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User manual

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Introduction

Since 1983 BCF Technology Ltd has been developing, manufacturing and distributing worldwide animal husbandry equipment becoming market leader in the development and production for real time ultrasound pregnancy scanners for most animal species.

BCF, in consultation with leading experts in animal husbandry applications, have combined the best features of the old version of Ovi-Scan with the latest state of the art technology. The result is the new **Ovi-Scan**: an ultrasound scanner which is small, light, robust, portable and truly versatile. The Ovi-Scan also incorporates a removable scan module which, with additional accessories, can be used to provide even greater portability.

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As specialists in providing ultrasound imaging equipment for animal husbandry applications, we understand the importance of having reliable equipment. All BCF products are designed and manufactured to withstand the environments in which they are going to be used. However, should you experience any problems with your Ovi-Scan, BCF Technology service engineers will be available to provide rapid service support and ensure optimum performance of your BCF system.

The Ovi-Scan meets all essential and safety requirements of all current relevant European Directives. The CE mark on the rear panel is a symbol of this conformance. If you require any further information regarding these directives please contact us directly. This product is classed as electronic equipment. At the end of its useful life it should not be disposed of with general waste, it should be take to a recycling point for electrical/electronic equipment. The crossed-out wheelie bin symbol is placed on the rear panel as a reminder in conformance with the European WEEE Directive.

Note: All BCF Technology products are to be used for animal applications only.

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Operator safety

**The Ovi-Scan is designed to operate only from a 12-volt DC source.**

The use of a 12-volt lead acid battery ensures safety from electrical hazard.

If the unit is to be powered from a mains adapter, use only the BCF supplied adapter and use only in dry conditions. See Appendix A – Safety principles and Appendix B – Safety devices.

When charging batteries, use only the BCF supplied charger. This charger is matched to the battery capacity and will ensure long life and continued safety. Higher charge rates from unsuitable chargers may lead to hazards from fire or battery leakage in addition to reducing battery life.

Although the Ovi-Scan runs from a low voltage source, dangerous voltages are generated within the unit. For this reason, no attempt should be made to disassemble either the scanner or console. Should you require any assistance please contact a BCF Technology service engineer.

Display layout
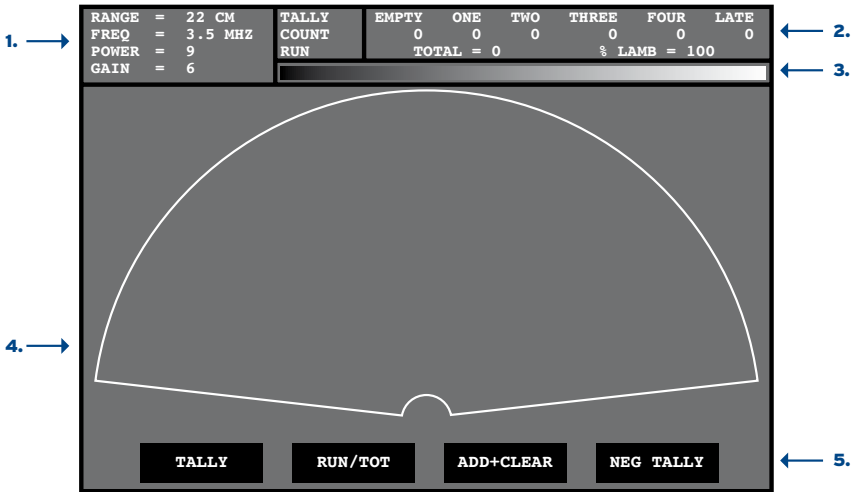
1. The current range, operating frequency, power and gain settings are displayed at the top left hand corner of the screen.

2. The remote tally counter results are always displayed at the top of the screen; these are counted from the remote tally box, connected to the front panel at 'TALLY' (See Appendix E, connector F).

3. The grey bar below this contains 32 of the 256 shades of grey. This helps with the adjustment of brightness and contrast and gives a comparison of grey intensity for the ultrasound picture.

4. The real time ultrasound sector can be displayed either as an inverted image or non inverted image. As the range is altered, the speed of the probe varies to provide the best quality image. The smaller the range, the faster the probe rotates.

5. The current function of the 'soft' keys is displayed along the bottom of the screen.

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Operating instructions

The operating instructions are to be read with reference to Appendix E on Page 25.

