SeaTalkng
Reference Manual

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Preface

WARNING: Electrical safety
Make sure you have switched off the power supply before you start installing this product.

EMC conformance
All Raymarine equipment and accessories are designed to the best industry standards for use in the recreational marine environment.

The design and manufacture of Raymarine equipment and accessories conform to the appropriate Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standards, but correct installation is required to ensure that performance is not compromised.

Product documents
This manual gives information on the Raymarine SeaTalkNG system. It should be read in conjunction with the documents for the individual products that connect to SeaTalkNG.

To the best of our knowledge, the information in this document was correct when it went to press. However, Raymarine cannot accept liability for any inaccuracies or omissions in product documents.

In addition, our policy of continuous product improvement may change specifications without notice. Therefore, Raymarine cannot accept liability for any differences between the product and the accompanying documents.

Product disposal
Waste Electrical and Electronic (WEEE) Directive
The WEEE Directive requires the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment.

Whilst the WEEE Directive does not apply to some of Raymarine's products, we support its policy and ask you to be aware of how to dispose of this product.

The crossed out wheelie bin symbol, illustrated above, and found on our products signifies that this product should not be disposed of in general waste or landfill.

Please contact your local dealer, national distributor or Raymarine Technical Services for information on product disposal.
Chapter 1: Description

1.1 SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} overview

Introduction
SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} is an interconnection bus for Raymarine products, and comprises a main backbone to which Raymarine products are connected via spur cables (see Figure 1-1).

Terminology
Raymarine produces SeaTalk, SeaTalk\textsuperscript{2} and SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} proprietary bus systems. In this book, in the interests of clarity, SeaTalk is referred to as ‘SeaTalk(1)’.

Connectability
Specific Raymarine products (e.g. ST70 instruments) perform a bridging function, to enable you to connect SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} to SeaTalk(1) products via appropriate adaptor cables. Adaptor cables are also available to connect NMEA2000 products.

1.2 Hardware
SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} comprises a single backbone terminated with two terminators, one at each end. Spur cables connect the backbone to individual SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} products.

Small diameter cable connectors are used throughout the system, to make installation easier. Cables and connectors are color-coded to reduce the likelihood of misconnection.

A wide range of different cable lengths provides flexibility and obviates the need for cutting and splicing cables.

Three-way, five-way and in-line connection pieces are available to connect cables, to deploy SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} as required.
Color coding
Cables and connectors are color-coded to facilitate correct connection. The color codes are:
- Backbone is blue.
- Spurs are white.
A power cable is also provided and is color-coded with a red strip.

Important: you must fit Terminators
In order to ensure correct data transmission through a SeaTalkng system, a Terminator is required at each end of the backbone cable run. Dedicated Terminators are available for this purpose. Do NOT attempt to run a system that is not correctly terminated.

Available parts
The following parts are available:

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<td>3 ft 3 in (1 m) - A06034</td>
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<td>9 ft 10 in (3 m) - A06035</td>
<td>16 ft 4 in (5 m) - A06036</td>
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<td>65 ft 7 in (20 m) - A06037</td>
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<th>5-Way Connector</th>
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<td>Connects two backbone cables</td>
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<td>Fitted at each end of backbone</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Blanking Plug</strong></td>
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<td>Inserted into unused spur connector &amp; T Piece positions</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Elbow Spur cable (1 ft 3 in (400 mm))</strong></td>
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<td>For spurs in confined spaces</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>SPX Spur cable</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Connects SeaTalk(^{\text{TM}}) to Raymarine SPX</td>
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<td>Course Computers</td>
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<td><strong>Power cable</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Connects SeaTalk(^{\text{TM}}) 12 V dc supply</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Stripped End Spur cable</strong></td>
<td>A06043, A06044</td>
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<td>Connects products which do not have plug-in connectors</td>
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<tr>
<td>(e.g. transducer pods)</td>
<td>1 m - A06043, 3 m - A06044</td>
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<td><strong>SeaTalk Adaptor cable</strong></td>
<td>A06047</td>
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<tr>
<td>Connects SeaTalk(^{\text{TM}}) products to SeaTalk(1)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>SeaTalk² adaptor cable</strong></td>
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<td>Connects SeaTalk(^{\text{TM}}) products to SeaTalk²</td>
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In addition to the parts listed, a range of connector cables is available from your Raymarine dealer to connect to other Raymarine products and systems.

**Connectors**

SeaTalkng connectors are lockable to ensure reliable, secure connectivity. Keyways on the connectors ensure correct orientation. Locking collars on the SeaTalkng T-Piece, 5-Way Connector and Backbone Extender rotate to lock the connections. Molded arrow indicators on the connectors align to show when the connector is unlocked.

