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Installation Instructions

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CHAPTER 1: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Safety warnings



Warning: Product installation and operation

- This product must be installed and operated in accordance with the instructions provided. Failure to do so could result in personal injury, damage to your vessel and/or poor product performance.
- Certified installation by an approved installer is recommended. A certified installation qualifies for enhanced product warranty benefits. Contact your dealer for further details.



Warning: Switch off power supply

Ensure that the vessel's power supply is switched OFF before starting to install this product. Do NOT connect or disconnect equipment with the power switched on, unless instructed to do so in this document.

Product warnings



Warning: Product grounding

Before applying power to this product, it MUST be correctly grounded, in accordance with the instructions provided.



Warning: Positive ground systems

Do NOT connect this unit to a system which has positive grounding.



Warning: Power supply voltage

Connecting this product to a voltage supply greater than the specified maximum rating may cause permanent damage to the unit. For the correct voltage, refer to the information label affixed to the product.

Caution: Power supply protection

When installing this product, ensure that the power source is adequately protected by means of a suitably-rated fuse or thermal circuit breaker.

Caution: Service and maintenance

This product contains no user serviceable components. Please refer all maintenance and repair to authorized Raymarine dealers. Unauthorized repair may affect your warranty.

Regulatory notices

Disclaimer

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EMC installation guidelines

Raymarine equipment and accessories conform to the appropriate Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) regulations, to minimize electromagnetic interference between equipment and minimize the effect such interference could have on the performance of your system.

Correct installation is required to ensure that EMC performance is not compromised.

Note:

In areas of extreme EMC interference, some slight interference may be noticed on the product. Where this occurs the product and the source of the interference should be separated by a greater distance.

For **optimum** EMC performance we recommend that wherever possible:

- Raymarine equipment and cables connected to it are:
 - At least 1 m (3.28 ft) 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 2 m (6.6 ft).
 - More than 2 m (6.56 ft) 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.

Note:

Where constraints on the installation prevent any of the **above recommendations**, always ensure the maximum possible separation between different items of electrical equipment, to provide the best conditions for EMC performance throughout the installation.

Suppression ferrites

- Raymarine cables may be pre-fitted or supplied with suppression ferrites. These are important for correct EMC performance. If ferrites are supplied separately to the cables (i.e. not pre-fitted), you must fit the supplied ferrites, using the supplied instructions.
- If a ferrite has to be removed for any purpose (e.g. installation or maintenance), it must be replaced in the original position before the product is used.
- Use only ferrites of the correct type, supplied by Raymarine or its authorized dealers.
- Where an installation requires multiple ferrites to be added to a cable, additional cable clips should be used to prevent stress on the connectors due to the extra weight of the cable.

Connections to other equipment

Requirement for ferrites on non-Raymarine cables:

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

For more information, refer to your third-party cable manufacturer.

Declaration of Conformity

Raymarine UK Ltd declares that the products listed below are in conformity with the relevant sections of the listed designated standards and / or other normative documents:

- RNS-5 Network Switch, part number: A80731

Region	Standard	Mark
UK	EMC Regulations 2016	UK CA
EU	EMC Directive 2014/30/EU	CE

The original Declaration of Conformity certificate may be viewed at: www.bit.ly/rns5-docs

Warranty policy and registration

Visit the Raymarine website to **read the latest warranty policy**, and **register** your product's warranty online: www.bit.ly/rym-warranty

It is important that you register your product to receive full warranty benefits. Your product package includes a barcode label indicating the serial number of the unit. This serial number is also provided on a label affixed to the product itself. You will need this serial number when registering your product online.

Product disposal

Dispose of this product in accordance with the WEEE Directive.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive requires the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment which contains materials, components and substances that may be hazardous and present a risk to human health and the environment when WEEE is not handled correctly.



Equipment marked with the crossed-out wheeled bin symbol indicates that the equipment should not be disposed of in unsorted household waste. Local authorities in many regions have established collection schemes under which residents can dispose of waste electrical and electronic equipment at a recycling center or other collection point. For more information about suitable collection points for waste electrical and electronic equipment in your region, refer to the Raymarine website: <https://bit.ly/rym-recycling>

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2.1 Applicable products

This document is applicable to the following products:

Product	Part number	Description
RNS-5	A80731	5-port Gigabit PoE network switch

2.2 Product documentation

The following documentation is applicable to your product:

Document	Description	Link
87442	RNS-5 <i>Installation Instructions</i> (this document).	www.bit.ly/rns5-docs
87433	RNS-5 <i>Mounting template</i> .	www.bit.ly/rns5-docs

2.3 Document illustrations

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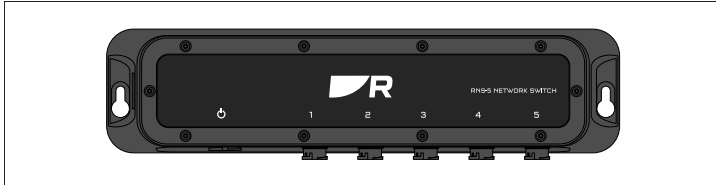
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3.1 Product overview

The Raymarine RNS-5 Ethernet network switch enables you to connect and share data between multiple devices featuring a RayNet connector (or RJ45 / SeaTalk HS connector via adapter cables), at up to speeds of one Gigabit per second.



The network switch has the following key features:

- 5x Ethernet ports, using waterproof RayNet connectors.
- Each port can transfer data at the following speeds: 10 / 100 / 1000 Mbits/s.
- Multiple switches can be connected together in a “daisy chain” for expanded systems.
- Rugged enclosure — waterproof to IPx6, IPx7 standard.
- Ignition protection to EN ISO 8846:2017 standard.
- Status and speed LED indicators for each port.
- Compatible with devices featuring any of the following Ethernet connectors:
 - RayNet.
 - RJ45 (SeaTalk HS), via adapter cables.
 - RJ45, via adapter cables.
- Examples of Ethernet devices that can be networked together include:
 - Radar scanner.
 - Sonar module.
 - Thermal camera.
 - Multifunction display / chartplotter.

Note:

Connections to equipment with RJ45 or SeaTalk HS connectors must be made via adapter cables. For suitable adapter cables, refer to: [p.53 — RayNet to RJ45 adapter cables](#)

3.2 Required additional components

Network switches must be used in conjunction with the following items, available separately from Raymarine.

Network cables

For information on suitable cables for your product, refer to: [p.31 — Network connections](#)

Cable extensions

Some installations may also require extensions to network or power cables. For further information on cable extensions, refer to the following sections:

- [p.31 — Network connections](#)
- [p.34 — Power connections](#)
- [p.49 — Spares and accessories](#)

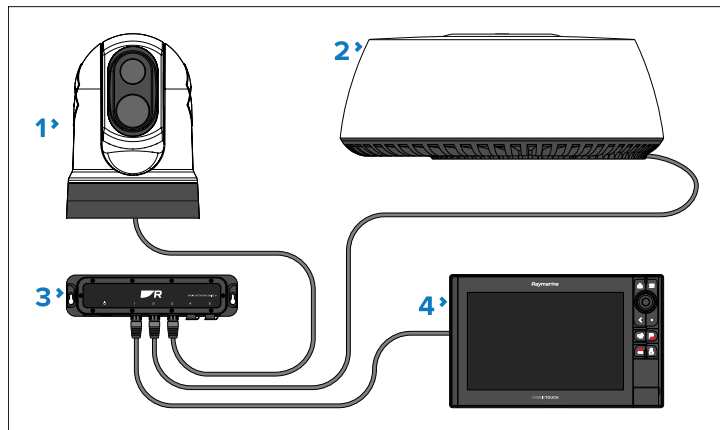
3.3 Typical system

The following example provides an overview of a **typical** system, including the available connections and the types of devices that can be connected to your network switch.

Note:

This system is shown as **an example only** and may differ from your planned installation.

Example: typical system



Description	
1	Thermal camera (M200-Series shown).
2	Radar scanner (Quantum 2 shown).
3	RNS-5 network switch.
4	Multifunction display / chartplotter (Axiom 2 Pro shown).

3.4 Cables — connections and accessories

Information on how to connect your products, and available cables and accessories.

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3.5 Compatible network devices

The network switch is compatible with the following network devices:

- Any Raymarine products featuring RayNet connectors can be connected to the network switch via the use of a RayNet to RayNet network cable.
- Any Raymarine products featuring RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) connectors can be connected to the network switch via the use of a RayNet to RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) network adapter cable.
- Any Raymarine / non-Raymarine product featuring an RJ45 connector can be connected to the network switch via the use of a RayNet to RJ45 network adapter cable.

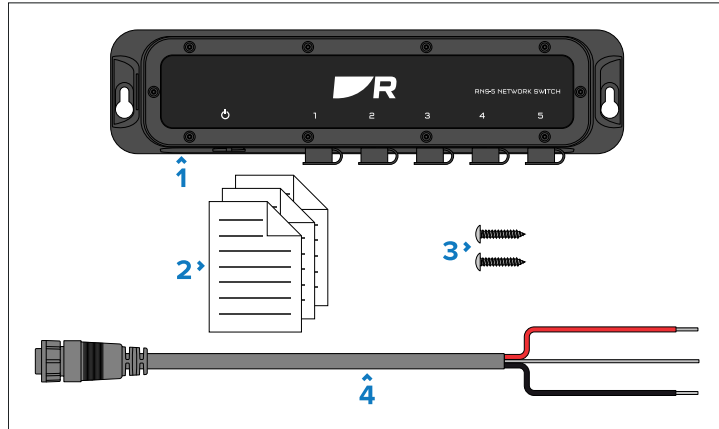
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4.1 Parts supplied

List of parts supplied in the box.



