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GMR 18

marine radar

installation instructions

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Welcome

Thank you for choosing the Garmin GMR 18. The GMR 18 utilizes the performance of Garmin radar and provides overlay and color information when combined with a marine multi-function display (MFD).

Product Registration

Help us better support you by completing our online registration today! Connect to our Web site at www.garmin.com/registration/.

Use this area to record the serial number (8-digit number located on the bottom of the GMR 18) in case your GMR 18 needs service. Keep the original sales receipt, or a photocopy, in a safe place.

Serial Number: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ __

Contact Garmin

Contact Garmin if you have any questions while using your GMR 18. In the USA contact Garmin Product Support by phone: (913) 397-8200 or (800) 800-1020, Monday–Friday, 8 AM–5 PM Central Time; or go to www.garmin.com/support/, and click **Product Support**.

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NOTE: The Garmin GMR 18 has no user-serviceable parts. If you encounter a problem with your unit, please take it to an authorized Garmin NMEA dealer or contact Garmin Product Support for repairs.

Packing List

Before installing and getting started with your unit, please check to see that your package includes the following items. **If any parts are missing, please contact your Garmin dealer immediately.**

Standard Package:

- GMR 18 radar unit
- Power—marine network cable
- Installation manual
- Mount kit hardware
- Grommet for marine cable

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Scanner Installation

The following section covers the installation and setup of the GMR 18 marine radar. The GMR 18 only operates with components of the Garmin Marine Network, and MFD's (mulit-function displays). See your Garmin dealer or the Garmin Web site for more details. To complete the installation, you need the appropriate fasteners, tools, and mounts. These items should be available at most marine dealers. Always wear safety goggles, ear protection, and a dust mask when drilling, cutting, or sanding. When drilling or cutting, always check first to see what is on the other side of the surface. If you experience difficulty with the installation, contact Garmin Product Support or seek the assistance of a professional installer.

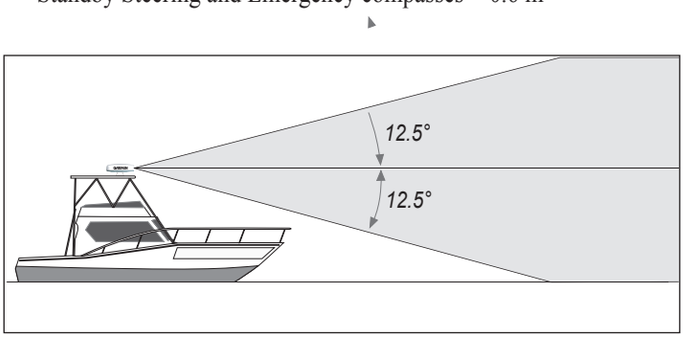
Installation Guidelines

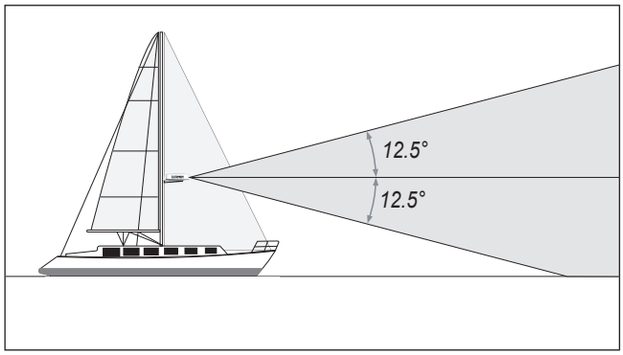
To maximize the performance of the radar, please observe the following installation guidelines:

- An ideal scanner mounting location is high above the ship's keel line with a minimal part of the vessel's structure or rigging blocking the radar beam. Obstructions in the path of the radar beam may cause blind and shadow sectors, or generate false echoes. The higher the installation position, the further the scanner can detect targets.
- Avoid mounting the scanner on the same level as smoke stacks, horizontal spreaders, or crosstrees on a mast. Do not install the scanner near heat sources where it may be subjected to smoke or hot air from smoke stacks or heat from lights.
- The mounting surface or platform should be sturdy enough to support the weight of the scanner (15.8 lbs/7.17 kg), flat as possible, and parallel with the vessel's water line.
- It is recommended that the radar scanner be mounted out of range of personnel (horizontal beam width above head height). When the scanner is transmitting, do not look directly at the antenna at close range, eyes are the most sensitive part of the body to electromagnetic energy. When properly installed and operated, the use of this radar conforms to the requirements of ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1992 Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields.
- A "Compass Safe Distance" must be maintained between the compass and the scanner. The Compass Safe Distance is measured from the center point of the compass to the nearest point on the scanner.

