

# HR Masthead unit

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## USER GUIDE and INSTALLATION GUIDE

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# 1 USING

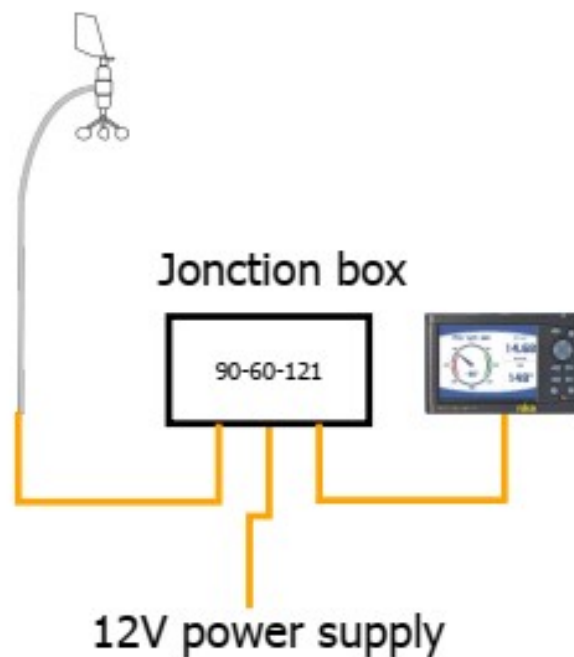
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## 1.1 PRESENTATION

The **Aluwind HR** is a measuring instrument for wind speed and direction. It is connected to the **TOPLINE bus** of your installation. Equipped with high quality ball bearings and mechanical elements of precision, the **Aluwind HR** guaranteed qualities of a reliable, precise and sensitive sensor.

The **TOPLINE bus** cable is not provided with the masthead unit.

## ARCHITECTURE OF THE INSTALLATION



### IMPORTANT

- Do not dismantle **Aluwind HR** parts
- Read this user guide entirely before starting the installation.
- The electrical connection of the **Aluwind HR** on the **TOPLINE bus** must be carried out with the terminal box 90-60-121 or 90-60-417
- Any intervention on the **TOPLINE bus** must be carried out with the installation power switched off.

## 1.2 LIST OF CHANNELS DISPLAYED

The **Aluwind HR**, connected to the **TOPLINE bus** of your installation, creates the channels below. They are then accessible using the displays of the **TOPLINE** range.

Channel	Display	Unit
Apparent wind speed	WIND SPD / A 0.0Kt	m/s or knot
Apparent wind angle	WIND ANG / A 0°	degree
Air temperature	Air temp 15.4°	°C or °F
<b>If your installation is equipped with a speedometer</b>		
True wind speed	WIND SPD / T 0.0Kt	m/s or knot
True wind angle	WIND ANG / T 45°	degree
<b>If your installation is equipped with a TOPLINE compass</b>		
True wind direction	WIND DIR / T 300°	degree

The apparent wind angle is displayed in degrees : from 0° to -180° on port tack and from 0° to 180° on starboard tack.

## 1.3 ALARMS SETTING

The setting of an alarm enables you to monitor the value of a channel. When the preset threshold is exceeded, a warning message is displayed and an audible alarm is activated.

**The upper alarm** is activated when the display is higher than the programmed threshold.

**The lower alarm** is activated when the display is lower than the programmed threshold.

To cancel the alarm of a channel, enter the value 0 in the upper alarm and the lower alarm.

Thus, the setting of an alarm on the **wind speed, wind angle or air temperature** channels will allow you to supervise your installation effectively as well as the good operation of your boat.

To activate alarms, please refer to the user guide of your display.

## 1.4 FILTERING OF THE CHANNELS

The level of **filtering** of a channel determines the frequency of update of the data displayed.

For example, in rough sea when the boat moves significantly, it is useful to increase the filtering of the speed channel to stabilise the value displayed. Conversely, in calm sea, low filtering will be preferable to obtain a fast response of the display.

