conservatism (0% to 50%):** This feature allows 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 Touch Contact Programming. Conservatism is set to '0%' as shipped from the factory.

**Enable Mix Switching In Deco Forecast (Enabled or Disabled):** This option enables the unit to forecast decompression times utilizing the programmed deco gas for stops that are shallower than the switch depth. As shipped from the factory this option is enabled.

**High CNS Alarm Point (40% to 80%):** This option allows the diver to select a maximum CNS (Central Nervous System) exposure at which an alarm is sounded. Values from 40% to 80% are allowed. This is set to 50% at the factory before shipping.

**High OTU Alarm Point (40% to 80%):** This option allows the diver to select a maximum OTU (Oxygen Tolerance Units) exposure at which an alarm is

sounded. Values from 40% to 80% are allowed. This is set to 50% at the factory before shipping.

**Confined Water Protocol (Training Mode) - (Enabled or Disabled):** This option enables the Training Mode for the COMMANDER. In this mode the COMMANDER will enter the Dive Mode at 2 feet instead of 5 feet and exit the Dive Mode at 1 foot instead of 3 feet. The Training Mode also permits the selection of an increased Post Dive Interval period from 10 to 30 minutes in one-minute increments. These changes permit the Instructor to record a complete training session, including in-water surface periods, as a single dive. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 'Disabled'. **This option can only be 'Enabled' via the Professional Edition of the Analyst<sup>®</sup>.**

**Training Mode Post Dive Interval Period (10 to 30):** If the Training Mode is enabled this allows the user to select the duration of the Post Dive Interval period from a minimum of 10 minutes to a maximum of 30 minutes in one-minute increments. As shipped from the factory, this is set to 10. **This option can only be set via the Professional Edition of the Analyst<sup>®</sup>.**

**Select Clock Functions (ON or OFF):** This option allows the diver to enable or disable the time of day Clock. If set to ON the clock time can be set via Touch Contact Programming method. As shipped from the factory, this is set to OFF.

**Enter Clock Time:** This allows the diver to set the clock's time to that of the P.C. time.

**Select Alarm Clock Audible Alarm (ON or OFF):** This option allows the diver to enable or disable the time of day Clock's Alarm feature. If set to ON the Alarm Clock time can be set via Touch Contact Programming. As shipped from the factory, this is set to OFF.

**Enter Alarm Clock Hour (0 to 23):** This allows the diver to program the time of day Alarm Clock's hour setting. The Alarm Clock's time utilizes a 24 hour format, i.e. 0 = 12:00 am, 20 = 8:00 pm, etc. This is also settable via Touch Contact Programming.

**Enter Alarm Clock Minute (0 to 60):** This allows the diver to program the time of day Alarm Clock's minute setting. This is also settable via Touch Contact Programming.

**Restore Original Configuration Settings:** This allows the diver to restore the original factory default settings with a single command.

## SPECIFICATIONS:

Algorithm	16 Tissue Adaptive Modified Haldanean
Computation Period	Once every second
Activation	Manual and Water
Maximum Depth	Over 327 feet, 1 foot increments
Depth Accuracy	+/- 1% of full scale (+/- 3.3 feet)
Maximum Altitude	15,000 feet, seamless
Altitude Accuracy	+/- 1000 feet
Temperature Display	0 to 99 degrees F, 1 degree increments
Temperature Accuracy	+/- 2% of full scale after the unit has stabilized from a change in temperature)
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 320 feet, 10 foot increments
Dive Summary Storage	up to 512 Dives
Dive Profile Storage	up to 550 Dive hours at one second sampling depending on configuration
Profile Sampling	1 second increments
Typical Battery Life*	Over 2000 dive hours under normal diving conditions or 2 years (whichever is first), TACLITE™ off Over 40 hours, TACLITE™ on continuously With Clock Mode on, Battery Life is over 1000 dive hours or one year.

\* 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.