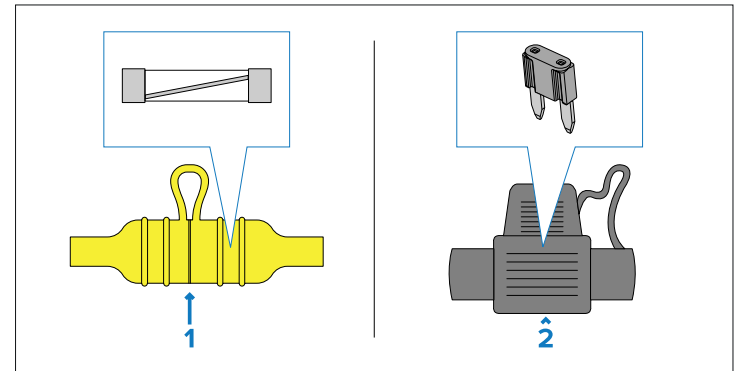
Description	
1	Network switch.
2	Documentation pack.
3	Fixing screws (M4, 8.94 x 25 mm).
4	Power cable, 1.5 m (4.9 ft.).

4.2 Inline fuse requirement

If your product is NOT supplied with an inline fuse (whether separately or fitted to the power cable), you **MUST** fit a suitably-rated inline fuse to your product's red power wire, housed in a waterproof fuse holder.

The illustration below shows the two main types of inline fuse with waterproof holder, for use in marine electronics installations. Fuses in a variety of ratings are widely available at chandleries and marine electrical retailers.

Select one of the following fuse types to protect your product:



1. Waterproof fuse holder containing a “glass”-type inline fuse.
2. Waterproof fuse holder containing a “blade”-type inline fuse.

Fuse ratings:

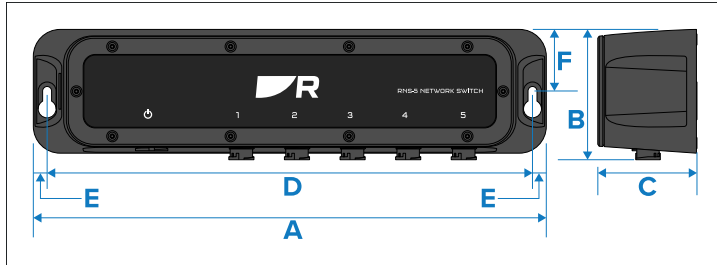
- *Voltage rating* — must be equal to or greater than the voltage of your vessel's power supply.
- *Current rating* — refer to the *Inline fuse and thermal breaker rating* section in this document.

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5.1 Product dimensions



Dimension	
A	286.00 mm (11.26 in)
B	72.65 mm (2.86 in)
C	55.50 mm (2.19 in)
D	270.70 mm (10.66 in)
E	7.65 mm (0.30 in)
F	34.33 mm (1.35 in)

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6.1 Warnings and cautions

Important:

Before proceeding, ensure that you have read and understood the warnings and cautions provided in the following section of this document:

- [p.7 — Important information](#)

6.2 General location requirements

When selecting a location for your product it is important to consider a number of factors.

Factors for consideration:

- **Ventilation** — To ensure adequate airflow:
 - Ensure that product is mounted in a compartment of suitable size.
 - Ensure that ventilation holes are not obstructed. Allow adequate separation of all equipment.

Any specific requirements for each system component are provided later in this chapter.
- **Mounting surface** — Ensure product is adequately supported on a secure surface. Do not mount units or cut holes in places which may damage the structure of the vessel.
- **Cabling** — Ensure the product is mounted in a location which allows proper routing, support and connection of cables:
 - Minimum bend radius of 100 mm (3.94 in) unless otherwise stated.
 - Use cable clips to prevent stress on connectors.
 - If your installation requires multiple ferrites to be added to a cable then additional cable clips should be used to ensure the extra weight of the cable is supported.
- **Water ingress** — The product is suitable for mounting both above and below decks. Although the unit is waterproof, it is good practice to locate it in a protected area away from prolonged and direct exposure to rain and salt spray.
- **Electrical interference** — Select a location that is far enough away from devices that may cause interference, such as motors, generators and radio transmitters / receivers.

- **Power supply** — Select a location that is as close as possible to the vessel's DC power source. This will help to keep cable runs to a minimum.

6.3 Ignition Protection

This product is certified to the EN ISO 8846:2017 Ignition Protection standard.

6.4 EMC installation guidelines

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Note:

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- 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.

Note:

Where constraints on the installation prevent any of the above recommendations, always ensure the maximum possible separation between different items of electrical equipment, to provide the best conditions for EMC performance throughout the installation.

6.5 Connections to other equipment

Requirement for ferrites on non-Raymarine cables:

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

For more information, refer to your third-party cable manufacturer.

6.6 Compass safe distance

To prevent potential interference with the vessel's magnetic compasses, ensure an adequate distance is maintained from the product.

When choosing a suitable location for the product, you must aim to maintain a distance of **at least 1 m** (3.3 ft.) in all directions from any compasses.

For some smaller vessels it may not be possible to locate the product this far away from a compass. In this situation, when choosing the installation location for your product, ensure that the compass is not affected by the product when it is in a powered on state.

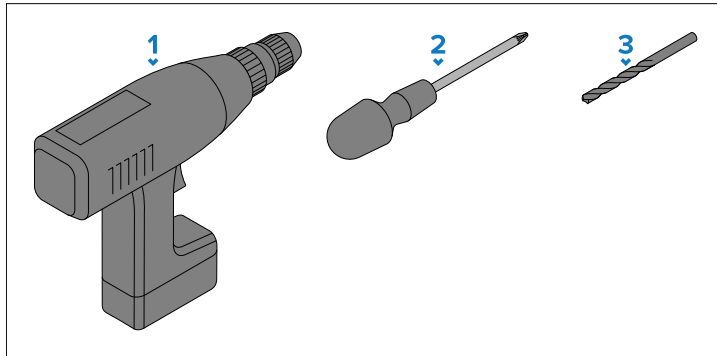
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7.1 Tools required for installation

Product installation requires the following tools:



1. Power drill.
2. Pozi drive screwdriver.
3. Drill bit.

Note:

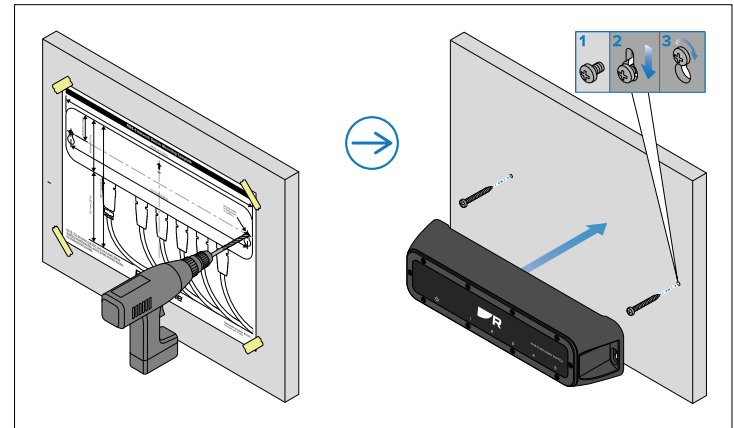
The appropriate drill bit size is dependent on the thickness and material of the mounting surface.

7.2 Mounting the unit

Instructions for mounting the unit.

Before mounting the product, ensure that you have:

- Selected a suitable location, based on the location requirements found in this document.
- Identified the relevant cable connections and the route that the cables will take.



1. Prepare the mounting surface:
 - i. Fix the supplied mounting template to the chosen location, using masking or self-adhesive tape.
 - ii. Drill mounting holes as indicated on the template to accept the fixings.
 - iii. Remove the mounting template.
 - iv. Screw the fixings approximately half way into the holes in the mounting surface.
2. Place the unit over the fixing screws and push the unit downwards to engage the keyhole slots.
3. Fully tighten the screws.

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8.1 General cabling guidance

Cable types and length

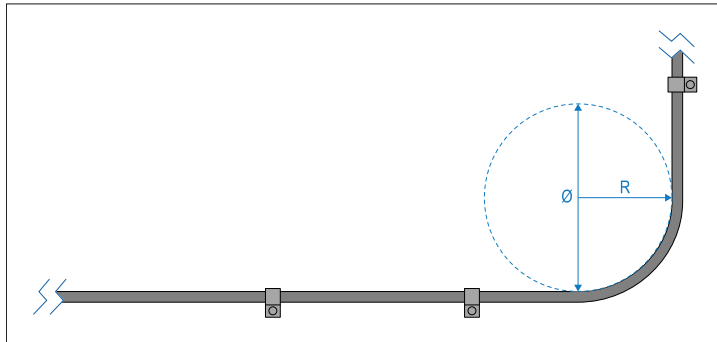
It is important to use cables of the appropriate type and length.

- Unless otherwise stated only use cables supplied by Raymarine.
- Where it is necessary to use non-Raymarine cables, ensure that they are of correct quality and gauge for their intended purpose. (e.g.: longer power cable runs may require larger wire gauges to minimize voltage drop along the run).

Cable routing and bend radius

To maximize cable performance and lifespan, it's important to ensure that all cables are routed correctly and adequate space is provided to allow for each cable's minimum bend radius.