1 Preliminary switch on

Before connecting or disconnecting the probe, ensure that the console power is switched off and that both probe and console connectors are free from dirt.

Connect the probe to the front connector marked 'PROBE' (G).

Rotate the probe connector until the notches on the probe and scanner align, and then screw the retaining ring clockwise to lock the connector in position.

Connect the remote tally connector (optional) to the front panel marked 'TALLY' (F). Rotate the connector until the notch on the tally connector aligns with the key on the console, then tighten the outer ring to secure.

The Ovi-Scan is designed to operate only from a 12 volts DC source.

Use only BCF supplied battery pack, vehicle adapter cable, AC adapter or portable power station.

- Check that the connector is of correct polarity.

- Connect the battery cable to connector: (K) on the rear panel of the module. Rotate connector until the notch on the power connector aligns with the key on the console then tighten the outer ring to secure.

- Press and hold the 'POWER' button (L) on the front panel until the system beeps.

The green 'DC POWER' light (M) should be illuminated and the console will now perform a system initialisation.

If the probe is connected, it will start to rotate.

The sector scan and settings will be displayed on the screen.

The buzzer will sound twice; the second indicates that the system initialisation is complete and the system is ready to function.

If the supply voltage is too low (less than 9 volts) the system will display a 'Low Battery' message for 6 seconds before powering down.

If the console and module cannot establish communications then the console will display a 'CHECK DUO COMMS' message before switching to the Duo-Scan video input. Unclip the latches and remove the Duo-Scan module (see 3 Module removal/refitting). Check the five contacts on the base of the Duo-Scan and within the console are clean, and refit the Duo-Scan module.

2   Controls

All functions of the console are set using menus selected using keys below the screen.

2.1 POWER BUTTON

The power button on the front of the pull out module is a soft power button, it does not disconnect the power, but puts the system into a low-power, standby mode.

This button also doubles as an image freeze button (see 2.2.4 B), a short press will freeze the image, a long press (more than 2 seconds) will power the system down.

2.2 MENU SYSTEM

All functions of the Ovi-Scan are set using menus selected using the 'soft keys' below the screen, on the pull out module.

Soft Key 1 (on the left) is used to cycle through the menus; the other keys are then used to access sub-menus and settings.

The system defaults to the 'TALLY' menu on power up and cycles through the menus in the following sequence: 'DISPLAY', 'CONTROL', 'IMAGE', 'ELLIPSES', 'DRAFTING', 'RFID' and 'MODES' before returning to 'TALLY'.

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2.2.1 Tally menu

TALLY	RUN/TOT	ADD+CLEAR	NEG TALLY

Use the Remote Tally Box to keep a count of foetal lambs identified.

For 0, 1, 2 or 3 lambs press the corresponding number on the box.

For 4 lambs press 1 and 3 simultaneously.

To register as a 'LATE' press 0 and 1 simultaneously.

The total sheep and % lamb figures are automatically updated.

The Ovi-Scan stores the tally count even when it is switched off and power is removed. In addition to displaying the running tally, a 'TOTAL' tally can be displayed. This function allows you to view combined statistics, for instance if several flocks are being scanned for one customer.

To use this function the previous totals must be cleared before use.

Note: The Tally controller functions regardless of which menu is currently displayed.

A: RUN/TOT
To toggle between running tally and total tally press soft key 2 (RUN/TOT). When displaying total tally, counting is not possible. Return to running tally to continue counting.

B: ADD+CLEAR
To reset the running tally and add it to the total, press soft key 3 (ADD+CLEAR). Before starting the next flock, take a note of the running tally displayed.

C: NEG TALLY
To remove a tally entry if a mistake has been made, press soft key 4 (NEG TALLY) then press the value that has to be removed on the tally box. Repeat these two steps for each item that has to be removed. Pressing the (NEG TALLY) button again cancels the operation.

It is important to ensure that both running tally and total tally are both cleared for each customer (see 2.2.7 for 'CLEAR TALLY' function).

2.2.2 Display menu

| DISPLAY | BRIGHT 12 | ↓ | ↑ |

| CONTRAST 10 |
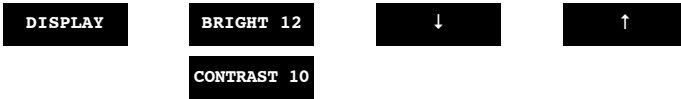
The 'DISPLAY' menu contains 2 sub-menus: 'BRIGHTNESS' and 'CONTRAST'.