**ENHANCEMENTS:** The COMMANDER is capable of having its' capabilities enhanced. It can be upgraded to a two blend Nitrox computer and/or a One or Two blend Nitrox/PO<sub>2</sub> computer. The Dive Profile Storage memory capacity can be upgraded from a base of 135 hours to 550 hours. **The COMMANDER must be returned to the factory for all upgrades.**

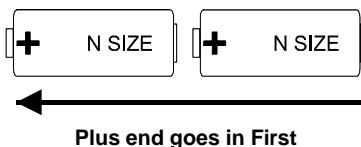
**CLEANING THE COMMANDER:** Clean the unit only with fresh water after each use. Towel dry the unit, never use air pressure to dry the unit. This could damage the unit and will void the warranty. Do not use chemicals to clean the case or lens as this may damage the unit, or permanently fog the lens.

**CHANGING BATTERY:** The batteries should be changed when the 'BATT' legend is seen or battery voltage reaches 2.1 volts as can be seen on the Alternate Screen in the Surface Interval or on the Information Display. The unit will operate until the battery voltage drops below 1.6 volts. Only use fresh, name brand N-Cell size Alkaline batteries for maximum battery life. At this time, *Eveready Energizer* Alkaline is recommended. Care should be taken not to activate the TACLITE™ during battery replacement. 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 every two years regardless of battery condition.

**CAUTION!!!** COMPLETE LOSS OF BATTERY POWER MAY 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 PRE-DIVE PREDICTION MODE. DIVE-OF-DAY NUMBER GOING TO ZERO IMMEDIATELY AFTER CHANGING BATTERIES IS ANOTHER INDICATION OF A LOSS OF NITROGEN LOADING.



When installing new batteries, ensure that the positive "+" end of the battery is inserted into the battery compartment first. 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 coin. Press the coin into the battery cap slot firmly to prevent slipping and damaging the slot. Ensure 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 an Authorized Cochran Dealer for a demonstration.

It is best to have the new batteries ready to immediately install since the COMMANDER was designed to allow for battery changes without resetting and losing 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. Again care should be taken not to activate the TACLITE™ during battery replacement, if the TACLITE™ is activated it will significantly reduce the

time that the COMMANDER allows for battery changes without losing nitrogen residuals.

If the batteries are allowed to discharge too low, or if removed for too long, the COMMANDER may enter a state where it will not turn on even with new batteries. If this occurs, remove the batteries and allow the unit to set for 30 minutes and then install fresh batteries. This will, of course, erase any residual accumulated Nitrogen from previous dives making the next dive appear as a 'clean' dive. This procedure could also effect the internal Time of Day Clock's settings and these settings should be verified via the Analyst® P.C. Interface.

**ASSISTANCE, REPAIR & MAINTENANCE:** The Cochran Commander does not require an Annual Maintenance, but if you suspect that your COMMANDER is not operating correctly, please contact 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](mailto: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! (Voids Warranty)**
- **NEVER REMOVE THE LENS FROM THE UNIT! (Voids Warranty)**
- **ONLY USE FRESH WATER TO CLEAN UNIT! NEVER USE SOLVENTS!**
- **DO NOT USE A SCREWDRIVER TO REMOVE BATTERY CAP! (Voids Warranty)**
- **ALWAYS KEEP FRESH ENERGIZER® BRAND BATTERIES INSTALLED!**
- **LUBRICATE BATTERY ENDS WITH THIN FILM OF SILICONE GREASE!**

#### **REPLACEMENT PARTS:**

Batteries (2)  
Battery Cap O-rings  
Battery Cap Assembly  
Pins (2) Replacement  
Wrist Strap (long Gray)  
Wrist Strap (long, black)  
Retractor Only  
Retractor with Compass  
Lens Protector (Pkg. of 3)

## **ANALYST® Personal Computer Interface**

The ANALYST® Personal Computer Interface is a complete hardware/software system that uploads data from the Cochran COMMANDER to an IBM or compatible Personal Computer with a Windows® 95/98/NT operating system. The ANALYST® Personal Computer Interface allows the diver to retrieve dive data, customize the dive computer and also to enter and store information for each dive in a logbook database.