Minimum cable bend radius



Do NOT bend cables excessively. Wherever possible, ensure that your chosen product installation location allows enough clearance for the minimum cable bend diameter specified in the following table:

	Description	Value
Ø	Cable minimum bend diameter .	200 mm (7.87 in.)
R	Cable minimum bend radius .	100 mm (3.94 in.)

Note:

For products where multiple different cable types are connected, each with a different minimum cable bend radius, the higher figure is provided in the table above (i.e. the cable with the greatest minimum bend radius is specified).

Cable routing — best practices

- Protect all cables from physical damage and exposure to heat. Use trunking or conduit where possible. Do NOT run cables through bilges or doorways, or close to moving or hot objects.
- Secure cables in place using cable clips or cable ties. Coil any excess cable and tie it out of the way.
- Where a cable passes through an exposed bulkhead or deckhead, use a suitable watertight feed-through (conduit).
- Do NOT run cables near to engines or fluorescent lights.
- Always route data cables as far away as possible from:
 - Other equipment and cables.
 - High current-carrying AC and DC power lines.
 - Antennas.

Strain relief

Use adequate strain relief for cabling to ensure that connectors are protected from strain and will not pull out under extreme sea conditions.

Circuit isolation

Appropriate circuit isolation is required for installations using both AC and DC current:

- Always use isolating transformers or a separate power-inverter to run PCs, processors, displays and other sensitive electronic instruments or devices.
- If using Weather FAX audio cables, always use an isolating transformer.
- If using a third-party audio amplifier, always use an isolated power supply.
- If using an RS232/NMEA converter, always ensure optical isolation on the signal lines.

- Always ensure that PCs or other sensitive electronic devices have a dedicated power circuit.

Cable shielding

Ensure that cable shielding is not damaged during installation and that all cables are properly shielded.

Important:

Be aware that some **third-party** cables and adaptors (for example, certain Ethernet cables using RJ45 connectors) are not always shielded. To prevent breaks in cable shielding continuity and potential grounding issues, special attention is required to ensure that any cables, extension cables, adaptors, or other signal-coupling devices (such as multi-way connectors, junction boxes, terminal blocks etc.) used in cable runs **maintain all shield connections throughout the cable run.**

Suppression ferrites

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- If a ferrite has to be removed for any purpose (e.g. installation or maintenance), it must be replaced in the original position before the product is used.
- Use only ferrites of the correct type, supplied by Raymarine or its authorized dealers.
- Where an installation requires multiple ferrites to be added to a cable, additional cable clips should be used to prevent stress on the connectors due to the extra weight of the cable.



Warning: Positive ground systems

Do NOT connect this unit to a system which has positive grounding.

Connecting cables

Follow the steps below to connect the cable(s) to your product.

1. Ensure that the vessel's power supply is switched off.

2. Ensure that the device being connected has been installed in accordance with the installation instructions supplied with that device.
3. Ensuring correct orientation, push cable connectors fully onto the corresponding connectors.
4. Engage any locking mechanism to ensure a secure connection (e.g.: turn locking collars clockwise until tight, or in the locked position).
5. Ensure any bare ended wire connections are suitably insulated to prevent shorting and corrosion due to water ingress.

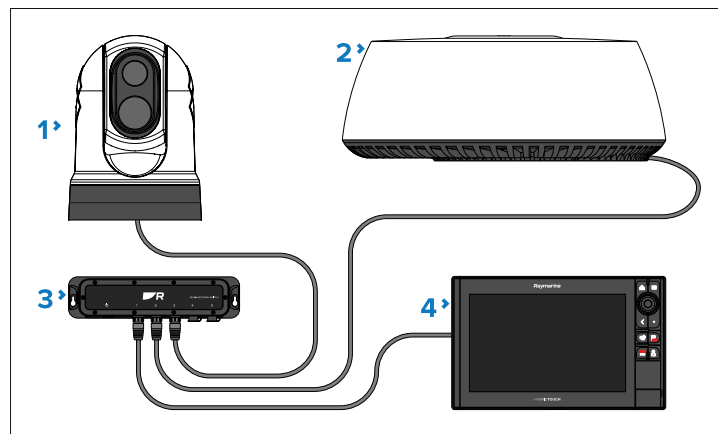
8.2 Typical system

The following example provides an overview of a **typical** system, including the available connections and the types of devices that can be connected to your network switch.

Note:

This system is shown as **an example only** and may differ from your planned installation.

Example: typical system



Description	
1	Thermal camera (M200-Series shown).
2	Radar scanner (Quantum 2 shown).
3	RNS-5 network switch.
4	Multifunction display / chartplotter (Axiom 2 Pro shown).

8.3 Cables — connections and accessories

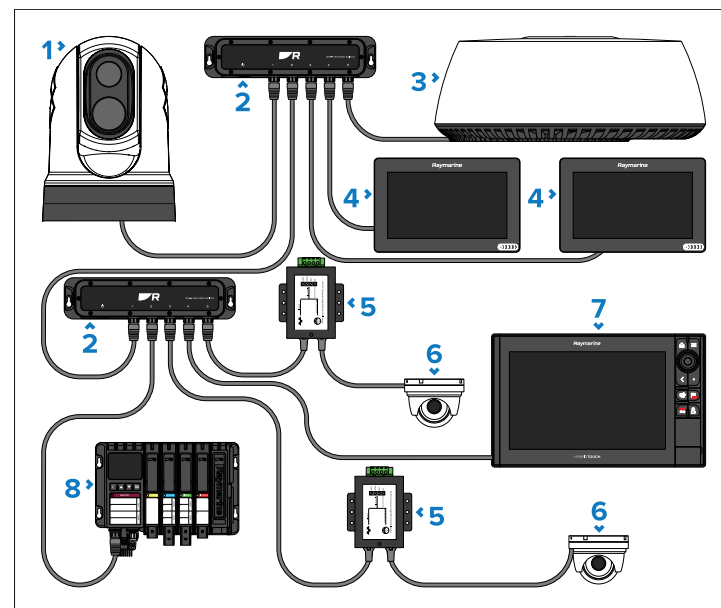
Information on how to connect your products, and available cables and accessories.

- [p.24 — Cables and connections — General information](#)
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8.4 Expanded system

The following is an example of a **typical** expanded system, including the available connections and the types of devices that can be connected to your network switch.

Example: expanded system



Description	
1	Thermal camera (M200-Series shown).
2	RNS-5 network switch.
3	Radar scanner (Quantum 2 shown).
4	Multifunction display / chartplotter (Axiom shown).
5	PoE injector (FLIR PoE Injector (2nd Generation; 5 Gbit) shown).
6	IP camera, being provided power by FLIR PoE Injector.

Description	
7	Multifunction display / chartplotter (Axiom 2 Pro shown).
8	Digital Control System (YachtSense DCS shown).

8.5 Cables — connections and accessories

Information on how to connect your products, and available cables and accessories.

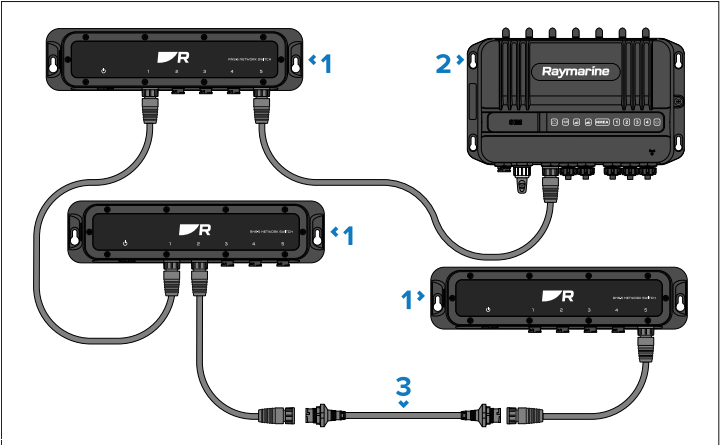
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8.6 Multiple switches

Systems with more than 5 devices will require more than one network switch. Network switches can be connected together (daisy-chained) for this purpose.

The network switch can be connected (daisy-chained) to another network switch via any of the connection ports.

Example: daisy-chain connection scenario



Note:
If daisy-chaining 4 or more network switches together within a system, it is recommended that one network switch is used as a central connection point. This will ensure that any effects resulting from connection issues (such as faulty cabling or slow connection speeds) are minimized within your system.

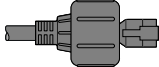
Note:
It is recommended that a maximum of 8 network switches are daisy-chained together at one time.

Description	
1	RNS-5 network switch.
2	Mobile router (YachtSense Link shown).
3	RayNet (male) to RayNet (male) adapter cable (A80162) (100 mm (3.94 in)). Suitable for joining (female) RayNet cables together for longer cable runs.

For further information on additional cabling options, refer to: [p.49 — Spares and accessories](#)

8.7 Network cable connector types

In Raymarine systems, Ethernet network cable connectors may be one of three different types — RayNet, RJ45, or RJ45 (SeaTalk HS).

Connector	Description
	RayNet. This connector type is waterproof.
	RJ45. This connector type is NOT waterproof.
	Waterproof RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) for connection to (legacy) Raymarine equipment featuring a lockable RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) connector. Alternatively, these cables may be coupled with suitable adapter cables for waterproof connections to equipment featuring a RayNet connector.

8.8 SeaTalk HS

SeaTalk HS is a high speed Ethernet-based marine network which allows compatible equipment (such as devices with an RJ45, RayNet, or RJ45 SeaTalk HS connector) to communicate rapidly and share large amounts of data.

