

Scout PS-Series Thermal Imager

Operator's Manual

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Important Safety Instructions

- Read these instructions!
- Follow all instructions!
- Heed all warnings!
- Only use the attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer!
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

Caution!

Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. return the equipment to the manufacturer for battery replacement.

The battery used in this device may present a risk of fire or chemical burn if mistreated. Do not disassemble the camera, store above 60°C, or incinerate. The battery is factory replaceable only and must be replaced with the identical battery pack.



1 Introduction

FLIR's Scout PS-Series thermal handheld cameras give hikers, hunters, and outdoorsmen the ability to see clearly in total darkness, providing a wealth of information during any nighttime excursion.

The Scout PS-Series camera enables the outdoorsman to:

- See animals and difficult terrain in reduced visibility or total darkness
- See through smoke, dust, and light fog
- See camouflage and foliage in any lighting conditions
- See more—and see farther—than with low-light night vision goggles

The Scout PS-Series camera makes images from heat, not light, a feat impossible for the naked eye or even image intensified (I²) night vision devices, which means you can see clearly even without any visible light at all. People, animals, and objects all make their own heat and their own contrast, and are clearly seen by the Scout PS-Series camera in even the most adverse conditions.



Visible Image



Scout PS-Series Camera Image

1 - 1 Scout PS-Series Camera Features



- Rugged design—Built to withstand the demands of outdoor use.
- 240×180 or 320×240 microbolometer sensor for excellent image quality and clarity
- 19 mm lens with 24° field of view
- Palm-Sized Portability and Light Weight—Only 12 Ounces
- Embedded LED Tasklight
- USB Cable for battery charging
- Rechargeable Internal Li-Ion battery—Provides up to 5 hours of camera operation on a single charge.

Caution!

Do not disassemble the camera enclosure. Disassembly can cause permanent damage and will void the warranty.

Do not point the camera directly at extremely high-intensity radiation sources, such as the sun, lasers, arc welders, etc.

Be careful not to leave fingerprints on the camera's infrared optics. Clean only with low pressure fresh water and a lens cloth.

2 Getting Started

The Scout PS-Series camera is available with the features, options, and accessories described in this manual.

Refer to the packing list enclosed with your camera shipment to determine the actual contents of your camera package.

- **PS24 and PS32 Cameras**

In addition to the camera, Quick Start card, and Documentation/ Training CD or DVD; the following items are included in the camera package:



- **PS24 and PS32 Camera Options**

The following optional accessories are available for the Scout PS-Series camera



Floating Lanyard

Molle-Compatible Belt Holster



Camera Carrying Pouch

3 Operating Your Scout PS-Series Camera

3-1 Camera Features and Controls



3-2 Charging the Camera

Caution!

To assure proper charging, Scout PS-Series cameras should be turned OFF throughout the charging cycle. Charging MUST only be done when the camera is at room temperature; 0 to 40°C (32 to 104°F) or battery damage may occur.

The battery in the camera should be fully charged prior to use. To charge the camera, lift the cover from the USB port, plug in the USB cable provided with the camera, and also plug it into a USB power source.



- When charging correctly, the charging indicator will be lit orange.
- When fully charged, the charging indicator will light solid green. The initial charge time is approximately 5 hours.

Plug in USB Charger



Charging indicator orange when charging

Charging indicator green when fully charged



3-3 Scout PS-Series Power Management

Your Scout PS-Series camera is equipped with a power management system that provides up to five hours of continuous operation. When left in the Off state the battery will hold a charge for up to two months. To make the best use of the camera it is important to understand the basic power states of the camera.

- When the camera is turned on from the Off state, it takes about four seconds to become operational. During the Bootup process, The FLIR splash screen is shown and then the software version is displayed briefly. Pressing the Power button will toggle the camera between On and Off.
- The camera shuts down after about five minutes if no buttons are pushed. **Auto shutdown 30s**, is shown in the display, and after counting down for 30 seconds the camera will shutdown.

Camera State	How do you know?
Off	The display is off and the LED Tasklight comes on when the Brightness button is pressed.
On	The display is on and the LED Tasklight is disabled.

3-4 Buttons and Controls

Power Button

Turn the camera On and Off.



Display Brightness Button

Use this button to cycle through the five levels of display brightness. Each press of the button advances to the next level of brightness.