### **FCC LABEL    FCC ID: LYP744556-03**

**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.**

### **INTERFERENCE STATEMENT**

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device. If not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, it may cause interference to radio communications. The limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against such interference in a residential situation. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment on and off, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna of the affected radio or television.

- Increase the separation between the equipment and the affected receiver.
- Connect equipment and the affected receiver to power outlets on separate circuits.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

### **MODIFICATIONS**

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Cochran Consulting, Inc. could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

### **SHIELDED CABLES**

This product is designed to be used only with the Analyst<sup>®</sup> interface cable (RS-232) to maintain compliance with FCC Regulations.

### **PATENT INFORMATION**

Protected under one or more Foreign or US patents.

5,899,204	5,794,616
5,617,848	5,570,688

Other patents may be pending.

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### **CE**

The CE mark is used to mark conformity with the European Union EMC directive 89/336/EEC. Cochran dive instruments fulfill all the required EU directives.

### **PREN 13319**

PREN 13319 "Diving accessories – Depth gauges and combined depth and time measuring devices – Functional and safety requirements test methods" is a European diving depth gauge standard draft. Cochran dive instruments are designed and tested to comply with this standard draft.

### **LIMITED WARRANTY**

To the original purchaser ("OWNER") only, Cochran Undersea Technology, a division of Cochran Consulting, Inc. ("COCHRAN"), represents this Product to be free of defects in materials and workmanship under normal SCUBA use for 24 months from the date of shipment from COCHRAN to the Authorized Dealer or Distributor. For purposes of establishing warranty eligibility, this date of shipment may be noted on the original Product box, or can be determined by contacting COCHRAN.

Any defective Product, unless cause is specifically excluded in the "Warranty Conditions and Limitations" section below, will at the sole discretion of COCHRAN, be repaired or replaced with a new or refurbished unit of comparable or better function and/or condition. COCHRAN is not responsible for any incidental or secondary damages as a result of Product malfunction.

### **WARRANTY CONDITIONS and LIMITATIONS**

Product must have been obtained from a COCHRAN Authorized Dealer. Contact COCHRAN for verification of dealer status. This Limited Warranty is not transferable.

The Warranty Registration card must be sent to COCHRAN within 15 days of purchase in order to validate Limited Warranty.

Failure to provide proper care for this Product will render this Limited Warranty null and void. Damages or malfunction resulting from accidental or deliberate abuse, tampering, battery leakage, exceeding maximum intended operating depth or other parameters, extreme heat or cold, or other conditions which COCHRAN may deem to be outside the intended scope of this Limited Warranty are not covered. Plastics, O-rings, batteries, battery life, and flooded battery compartments are NOT covered by this Limited Warranty.

This Limited Warranty will be rendered null and void if an attempt is made to establish communications with the computer with any hardware and/or software other than the Cochran approved Analyst<sup>®</sup> Interface. The OWNER is responsible for shipping this Product to COCHRAN for service, and paying all associated costs, including shipping, insurance, and import duties. OWNER may take Product to an Authorized Dealer to arrange service under terms of this Limited Warranty. COCHRAN will return Product to OWNER or Dealer via a method and carrier of its choosing. Costs for requested expedited return shipping will be the responsibility of OWNER. Product returned for service under terms of this Limited Warranty must be accompanied by a photocopy of the original sales receipt in order for warranty repair or replacement to be performed if the Warranty Registration Card is not on file.

### **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. Divers are always encouraged to dive with a buddy at all times.

COCHRAN strongly supports and agrees with maximum depth limits of 130 feet 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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No Cochran Undersea Technology dealer, agent, or employee is authorized to make any modification, extension, or addition to this warranty.

