



# RANGER<sup>®</sup>

RANGEFINDER **1300**



## Ranger 1300 Specifications

Range Reflective: 9–1300 yards (9–1189 meters)  
Range Deer: 9–600 yards (9–594 meters)  
Accuracy: +/- 3 yards @ 1000 yards  
Maximum Angle Reading: +/- 60 degrees (INC 50)  
Measuring Time: < 1 second  
Battery Life: 2000 single range minimum  
Operating Temperature: 14° to 131°F (-10° to 55°C)  
Magnification: 6x  
Objective Lens: 22 mm  
Eye Relief: 17 mm  
Diopter: +/- 3 diopters

## The Ranger® 1300 Rangefinder

The Ranger® is an extremely effective angle-compensated laser rangefinder intended for both archer and rifle shooter. Using the primary HCD (Horizontal Component Distance) mode, the Ranger provides the key angle compensated range information required by the vast majority of rifle and bow shooters in a simple, quick to read display.

The Ranger also provides LOS (Line of Sight) mode and Scan feature along with adjustments for reading in yards or meters and setting the brightness of the display.



Please be sure to read entire manual prior to using the Ranger.



**BASIC OPERATION**

**Install Battery**

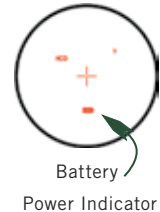
Open the battery compartment and install the CR2 battery included with the Ranger.

**Power Up**

Once you install the battery, the Ranger is in Ready Condition—the normal power-off condition when not ranging. To power up the Ranger from Ready Condition and prepare for ranging, press and release the Measure button. The HCD or LOS ranging screen will display. The Ranger will power down automatically after ten seconds of non-use.

**Focus**

Turn the eyecup in or out until image is sharp.

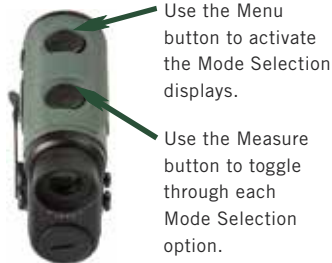


## MODE SELECTION

Your Ranger is factory set to the angle compensating HCD mode, yards, and medium brightness. For most users, these are the preferred settings.

To change modes, after the Ranger is powered up activate the Mode Selection by pressing and holding the Menu button for at least four seconds. Once the Mode Selection screen displays, release the button.

As you progress through Mode Selection, you may exit at any time and save your settings by pressing and holding the Menu button for at least four seconds—the Ranger will then return to power-up condition.

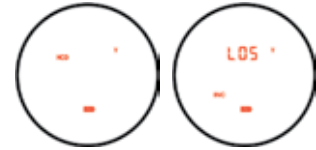


Mode Selection  
Display

## SET AND SAVE MODE SELECTIONS IN 3 STEPS

### 1. Choose between the HCD and LOS Modes.

After activating the Mode Selection, press the Measure button to toggle between the HCD and LOS displays. Press the Menu button to save your desired choice and move to the Yards/Meters selection screen.



Choose Between HCD and LOS

### 2. Choose between Yards and Meters Display.

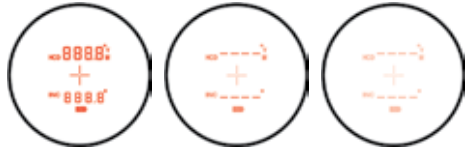
Press the Measure button to toggle between the Yards and Meters display. Press the Menu button to save your desired choice and move to the Brightness selection screen.



Choose Between Yards and Meters

### 3. Choose the Brightness Setting.

The Ranger provides three illumination settings. Press the Measure button to toggle through the three Brightness settings. Press the Menu button to save your desired setting and move back to HCD/LOS selection screen.



Choose Between One of Three Brightness Settings

To exit Mode Selection and save settings, press and hold the Menu button for four seconds. Settings will also save when Ranger powers down automatically.

### RANGING

With the Ranger powered up, position the crosshair on the target object and press and release the Measure button to get the distance measurement. If the laser is not able to range due to the reflectivity of the target, you will see a display similar to that shown here. To range a new target, simply re-aim and press the Measure button again.



### SCAN RANGING

With the Ranger powered up, activate Scan Ranging by pressing and holding the Measure button down. A blinking "S" will appear in the lower left corner.

Keeping the button depressed will continuously measure distance as you pan the crosshair back and forth across target objects. Releasing the Measure button will return laser to the Power Up Condition.

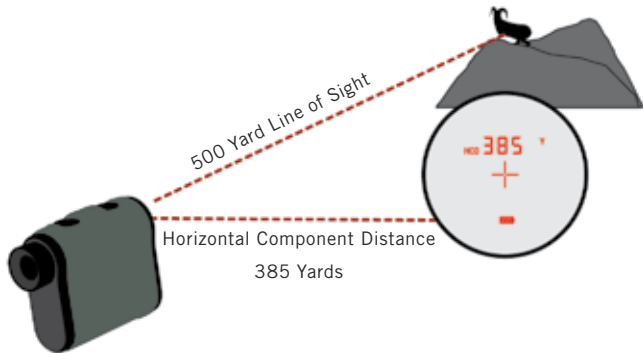


## RANGING MODE EXPLANATIONS

The Ranger provides two range modes: HCD (Horizontal Component Distance) and LOS (Line of Sight). Both modes offer a Scan feature.

