The most significant radar breakthrough since 1940

- **Crystal clear imagery**  
  Miss none of your immediate surroundings. Fantastic for tight maneuvers in marinas or in conditions of limited visibility.

- **InstantOn™**  
  Solid-state technology produces an immediate, accurate on-screen image.

- **Low power consumption**  
  Broadband Radar™ requires very little power: ideal for all types and size of recreational boat.

- **Extremely low emissions**  
  This safest of all radar, it can be mounted anywhere! Broadband Radar™ has fewer emissions than a mobile phone.

- **Quick installation**  
  No reason to open the dome, no tune or zero mile adjustment, and best of all – no radar-licensed technician required.

- **Automatic clarity**  
  Proven Auto Harbor and Offshore modes completely optimize the radar image – even on our shortest range of 200 feet. Just steer.

Leaders in Marine Electronics

The world’s leading marine leisure electronics brands: Lowrance, Simrad Yachting and B&G are proud to develop and manufacture the full range of navigation and communications equipment for use by boaters in the leisure and coastal commercial sectors.

As research-driven organizations, these leading marine electronics brands maintain centers of technological excellence around the world, including development facilities for GPS and echosounder products in the USA, autosteering in Norway, instrumentation in the UK and radar in New Zealand. The development of Broadband Radar™ is an excellent example of the long-term approach that Lowrance, Simrad Yachting and B&G take to ensure that they remain at the forefront of marine electronics.

Over seven years of R&D and the application of substantial funding, including a grant from the New Zealand government, went into achieving these revolutionary advances in marine navigation. The enthusiastic response to the introduction of the Broadband Radar family of products from the worldwide boating community demonstrates the benefits of investing time and resources in seeking radical new solutions to the challenges of the marine environment.

Yachtsmen, anglers and professional mariners can expect to see a steady flow of similarly exciting new products from the three brands in the coming years. With a commitment to ever-enhanced performance, ease of operability and seamless systems integration, they will continue to set the pace in innovation for the marine electronics industry for the foreseeable future.

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How does it work?

Broadband Radar™ compared to conventional pulse radar

Conventional pulse radar uses a magnetron to generate a pulsed microwave signal that is transmitted from the rotating radar antenna. This “bang” of microwave energy is reflected off targets that it hits and returns to the radar, the time it takes determines the range and bearing.

This type of radar transmission is, in layman’s terms, like shouting loudly in one direction then listening to see if you hear an echo, turning your position and then repeating the process.

Broadband Radar uses a different type of technology, allowing the radar to send out a continuous radar signal. The continuous signal has a changing tone or frequency (at a much lower power than a pulse radar), and the Broadband Radar constantly listens for the change in that signal. This is more like you whispering a tune continuously and listening at the same time for the echo. This is made possible by using two antennas, one which whispers and one that listens.

The change in the tone of the transmitted radar signal (or in our example the notes of the tune) determines the time taken for the signal to reach the target and return. This time determines the range and the bearing.

Broadband Radar simultaneously receives as it transmits, unlike a pulse radar that pulses loudly then has to switch the internal circuits from transmit to receive. This causes all pulse radars to have an unavoidable “main bang” which appears in the center of the screen as a sunburst. This covers up any close targets, reducing the effectiveness of the pulse radar at short range.

Many types of pulse radar will compensate by artificially displaying a “blank” in this close-range area, which also hides any short-range targets.

With Broadband Radar only sending out a “whisper,” the main bang is just not there, so there is no sunburst in the center of the screen and no need for main bang suppression. The benefit of this is that close targets are not lost or hidden, with the radar able to show targets right up to the bow of the boat. This short-range performance is exclusive to Broadband Radar.

Conventional radar emits a pulse, and this pulse varies in length depending on the range. This pulse length determines the ability of the radar to distinguish between close targets on a similar bearing. Usually this can be around 80 ft at short ranges and up to 500 ft at longer ranges. Broadband Radar, using a continuously transmitted signal, is able to see targets as close as 6 ft from the dome on the shortest scale and separate targets 30 ft apart in range on the scales used for navigation.

This short-range performance is also enhanced with the minimum range scales now going beyond the conventional 1/8 th of a nm range down to just 200 ft with three additional scales. With Broadband 4G™ Radar including an additional 36 nm long range scale, there are 18 range scales now available.
The outcome of this whisper technology is, better short-range detection, better visibility of close in targets and better target range resolution in comparison to conventional radar.