  Standard compass = 1 m

  Standby Steering and Emergency compasses = 0.6 m





- Mount other electronics and cables more than 2 m (7 ft) from the path of a radar beam. A radar beam can normally be assumed to spread 25° vertically above and below the scanner's radiating element. For vessels with higher bow angles at cruise speed, it may be helpful to lower the angle so the beam points slightly downwards to the waterline while at rest. Shims may be used as necessary.
- Install the scanner away from antennas for other electronics. GPS antennas should be either above or below the radar beam path of the scanner. Mount at least 1 m (3 ft) from any equipment transmitting or cables carrying radio signals, such as VHF radios, cables and antennas. In the case of SSB radios, the distance should be increased to 2 m (7 ft). IEC 60936-1 clause 3-27.1 states maximum distances from the antenna at which RF (radio frequency) levels can be expected.

  (100W/m squared = 48" [121.92 cm]) (10W/m squared = 108" [274.32 cm])
- The radar scanner transmits electromagnetic energy. It is important that the radar is turned off or the DC power input is disconnected when personnel are required to come close to the scanner to perform work on the scanner assembly or associated equipment.

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Installation

The following order of mounting the scanner and attaching the Power/Network cables may vary depending on the installation location and mount used.

Mounting the Scanner

1. When a suitable mounting location has been determined, verify that the mounting hole locations are aligned fore and aft, then drill four 9.5 mm (0.37") mounting holes referencing Figure 1 below. (This step is not necessary if you are using a pre-drilled Garmin compatible or Raymarine® mount.)
2. Align the notch and locking ring on the power cable to the power connector. Press the 2-pin power cable to the power connector and the RJ-45 marine network cable to the RJ-45 socket (Figure 2). Turn the power cable locking ring clockwise until it stops. Tighten the RJ-45 locking ring clockwise until it is firmly sealed.
3. The power/network cable may be pressed into one of the five guide grooves molded into the bottom of the scanner case and secured under the cable hold-down plate (Figure 2). Avoid excessive bending or twisting of the cable. See the following "Cable Runs" section for more information.
4. Position the scanner on the mounting surface with the triangular mark on the case aligned to the front of the vessel. Apply a bead of marine sealant around each of the mounting holes on the mounting surface.
5. Install the four (4) M8 x 1.25 x 60 threaded rods into the Mounting Holes on the bottom of the scanner. There should be no more than 50 mm (2") extruding from the scanner when they are installed properly.
6. Fasten the scanner to the mounting surface using the M8 x 1.25 x 60 threaded rods (installed in the previous step), spring washers, flat washers, and M8 Hex nuts as shown in Figure 3. **The nuts should be torqued to between 13.7-18.6 Nm (10-14 lb ft).**

NOTE: The supplied M8 x 1.25 x 60 threaded rods can be used on mounting thicknesses of 5-30 mm (1 1/8") (recommended). For surfaces over 30 mm (1 1/8"), locally supplied longer threaded rods are needed.

Cable Runs

Route the cable as needed, depending on the type of mount you are using. DO NOT cut the cable! It may be necessary to drill a 31.7 mm (1.25") hole for routing the power/network cable. Garmin provides a rubber cable grommet which may be used to cover the cable installation hole. The grommet does NOT provide a waterproof seal. To waterproof the grommet, apply a marine sealant. Additional cable grommets can be purchased through Garmin or a Garmin dealer.