To alternate between these, press soft key 2.
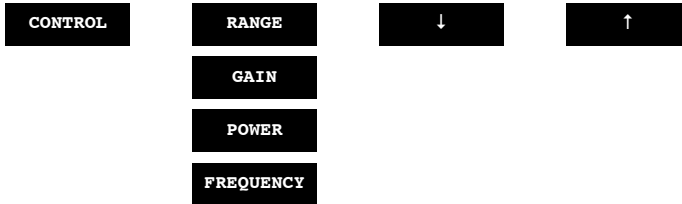
To adjust the settings, use the arrow keys at soft keys 3 and 4.

The grey bar may be used as a guide in setting these controls; when the controls are set to suit the lighting conditions, individual blocks should be discernible within both the lighter and darker extremes of the grey bar.

The current brightness and contrast settings are displayed (values between 1 and 16).

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2.2.3 Control menu

CONTROL	RANGE	↓	↑
	GAIN		
	POWER		
	FREQUENCY		

The 'CONTROL' menu contains 4 sub-menus 'RANGE', 'GAIN', 'POWER' and 'FREQUENCY'. Press soft key 2 to cycle through the sub-menus then use the arrow keys at soft keys 3 and 4 to adjust the settings.

A: RANGE
When 'RANGE' is displayed above soft key 2, the arrow keys can be used to adjust the range to the following values: 3 cm, 6 cm, 9 cm, 12 cm, 16 cm, 19 cm, 22 cm, 25 cm, 28 cm and 32 cm.

As the range is increased the probe speed and ultrasound frame rate are reduced, allowing time for the ultrasound echoes to return from greater depths.

Note: The range can also be adjusted via the tally controller. Pressing tally '1' & '2' simultaneously shifts the range up, pressing '3' & '0' simultaneously shifts the range down.

B: GAIN
When 'GAIN' is displayed above soft key 2, the arrow keys can be used to adjust the gain within the range 1-10.

This is typically set to 6 so that the background noise is just visible, but can be used to alter echo levels as required.

C: POWER
When 'POWER' is displayed above soft key 2, the arrow keys can be used to adjust the power within the range 1-10.

This increases or decreases the penetration of ultrasound. Power should be set to 9 and only decreased when scanning in the lower ranges (below 12cm).

D: FREQUENCY
When 'FREQUENCY' is displayed above soft key 2, the arrow keys can be used to adjust the frequency to the following values: 2.5 MHz; 3.5 MHz; 5.0 MHz and 7.5 MHz.

N.B. The default value for each of the above settings can be altered by the user, see 2.2.8

2.2.4 Image menu

`IMAGE` `INVERT` `REVERSE` `FREEZE`

A: INVERT
At switch on, the image is displayed with the probe head at the bottom of the screen.

To change the orientation of the scan display, press soft key 2, 'INVERT'. Press 'INVERT' again to return to the original orientation.

B: REVERSE
At switch on, the image is displayed with the scan sweeping clockwise.

To change the scan direction, press soft key 3, 'REVERSE'. Press 'REVERSE' again to return to the original direction.

C: FREEZE
A complete ultrasound image frame can be held by pressing soft key 4, 'FREEZE'. To return to real time ultrasound, press 'FREEZE' key again.

When the image is frozen, no ultrasound pulses are transmitted. In 'FREEZE' mode, the user can cycle through the menus as normal, but only the 'FOETAL AGE' and 'DISPLAY' settings can be altered.

N.B. The default 'INVERT' and 'REVERSE' settings can be altered by the user, see 2.2.8.

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2.2.5 Foetal age menu

FOETAL AGE	OFF		
	CATTLE	Size or units	On/Off
	SHEEP	Size or units	On/Off

The 'FOETAL AGE' menu provides access to aging indicators for both cattle and sheep.

Press soft key 2 to switch between 'OFF', 'CATTLE' and 'SHEEP'. If appropriate, a crown-rump length indicator is also displayed for cattle.

All sizes of indicator can be individually switched on or off, button 3 is used to select the indicator or the displayed units and button 4 switches the indicator on/off or, in the case of units selects between days, weeks or millimetres.