### HCD MODE

The Ranger HCD range display is intended to be the primary mode—used for most all rifle and archery shooting conditions. The yardage number displayed is the critical horizontal component distance.



### Using the HCD Mode

Use the HCD range mode in the following situations:

- Rifle shooting on level ground at any range.
- Rifle shooting out to ranges of 800 yards with mild slopes (less than 15 degrees).
- Rifle shooting out to ranges of 400 yards with moderate slopes (15 to 30 degrees).
- For all archery shooting.

**Note:** See page 13 for method of reading slope degree in LOS mode.

The displayed HCD yardage number is corrected for shot angle and needs no extra user input; shooters simply use the appropriate level ground bullet drop and wind adjustment for the range displayed and shoot. Archers use the appropriate level ground sight pin for the range displayed and shoot.



Use 525 yard level ground drop data to make shot.

## LOS Mode

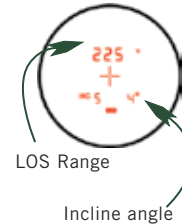
The Ranger LOS (Line of Sight) mode is intended for rifle shooters who are using slope correcting ballistic drop data cards, ballistic cell phone applications, or PDAs with ballistic programs and who are shooting at distances beyond 500 yards and with slopes greater than 15 degrees. Most shooters and archers will not need the LOS mode.

The range number displayed in LOS mode is the actual line of sight range with no ballistic correction for slope. Most of the commonly used ballistic devices can provide independent slope correction for bullet drop data and require actual line of sight range input. Using the LOS range when calculating bullet wind drifts under these steep slope/long range conditions will provide a higher degree of accuracy than using the HCD range.

To use, simply input the LOS range number into the electronic device or use the LOS range when referencing ballistic drop cards with slope correction.

## LOS Mode – Using the INC Number

When in LOS mode, an additional number is displayed below the yardage number. This number is slope shown in degrees.



The slope incline number can be used with drop charts or field cards to calculate precise bullet drops in mountainous terrain.

## SCAN FEATURE

The Scan feature can be used to range moving targets or help range smaller targets on uniform backgrounds in either HCD or LOS modes. Once powered up, press and hold the Measure button and scan laser back and forth, watching for changes in the yardage number as crosshairs move across the target object. A blinking “S” display indicates Scan Ranging is activated.

### Scanning to get range:



Scan back and forth, watching for yardage number to display or change.

## TRIPOD USE FOR RANGING

Using a tripod to steady the rangefinder will increase your ability to range small targets at longer distances. If the Ranger is used on a tripod, the reticle may appear tilted depending on tripod level.



## LANYARD

When not using a tripod, the lanyard provides a secure way to carry your rangefinder.

Loop lanyard through attachment sockets.



## MAINTENANCE

- Use lens brush to remove dust or grit from lenses.
- Use a clean lens cloth or tissue to remove smudges or smears from lenses.
- Store rangefinder in a dry location away from direct sunlight.



## RANGEFINDING TIPS

Laser rangefinders work by emitting a brief pulse of light aimed at a target object. Distance is determined by the amount of time taken for the light to emit and return to the laser's internal receiver. A laser's ability to read range can be affected by many things—mostly relating to the target objects. Under ideal conditions, the Ranger can be expected to range a large reflective object out to 1300 yards and deer-sized game out to 650 yards.

- Light colors will usually reflect the laser pulse better than dark ones. An exception would be snow, which can be difficult to range.
- Shiny, reflective surfaces will usually reflect the laser pulse better than dull, textured surfaces. Animal hair will not reflect as well as a hard surface.
- Ranging while under cloud cover can improve laser performance compared to ranging while under bright sunny conditions.
- Solid objects, such as rock piles, will reflect the laser pulse better than less dense items such as bushes.
- Flat surfaces perpendicular to the laser pulse will reflect better than curved surfaces or surfaces angled in relation to laser pulse.
- Ranging over water can sometimes cause false reflections and readings.
- At longer distances, larger objects will be easier to range than small objects.
- If you are having difficulty ranging an animal or object, try ranging a different nearby object or use the Scan feature to pan back and forth while watching for changes in range number.

## FCC REQUIREMENTS

The user's manual or instruction manual for an intentional or unintentional radiator shall caution the user that changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Note: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

## LASER SAFETY AND PRECAUTIONS

Do not stare into beam or view directly without laser eye protection. Staring continuously into beam for prolonged periods of time could cause harm to your eyes. If used properly, this device is safe for your eyes and laser eye protection is not needed.

- Use the correct battery (CR2) and proper battery orientation.
- Do not look at sun.
- Do not activate Menu or Measure buttons while aiming at eye or looking into objective lens.
- Do not disassemble.
- Do not allow children to play with unit.



CAUTION - Use of controls, adjustments or performance of procedures other than those specified herein may result in hazardous laser radiation exposure.



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