### 1.3 Using SeaTalkng

A complete SeaTalkng backbone comprises two or more backbone cables connected in series. There must be only one backbone and this must be terminated with two terminators, one at each end of the backbone. Do NOT connect a terminator to any spur.

In a SeaTalkng system and any system to which it is connected:

- As a general rule, there must only be one data source (transducer) for each data type. Although some products may be permitted as secondary data sources, do not duplicate the source for any data unless permission is specifically given in the relevant product documents.
- There must be only one power source.

It is particularly important to be aware of these requirements when connecting to another system. For example, in Raymarine SeaTalk(1), power is often supplied from the system autopilot.
You can use SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng}:

- As a self-contained system in which only products fitted with SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} connectors are connected via spur cables to the SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} backbone.
- As an extended system, connected to SeaTalk(1) products via an adaptor cable.

You must NOT connect a SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} system to a SeaTalk\textsuperscript{2} system.

You may connect specific SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} products (e.g. ST70 instruments) to existing SeaTalk(1) and SeaTalk\textsuperscript{2} systems, using the appropriate adaptor cables. Refer to the instructions with these products for details of how to connect them.

As it is obviously not possible to describe all possible configurations for SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng}, general guidelines, are given here.

**Typical applications**

A typical SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} system is shown in Figure 1-2. It comprises the main backbone, with compatible products connected via spur cables.

![Diagram of a typical SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} system](image_url)
General guidelines when using with other systems

Basic rules
If SeaTalk® is connected to any other system, ensure that in the combined system:
• You connect only one source for any data type, unless permission is specifically given in the relevant product documents.
• You connect only one power source.

Limitations when SeaTalk(1) products are connected
If SeaTalk® and SeaTalk(1) products are used together, do NOT connect an NMEA2000 backbone, as this product combination could compromise the integrity of the NMEA2000 system.

Using with SeaTalk(1)
Provided you do not want to connect to NMEA2000, you can connect a SeaTalk® system to SeaTalk(1) using a suitable SeaTalk® bridging product (such as an ST70 instrument) and adaptor cables to connect the two systems.

If you intend doing this, note that:
• You can connect a single SeaTalk(1) network to SeaTalk® using an adaptor cable and one bridging product (e.g. ST70 instrument).
• You can connect two separate SeaTalk(1) networks to SeaTalk® using different adaptor cables and bridging products (e.g. ST70 instruments), but the two SeaTalk(1) networks must NOT be connected together.

Summaries of acceptable and unacceptable SeaTalk®/SeaTalk(1) scenarios are shown in Figure 1-3 and Figure 1-4 respectively.
Figure 1-3 SeaTalk®/SeaTalk(1) acceptable scenarios
Figure 1-4 SeaTalk®/SeaTalk(1) unacceptable scenarios
Chapter 2: Installation

2.1 Preparation for installation

EMC installation guidelines
Raymarine equipment and accessories conform to the appropriate Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) regulations. This minimizes electromagnetic interference between equipment, which could otherwise affect the performance of your system.

Correct installation is required to ensure that EMC performance is not compromised. For optimum EMC performance, we recommend that:

- Raymarine equipment and the cables connected to it are:
  - At least 3 ft (1 m) from any equipment transmitting or cables carrying radio signals e.g. VHF radios, cables and antennas. In the case of SSB radios, the distance should be increased to 7 ft (2 m).
  - More than 7 ft (2 m) from the path of a radar beam. A radar beam can normally be assumed to spread 20 degrees above and below the radiating element.
  - The product is supplied from a separate battery from that used for engine start. This is important to prevent erratic behavior and data loss which can occur if the engine start does not have a separate battery.
  - Raymarine specified cables are used.
  - Cables are not cut or extended unless doing so is detailed in the installation manual.

Remember
Where constraints on the installation prevent any of the above recommendations, always allow the maximum separation possible between different items of electrical equipment.

This will provide the best conditions for EMC performance for the installation.

Suppression ferrites
Raymarine cables may be fitted with suppression ferrites. These are important for correct EMC performance. Any ferrite removed to facilitate installation must be replaced in the original position immediately installation is complete.

Use only ferrites of the correct type, supplied by Raymarine authorized dealers.

Connections to non-Raymarine equipment
If Raymarine equipment is to be connected to other equipment using a cable not supplied by Raymarine, a Raymarine suppression ferrite MUST always be attached to the cable near the Raymarine unit.

Tools required
Before installing SeaTalk®, ensure you have the appropriate tools. In most cases, a typical fitter’s toolkit should suffice, provided it has tools to enable you to:

- Drill holes for cable runs.
- Connect prepared bare wire ends to terminal blocks.
System structures
Plan the route of the SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} backbone so that it runs as close as is practicable to the intended location of each SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} product, to keep spur lengths to a minimum. Products connect to the backbone via spur cables. Spurs connect to the backbone via either a SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} T-Piece or a SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} 5-Way Connector.