When installing the power/network cable, observe the following:

- To ensure safety, use the appropriate tie-wraps, fasteners, and sealant to secure the cable along a route and through any bulkhead or deck. Avoid running the cable near moving objects, high-heat sources, or through doorways and bilges.
- Avoid installing the cable next to or parallel to other cables, such as radio antenna lines, or power cables. This is essential to avoid interference to or from other equipment. If this is not possible, shield the cable with metal conduit or a form of EMI shielding.
- Install the power portion of the cable as close to the battery source as possible. A minimum of 10 VDC is required at the 15 m cable connector during radar turn-on and operation. See the Wire Gauge Table below for the recommended wire gauge between radar cable and battery.

Distance	Gauge
2 meters (6.5 ft)	*16 AWG*
4 meters (13 ft)	*14 AWG*
6 meters (19 ft)	*12 AWG*

Wire Gauge Table

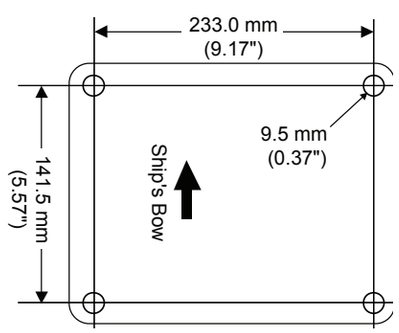
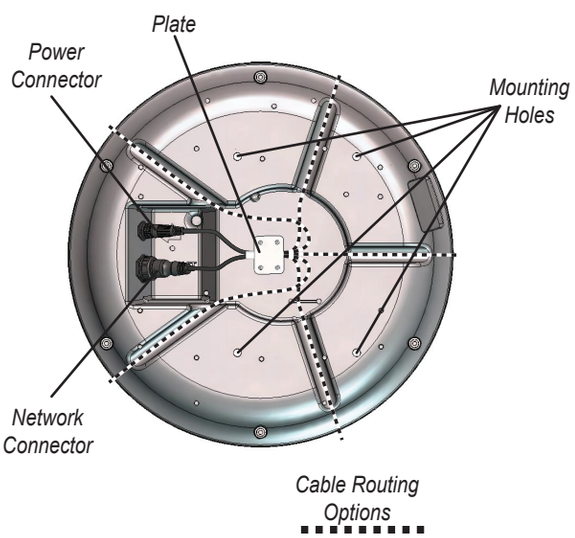


Figure 1



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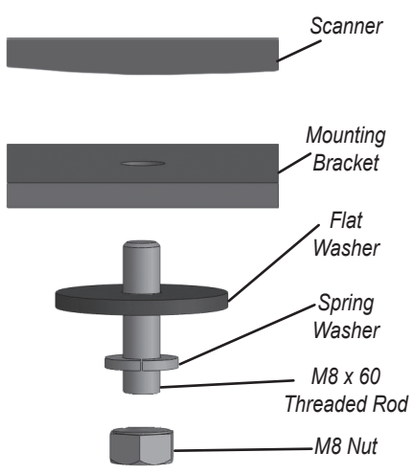

Figure 3

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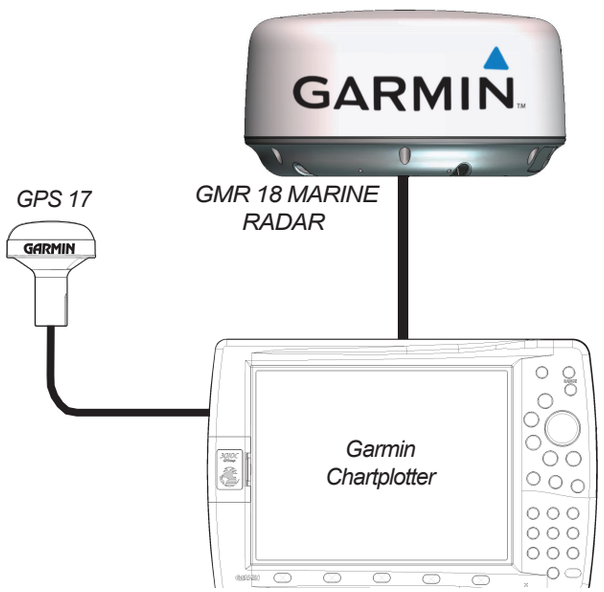
Final Wiring Connections