**Filtering** is adjustable between 1 and 32, and the default value is 8. The lower this value is, the higher the frequency of update is.

Please refer to the user guide of your display to carry out the filter setting.

## 1.5 CHOICE OF THE UNIT

You have the option to choose the following display units :

- Wind speed : in knots or in m/s.
- Air temperature : in degree Fahrenheit or in degree Celsius

Please refer to the user guide of your display to carry out this change of units.

## 1.6 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

- Power supply : 10 to 16VDC
- Consumption : 25mA
- Wind speed range : tested in laboratory, 0 up to 60 knots.
- Wind speed sensibility: < 2 knots.
- Angular resolution of the anemometer : 1°
- Air temperature range : -10°C à +50°C
- Tightness :IP67
- Weight : masthead unit : 300g
- Bus cable : Ø 3.0 ± 0.3 – weight : 17 g/m.
- Operating temperature : -10°C to +50°C
- Storage temperature : -20°C to +60°C

## 1.7 DIAGNOSTIC OF 1<sup>ST</sup> LEVEL TROUBLESHOOTING.

Before contacting technical support, please check the troubleshooting table below.

Problem	Possible causes and solutions
The <b>Topline</b> installation does not detect the masthead unit.	The bus cable is not or is badly connected to the terminal box : check the connection inside the terminal box. Check the state of the cables : they must not show any sign of wear or cut.
The apparent wind speed indicates <b>0.0</b> , <b>no matter what</b> the wind speed is.	Check that the calibration coefficient is different from <b>0.0</b> : refer to §3. Check that the winch is not blocked.
The apparent wind speed indicates <b>0.0</b> and the air temperature channel indicates « <b>Pan</b> ».	It is possible that the masthead unit is disconnected or broken. Check the state of the cable and the connection to the box.
The apparent wind angle indicates 35° at close haul on one board and 65° on the other.	Check that the stem of the masthead unit follows the axis of the boat Carry out a calibration of the vane: refer to §3.

If you do not manage to solve the problem, please contact your distributor.

## 2 CALIBRATION

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The **Aluwind HR** is adjusted at the factory. However, a calibration is required to adapt the sensor to the specificities of your boat and to obtain optimum measurement accuracy. Follow the calibration procedure below, by visualising the settings on a display: please refer to the user guide of the display.

### 2.1 CALIBRATION OF THE WIND VANE

#### 2.1.1 Principle of the calibration

After the masthead unit has been installed, a real test at sea needs to be carried out. You will sail on port tack and on starboard tack in order to raise the wind angle displayed on the channel **APP WIND ANGLE**. Then, you will deduce the offset value which will enable you to adjust the wind vane. Thus, a calibration rectifies all the shifts that result from an installation at the head of mast: assembly position (alignment), torsion and inflection of the mast during navigation.

Note that each wind vane is set with a factory offset. This offset ranges between **0°** and **-180°** or between **0°** and **+180°**. It is the reference of your wind vane in relation to the axis of the support stem. Before the start of a calibration, we recommend that you make a note of this value as it may be useful in case of bad handling.

#### 2.1.2 OFFSET setting procedure

To achieve a successful calibration, sail on a calm sea, with a moderate wind.

1. Display the channel **APP WIND ANGLE**.
2. Sail and follow several close-hauled tacks : note the values of apparent wind angle displayed.
3. Calculate the average of the values displayed on starboard tack and those displayed on port tack.
4. Calculate the offset correction: 
$$\frac{(\text{average starboard angle} - \text{average port angle})}{2}$$
5. Adjust the factory offset with the value of offset calculated

#### **Example 1 :**

Factory OFFSET = 60

Average apparent wind angle starboard tack :45°

Average apparent wind angle port tack :35°

Value to be **added** to the factory OFFSET =  $(45° - 35°) / 2 = 5°$

New offset value =  $5 + 60 = 65$

#### **Example 2 :**

Factory OFFSET = 60

Average apparent wind angle starboard tack :39°

Average apparent wind angle port tack :45°

Value to be **deducted** from the factory OFFSET =  $(39° - 45°) / 2 = -3°$

New offset value =  $60 - 3 = 57$

## 2.2 CALIBRATION OF THE ANEMOMETER

### 2.2.1 Principle of the calibration

You will adjust the calibration coefficient of the channel ***apparent wind speed***, so that the speed displayed is equal to the true ambient wind speed.