Power supply considerations
It is important that power for SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} is provided from only one power source. If you intend using your SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} system with any other system (e.g. SeaTalk\textsuperscript{(1)}), power may already be connected to the other system. If this is the case, do NOT connect an additional power source to SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng}.

Product loading
The number of products you can connect to a SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} system depends on the power each product consumes and on the physical length of the proposed system. Each Raymarine product has a Load Equivalency Number (LEN), which indicates how much power it consumes.

Power sources
A SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} system requires one 12 V dc supply, connected to the SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} backbone. This can be provided:
• By a battery.
• From a Raymarine Course Computer, via SeaTalk and/or SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng}.

Note: If a battery is used as a power source, it is recommended that in order to avoid sudden voltage drops, the battery used for engine starting is NOT used to power SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng}.

On boats with 24 V dc systems, a suitable 24 V to 12 V dc dropper may be used. Check with Raymarine Customer Support or your Dealer for suitability.

Protection
The power source must be protected by a 5 A fuse or a circuit breaker providing equivalent protection.

Power connection point
Balanced system
We recommend that as a general rule, power is connected to a SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} system in such a way that the current drawn on each side of the power connection point, is equal.

This is termed a balanced system.

*Figure 2-1* shows a theoretical balanced system. In this system the total LEN of the all products is 40, so the optimum power connection point is a total LEN value of 20 each end of the backbone.
Figure 2-1 Where to connect SeaTalkNG power in a balanced system

Small systems
Although the preferred method of connection is to form a balanced system as above, in systems where the backbone length is 60 m or less, you may connect power at one end of the system, to form an unbalanced system.

Permitted power loading
The total load permissible in a SeaTalkNG system is defined in terms of the total LEN of all products connected to the system, and depends on the length of the backbone.

Balanced system loading
The maximum loading (total LEN) for balanced SeaTalkNG systems of various lengths is given in the following table. Note that in each case, the total LEN must be divided equally each side of the power connection point.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Backbone length</th>
<th>Total LEN</th>
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<tr>
<td>197 ft (60 m) or less</td>
<td>100</td>
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<tr>
<td>262 ft (80 m)</td>
<td>84</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>328 ft (100 m)</td>
<td>60</td>
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<tr>
<td>394 ft (120 m)</td>
<td>50</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>459 to 525 ft (140 to 160 m)</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>591 to 656 ft (180 to 200 m)</td>
<td>32</td>
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Unbalanced system loading
The maximum LEN for unbalanced SeaTalkNG systems up to 197 ft (60 m) is given in the following table.

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<th>Backbone length</th>
<th>Total LEN</th>
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<tr>
<td>66 ft (20 m)</td>
<td>40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>131 ft (40 m)</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>197 ft (60 m)</td>
<td>14</td>
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</tbody>
</table>
System limitations

In a SeaTalk® system:

- The total length of backbone cable between the two Terminators must not exceed 656 ft (200 m).
- The length of any individual spur must not exceed 16 ft 4 in (5 m).
- The total length of all spurs must not exceed 98 ft 5 in (30 m). So for example, your system could have 30 spurs, each of 3 ft 3 in (1 m), or 6 spurs each of 16 ft 4 in (5 m).
- The total LEN in the system must not exceed the value detailed under Permitted power loading.

Cabling

When planning SeaTalk® cable routes (see Figure 2-2 and Figure 2-3), ensure that the EMC conditions are fulfilled (see EMC installation guidelines above). In particular, do not route cables near fluorescent lights, engines and radio transmitting equipment, as these may cause interference. Taking this into account, plan the backbone route to run as close as possible to the intended locations of the products to be connected.
2.2 Procedures

General requirements
Use only the appropriate lengths of genuine Raymarine SeaTalk® made-up backbone and spur cables. Do NOT cut or otherwise modify the cables. To minimize the need to coil and stow spare cable, always use lengths of cable appropriate to the cable run lengths.
Making connections

Make each SeaTalkng connection as demonstrated in Figure 2-4.

1. Rotate collar to UNLOCKED position (so molded arrows are aligned)

2. Ensure cable end connector is correctly oriented, then fully insert

3. Rotate collar (2 clicks) until it snaps into the LOCKED position (almost one quarter turn)

Running cables

When running SeaTalkng cables, always do so in accordance with the following guidelines:
- Do not run cables where they are likely to be easily damaged.
- If a cable has to be fed through the deck, always use a proprietary deck gland.
- Where cables are fed through holes (in bulkheads etc), always use the appropriate grommets to prevent chafing.
- Secure long cable runs so they do not present a hazard.
- Do not position cable connectors in bilges.
Installing Backbone

Build the backbone by running backbone cables between the locations of the products you want to connect (spur points). At each spur point, connect the backbone cables to an appropriate SeaTalk® connecting device, either:

- T-Piece, part number A06028. Use where you want to connect a spur cable to just one product.
- 5-Way Connector, part number A06064. Use where you want to connect more than one spur cable to products fitted close to one another (e.g. in the cockpit).
- Backbone Extender, part number A06030. Use as necessary, to connect lengths of backbone cable together.