Information shared via the SeaTalk HS network includes, but is not limited to:

- Shared cartography (between compatible displays).
- Digital radar data.
- Sonar data.

RayNet

Electrically, RayNet is identical to SeaTalk HS, and the two share the same underlying Ethernet protocol.

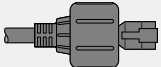
Connector types

SeaTalk HS connections can be made using one of three different connector types:

- RJ45
- Waterproof RJ45 SeaTalk HS
- Waterproof RayNet

All SeaTalk HS connector types are interchangeable, in terms of compatibility with devices featuring an RJ45 SeaTalk HS, RayNet, or RJ45 connector. However, the main difference between them is that RJ45 SeaTalk HS connectors are generally not waterproof, unless you select Raymarine cables which use the specific waterproof variant RJ45 connectors. However, all connections featuring RayNet connectors are waterproof.

The different SeaTalk HS connector types are shown below:

Connector	Description
	RayNet. This connector type is waterproof.
	Waterproof RJ45 SeaTalk HS for connection to (legacy) Raymarine equipment featuring a lockable RJ45 SeaTalk HS connector. Alternatively, these cables may be coupled with suitable adapter cables for waterproof connections to equipment featuring a RayNet connector.
	RJ45. This connector type is NOT waterproof.

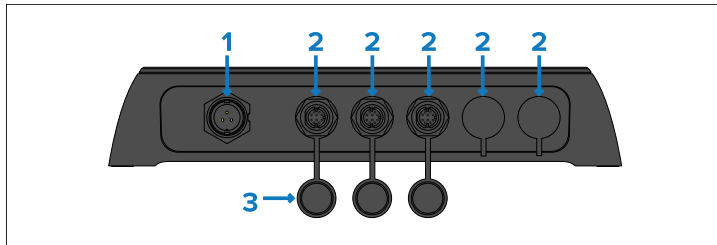
Where required, adapter cables are available to connect RayNet devices to devices featuring an RJ45 or RJ45 SeaTalk HS connector.

8.9 Connections overview

RNS-5 network switch connections.

Note:

The network switch is supplied with protective caps fitted to the RayNet connection ports. The protective caps should remain in place until connections are made. If a port is not required then the protective cap should not be removed.



1. 3-pin power connection port.
2. RayNet network connection port (10 / 100 / 1000 Mbits/s).
3. Protective cap.

Note:

For further network or power connection information, refer to the following sections:

- [p.31 — Network connections](#)
- [p.34 — Power connections](#)

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9.1 Equipment connections

Equipment is connected to the network switch using either a RayNet cable, a RayNet to RJ45 adapter cable, or a RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) adapter cable.

The following section provides examples of 3 different connection scenarios that may be applicable when connecting your equipment to the RNS-5 Network Switch:

1. Connection to equipment featuring RayNet connectors:
[RayNet cable connections](#)
2. Connection to equipment featuring RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) connectors: [RJ45 \(SeaTalk HS\) cable connections](#)
3. Connection to equipment featuring RJ45 connectors:
[p.33 — RJ45 cable connections](#)

9.2 RayNet cable connections

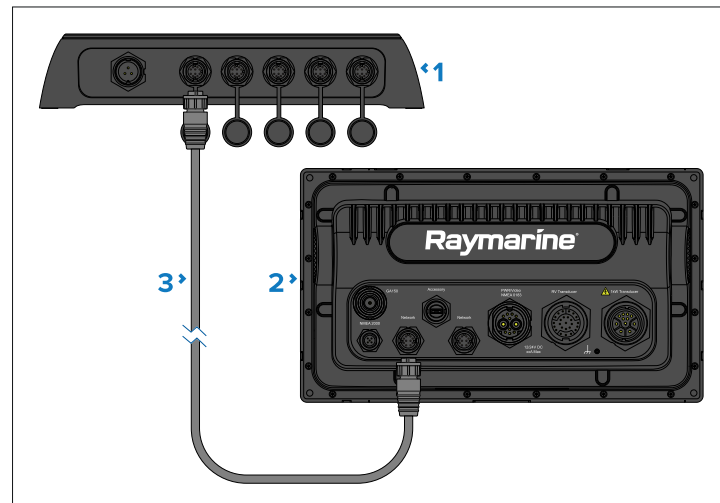
Connecting the RNS-5 network switch to Raymarine equipment featuring a RayNet connector.

Required cabling / connectors:

- RayNet (female) to RayNet (female) cable (**not supplied**).

For further information on the cabling required, refer to the following section: [p.51 — RayNet to RayNet cables and connectors](#)

Example: RayNet cable connection scenario



Description	
1	RNS-5 network switch.
2	Raymarine equipment with a RayNet connector.
3	RayNet (female) to RayNet (female) network cable (not supplied).

9.3 RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) cable connections

Connecting the RNS-5 network switch to Raymarine equipment featuring an RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) connector.

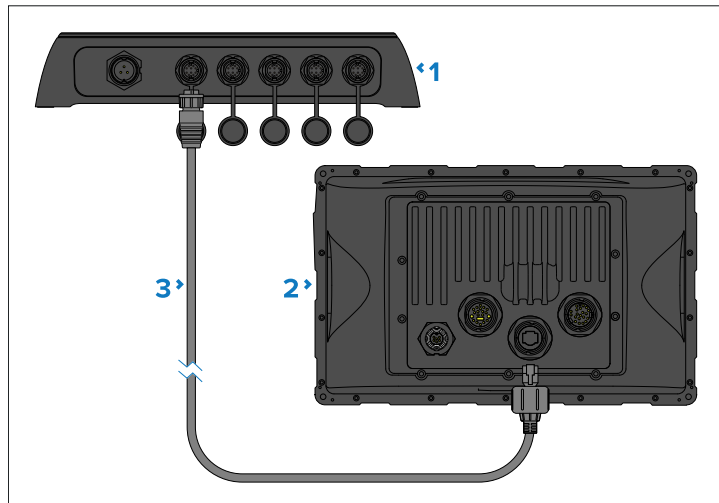
Required cabling / connectors:

- RayNet (female) to RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) (male) adapter cable (**not supplied**).

For further information on the cabling required, refer to the following section:

[p.53 — RayNet to RJ45, and RJ45 \(SeaTalk HS\) adapter cables](#)

Example: RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) cable connection scenario



Description

- 1 RNS-5 network switch.
- 2 Legacy Raymarine SeaTalk HS equipment featuring an RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) connector.
- 3 RayNet (female) to RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) waterproof plug (male) adapter cable (**not supplied**).

9.4 RJ45 cable connections

Connecting the RNS-5 network switch to equipment featuring an RJ45 Ethernet connector.

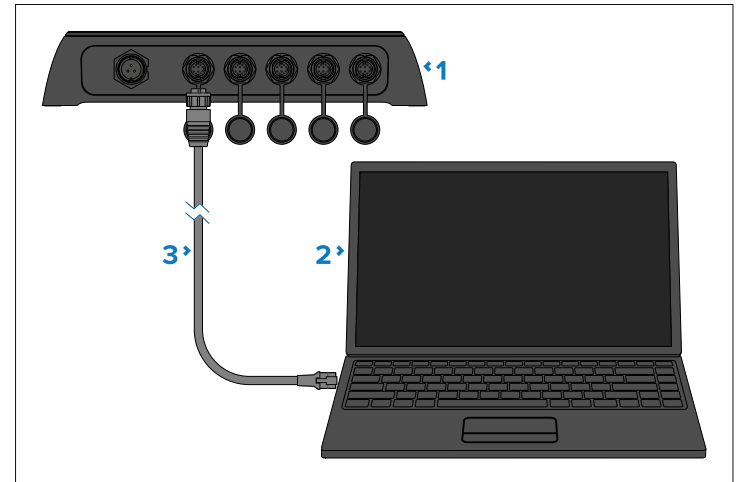
Required cabling / connectors:

- RayNet (female) to RJ45 (male) adapter cable (**not supplied**).

For further information on the cabling required, refer to the following section:

[p.53 — RayNet to RJ45, and RJ45 \(SeaTalk HS\) adapter cables](#)

Example: RJ45 cable connection scenario



Description

- 1 RNS-5 network switch.
- 2 Equipment featuring an RJ45 Ethernet connector, such as a PC or laptop.
- 3 RayNet (female) to RJ45 plug (male) adapter cable (**not supplied**).

9.5 Network cable extensions

If you wish to extend the length of a network cable connected to your product, refer to the following section for further information:

[p.49 — Spares and accessories](#)

CHAPTER 10: POWER CONNECTIONS

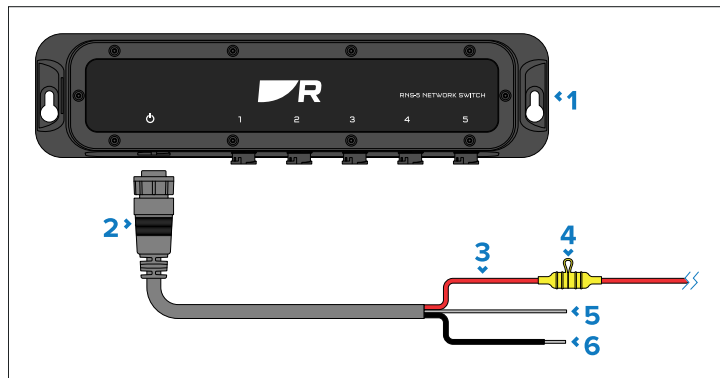
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10.1 Power connection

The power for the network switch is provided directly by a 12 V or 24 V dc power source.