A: CATTLE
The cattle trunk diameter indicators are displayed in five sizes: 67 days, 77 days, 91 days, 105 days and 119 days. The crown rump length is displayed in one size of 63 days.

Note: Cattle indicators are only available on ranges of 16 cm – 25 cm.

B: SHEEP
The sheep indicators are available in six sizes: 56, 63, 70, 77, 84 and 91 days. 56 & 77 days are displayed as short lines, near the root of the scan area, representing trunk diameter, the remaining indicators are displayed as ellipses representing trunk diameter.

Note: Sheep indicators are only available on ranges of 19 cm – 28 cm. The 91 day indicator is only available on the 25 cm & 28 cm ranges.

2.2.6 Drafting menu

| `DRAFTING` | `TALLY 0` | `DELAY` | `100` |

The drafting menu is used to configure the switching of the drafting outputs, each tally value (0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and late) has separate settings for delay, and 4 gates.

A: SELECTING TALLY
Pressing soft key 2 cycles through the tally values in the following sequence; '0', '1', '2', '3', '4' and 'LATE'.

B: SELECT DELAY OR GATE
Pressing soft key 3 cycles through the delay and gate options in the following sequence: 'DELAY', 'GATE 1', 'GATE 2', 'GATE 3', 'GATE 4'.

C: SET UP DELAY TIME OR GATE SETTINGS
Pressing soft key 4 cycles through the available values for the option selected in column 3.

If 'DELAY' is selected, then pressing soft key 4 will cycle through delays of 100 mS, 300 mS and 500 mS.

If one of the gates is selected then pressing soft key 4 will cycle through the gate options ('ON', 'OFF' or 'DISABLED').

EXAMPLE:
To set up tally 1 for a 300 mS delay with gate 1 on, gate 2 off.

Press soft key 1 until the drafting menu is visible.

Press soft key 2 until 'TALLY 1' is visible in the 2nd column.

Press soft key 3 until 'DELAY' is visible in the 3rd column.

Press soft key 4 until '300' is visible in the 4th column.

Press soft key 3 until 'GATE 1' is visible in the 3rd column.

Press soft key 4 until 'ON' is visible in the 4th column.

Press soft key 3 until 'GATE 2' is visible in the 3rd column.

Press soft key 4 until 'OFF' is visible in the 4th column.

Note: The drafting settings are stored in the system even when power is removed.

The switched outputs are accessed via the 'DRAFTING' connector 'Q'

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2.2.7 RFID menu

RFID		FLASH OFF	TALLY CLEAR

The RFID menu can be used to configure the Ovi-Scan so that tally data can be transferred to certain manufacturers' RFID scanners via the 'SERIAL DATA' connector 'P'.

B: FLASH ON/OFF
Pressing soft key 3 will switch the flash on tally press on or off. If this option is on, then the greyscale bar on the display will flash whenever a button on the tally controller is pressed.

C: TALLY CLEAR
Pressing soft key 4 will clear the total tally stored in the Ovi-Scan.

2.2.8 Modes menu

MODES	OVI-STORE	DUO-STORE 1	RF CHAN 3

The 'MODES' menu is used to store the default settings for the system in both Ovi-Scan and Duo-Scan modes.

A: OVI-STORE
Pressing soft key 2 will store the current depth, frequency, gain and power settings as well as the scan orientation, direction settings, brightness & contrast and all foetal aging indicators.

B: DUO-STORE
Pressing soft key 3 will store the current depth, frequency, gain and power settings as well as the scan orientation, direction settings and all foetal aging indicators for use in Duo-Scan mode. Up to 8 different settings may be stored.

Each time the button is pressed, a new Duo-Scan mode is stored, once the limit of 8 is reached, the scanner needs to be switched off and on to start again from mode 1.

The displayed value (i.e. 'DUO-STORE1') shows which mode will be stored when the button is pressed.

C: RF CHAN 3
Pressing soft key 4 changes the RF channel that the Duo-Scan transmits on.

3 Module removal/refitting

The scan module can be removed for use with other accessories to provide a mobile, backpack mounted scanner (Duo-Scan).

To remove the module:

- Ensure that the power is switched off

- Release the latches on both sides of the console

- Withdraw the module

To refit the module:

- Ensure that the power is switched off

- Gently insert the module

Once the module is fully home, both latches should be closed.