The better target range resolution also helps in reducing sea clutter. This is due to the radar being able to detect different targets at small range difference, much more clearly than with pulse radar.

A continuous radar wave is much easier to filter for individual targets as the echoes returned are smaller.

Pulse radar sends several waves which tend to return a single large echo that can display as one target. Broadband Radar therefore provides a far clearer display and enables detection of smaller floats or buoys in the water.
Advantages of Broadband Radar™

Introducing a revolutionary radar system unlike anything else on the recreational boating market. Utilizing solid-state technology, these breakthrough radar solutions provide superior target detection and separation, ease of operation, and a new level of navigational safety to a wide range of boats.

The exclusive technology and performance characteristics of Broadband Radar™ make them an ideal match for almost any vessel. Unparalleled resolution and discrimination make it an ideal complement to large radar systems on power and sailing yachts. User-friendly operation makes it an ideal primary radar for small to medium-sized vessels. Its small size, minimal power requirements and safer transmission energy levels open up the advantages of sophisticated radar to all boats.

Crystal-clear image

The images displayed on the screen are incredibly clear and easy to understand due to the use of amazing FMCW (Frequency Modulated Continuous Wave) technology. The signal sent from the radar is simply a range of frequencies; hence the term broadband. This signal is radiated from the rotating part of the antenna in much the same way as normal radar.

The real difference is in the way the radar looks out for the returned signal. Sending this signal out continuously and listening with a very sensitive receiver allows the radar to detect the change in frequency. From this change it is possible to calculate the range and bearing of the target. Broadband Radar has two antennas inside, one transmitting all the time and the other dedicated to receiving the radar signals.

This clear signal back is what provides such a crystal clear image on the radar display, making it very quick and easy to understand the radar picture. No complicated tuning or learning curve makes it easy to operate and understand.

Low power consumption

Using new solid-state technology reduces the power consumption of the radar significantly over conventional radar. Perfect for use on recreational and sailboats where battery reserves are limited.

Extremely low emissions

Unlike any other radar, Broadband Radar is completely huggable. In fact, the Broadband 4G™ Radar and Broadband 3G™ Radar emit one-fifth the emissions of a common mobile phone. No other radars are this safe! Broadband 3G Radar and Broadband 4G Radar transmit only 1/5th of one Watt, whereas pulse radar on a small boat emits a substantial 2000+ Watts. This enables the radar to be mounted in many more positions than conventional radar, which is ideal for small power boats where radar was previously not an option.

Typical Pulse Radar safe distance table

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<th>Power</th>
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<td>2kW</td>
<td>4.6 ft (1.4 m)</td>
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<tr>
<td>4kW</td>
<td>9.3 ft (2.8 m)</td>
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No need to worry about microwave radiation with the new Broadband Radar.
**Range discrimination performance**

Range discrimination is a measure of the radar’s ability to distinguish closely spaced targets on the same bearing. FMCW technology provides unsurpassed performance for your maximum safety and precise navigation. At 16 nm and less Broadband 3G Radar and Broadband 4G Radar have from 1 to 5 times more range discrimination capability to see smaller targets than conventional 2kW pulse radars. This greatly improves your situational awareness.

The below graph uniquely demonstrates range discrimination performance of Broadband 3G™ Radar and Broadband 4G™ Radar vs. pulse radar.

**Range Discrimination Performance**

![Graph showing range discrimination performance comparison]

See the radar target return chart on Page 17 demonstrating typical Broadband Radar range performance.

**All-weather performance**

In bad weather, when visibility is low, that is when you will want to rely on your radar.

In a rain shower or snow, the radar signal will penetrate and show you the radar picture you expect to see. The Rain Clutter feature on the radar reduces noise on the picture associated with rain, yet still provides you with a clean picture of the radar targets around you.

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**InstantOn™**

Broadband Radar provides instant radar transmission, ideal for on a sail boat where you may not wish to have the radar running continuously. Compare this to waiting 90 to 180 seconds as you may have to do with conventional pulse radar. Broadband Radar gives you the radar picture the moment you need it.

**Automatic clarity**

Broadband 3G™ Radar and Broadband 4G™ Radar operate mostly automatically, with user selectable auto modes. No need for special tuning of the radar at start up or to adjust the tune when changing range, all this is taken care of with the auto modes. In harbor or inshore use the Auto harbor mode, when offshore fishing, use the Auto Offshore mode. Broadband Radar takes care of all the fine-tuning automatically. In addition the Broadband 4G Radar has Direction Clutter Rejection that allows smaller targets to be seen in sea clutter like never before.