The network switch is supplied with a power cable with bare stripped wires, suitable for direct connection to a 12 V or 24 V dc power supply:



Description	
1	RNS-5 Network Switch.
2	Power cable (supplied), 1.5 m (4.9 ft.).
3	Red wire (positive) — connects to the power supply's positive terminal.
4	Waterproof fuse holder containing a suitably-rated inline fuse (not supplied), which must be fitted to the red positive wire — for fuse ratings, refer to: p.35 — Inline fuse and thermal breaker ratings
5	Gray wire (drain) — connects to the vessel's RF ground (if available), or the negative battery terminal.
6	Black wire (negative) — connects to the power supply's negative terminal.

Inline fuse and thermal breaker ratings

The following inline fuse and thermal breaker ratings apply to your product:

Inline fuse rating	Thermal breaker rating
• 12 V: 2A	• 12 V: 3A
• 24 V: 1A	• 24 V: 2A

Note:

The suitable fuse rating for the thermal breaker is dependent on the number of devices you are connecting. If in doubt, consult an authorized Raymarine dealer.

10.2 Power distribution

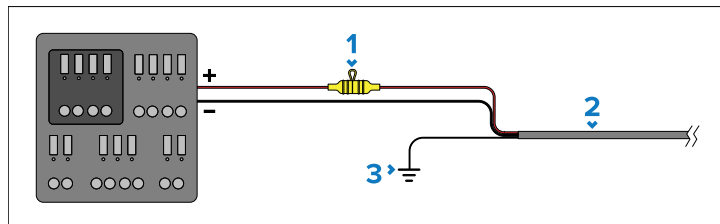
Recommendations and best practice for the power connection of products supplied with a drain wire as part of the supplied power cable.

- The product is supplied with a power cable, either as a separate item or a captive cable permanently attached to the product. Only use the power cable supplied with the product. Do NOT use a power cable designed for, or supplied with, a different product.
- Refer to the *Power connection* section for more information on how to identify the wires in your product's power cable, and where to connect them.
- See below for more information on implementation for some common power distribution scenarios:

Important:

- When planning and wiring, take into consideration other products in your system, some of which (e.g. sonar modules) may place large power demand peaks on the vessel's electrical system, which may impact the voltage available to other products during the peaks.
- The information provided below is for guidance only, to help protect your product. It covers common vessel power arrangements, but does NOT cover every scenario. If you are unsure how to provide the correct level of protection, please consult an authorized dealer or a suitably qualified professional marine electrician.

Implementation — connection to distribution panel (Recommended)



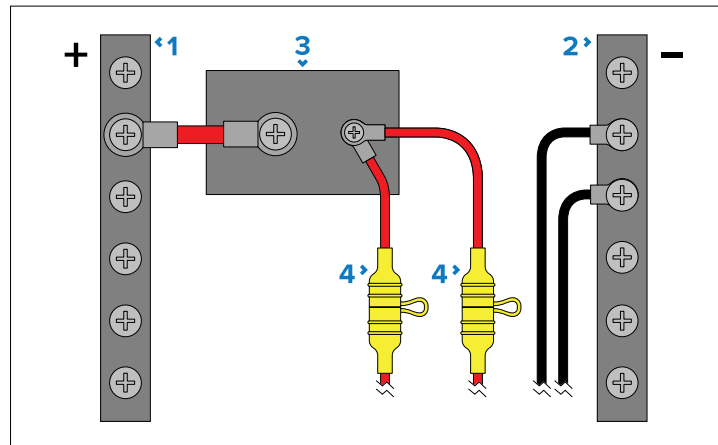
Description

- 1** Waterproof fuse holder containing a suitably-rated inline fuse must be fitted. For suitable fuse rating, refer to: *Inline fuse and thermal breaker ratings*.
- 2** Product power cable.
- 3** Drain wire connection point.

- It is recommended that the supplied power cable is connected to a suitable breaker or switch on the vessel's distribution panel or factory-fitted power distribution point.
- The distribution point should be fed from the vessel's primary power source by 8 AWG (8.36 mm²) cable.
- Ideally, all equipment should be wired to individual suitably-rated thermal breakers or fuses, with appropriate circuit protection.

Where this is not possible and more than 1 item of equipment shares a breaker, use individual inline fuses for each power circuit to provide the necessary protection.

- The power cable supplied with your product includes a drain wire, which must be connected to the vessel's common RF ground.



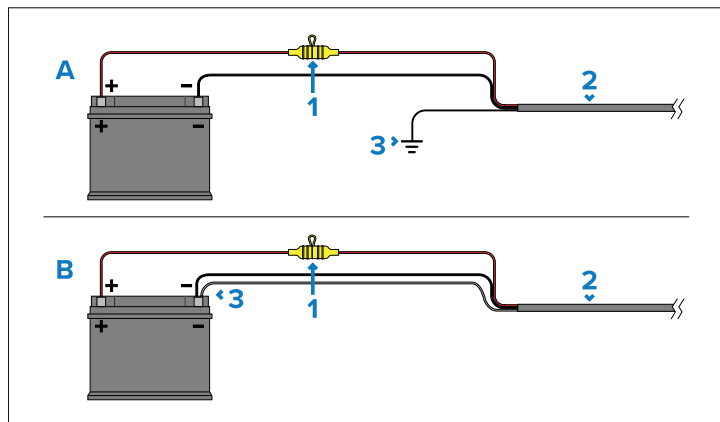
Description

- 1** Positive (+) bar
- 2** Negative (-) bar
- 3** Circuit breaker
- 4** Waterproof fuse holder containing a suitably-rated inline fuse must be fitted. For suitable fuse rating, refer to: *Inline fuse and thermal breaker ratings*.

Important:

Observe the recommended fuse / breaker ratings provided in the product's documentation, however be aware that the suitable fuse / breaker rating is dependent on the number of devices being connected.

Implementation — direct connection to battery



- Where connection to a power distribution panel is not possible, the power cable supplied with your product may be connected directly to the vessel's battery, via a suitably rated fuse or breaker.
- If the power cable is NOT supplied with a fitted inline fuse, you **MUST** fit a suitably rated fuse or breaker between the red wire and the battery's positive terminal.
- Refer to the inline fuse ratings provided in the product's documentation.
- If you need to extend the length of the power cable supplied with your product, ensure you observe the dedicated *Power cable extensions* advice provided in the product's documentation.

Description	
1	Waterproof fuse holder containing a suitably-rated inline fuse must be fitted. For suitable fuse rating, refer to: <i>Inline fuse and thermal breaker ratings</i> .
2	Product power cable.
3	Drain wire connection point.

Battery connection scenario A:

Suitable for a vessel with a common RF ground point. In this scenario, the power cable's drain wire should be connected to the vessel's common ground point.

Battery connection scenario B:

Suitable for a vessel without a common grounding point. In this case, the power cable's drain wire should be connected directly to the battery's negative terminal.

Grounding

Ensure that you observe any additional grounding advice provided in the product's documentation.

More information

It is recommended that best practice is observed in all vessel electrical installations, as detailed in the following standards:

- BMEA Code of Practice for Electrical and Electronic Installations in Boats
- NMEA 0400 Installation Standard
- ISO 13297: Small craft — Electrical systems — Alternating and direct current installations
- ISO 10133: Small craft — Electrical systems — Extra-low-voltage d.c. installations
- ABYC E-11 AC & DC Electrical Systems on Boats
- ABYC A-31 Battery chargers and Inverters
- ABYC TE-4 Lightning Protection

10.3 Power cable extension (12 / 24 V systems)

If you need to extend the length of the power cable supplied with your product, ensure you observe the following advice:

- The power cable for each unit in your system should be run as a separate, single length of 2-wire cable from the unit to the vessel's battery or distribution panel.
- Ensure that the extension cable is of a sufficient gauge for the supply voltage, the total current load of the device, and the length of the cable run — as the cable run length increases, the greater the voltage drop will be from one end of the power cable to the other.
- Refer to the following table for typical **minimum** power cable wire gauges:

Cable length in meters (feet)	Wire gauge in AWG (mm ²) for 12 V supply	Wire gauge in AWG (mm ²) for 24 V supply
<8 (<25)	16 (1.31 mm ²)	18 (0.82 mm ²)
16 (50)	14 (2.08 mm ²)	16 (1.31 mm ²)
24 (75)	12 (3.31 mm ²)	14 (2.08 mm ²)
>32 (>100)	10 (5.26 mm ²)	12 (3.31 mm ²)

Important:

Be aware that some products in your system (such as sonar modules) can create voltage peaks at certain times, which may impact the voltage available to other products during the peaks.

Important:

To ensure power cables (including any extension) are of a sufficient gauge, ensure that there is a continuous **minimum** voltage of **10.8 V dc** at the end of the cable where it enters the product's power connector, even with a fully flat battery at 11 V dc. (Do not assume that a flat battery is at 0 V dc. Due to the discharge profile and internal chemistry of batteries, the current drops much faster than the voltage. A "fully flat" battery still shows a positive voltage, even if it doesn't have enough current to power your device.)

10.4 Power cable drain wire connection

The power cable supplied with this product includes a dedicated drain wire for connection to a vessel's Radio Frequency (RF) ground point (if available), or the negative battery terminal.

The purpose of the drain wire is to drain excess voltage from the cable shield, giving it a path to safety. The drain wire protects the cable's inner signal conductors from electrical noise emitted by other cables and devices.