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4 Portable power sources

4.1 12 VOLT DC SOURCE

The Ovi-Scan will operate directly from an independent stable 12-volt DC source using the Connector K (see Appendix E on page 25) on the rear panel. The DC power consumption is approximately 20VA.

PRECAUTIONS:

The instrument should not be connected to any source with a voltage greater than that of a 12 volts vehicle battery or damage may result.

Connecting the battery in reverse polarity may damage the instrument and the battery source.

To avoid the risk of explosion do not short circuit the positive and negative terminals of the battery.

It is recommended that the supply leads from the battery should have in line overload protection (fuse) close to the battery.

5 Duo-Scan option

The scan module can be removed from the Ovi-Scan console and used with other accessories as a highly portable scanner (Duo-Scan).

The Duo-Scan accessories allow the ultrasound image to be viewed on display headset, or remote monitor options, with the module housed in a wipedown case mounted in a backpack with a battery. Displays are connected to the 'DISPLAY' connector 'H'.

When operating as Duo-Scan the ultrasound image can be viewed on BUG BCF Universal Goggles and on the Easi-Scan Remote Display monitor.

The battery clips onto the rear of the module.

The standard probe and portable display are connected to the front panel of the module.

When powered from a battery, the unit is switched on by front panel power button.

When used as a Duo-Scan, a number of modes may be stepped through using soft key 1, 'MODE'. No system or tally information is displayed on screen, only the greyscale bar and ultrasound image are displayed.

In Duo-Scan mode, a battery capacity and voltage reading are displayed in the lower corners of the display. The menu disappears after approximately 7 seconds, leaving only the scan, voltage and battery capacity displayed.

5.1 MODE CONTROL

All possible modes are stepped through by pressing soft key 1 'MODE'.

The default modes may be changed whilst the Duo-Scan module is in the console (see 2.2.8).

Before inserting the module in the Ovi-Scan console, ensure that the power is off, and slide gently home. If some resistance is met, ensure that the module is the right way up and that the latches are open. Once the module is fully home, both latches should be closed.

MODE 1	POWER	↓	↑
	GAIN		

Pressing soft key 1 will cycle through all available modes, for each mode, the range and frequency will be displayed briefly on the screen.

Pressing soft key 2 will alternate between power and gain and soft keys 3 and 4 are used to adjust the selected value.

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6 Ovi-Scan console

The Ovi-Scan console can be used as a stand alone video monitor. If the console is switched on without the Duo-Scan attached, it will automatically switch into 'VIDEO MONITOR' mode. In this mode, the displayed video input can be changed by pressing the buttons on the tally controller.

Note: To switch the console on without a Duo-Scan attached, press buttons 1, 2 or 3 on the attached tally controller.

BUTTON 1:
Pressing button 1 on the tally controller will select the external video input (connector 'M') on the rear panel of the console.

BUTTON 2:
Pressing button 2 on the tally controller will select the RF video input. The console defaults to RF channel 1 and each subsequent press will cycle through the 4 available channels.

The selected RF channel is fed out through the 'EXT VID' connector 'N'.

BUTTON 3:
Pressing button 3 on the tally controller will select the digital video input, this is the input used by the Duo-Scan. This allows the Duo-Scan output to be viewed on the console even if correct communications have not been established.

BUTTON 0:
Pressing button '0' on the tally controller will put the console into low-power standby mode.

Brightness/Contrast control

The brightness and contrast in video mode can be adjusted as follows:

Pressing '1' & '2' on the tally increases the selected parameter.

Pressing '3' & '0' on the tally decreases the selected parameter.

Pressing '2' & '3' on the tally switches between brightness and contrast.

Appendix A – Safety principles

If the scanner must be powered from a mains supply, rather than a 12-volt battery, observe the following safety suggestions.

Ensure the equipment is of good working order and electrical bonding is intact.

If an extension lead is to be used it must be properly constructed and in good condition; it must be a three core cable (live, neutral and earth) and be used with 3-pin connectors.

For this reason we recommend that you always use your own leads which you know are safe. Do not turn up at a site and rely on being able to find an extension lead available for your use.

This is important for two reasons:

- To act as a safety barrier between the operator and any live parts.

- If an internal fault should occur within the extension lead, mains voltage is conducted away through the earth lead. The resulting current would trip a Residual Current Device (RCD), if fitted, or blow a mains fuse.