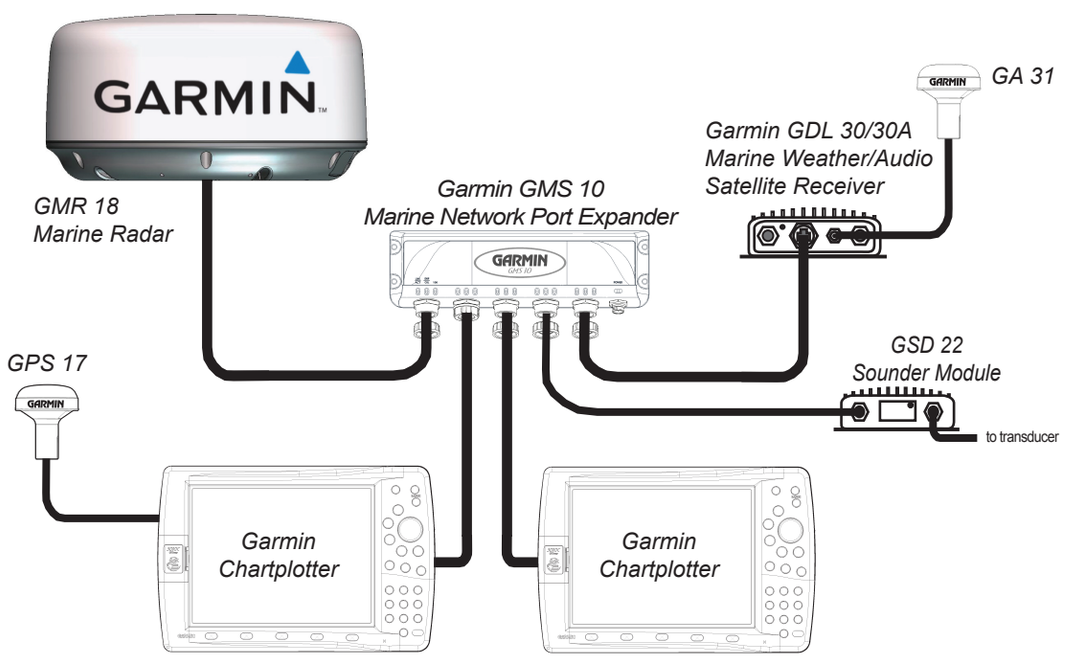
Making the final wiring connections

1. Connect the Black ground (-) wire to the vessel's negative power terminal.
2. Connect the Red power (+) wire (with fuse holder) to the vessel's positive power terminal.
3. For a stand-alone network (MFD and radar only), attach the RJ-45 marine network cable to the RJ-45 socket on the back of the MFD. For an expanded network (MFD, radar, GMS 10), attach the RJ-45 marine network cable to an open RJ-45 socket on the GMS 10 network power expander. Tighten the RJ-45 locking ring clockwise until it is firmly sealed.

NOTE: Each component of the expanded network must be installed according to its installation instructions. These diagrams only show how a GMR 18 radar interacts with a network and do not show proper wiring for other network components.



Stand Alone Network



Expanded Network

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Powering on the System

To power on the scanner:

1. On the MFD (multi-function display), press the red **Power** key. The scanner is automatically powered on with the MFD. The Welcome Page appears showing the GMR 18 as a detected network connection.
2. Press **ENTER** when **I Agree** turns yellow, then press **PAGE** until the Radar Page appears.
3. During Standby mode, a countdown appears on the Radar Page and the status bar as the scanner prepares to operate.
4. With the scanner **Ready**, press and hold the **FCTN** key until **Do you want to begin radar transmission?** appears.
5. When safe (personnel are clear of the radar beam path), highlight **Yes,** and press **ENTER**. The scanner spins up and becomes operational.

Bearing Offset

It may be necessary to adjust the bearing of the radar picture shown on the screen. First, using a magnetic compass, take an optical bearing of a stationary target located within viewable range. Measure the target bearing on the radar. If the bearing deviation is more than +/- 1°, then do the following to correct for the offset:

1. From the Radar Page, press the **ADJ** key to display the Adjustment Menu.
2. From the Adjustment Menu, select **Setup,** and press **ENTER**. Using the **ROCKER**, select the **Advanced** tab.
3. Using the **Rocker**, highlight the **Front of Boat Offset** slider, and press **ENTER**.
4. Press Left on the **Rocker** to adjust to a negative value, or press Right to adjust to a positive value. The preview window changes as you adjust the slider.
5. Once an offset has been determined, press **ENTER** to save, then press **QUIT** to return to the Radar Page. Your new Garmin marine radar is now ready to use! Refer to the *Owner's Manual* of your Garmin Chartplotter for details about operating the scanner.