You can carry out this calibration at port.

### 2.2.2 Setting procedure of the calibration coefficient

1. Select the **calib coef** sub-channel of the **apparent wind speed** channel.
2. Enter the new calibration coefficient and validate using the **enter** key. The new setting will be saved to the memory.

- **CAUTION** : The **calib coef** parameter is a multiplier coefficient. This value must never be equal to zero. By default this coefficient is set to **1.00**. If it is not the case, before starting a calibration enter the value **1.00**.

### 3 INSTALLATION

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The masthead unit is attached to the mast using a plate support. Two versions are available:

- Support: 90-60-535



Measure the length of cable necessary to connect the sensor, attached at the head of mast, to the **TOPLINE bus** terminal box inside your boat. Choose the appropriate plate.

#### 3.1 LIST OF ACCESSORIES

- 25 meter **Aluwind HR** cable : 90-60-381 (not provided)
- 35 meter **Aluwind HR** cable : 90-60-351 (not provided)
- Windmill : 90-60-503
- Vane : 31-02-050

#### 3.2 INSTALLATION PRECAUTIONS

The choice for the location of the **Aluwind HR** is crucial to achieve optimal performances.

The location of the sensor must be:

- as high and distant as possible from any equipment blocking or disturbing the air flow.
- Vertically.

#### 3.3 WINDMILL MONTING PROCEDURE

1. Make correspond the flat surface of the windmill with the flat surface of the axis.
2. Insert the windmill on the axis
3. Insert and tight the nut.

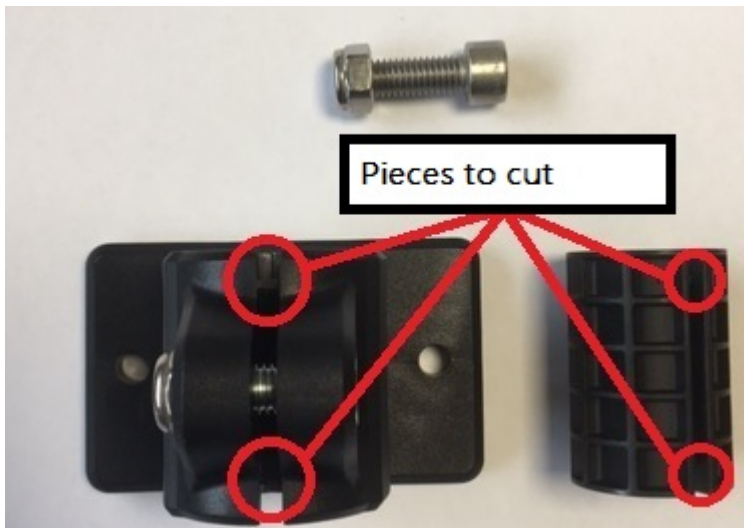




### 3.4 INSTALLATION OF THE VANE SUPPORT

You will start by fixing the support at the top of the mast. It is important in the case of a boat with a lot of quest to correctly angulate the support so that the **Aluwind HR** is perfectly vertical.

The support must be installed on a vertical, clean, smooth and flat plane. You will fix with two **M6** screws (not supplied) so that the aluminium pole of the wind vane is vertical. The sensor will then be installed, oriented and clamped in its support. Remember to cut the four pieces of plastic from the bracket and the mounting sleeve see below.