An RCD is designed to trip at 30 mA of earth current which combined with a suitable low earth impedance should result in a maximum voltage shock of no more than 50 volts at which the RCD will then cut off isolating the equipment at zero potential.

If no RCD is fitted then the mains fuse would blow, however, this takes significantly longer (depending on fuse rating) and can result in shock voltages of much higher values, unless an isolating step down transformer with a centre tap is used in which case the maximum voltage present would be 55 volts.

A small voltage may exist between the instrument case and the ground when significant earth current is flowing in the vicinity. This might be enough to be felt by the operator or the subject and the following guide-lines should be followed.

- Do not set up for operation close to an electric fence, especially an electric fence control box.

- Do not set up for operation near the main earth point of an electricity supply installation.

- If another piece of equipment becomes faulty which is connected without an RCD, it would not be protected by your RCD, it is possible then that dangerous voltages may appear on the earth lead.

The only way to protect against any earth problem is to supply your own earth line from your crate and to an earth rod or metal work close to where you are working.

Note: The safest manner of operation is from a 12 volts battery source.

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Appendix B - Safety devices

Residual Current Devices (RCDs)

A Residual Current Device has two specific purposes:

1. To protect plant and equipment from fires started by (usually) low fault currents passing from live to earth.

2. To prevent fatal electric shock to personnel by reducing to "safe" levels (not eliminating) the value and length of time a person is exposed to current flow through the body.

An RCD does not detect over currents or short circuits and must be used in conjunction with conventional circuit protection devices, which may be included in the same physical package. The most common value of operating current for an RCD is 30 milliamps (mA).

An RCD should be tested by stimulating an earth fault condition which is independent of any test facility within the device. The test push should be used at regular intervals in order to test the function of the tripping mechanism. It does not test if the device will operate in the event of an earth fault.

Anti-Surge adapter

The function of the anti-surge adapter is to reduce the possibility of equipment damage caused by voltage transients appearing on mains supply lines. These transients can be extremely large and if the anti-surge device is not quick enough (nano-second operation) the transient can get through. Transients can also be induced on local supply cables and extension leads. Therefore, fit the anti-surge device close to the scanner.

Appendix C – Gel powder mix

Ovi-Scan Gel has been formulated particularly to meet the requirements of animal scanning services for a low cost ultrasonic coupling fluid although its use in other applications is appropriate.

The gel is supplied in powder form and mixed with water to form the coupling fluid. The packs of gel powder supplied are suitable for mixing up to 12 litres of gel; the low volume of powder required to produce large quantities of gel makes it easy to store and transport.

You can control the consistency of the gel by varying the proportions of the mix to compensate for various factors e.g. method of application, shearing equipment used, operator preference etc.

Ovi-Scan Gel is a product of BCF Technology Ltd which has been tested for oral toxicity, dermal irritation and eye irritation. It is defined as non toxic and non irritant.

It contains no bactericidal or fungicidal additives.

Guidance for mixing

1. As the mixture contains water and the gel powder does not contain any anti-corrosive ingredients, it is important to use containers which are not likely to corrode.

2. The gel component is strongly hydrophilic and mixing can present difficulties since a very small amount of water will readily disperse through a large quantity of powder forming a hard lump. Left alone the lump will slowly disperse and beyond a certain point dilution becomes very easy. Continuous stirring of the water and the slow addition of the gel powder will produce a suitable solution.

3. Generally speaking the smoother the surface the higher the viscosity and the less the amount of couplant required.

4. The final consistency of the gel is determined by the ratio of powder to water. The powder is supplied in packages which are labelled with the quantity of water to be added and it is important to measure the water accurately to obtain consistent results. A one and a half percent solution has been found to be ideal for automatic application to smooth skin areas used in sector scanning.

5. The gel will be ready for use within a few minutes of mixing. However, we recommend that the gel is mixed the evening before it is required to ensure that a supply is available on arrival at the working site. This is particularly so in the early stages when mixing experience is limited. Concentrated solutions can be mixed and diluted further on site to give the required consistency.

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Use of powered mixing devices

Set up a fairly rapid down current of water which will flow through the paddle of the mixing tool. Pour the powder into the flow of water so that it is evenly dispersed through the liquid. Drill guns fitted with the paint stirring tool are excellent for the mixing of large volumes of gel.