Although the drain wire is not intended to ground the product's internal circuits, it's important that the drain wire is connected to the vessel's common RF ground point, which should be used for

all equipment in your system. If several items require grounding, the drain wires and dedicated ground connections (if available) of all equipment should first be connected to a single local point (e.g. within a distribution panel), and then this point connected via an appropriately-rated conductor to the vessel's RF common ground point. An RF ground point is typically a circuit with a very low-impedance signal at Radio Frequency, connected to the sea via an electrode immersed in the sea, or bonded to the inner side of the hull in an area that is underwater.

On vessels without an RF ground system, the drain wires and dedicated ground connections (if available) of all equipment should be connected directly to the vessel's negative battery terminal.

The dc power system should be either:

- Negative grounded ("bonded"), with the negative battery terminal connected to the vessel's RF ground.
- Floating, with neither battery terminal connected to the vessel's ground.

The preferred minimum requirement for the path to ground (bonded or non-bonded) is via a flat tinned copper braid, with a 30 A rating or greater. If this is not possible, an equivalent stranded wire conductor may be used, rated as follows:

- for runs of <1 m (3.3 ft), use 6 mm² (10 AWG) or greater.
- for runs of >1 m (3.3 ft), use 8 mm² (8 AWG) or greater.

In any grounding system, always keep the length of connecting braid or wires as short as possible.

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11.1 Troubleshooting

The troubleshooting section provides possible causes and the corrective action required for common problems that are associated with the installation and operation of your product.

Before packing and shipping, all products are subjected to comprehensive testing and quality assurance programs. If you do experience problems with your product, this section will help you to diagnose and correct problems to restore normal operation.

If after referring to this section you are still having problems with your product, please refer to the *Technical support and servicing* section of this manual for useful links and contact details.

11.2 Power up troubleshooting

Before troubleshooting problems with your power connection, ensure that you have followed the power connection guidance provided in the product's installation instructions and performed a power cycle/reboot of the device. The troubleshooting information below can be used if you are experiencing problems with powering up your product.

Blown fuse / tripped breaker

1. Check the fuse, located inline with the power cable. Ensure that it has the correct rating (refer to *Connections* chapter), as an under-rated fuse can affect the power supplied to the product. If the fuse has blown, replace with a new fuse.
2. Check the condition of relevant / additional fuses and breakers and connections; replace if necessary.
3. If fuse keeps blowing, check for cable damage, broken connector pins or incorrect wiring.

Poor / damaged / insecure power supply cable / connections

1. Check that the power cable connector is fully inserted into the unit and locked in position.
2. Check the power supply cable and connectors for signs of damage or corrosion, replace if necessary.
3. With the unit turned on, try flexing the power cable near to the connector to see if this causes the unit to re-boot/lose power; replace if necessary.

4. Check the vessel's battery voltage, the condition of the battery terminals and power supply cables, ensuring connections are secure, clean and free from corrosion; replace if necessary.

Incorrect power connection

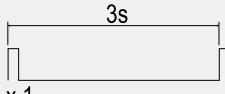
The power supply may be wired incorrectly, ensure the installation instructions have been followed.

Power source insufficient

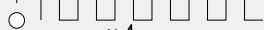
Check that your power supply (battery or distribution panel) is providing a minimum of 10.8 V to each component in the system.

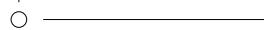
11.3 LED diagnostics

Power port LED

LED indication	LED Status and required action
 	(Green) Powered up / Ok • Normal operation — no user action is required.
  x 1 	(Red) Fault • Consider contacting your local dealer or Raymarine Product Support; for contact details, refer to: p.45 — Raymarine product support and servicing
 	(No color) No power • Refer to the advice found in the following section: p.40 — Power up troubleshooting

Port speed / activity LEDs (1 / 2 / 3 / 4 / 5)

LED indication	LED Status and required action
 	(Green) 1,000 Mbits/s Ethernet Active (no transfer) Normal operation — no user action is required.
 	(Green) 1,000 Mbits/s Ethernet Active (transferring) Normal operation — no user action is required.
 	(Amber) 10 / 100 Mbits/s Ethernet Active (no transfer) Normal operation — no user action is required.

LED indication	LED Status and required action
 	(Amber) 10 / 100 Mbits/s Ethernet Active (transferring) Normal operation — no user action is required.
 	(No color) No network activity detected - Check the cable connection for the port. - Check any additional connections. - Check that the unit connected to the switch is powered on. - Check that the unit connected to the switch is currently transferring data. This can be confirmed by performing an action on the multifunction display / chartplotter that initiates data transfer for the relevant unit — for example, if you suspect a problem with the port corresponding to a connected radar scanner, range in or out in the radar application to initiate data activity.

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12.1 Service and maintenance

This product contains no user serviceable components. Please refer all maintenance and repair to authorized Raymarine dealers. Unauthorized repair may affect your warranty.

12.2 Routine equipment checks

It is recommended that you perform the following routine checks, on a regular basis, to ensure the correct and reliable operation of your equipment:

- Examine all cables for signs of damage or wear and tear.
- Check that all cables are securely connected.

12.3 Product cleaning

Best cleaning practices.

When cleaning products:

- Switch off power supply.
- Use a clean damp cloth to wipe clean.
- Do NOT use: abrasive, acidic, ammonia, solvent or other chemical-based cleaning products.
- Do NOT use a jet wash.

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13.1 Raymarine technical support and servicing

Raymarine provides a comprehensive product support service, as well as warranty, service, and repairs. You can access these services through the Raymarine website, telephone, and e-mail.

Product information

If you need to request service or support, please have the following information to hand:

- Product name.
- Product identity.
- Serial number.
- Software application version.
- System diagrams.

Servicing and warranty

Raymarine offers dedicated service departments for warranty, service, and repairs.

Visit the Raymarine website to **read the latest warranty policy**, and **register** your product's warranty online:

- www.bit.ly/rym-warranty

United Kingdom (UK), EMEA, and Asia Pacific:

- Web: www.bit.ly/rym-service
- Tel: +44 (0)1329 246 932

United States (US):

- Web: www.bit.ly/rym-service
- Tel: +1 (603) 324 7900

Web support

Please visit the “Support” area of the Raymarine website for:

- **Manuals and Documents** — www.bit.ly/rym-docs
- **Technical support forum** — www.bit.ly/rym-support
- **Software updates** — www.bit.ly/rym-software

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13.2 Diagnostic product information

Diagnostic product information can be viewed and exported from a Raymarine LightHouse multifunction display, for supported products networked using RayNet (Ethernet), RJ45, RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) or SeaTalk NG / NMEA 2000 cables.

Diagnostic product information includes technical data related to the connected product, such as serial numbers, network addresses, firmware version numbers, and so on. It is useful for 2 main purposes:

1. Sending detailed product information to the Raymarine product support team, in the event of a problem or fault with your product. The information can be exported to a MicroSD card, and you can then copy the file for the purposes of emailing it to the product support team. For contact details, refer to: [p.44 — Technical support](#)
2. Maintaining detailed off-boat records. This is particularly useful for vessels that have multiple Raymarine products installed.

To view or export diagnostic product information, access the *[Diagnostics]* menu. For instructions on how to access this menu, refer to the relevant *Operation Instructions* for your multifunction display.

13.3 Learning resources

Raymarine has produced a range of learning resources to help you get the most out of your products.

Video tutorials

Raymarine official channel on YouTube

- <http://www.youtube.com/user/RaymarineInc>

Training courses

Raymarine regularly runs a range of in-depth training courses to help you make the most of your products. Visit the Training section of the Raymarine website for more information:

- www.bit.ly/rym-training

Technical support forum

You can use the Technical support forum to ask a technical question about a Raymarine product or to find out how other customers are using their Raymarine equipment. The resource is regularly updated with contributions from Raymarine customers and staff:

- www.bit.ly/rym-support

CHAPTER 14: TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

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14.1 Physical specification

Specification	
Length:	286 mm (11.26 in)
Width:	72.6 mm (2.86 in)
Height:	55.5 mm (2.19 in)
Port separation distance:	16.7 mm (0.65 in)
Weight:	0.36 kg (0.79 lbs)

14.2 Power specification

Specification	
Nominal supply voltage:	12 V / 24 V dc
Operating voltage range:	10.8 V to 31.2 V dc
Power consumption:	3 W (Maximum) @ 12 V
Current draw:	< 600 mA (nominal) @ 12 V
Inline fuse rating:	• 12 V: 2A • 24 V: 1A
Thermal breaker rating:	• 12 V: 3A • 24 V: 2A

14.3 Network specification

Specification	
Network connection ports:	5x waterproof RayNet connection ports (10 / 100 / 1000 Mb/s)
IEEE Standard:	Conforms to IEEE 802.3

14.4 Environmental specification

Specification	
Operating temperature:	-25 °C (-13 °F) to +55 °C (131 °F)
Non-operating temperature:	-30 °C (-22 °F) to +70 °C (158 °F)
Relative humidity:	up to 93% @ 40 °C (104 °F)
Waterproof rating:	IPx6, IPx7

14.5 Conformance specification

Specification	
Approvals:	• EN 60945:2002 (Europe, Australia New Zealand) • EN ISO 8846:2017 • ICES-003 (Canada) • CFR47 Part 15 (USA) • IACS section E10 (Japan / China) • EMC Directive 2014/30/EU
Product markings:	• UKCA • CE • Australian Tick • WEEE Directive