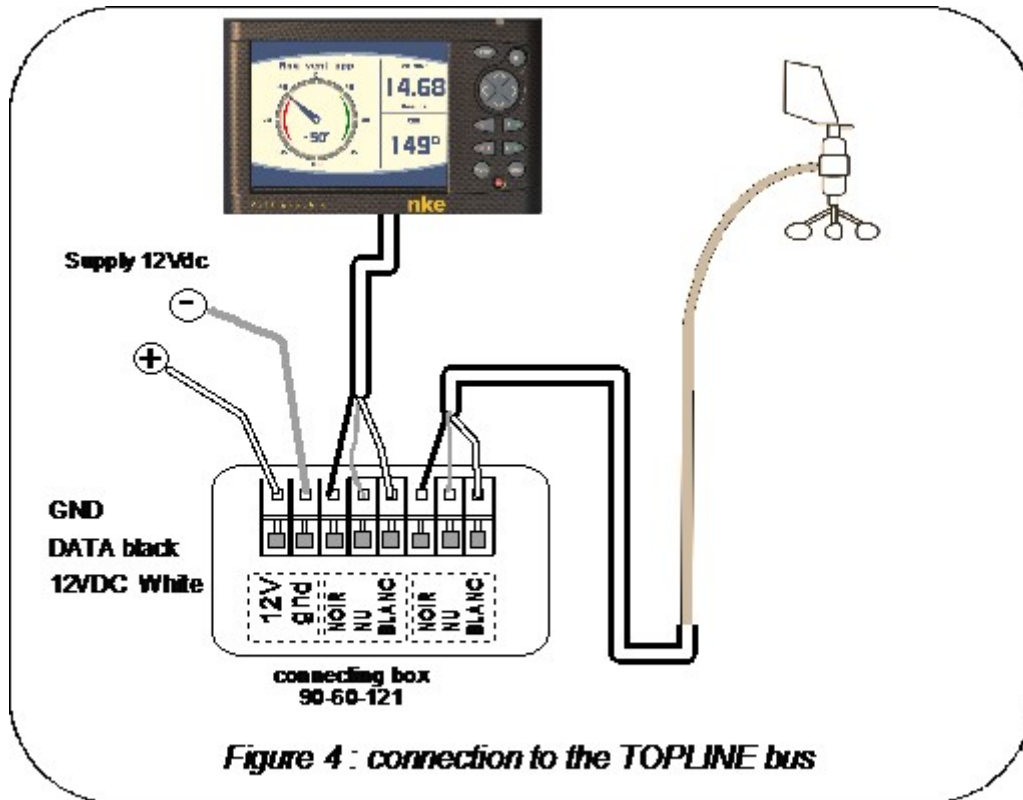
#### Mounting procedure

1. On the vertical plane of the mast head, drill or tap two  $\varnothing 6$ mm holes for the attachment of the support.
2. Attach the support using two screws **M6** (not provided).
3. Run the cable inside the mast, preferably in a sleeve. The entry and exit of the mast must be protected using a grommet.
4. Introduce the wind vane into the support and screw.
5. Fit the **Aluwind HR** connector and seal it with self-vulcanizing tape or heat-shrink tubing.

### 3.5 CONNECTION TO THE *TOPLINE BUS*

If the cable runs inside the mast, make the cable pass through an opening equipped with a grommet. If the cable runs across the deck, make the cable pass through a tight stern tube gland.

1. Make the **Aluwind HR** cable run towards the **TOPLINE** terminal box of your installation.
2. Connect the bus cable inside the terminal box :



If you cut the bus cable, you will need to galvanise the wires after stripping them.

#### 4 MAINTENANCE

The axes of the wind vane and of the anemometer are mounted on ball bearings and rotate permanently. If the opportunity presents itself, we advise you to dismount the masthead unit from its support, during wintering periods, in order to increase the lifespan of the bearings.

If you set down the wind vane, because of dismasting or wintering for example, screw the stopper onto the connector of the wind vane support.