**USER & ENVIRONMENTAL ADAPTATION:** The COMMANDER 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 are:

Water Temperature	Salt/Fresh Water Compensation
Microbubble	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 features two modes of Temperature Compensation, Normal or Reduced. The COMMANDER progressively makes its nitrogen algorithms more conservative as the water temperature declines below 75 degrees F. Above this water temperature, there is no temperature compensation. In the Reduced Mode, the algorithms are made more conservative by approximately one-half the amount of the Normal Mode. If the diver is wearing an insulated dry suit and is relatively warm even in cold water, this temperature compensation factor may be set to Reduced Mode at the divers discretion using the Analyst<sup>®</sup> PC software.

**MICROBUBBLE:** There are several theories regarding the exact method by which a nitrogen

bubble forms from a microbubble which was formed from micronuclei. Currently the predominant theory states that more rapid ascents accelerate bubble formation. The COMMANDER comprehends and adjusts for this phenomenon.

**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 allows the diver to input an added degree of conservatism to the nitrogen algorithm from 0 to 50 percent in one-percent increments. This can be done via the Touch Contact Programming Mode or with the Analyst® Personal Computer Interface.

**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. This can be enabled or disabled with the Analyst® Personal Computer Interface.

**SALT/FRESH WATER COMPENSATION (High/Low Water Conductivity):** There is approximately a three percent difference in depth readings taken in salt water versus fresh water. Some dive computers are calibrated in feet of fresh water and some are calibrated in feet of seawater. Diving in a medium different from what the dive computer is calibrated for will cause apparent depth errors. Only COCHRAN dive computers, including the COMMANDER, 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 in interpreting this reading since some apparent fresh water is actually high in minerals or contaminants and is correctly compensated as salt water (High Conductivity). This commonly occurs in some caves, springs, and lakes.

**ALTITUDE ACCLIMATIZATION:** Driving or flying to a dive site significantly higher in altitude requires special modifications to the "sea level" algorithm. The COMMANDER regularly samples the ambient barometric pressure to determine these changes in altitude whether the unit is On or Off. 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 interpret a rapid change from a higher altitude 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 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 altitude compensation may be selected.

In **ZONE** all altitudes less than 2,000 feet 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 2,000 feet above sea level, since all altitudes below 2,000 feet are treated as sea level. 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.

**CAUTION: The COMMANDER will not perform Altitude Acclimatization if the touch contacts**

are shorted or bridged. Rinse the unit with clean fresh water and dry it with a towel after each dive. Transporting and storing the unit in its case will help prevent the possibility of the contacts being shorted or bridged.

**WARNING:** While your **COMMANDER** will automatically adjust its no decompression algorithm for altitude, you should **NOT** attempt to dive at altitudes greater than 1,000 feet above sea level without first completing a sanctioned altitude diving course from a recognized training agency for recreational diving. The **COMMANDER** should not be used for this type of diving by anyone without this important training.

**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** actually computes and displays in the selected units giving 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<sup>®</sup> software. Changing Modes does not affect any profiles or data stored in the computer.

**LOW BATTERY INDICATIONS:** Fresh **ENERGIZER<sup>®</sup>** brand alkaline batteries should read about 3.2 volts on the Alternate Screen and/or the InFormation Screen. When the battery voltage drops to 2.1 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 1.8 volts, the "BATT" legend will begin to flash on and off. Once the "BATT" legend begins to flash the **TACLITE™** is deactivated, to conserve the remaining battery power even though the unit may be on a dive, and can not be activated until fresh batteries are installed. While there should be sufficient battery power to normally complete a dive, it is not recommended to begin a new dive until fresh **ENERGIZER<sup>®</sup>** brand alkaline batteries are installed. After the computer automatically turns itself off (enters Sleep Mode) 70 minutes after a dive, it cannot be turned back on if the battery voltage is less than 1.6 volts. Fresh **ENERGIZER<sup>®</sup>** 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 MAY 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 IN 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.

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