**Interference rejection**

Broadband Radar automatically tunes out interference that may come from other radars operating in the vicinity. Multiple levels of interference rejection remove all noise depending on whether you are in a busy commercial harbor, shipping lanes or just out fishing with another boat. The special IR software removes other radar noise; yet still maintains a perfect radar picture around the boat. Simple to use and the results are impressive.
Advantages of Broadband Radar™

Close Range Performance

Enhance your situational awareness thanks to Broadband Radar with chart overlay. Radar Chart overlay is the perfect way to determine what are fixed targets and what could be moving targets such as ships.

Even at night or in fog or mist, it is possible to vastly improve safe navigation in restricted conditions at close range by using Broadband 3G™ Radar and Broadband 4G™ Radar.

The image above shows a boat safely navigating through a vessel mooring field at close range with Broadband 4G Radar.

Exceptionally sharp target resolution is seen with Broadband 4G Radar in a busy Florida harbor when using split screen radar with overlay mode.

“A lot safer…”

At 200 ft away from the boat on the port side are a series of very small channel marker floats. These are clearly visible, yet are made of plastic and are probably only six inches above the water.

The skipper of the boat who is used to this harbor says that at night being able to see these markers will make coming into this harbor a lot safer.
See what you need to see, when you need to see it

**Broadband 4G Radar clearly sees both inside and outside rows of poles ▼**

Only possible at this range as Broadband Radar has no main pulse suppression that a conventional radar suffers from. Possible to see targets close together and yet they are clearly shown as separate targets.

![Image of Broadband 4G Radar]

**Broadband 3G Radar sees breakwater to port, with three mooring buoys close in ▼**

The Broadband Radar is able to separate targets that are close together much clearer than a conventional radar, here we see the three buoys clearly visible close to the breakwater.

![Image of Broadband 3G Radar]

**Left turn complete, moving along a row of boats ▼**

In narrow harbors it is possible to use Broadband Radar to find your berth. Often harbors have confusing background lights that can make a night harbor entrance seem overwhelming. The radar at this scale makes it all very clear.

![Image of Left turn complete]

**Vacant slips in a marina are easily identified ▼**

At short ranges Broadband Radar shows up the individual yachts in their slips, ideal at night when visibility may be compromised. In this type of situation conventional radar would only show a merged target possibly obscured by the main pulse.

![Image of Vacant slips]

Images courtesy of James Turner
Broadband 4G™ Radar, What’s New?

The Broadband 3G™ Radar followed in the footsteps of the award-winning BR24 Broadband Radar™ and has two times higher RF energy transmitted at the antenna than the original BR24, resulting in a 30% increase in range.

The newest member of the Broadband Radar range, the Broadband 4G Radar continues in this tradition offering all the benefits of the Broadband 3G Radar, as well as some spectacular extra features.

The Broadband 4G Radar has an impressive 50% improvement in range and target detection capability, with a new 36 nm range and 18 range scales to accomodate the increased performance.

Broadband 4G Radar is the first dome radar to employ Beam Sharpening. This technology enables a new feature called Target Separation Control, which improves the azimuth resolution, or effective antenna horizontal beam width, up to double the resolution of any 18-inch dome radar. This is the equivalent of a 3.5-foot open array radar!

When paired with the Simrad NSE and NSO or B&G Zeus series, the Broadband 4G Radar is capable of high-speed operation up to 48 rpm. It also has a new Dual Range feature which allows unprecendented simultaneous working ranges, anywhere from 200 ft up to 36 nm - no other radar in the world can do this.

Target Separation Control OFF ~5.2°
Target Separation Control LOW ~4.4°
Target Separation Control MED ~3.5°
Target Separation Control HIGH ~2.6°

Both Broadband 3G Radar and Broadband 4G Radar work with the entire range of Lowrance, Simrad Yachting and B&G award-winning multifunctional displays. These include the Lowrance HDS® and HDS® Gen2; Simrad NSO, NSE and NSS; and B&G Zeus.

4kW pulse radar showing inferior target separation.
Broadband 4G™ Radar, What’s New?

Improved Range Performance with Noise Rejection Control

Broadband 4G Radar uses advanced levels of Digital Signal Processing to reduce the amount of noise picked up by the radome’s surroundings. Users can choose the levels of Noise Rejection via an onscreen menu and decide between LOW or HIGH rejection to customize their views.*

Noise Rejection Control increases the Broadband 4G Radar range by up to 50% and also increases target detection sensitivity.