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Specifications

Unit Dimensions:	18" (457 mm) D x 8.9" (226 mm) H
Radar Scanner Weight:	Unit 15.8 lbs (7.17 kg); cable 8.4 lbs (3.81 kg)
Range Scales (Range Rings):	1/8 nm (1/32 nm) to 36 nm (9 nm)
Power Output:	4 kW
Power Input Source:	10.5-35 VDC 28 W
Operating Temperature Range:	5° F (-15° C) to 158° F (70° C), and a relative humidity up to 95% at 95° F (35° C)
Beamwidth:	Horizontal beamwidth of 5° nominal / Vertical beamwidth of 25° nominal
Range:	36 nm
Wind Velocity:	Wind speed up to 100 Kts
Antenna RPMs:	24/30 rpm
Range Ring Accuracy:	20m or ± 1.5% of range scale, whichever is greater
Bearing Accuracy:	1°
Minimum Range:	20 meters
Range Discrimination:	20 meters
Sensitivity and Tune Controls:	Gain, Sea Clutter, Rain Clutter, and Frequency Tune
Radar/Chart Synchronization:	Overlay mode. Split overlay with standard radar presentation.
Off Center Function:	Look ahead, Auto Shift, and Manual
RF Transmit Frequency:	9410 ± 30 MHz

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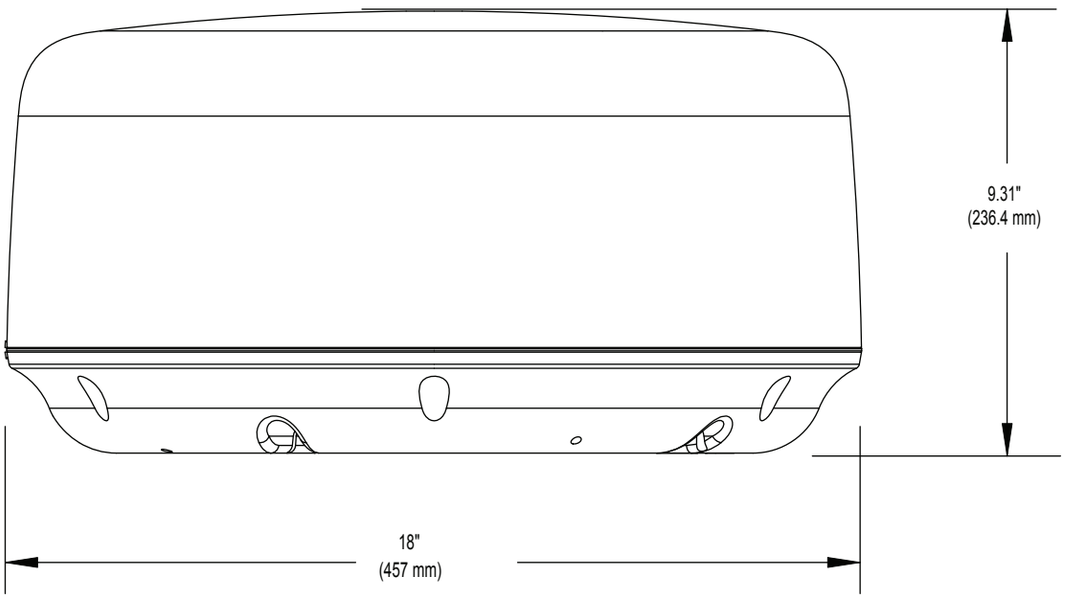