> Note: When using electrically powered mixers it is important to ensure the electrical equipment is in good condition. The appliance should not be used with damaged cables, insecure clamps or inadequate earthing connections where these are required. This is particularly applicable if mixing is carried out on site.

Appendix D – Service and maintenance

As specialists in providing ultrasound imaging equipment for animal husbandry applications, we understand the importance of having reliable equipment. All BCF products are designed and manufactured to withstand the environments in which they are going to be used. However there is no substitute for careful usage.

The Ovi-Scan was designed for reliability in the animal husbandry marketplace. However, should you experience any problems with your Ovi-Scan, BCF Technology service engineers will be available to provide rapid service support and ensure optimum performance of your BCF system.

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- Always clean the probe immediately after use and before any contamination can dry in. The probe head can be immersed in warm (not hot) water to clean.

- The probe connector is carrying critical pulses from the console to the probe head and back, it is imperative to keep these contacts clean and free of contamination. To maintain a good contact, clean the connectors using methylated spirits (or equivalent alcohol) and a small, non-metal brush to gain access to the contacts, flush with alcohol and leave to drain hanging downwards.

- Never force a connector if it will not go together easily. Debris may collect between the pins and can be carefully removed with a small screwdriver.

- Be very careful to avoid anything getting into the gold plated connector inserts, this may cause damage and some of these are expensive to replace.

- Do not knock or scrape the transducer window, this may cause the window to burst. Do not push against the probe window, the sealing may be damaged or fluid may be forced out of the internal expansion tube. If a window or its seal leaks then the probe must be returned to BCF Technology Ltd. Further use of the probe with a window leakage will continue to damage other internal parts of the probe due to dirt from outside contaminating the internal gears.

- Do not forcibly bend or pull the cable connecting the probe to the module.

- Examine the probe regularly for any damage, especially the window. The chamber behind the window is filled with a silicon fluid and it is normal for a small bubble, about 1 mm diameter, to be present. A large bubble or signs of leaking fluid should be referred to a BCF Technology service engineer.

- Any other problems or maintenance queries should be referred to a BCF Technology service engineer.

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- Keeping all the connectors clean and dry is especially important, use methylated spirits (or equivalent alcohol) and a small tooth brush to gain access to the contacts, flush with alcohol and leave to drain/dry.

- The aluminium outer case and PVC carrying case can be cleaned using a cloth with warm, soapy water. The front panel can be cleaned with a cleaning agent such as isopropyl alcohol cleaning cloths.

Note: If using soap and water on the front panel ensure that no water enters any of the connectors.

- Examine all cables (power and probe) on a weekly basis for signs of damage such as cracks or splits. Pay extra attention close to connectors and joints. If damage is found it is imperative to have repairs carried out immediately to avoid further damage or risk of electric shock.

- The console display is easily marked or damaged, take care to avoid sharp or pointed objects near the display. Do not use abrasive cleaners on the display, computer screen wipes or isopropyl alcohol are ideal for cleaning the display.

- Any other problems or maintenance queries should be referred to a BCF Technology service engineer.

To ensure optimum performance we recommend that the equipment is serviced once a year by a BCF service engineer. The service engineer will thoroughly check the equipment, ensuring that electrical safety is being maintained, and advise of any work which appears to be necessary.

Appendix E – Key to scanner connectors

Console rear panel
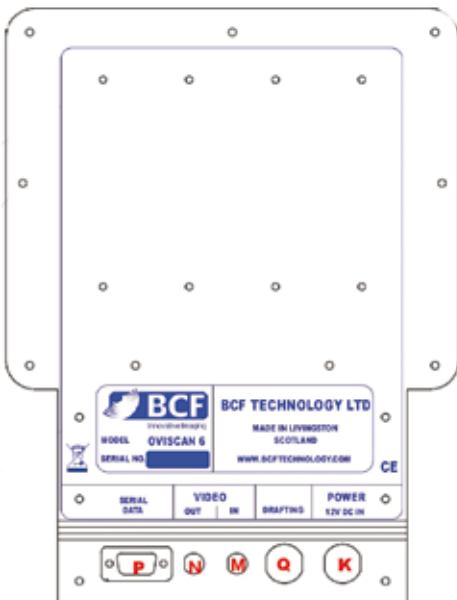
Duo-Scan and console front panels

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