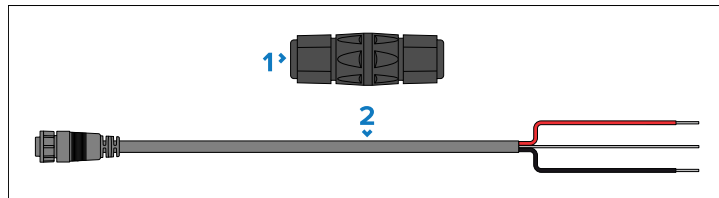
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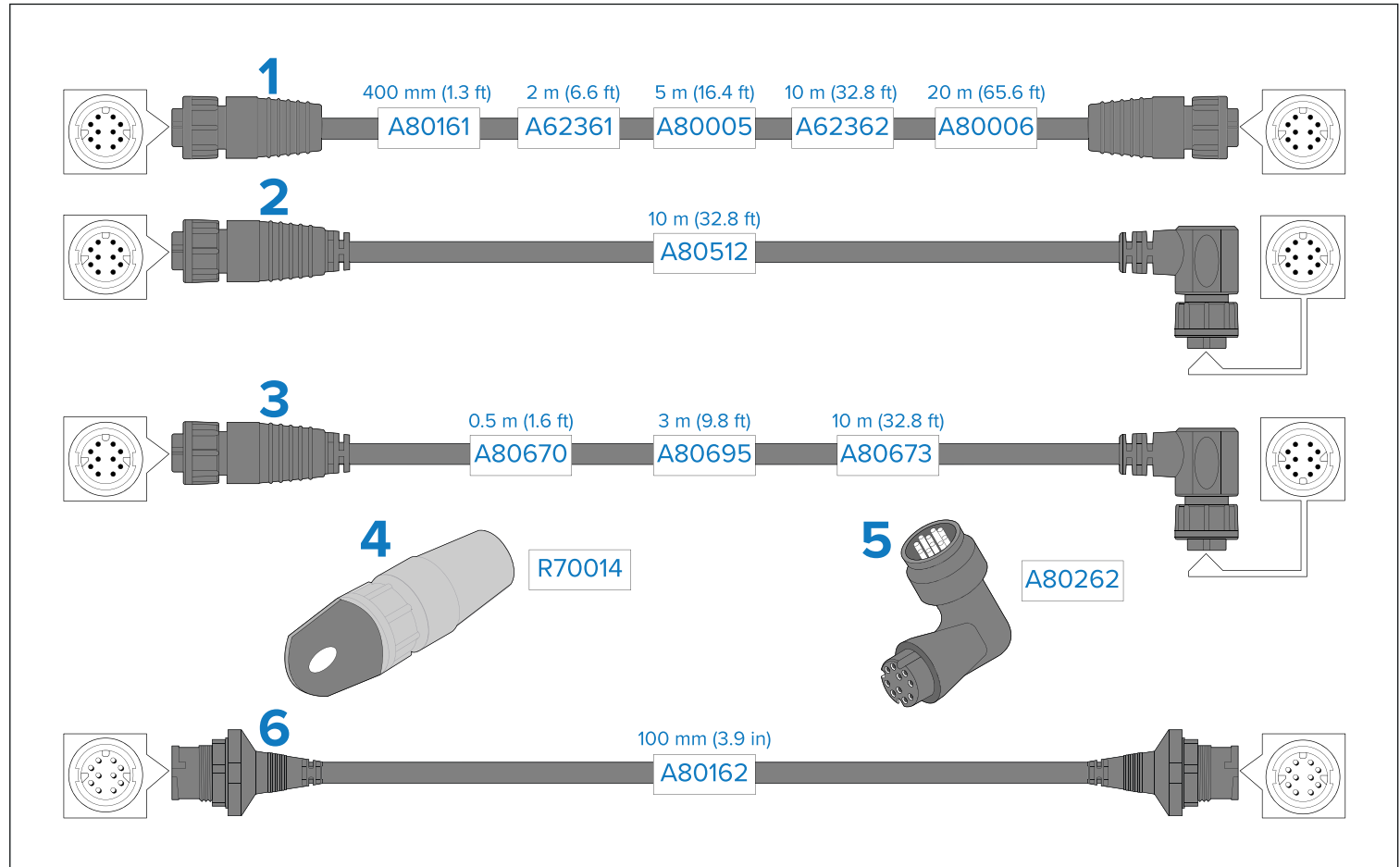
15.1 Spares and accessories

The following spares and accessories are available for the RNS-Series:



	Part	Description
1	4115028	RJ45 to RJ45 waterproof coupler.
2	A80346	Power cable, 1.5 m (4.9 ft.).

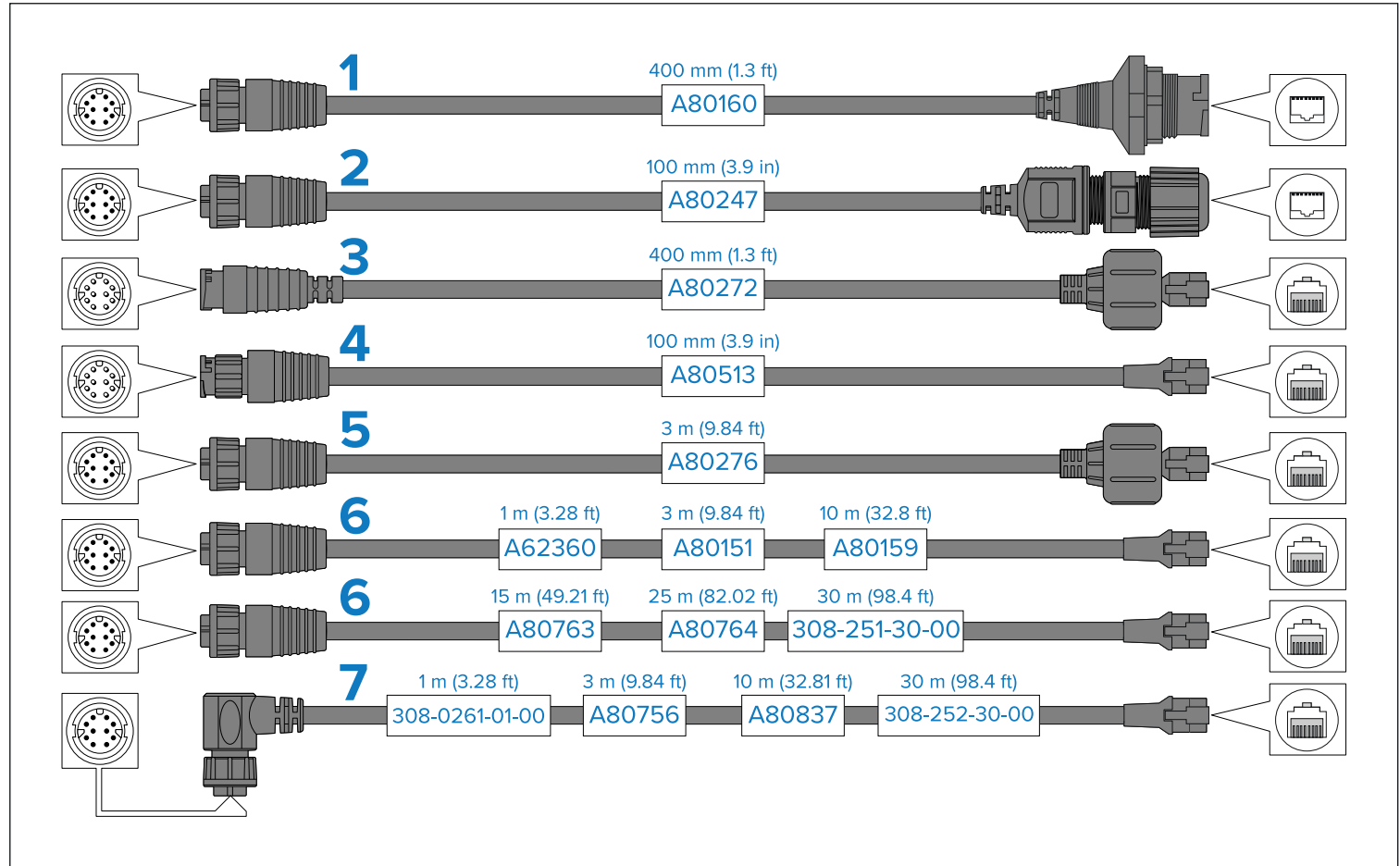
15.2 RayNet to RayNet cables and connectors



1. Standard RayNet connection cable with a RayNet (female) socket on both ends.
2. Right-angle RayNet connection cable with a straight RayNet (female) socket on one end, and a right-angle RayNet (female) socket on the other end. Suitable for connecting at 90° (right angle) to a device, for installations where space is limited.
3. Right-angle RayNet connection cable with a straight RayNet (female) socket on one end, and a right-angle RayNet (female) socket on the other end. Available as an alternative to the (A80512) accessory cable, for installations which require an alternate cable routing direction.
4. RayNet cable puller (5 pack).

5. RayNet to RayNet right-angle coupler / adapter. Suitable for connecting RayNet cables at 90° (right angle) to devices, for installations where space is limited.
6. Adapter cable with a RayNet (male) plug on both ends. Suitable for joining (female) RayNet cables together for longer cable runs.

15.3 RayNet to RJ45, and RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) adapter cables



1. Adapter cable with a RayNet (female) socket on one end, and a waterproof (female) RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) socket on the other end, accepting the following cables with an RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) waterproof locking (male) plug:
 - A62245 (1.5 m).
 - A62246 (15 m).
2. Adapter cable with a RayNet (female) socket on one end, and a waterproof (female) RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) socket on the other end, along with a locking gland for a watertight fit.
3. Adapter cable with a RayNet (male) plug on one end, and an RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) waterproof (male) plug on the other end.