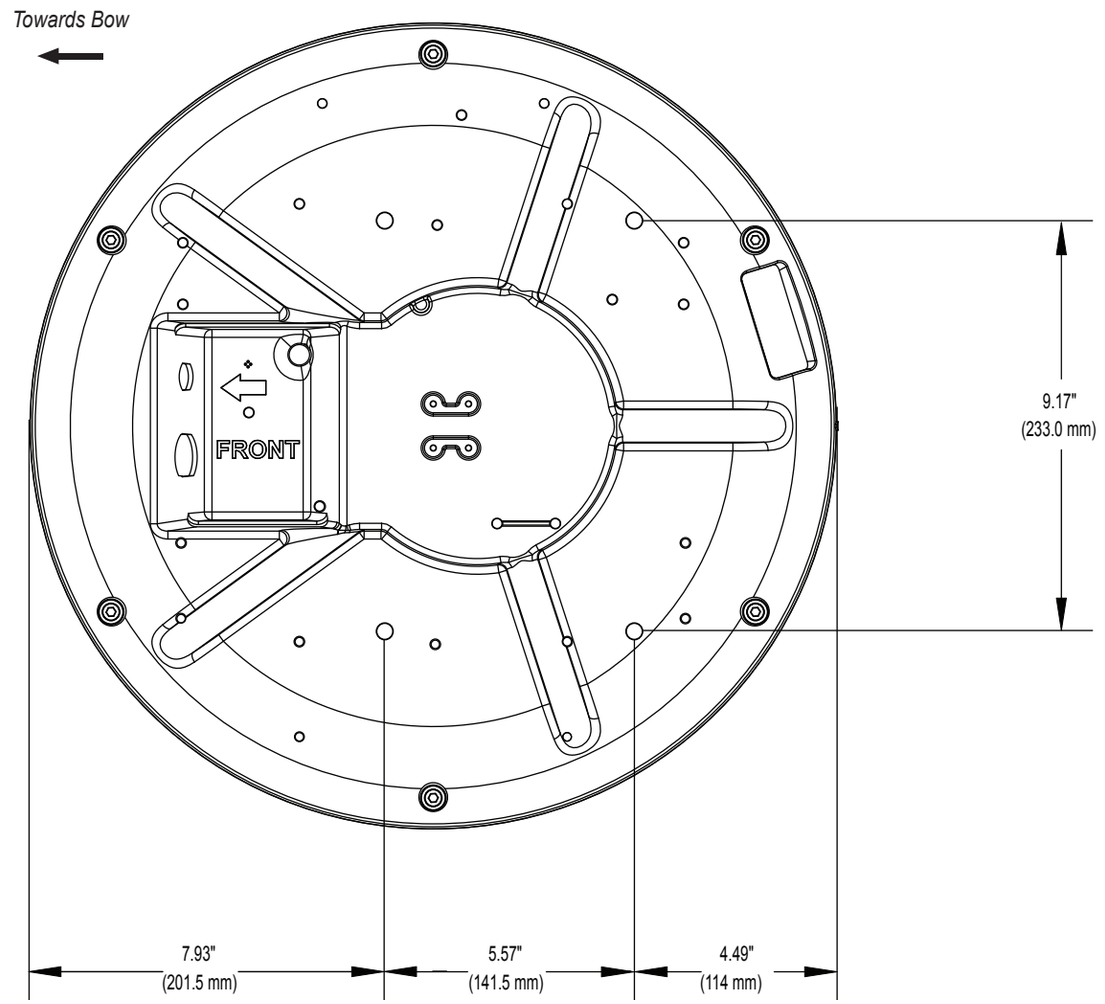

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Warnings

Failure to avoid the following potentially hazardous situations could result in an accident or collision resulting in death or serious injury.

- The radar scanner transmits electromagnetic energy. Ensure that the scanner has been installed according to the recommendations given in this guide, and that all personnel are clear of the scanner before switching to transmit mode.
- When navigating, carefully compare information displayed on the unit to all available navigation sources, including information from visual sightings, and maps. For safety, always resolve any discrepancies or questions before continuing navigation.
- Use this unit only as a navigational aid. Do not attempt to use the unit for any purpose requiring precise measurement of direction, distance, location, or topography.

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FCC Compliance

The GMR 18 complies with Part 80 of the FCC rules. It has received a grant of equipment authorization, issued under the authority of the FCC.

This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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