When the highest brightness level is reached, subsequent button presses advance to the next lower brightness levels. When the lowest brightness level is reached, subsequent button presses advance to the next higher brightness level. One of the following icons is displayed for approximately 3 seconds after the button is pressed indicating the current brightness level:

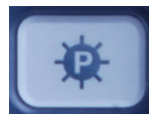


Note

When the Scout PS-Series camera is powered Off, the Display Brightness button, when held on, turns on the LED Tasklight.

White Hot/Black Hot/Instalart™ Button

Use this button to toggle between the two video and the four Instalart color palettes. In the default White Hot palette, hotter objects appear as white or light grey. In Black Hot, hotter objects appear as black or dark grey. In the Instalart™ palettes the hottest



objects in the scene are highlighted in red to simplify detection of animals, people, and objects. There are four pre-set levels of Instalart that you can select based on the specific scene being viewed. All of the Instalart palettes are based on the white hot palette.

While white hot is the most commonly used and visually intuitive method of viewing thermal imagery, black hot can often enhance contrast of certain objects or provide better visual perspective in some conditions. When switching between palettes, the appropriate icon is displayed for approximately 3 seconds.

White hot



Black hot



Instalart™ 1 – 4



Zoom Button—PS32 models only

Use this button to switch the camera between no zoom (full resolution) and 2× zoom. The central part of the image is magnified twice its normal size when 2× is selected.



When zoom has been selected the icon is continuously shown in the display:

**Freeze Frame Button—PS24 models only**

Use this button to freeze the video so that a single frame may be inspected closely.

**Diopter Controls**

The diopter adjustment lever allows a ± 2 diopter setting range. When the diopter adjustment lever is pointing straight away from the camera, it is in the neutral position.

Adjust the diopter setting for the sharpest image in the viewfinder.

3-5 Battery

Your Scout PS-Series camera is equipped with a sophisticated power system using a rechargeable internal Li-Ion battery.

Battery Status Indicator

While the camera is On, a battery status indicator is always shown in the corner of the display image. This indicator provides an estimation of the remaining battery charge.



3-6 Auto Shutdown Operation

Auto Shutdown is a feature of the Scout PS-Series camera that helps to guard against draining the battery prematurely by inadvertently leaving the camera on.

Auto Shutdown turns the camera off if the following conditions are met:

- The camera is On
- No buttons have been pressed for about five minutes.

Once these conditions are met you will see the following message in the display: **Auto shutdown 30s**, and after counting down for 30 seconds the camera will shutdown.

Press any button during this countdown to terminate Auto Shutdown and resume normal operation.

Note

Pressing any button during an Auto Shutdown countdown will only terminate the countdown and abort the shutdown. The normal function of the button will not occur.

4 Technical Data

4-1 Scout PS-Series Model Features

The Scout PS-Series cameras are available with either NTSC or PAL video output format.

Scout Model	
PS24	Scout PS-Series Handheld Thermal Camera with video resolution of 240 × 180 pixels
PS32	Scout PS-Series Handheld Thermal Camera with video resolution of 320 × 240 pixels with 2× digital electronic zoom.
Included with all camera models	Lens Cover, USB Cable, Wrist Strap, Operator's Manual, and Soft Carrying Pouch

Feature	
Start up from stand-by	<5 seconds
Thermal Sensitivity, Waveband	<50 mK @ f/1.0, 7.5 - 13.5 μm
Detector Type	VOx Microbolometer
Resolution	240 × 180 pixels PS24 320 × 240 pixels PS32
Image Processing	FLIR Proprietary Digital Detail Enhancement
Focus, Zoom	Fixed focus. 2× electronic zoom on applicable models only.
Video Display	NTSC 7.5 Hz refresh rate

4-2 Power

Battery Types	Internal Li-Ion
Battery Life Operating (Stand-By)	Approximately 5 Hours at 25°C, {120 hours}

4-3 Environmental

PS24 and PS24	
Operational Temp.	-4°F to 122°F (-20°C to 50°C)
Storage Temp.	-40°F to 140°F (-40°C to 60°C)
Ratings	IP-67, 1 meter drop

4-4 Physical

PS24, PS32	
Weight	12 oz. (340 g) with battery
Size [L × W × H]	6.70" × 2.31" × 2.44" (172 × 58.7 × 62 mm)

4-5 Lens Choice

PS24, PS32	
FOV	24° × 18°

4-6 Range Detection¹

Detect Man (1.8 m × 0.5 m)	
PS24	350 yd. (320 m)
PS32	500 yd. (450 m)

1. Actual range may vary depending on camera set-up, environmental conditions, and user experience.

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