Little Barrier Island clearly seen over 32 nm away with Broadband 4G Radar.

Omaha Beach and Little Barrier Island are seen at over 32 nm away by Broadband 4G Radar.

Broadband 4G Radar provides a 36 nm usable display range as shown here on the Lowrance HDS.

*Displays without Noise Rejection Control automatically default to High, in this case Target Separation will also be High.
**Broadband 4G™ Radar, What’s New?**

**Weather Detection**

Broadband 4G™ Radar benefits from increased weather detection of around 10% when compared to Broadband 3G™ Radar. In on-water testing, Broadband Radar has detected strong rain cells in Florida more than 17 nm away.

A concentrated summer storm cell is seen over the coast.

When using Broadband 4G Radar, a powerful storm greater than 12 nm away is displayed on a Lowrance HDS with multiple gradient colors.

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<tr>
<td>Wide weather front with heavy rain</td>
<td>8-15 nm</td>
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<td>Heavy shower 25 mm/hr</td>
<td>2.5-5.5 nm</td>
<td>3-6 nm</td>
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<td>Light Rain</td>
<td>1.3-2.6 nm</td>
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*Distance data represents typical detection distance, not guaranteed

Broadband 4G Radar shows three individual rain cells inside the storm pictured on the left about 17 nm away.

Broadband 4G Radar detects many separated cells inside a Florida rain storm overlaid on a chart greater than 16 nm away.
Broadband 4G™ Radar, What’s New?

Dual Range with Advanced MARPA, High Speed

With compatible displays including the Simrad NSO, Simrad NSE, Simrad NSS and B&G Zeus series, Broadband 4G Radar is capable of simultaneous Dual Range operation from a single dome, allowing 10 MARPA targets on each side of a split screen. This allows unprecedented independent working ranges from 200 ft right up to 36 nautical miles - no other recreational radar in the world can provide this scaling! Up to 48 rpm high-speed operation is available for single range operation at less than 1 nm.

A buoy is seen 86 ft away, while using the long 36 nm range simultaneously.

Broadband 4G Radar Dual Range mode tracks up to 10 MARPA targets on each side of the screen with independent controls, allowing 20 MARPA targets to be tracked in total.

Improved Sidelobe Clutter Rejection

Broadband 4G Radar has improved sidelobe clutter rejection for large targets, such as tankers and tall buildings on the coastline. In addition, directional sea clutter processing improves the ability to see smaller targets in heavy sea states.

Sea Clutter is set to OFF in a strong sea state 3-4 to demonstrate sea clutter around the boat.

Automatic OFFSHORE mode totally eliminates sea clutter around boat while still seeing nearby targets.
**Broadband 4G™ Radar, What’s New?**

**Small Target Detection at 3 nm Range**

The 3 nm range is especially important in the transition from short to longer range radar performance. Broadband 4G™ Radar allows the clear detection of individual buoys, channel markers and coastline, while avoiding the sidelobe projections and target stretching that is common with pulse radar.

New Zealand shipping channel at 3 nm with 4kW radar.

New Zealand shipping channel at 3 nm with Broadband 4G™ Radar.

New Zealand shipping channel at 3 nm with Broadband 4G™ Radar and chart overlay. Notice the crisp targets and markers.

Broadband 4G Radar showing shipping channel details with 1.5 nm and 3 nm split screen.
Broadband 4G™ Radar, What’s New?

The Broadband 4G Radar offers extraordinary all-round performance, including exceptional clutter rejection, which dramatically increases situational awareness among novice and professional users alike.
When to Use Pulse Radar vs. Broadband Radar

Broadband 3G™ Radar and Broadband 4G™ Radar are ideal for ...

- Close range operation in tight quarters with an unmatched full screen radar scale of 200 ft
- Tall coastline detection past 30 nm with Broadband 4G Radar
- Weather detection greater than 15-17 nm
- Precise navigation with high resolution target detection for collision avoidance situations up to 3 nm
- Monitoring of both close and far ranges with Broadband 4G Radar
- Natural sea clutter rejection
- Directional sea clutter rejection with Broadband 4G Radar
- Easy installation with maximum RF emission safety
- Maximum safety and situational awareness

Pulse radar is ideal for

- Detailed visibility of storms and rain cells farther than 16-20 nm away
- Seeing hard-to-detect sloping beaches and shorelines
- Triggering RACONS (radar transponder)
- Cosmetic appearance of a turning open array

I can’t see my friend’s boat 6 nm away. Why?