4. Adapter cable with a RayNet (male) plug on one end, and an RJ45 (male) plug on the other end.
5. Adapter cable with a RayNet (female) socket on one end, and an RJ45 (SeaTalk HS) waterproof (male) plug on the other end.
6. Adapter cable with a RayNet (female) socket on one end, and an RJ45 (male) plug on the other end.
7. Adapter cable with a right-angled RayNet (female) socket on one end, and an RJ45 (male) plug on the other end.

Appendix A Ethernet (IPv4) networking of Raymarine devices with third-party products

Raymarine uses a custom Ethernet (IPv4) networking configuration. Use the following information to help you understand how Raymarine's Ethernet (IPv4) implementation interacts with third-party Ethernet (IPv4) devices on your vessel, such as routers, switches, Access Points (APs) etc.

Important:

- Third-party networking products such as routers, switches, and Access Points (APs) *may* work when connected to Raymarine networks, when configured correctly. However, correct operation is not guaranteed. It's important to refer to the instructions provided by the relevant third-party device manufacturer, to ensure that your intended use of a third-party device is consistent with the device's design intent.
- Raymarine does not warrant that Raymarine products are compatible with products manufactured by any person or entity other than Raymarine.
- When using third-party products in your Raymarine electronics network, you should be aware of, and understand, the concepts and limitations described in the following Disclaimer:
[p.7 — Disclaimer](#)

Overview

- Ethernet (IPv4) networking is a method for interconnecting multiple electronic devices, allowing many devices to function in a network and share data using only a single RJ45 or RayNet connection for each device.
- In order to function correctly, every Ethernet (IPv4) device (whether Raymarine or third-party) must have a unique IP address allocated to it, and it must not conflict with that of any other device.
- IPv4 addresses can be centrally-allocated to devices either **automatically**, using a method known as *DHCP* (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol), or **manually** (i.e. allocated a static IP address). The most common method for allocating IPv4 addresses on vessel electronics networks is *DHCP*. In this configuration, the *server* device is known as a *DHCP server*.

Client / Server device	Example(s)
Raymarine IPv4 DHCP client	• Radar scanner (e.g. Quantum-Series) • Sonar module (e.g. CP470) • IP camera (e.g. CAM300)
Raymarine IPv4 DHCP server and self-addressing device	• Chartplotter (MFD), running LightHouse 3 or LightHouse 4 (e.g. Axiom-Series) • Marine Router (e.g. YachtSense Link)
Third-party IPv4 DHCP client	IP camera
Third-party IPv4 DHCP server	• Router • Switch • Access Point (AP)

Note:

The DHCP server maintains a pool of IP addresses and “leases” an address to any DHCP-enabled client, when the client device first powers up and announces its presence on the network. Because the IP addresses are dynamic (leased) rather than static (permanently assigned), addresses no longer in use are automatically returned to the DHCP server's pool, for subsequent reallocation.

It's also possible to have multiple DHCP servers issuing addresses on an IPv4 network, but to avoid addressing conflicts, all DHCP servers must be carefully configured to only allocate IP addresses in distinct address ranges. The *subnet mask* must also be carefully configured, to ensure that devices can correctly communicate with one another.

Implementation

- Raymarine Ethernet (IPv4) devices expect to use a private **Raymarine IPv4 network**, which is designed to be internal to the vessel only. Raymarine has carefully chosen a specific IP address range (**198.18.0.0/21**) to ensure that it does not interfere with

any external IP address ranges, or other legacy and real-world addressing constraints (including but not limited to marina Wi-Fi networks).

Note:

Raymarine's IP address range is for **local traffic** within the **vessel's private Raymarine network only**, and does NOT traverse across Raymarine products to external networks, or to the Internet.

- In a Raymarine Ethernet (IPv4) network, IP addresses are self-allocated by certain Raymarine equipment in the following range: **198.18.0.32 to 198.18.3.255** (inclusive). **You must avoid placing any devices in this range using manual (static) IP addresses.**
- Whether your network includes only Raymarine Ethernet (IP) devices, or a mixture of Raymarine and third-party Ethernet (IPv4) devices, you have 3 options for configuring the Ethernet (IPv4) network and managing the IP addresses for your devices:
 1. Use a Raymarine device as the sole DHCP server to allocate IP addresses automatically to all Raymarine and third-party Ethernet (IPv4) devices on the network. **For the purposes of simplicity and reliability, this is the recommended option for most vessels.** The following Raymarine devices can act as DHCP servers:
 - a. **Raymarine chartplotter (MFD)**, running LightHouse 3 or LightHouse 4; or:
 - b. **Raymarine YachtSense Link router**

Note:

If both a Raymarine chartplotter (MFD) **and** YachtSense Link router are present in the same network, the YachtSense Link router **MUST** be configured as the DHCP server for that network. To facilitate this, the Raymarine chartplotter's (MFD's) DHCP setting defaults to *Automatic* as standard. On power up, if the YachtSense Link router is detected on the Ethernet network, any chartplotters (MFDs) in the network will disable their own *DHCP Server*, to permit the YachtSense Link router to manage the network's IP addresses. Only Raymarine chartplotters (MFDs) running LightHouse 4 are compatible with the YachtSense Link router. Additionally, the most recent versions of the LightHouse 4 and YachtSense Link software must be used.

2. Use a third-party Ethernet (IPv4) device (such as a router or Access Point) to allocate IP addresses automatically, as a sole *DHCP server*. To do this, refer to the *Configuring a third-party router as DHCP server* section, below.

Note:

Any Raymarine LightHouse 3 or LightHouse 4 chartplotters (MFDs) will still self-allocate their own IP address, even if a third-party DHCP server is being used to allocate IP addresses to other Raymarine or non-Raymarine *DHCP client* devices (Camera, Radar, Sonar etc.) on the network.

3. Manually configure static IP addresses for your devices. The address range **198.18.0.32 to 198.18.3.255** (inclusive) is used by Raymarine equipment, and any other third-party equipment on the network should not be set to a static IP address in this range. It should instead be set elsewhere in the 198.18.0.0/21 range.

Adding third-party devices to your Raymarine Ethernet (IP) network

- It is recommended that any third-party products connecting to a Raymarine Ethernet (IPv4) network (e.g., a third-party IP camera) are configured as DHCP clients, so that they automatically get allocated a correct IP address within the range used by the **Raymarine IPv4 network**. If this is not possible, (for example, in the scenario that your third-party IP Camera requires a static IP address), you should configure the product to have a static

IP address within the following range: **198.18.0.1 to 198.18.0.31** (inclusive).

- Any third-party router in your network should be performing IPv4 *Network Address Translation* (NAT) from the private address to another one on an upstream interface.

Configuring a third-party router as DHCP server

In the scenario that you wish to use a third-party DHCP server to allocate the IP addresses for your vessel's IPv4 network, use the following information to help you configure the third-party DHCP server to work with Raymarine Ethernet (IPv4) client devices:

1. Configure the third-party DHCP server / router to use Raymarine's subnet details, which are as follows:
 - a. Set the DHCP server's IP address to **198.18.0.1**
 - b. Set the *netmask* to /21, i.e. **255.255.248.0**
 - c. Set the DHCP range from **198.18.4.0 to 198.18.7.254** (inclusive). If this is not possible, ensure that the address range is smaller than this (but within the range of **198.18.4.0 to 198.18.7.254** (inclusive)).
 - d. The address range **198.18.0.32 to 198.18.3.255** (inclusive) is used by Raymarine equipment, and therefore you must ensure that any other third-party equipment on the network is NOT set to a static IP address in this range.
2. It may be necessary to set the DHCP setting for **all** of the chartplotters (MFDs) on the vessel to *[Off]*. However, the default option (*[Auto]*) will likely work fine in many cases. If for any reason the third-party DHCP server starts up after the chartplotter (MFD) starts up, the user should manually set the chartplotter's (MFD's) DHCP switch to *[Off]*. This is because, when the chartplotter (MFD) starts up, its DHCP *[Auto]* feature tries to detect if another DHCP server is already present on the network.
3. In case of failure of the third-party device, the chartplotters (MFDs) can be easily configured to be the DHCP server again, by setting the chartplotter's (MFD's) DHCP setting back to *[Auto]*.

Adding third-party Wi-Fi Access Points / Wi-Fi routers to your Raymarine Ethernet (IPv4) network

- There is a large volume of multicast IPv4 traffic on the Raymarine Ethernet (IPv4) network. Many consumer Wi-Fi Access Points /

Wi-Fi routers simply bridge all multicast traffic from the Ethernet interface to the Wi-Fi interface when there are connected Wi-Fi clients. This will result not only in poor Wi-Fi performance but also in a reduction of usable Wi-Fi spectrum to other Wi-Fi users and vessels in the vicinity. If using a third-party Wi-Fi Access Point or Wi-Fi router, Raymarine recommends that *IGMP Snooping* is enabled on the third-party device, and additional checks are performed, in order to ensure that your device is not bridging any unexpected multicast traffic to its Wi-Fi interface from the Raymarine Ethernet (IPv4) network.

- Raymarine's YachtSense Link router is pre-configured with IGMP Snooping enabled, and therefore does not bridge internal multicast traffic on the wired network to the Wi-Fi network. No additional configuration is required in this respect.

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