



PivotScout™ Base Station Installation Guide

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# Instructions to the User

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. 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 or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and 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.

In order to maintain compliance with FCC regulations, shielded cables must be used with this equipment. Operations with non-approved equipment or unshielded cables is likely to result in interference to radio and TV reception. The user is cautioned that changes and modifications made to the equipment without the approval of manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

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#### Introduction

Congratulations, you have just purchased the PivotScout™, one of the most advanced irrigation management tools available.

#### PivotScout™

PivotScout™ is an add-on device for the SmartCrop® Base Station, which provides information gathered directly from the pivot and sends this information directly to the grower's home computer. This system measures the GPS coordinates from the pivot to show the Grower the movement of the pivot, as well as, the pressure. In knowing the pressure of the pivot, the Grower would then know if the pivot system was active or not. With the SmartCrop® Base Station reading ambient and canopy temperatures and tracking rain events, the Grower would know whether to turn the pivot off or not.

PivotScout™ communicates with the SmartCrop® Base Station to reliably monitor the pivot's status including location and activity.

## **Guidebook Conventions**

To highlight the most important points – we have used a set of simple icons, which draw attention to key information and settings.

#### Key:



The Check Icon indicates a setting that we recommend you use or enable.



The Info Icon highlights important facts and information about PivotScout™, to help you make better use of the product.



The Hazard Icon highlights areas where potential problems can arise.

## **Important Safety Precautions**



Only Smartfield trained and certified installers are authorized to install and maintain equipment; non-certified installations void equipment warranty.



Important: DO NOT begin installation until all utility lines have been located and marked by your local utility company. Digging without knowing the location of utility lines can result in a damaged system, injury or death.



This manual contains important information about the installation, operation and safe use of this product. This information should be given to the owner and / or operator of this equipment.



Warning: Before installing this product, read and follow all warning notices and instructions, which are included. Failure to follow safety warnings and instructions can result in severe injury or property damage.



CAUTION: To comply with FCC RF exposure compliance requirements, a separation distance of 20 cm must be maintained between the antenna of this device and all persons.

#### Contents

One (1) PivotScout™ system

One (1) RF Antenna

One (1) Pressure switch

Two (2) hose clamps

## Other Materials Needed

3/4 inch pipe 90° elbow with 1/4 inch Reducing Bushing

# Hardware Kit

Seven (7) ¾ x 2 ¾ bolts Two (2) ¾ x ½ bolts One (1) four arm knob Eight (8) ¾ locknut One (1) spade

## **Tools Needed**

5/16 inch nut driver Flathead screwdriver 20-foot extension ladder Crescent Wrench Thread Sealant

#### Installation

- Location
  - a. The PivotScout™ system should be installed on the first open drop location of the second or third Pivot tower. Note: Easiest to locate where installer can see the tower ladder.
- 2. Installing Pipe
  - a. Remove the Pivot cap
  - b. Install the ¾ inch pipe 90° elbow with ¼ inch reducing bushing into the opening using thread sealant, install bushing to elbow
  - c. Using thread sealant, install elbow to pivot so as to prevent water leaks.
  - **d.** Using thread sealant install pressure sensor into bushing.
- 3. Mounting PivotScout™
  - Mount the PivotScout<sup>™</sup> system using the provided hose clamps.



Make sure the attached Solar Panel is facing up.

- 4. Mounting & Connecting RF Antenna
  - a. Place the RF Antenna on the Solar Panel mounting bracket tab
  - **b.** Locate the RF Antenna cable and fasten to the correct outlet found on the bottom of the system.



**Figure 1:** Showing the RF Antenna outlet located on the bottom of the system.

- 5. Connecting the pressure transducer
  - a. Inside the PivotScout™ system, locate the green J3 terminal strip, found in the bottom right corner. Connect the wires to the appropriate terminal using the printed reference designators.

Red – "U+" White – "Pressure" Black & Shield – "Ground"



**Figure 2:** Showing the J3 terminal strip for the pressure transducer wires.

- 6. Connecting the Solar Panel
  - a. Locate the Solar Panel power cord. With the system door still open, run the cord through the opening at the bottom of the system and plug into the motherboard pins labeled "Solar Panel".
- 7. Connecting the Battery
  - a. Locate the battery power cord and plug into the motherboard pins labeled "Battery".
  - Verify that the power LED display lights up and the motion LED flashes.



Figure 3: Showing the Battery & Solar Panel power cords plugged into the motherboard labeled "Battery" and "Solar Panel" pins.

- 8. Verifying communication
  - a. Back at the Base Station, verify the PivotScout™ serial numbers appear on the Base Station screen.
  - Scroll and select each serial number. Then scroll and press "Finish" twice to go back to home screen.

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Please access and review the online help resources referred to in the documentation accompanying this hardware product before requesting warranty service. If the product is still not functioning properly after making use of these resources, please contact the Smartfield representatives using the information provided in the documentation. When contacting Smartfield via telephone, other charges may apply depending on your location. When calling, a Smartfield representative will help determine whether your product requires service and, if it does, will inform you how Smartfield will provide it. You must assist in diagnosing issues with your product and follow Smartfield's warranty processes.

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