**CAUTION: Backbone Extender**
The Backbone Extender A06030 is suitable only for connecting backbone cables. Do NOT attempt to use it to join spur cables, or damage could occur.

Connecting spurs

At each connecting device (T-Piece or 5-Way Connector), connect spur cables to the white connectors as required, then run each spur cable to the location of the product to be connected. Connect each spur cable to the relevant product in accordance with the installation instructions for the product.

Where space is limited, e.g. behind instrument consoles, it may be easier to use an elbow spur cable rather than the conventional straight spur.

Connecting power

This section describes how to connect power to a stand-alone SeaTalk® system. If your SeaTalk® system is connected to any other system (e.g. another SeaTalk system) and the other system already has its own power source, do NOT connect another power source to SeaTalk®.

**CAUTION: Do not connect power until installation is complete**
Before connecting a power cable to the SeaTalk® backbone, ensure it is not connected to a power source.

For optimum SeaTalk® performance, power must be connected in accordance with the conditions described under Power supply considerations on page 10. Whenever possible, connect your system as a balanced system. If it is not possible to do this and the SeaTalk® backbone is less than 197 ft (60 m) in length, you may connect the power source to form an unbalanced system.

Ensure that the power source is protected by a 5 A fuse or a circuit breaker providing equivalent protection.

Balanced system

To connect power for a balanced SeaTalk® system:

1. Determine the total LEN of the products in the system.
2. Divide the total LEN by two and note the value.
3. Starting at one end of the system, add the LEN of each product in turn, until you reach the value calculated at step 2. The point on the backbone between this product and the next is the point where the system load is evenly split.

4. At this point fit a T-Piece A06028 then Connect a SeaTalk™ Power Cable A06049 to the white connector on the T-Piece. See Figure 2-5.

5. Ensure the power supply is switched off then connect the power cable via a 5 A fuse or equivalent value circuit breaker, to the power supply.

Figure 2-5 Connecting power to a balanced system

Unbalanced system

If the backbone is less than 197 ft (60 m), you can connect your power source to form an unbalanced system, as follows:

1. At one end of the backbone fit a T-Piece A06028 then connect a SeaTalk™ Power Cable A06049 to the white connector on the T-Piece.
2. Ensure the power supply is switched off then connect the power cable via a 5 A fuse or equivalent value circuit breaker, to the power supply.

Fitting Terminators

When the backbone is in position, use a suitable connecting device (e.g. a T-Piece) to connect a SeaTalk™ Terminator at each end of the backbone. Secure the Terminator by locking it, in the same way as for the SeaTalk™ connectors.

Fitting Blanking Plugs

When all cables have been run and connected, fit a SeaTalk™ Blanking Plug to each unused spur connector on SeaTalk™ 5-Way Connectors and T-Pieces. Secure each blanking plug by locking it, in the same way as for SeaTalk™ connectors.
Chapter 3: Post installation procedures

3.1 Checks

When the backbone has been fitted and the spur cables connected, carry out the following checks before applying power:

- Ensure that SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} is powered from just ONE 12 V source. If SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} is connected to any other SeaTalk system, make sure this system does not have its own separate power source.
- Ensure all backbone connectors are secure.
- Ensure all products are securely connected to their respective spur cables.
- Ensure Terminators are securely fitted at each end of the backbone.

3.2 Maintenance

Periodically check that:

- System connections are secure.
- The cables for signs of chafing and other damage. Replace as necessary.

3.3 Troubleshooting

If SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} appears not to be operating as it should, first check for error messages on any of the products connected to the system. If this does not resolve the problem, ensure that:

- All products in the system are fully serviceable.
- All system connections are secure.
- All cables are in good condition and that there are no breaks or other damage.
- SeaTalk\textsuperscript{ng} is configured correctly, as described in Chapter 2. In particular, check that:
  - There is only one backbone, terminated with just two terminators, i.e. one at each end of the backbone.
  - Terminators are NOT fitted to any spur.

Technical support

Raymarine provides a comprehensive customer support service, on the world wide web and by telephone help line. Please use either of these facilities if you are unable to rectify a problem.

World wide web

Please visit the Customer Support area of our web site at:

www.raymarine.com

As well as providing a comprehensive Frequently Asked Questions section and servicing information, the web site gives e-mail access to the Raymarine Technical Support Department and a details of the locations of Raymarine agents, worldwide.
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