> Always be careful with distance and line of sight ... all radars need to be higher to see farther, and the farther you look, the bigger and taller the object needs to be.

I can see coastline in the distance but my radar cannot see it. Why?

> This is true of all radars in some conditions due to the slope of the land, height of the coastline, vegetation, humidity and distance.

> Broadband Radar target detection ability decreases more rapidly than pulse radars as the radar range scale is increased while adequately seeing important larger targets far away. Broadband 3G Radar is good at seeing targets at distance, but Broadband 4G Radar is 50% better, with a working range up to 32 nm and a useable display range of 36 nm.
When to Use Pulse Radar vs. Broadband Radar

How far can I expect to see with Broadband Radar?

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<th>Approximate Distances</th>
<th>Target Height (ft)</th>
<th>Radar Horizon (nm)</th>
<th>Broadband 3G Range</th>
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<tr>
<td>Marine targets</td>
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<tr>
<td>Large Power Station/ wind farm</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>21.3</td>
<td>18-25 nm</td>
<td>25 nm+</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long coastline with 100 m high cliffs</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>21.3</td>
<td>13-25 nm</td>
<td>19-25 nm+</td>
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<td>High density urban coastline</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>15.1</td>
<td>8-15 nm</td>
<td>11-19 nm+</td>
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<td>Forest-covered coastline gently sloping to 250 m</td>
<td>750</td>
<td>33.7</td>
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<td>Low lying suburban coastline</td>
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<td>5-10 nm</td>
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<td>Large container ship (ship dependent)</td>
<td>100</td>
<td>12.3</td>
<td>10-17 nm</td>
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<td>Low lying coastline, 50 m dense vegetation</td>
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<td>Small low lying island</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>8.7</td>
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<td>Medium sized power boat</td>
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<td>1.3-2.6 nm</td>
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<td>Channel markers with radar reflectors</td>
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<td>3.9</td>
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<td>Small power or sail boat</td>
<td>13</td>
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<td>0.7-2 nm</td>
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<td>Small marker buoy</td>
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<td>3.9</td>
<td>0.25-0.7 nm</td>
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<td>Kayak 300-800 ft</td>
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<td>3.0</td>
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<td>5.7</td>
<td>0.2-0.6 nm</td>
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Ranges above with radome height of 13 ft.
*Broadband 4G Radar - single range noise reduction = high
** Above data is typical target distances, not guaranteed

Can I improve maximum usable range by using manual controls?

> In some cases, yes, but introduces more noise in the image and not recommended for non-experienced radar users.

General recommendations for selecting Broadband Radar or pulse radar

> Broadband 3G Radar is the best value choice for the vast majority of radar applications and addresses the need for superior all weather navigation usage. Broadband 4G Radar is the best 18 in dome radar available combining the best resolution for navigation and for offshore operation from 20-30 nm.

> Low emissions combined with the fact that “all collision incidents occur with objects less than 10 ft of the boat” - where radar visibility is now possible with Broadband Radar. Makes you and your family safer in every way.

> Pulse radars are for operators that regularly go further than 20 nm offshore and need to keep tabs on distant storm cells and detect far away coastlines - in addition to seeing these objects on their chartplotter map. For these applications, HD digital open array radars are recommended.

Broadband 4G Radar easily displays a small power plant more than 15 nm away on a Lowrance HDS.
Is my display compatible?

Broadband 3G Radar and Broadband 4G Radar are compatible with many different modern Lowrance, Simrad Yachting and B&G displays.* To see if yours is compatible, see below.

*Your display may require a software upgrade to be Broadband 3G and 4G Radar compatible. Available features may vary according to unit.
Typical installation options

**Lowrance Typical Installation** (simplified diagram)

- HDS-10 Gen2
- Network Expansion Port
- HDS-5 Gen2
- Radar Interface Box
- Lowrance Broadband 4G™ Radar or Broadband 3G™ Radar

**Simrad Yachting Typical Installation** (simplified diagram)

- Simrad Broadband 4G™ Radar or Broadband 3G™ Radar
- Radar Interface Box
- NSE8
- NSO15
- RC42 Compass

**B&G Typical Installation** (simplified diagram)

- Simrad Broadband 4G™ Radar or Broadband 3G™ Radar
- Radar Interface Box
- Zeus 12-inch
- Zeus 8-inch
- RC42 Compass