



Metal Detector Buying Guide

Metal detecting puts the joy of discovery right in your hand. It's an engaging activity for young and old alike that is rapidly gaining in popularity. Metal detecting lets the whole family enjoy hours of outdoor fun and the excitement of finding treasure that is out there just waiting to be dug up!

The first step in becoming active in detecting is selecting a metal detector that is right for you. This easy four-point guide will help you with your decision. Happy Hunting!

USER: Who is the detector for?

If you are looking for a starter detector for a child, the Bounty Hunter Junior is ideal. The Junior model has a shorter 30-inch pole and is light enough for children as young as 6-years-old. Adolescents a little taller will do better using the VLF Metal Detector or the Fast Tracker. For a few more features consider the Tracker II, the Tracker IV and the popular Commando with a camouflage pattern.

The Bounty Hunter family of metal detectors offers a wide range of detectors for more seasoned detectors as well as beginners. All Bounty Hunter detectors are easy-to-use right out of the box and come supplied with assembly/instruction manuals.

PURPOSE: What do you want to find?

Many all-purpose detectors are capable of finding coins, rings and relics. Detectors like the Quick Silver, Discovery 1100 and the Lone Star are perfect for finding just about anything.

For hunting coins and jewelry, your best choice is a detector with exceptional pinpoint and discrimination features, as well as good depth. The Quick Draw II, the Discovery 2000 and the Discovery 3300 will all help you get the job done.

LOCATION: Where will you be detecting?

Ground conditions affect metal detectors. If you plan on searching dry ground sites like yards, parks and playgrounds, a general all-purpose machine will work just fine. If you will be scouring beaches for lost coins and jewelry use Bounty Hunter detectors with water proof coils that are safe for shallow water. Salt-water beaches present mineralized conditions but only in the wet sand area or in the water. General purpose detectors work fine in dry salt sand.

HINT: For beach detecting, pick a detector that is good for jewelry. Fully submersible metal detectors for fresh or salt water hunting are available from our Fisher® product line.

COST: How much should I spend?

Buy the best detector you can afford. Finding a gold ring or old coin often pays for a detector instantly. It happens more than you think. A better detector yields more treasure and less trash. With features like digitized target information, the ability to cancel junk metal, depth indicators and pinpointing, you can hone in on your next treasure easily. Regardless of which machine you choose, it will pay for itself in coins, jewelry and historic relics in no time at all!

Product Comparison Chart



FEATURES

MODEL	STARTER			INTERMEDIATE				ADVANCED			SERIOUS		DISCOVERY			PIONEER			PROFESSIONAL					
	BH Junior	VLF 2.1	Gold Digger	Fast Tracker	Tracker II	Tracker IV	Quick Silver	Commando	Lone Star	Quick Draw II	Sharp Shooter II	Camo LS	Discovery 1100	Discovery 2200	Discovery 3300	Pioneer EX	Pioneer 202	Pioneer 505	Lone Star Pro	Quick Draw Pro	Land Ranger Pro	Gold	Titanium	Platinum

USER INTERFACE

Visual LCD Display							X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Intuitive Menu System																			X	X	X	X	X	X
Operation Status (non-menu driven)	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X					
Numerical Depth Readout										X		X		X			X	X		X	X		X	X
Max. Coin Depth (Inches)	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	6	7	8	8	8	6	8	8	7	8	10	8	9	10	9	9	10
Running Depth Graph							X			X		X		X		X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Adjustable Sensitivity	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Knob Control Interface	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X				X		X	X						
Touch Pad Control Interface							X		X	X	X		X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Visual Battery Life Indicator													X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X
Low Battery Indicator	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

OPERATION DETAILS

Search Modes	2	2	2	2	3	3	1	3	3	3	4	5	2	3	4	1	4	5	1	1	7	1	2	2
Pinpoint Mode															X				X	X		X	X	
Discrimination Mode	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
All Metal Motion Mode	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X
Overload Alarm System																			X		X			
Transmit Frequency kHz	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	6.6	7.69	7.69	7.69	7.8	7.8	7.8

TARGET-ID

Numerical Target-ID System															X					0-99	0-99		X	X
Non-Numerical Category Target-ID						X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
Number of Target-ID Categories					4	4	4	5	9	9	9	3		11	4	9	9	9		41	8	8	8	

DISCRIMINATION / NOTCH

Discrimination by Category							X							X	11	X	X		X	X	5	X	X	X
Continuous Discrimination																								
Levels of Adjustable Discrimination	Analog	Analog	Analog	Analog	Analog	3	Analog	Analog	Analog	Analog	4	6	8	5	5	3	Analog	Analog			69	6	6	7
Number of Tones	1	1	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	4	1	1	4
Selectable Notching Capabilities									X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X	X
Audio Pitch Proportional to Signal Strength																			X	X	X			
Enhanced V-Break																					X			
Preset Notch										X	X	X						X			X			

GROUND SYSTEM

Preset Ground Balance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X		X	X	X
Ground Grab®																					X			
Manual Ground Balance					X						X			X							X			

STANDARD SEARCHCOIL

6" Concentric, Open Searchcoil	X	X																						
7" Concentric, Open Searchcoil								X					X			X								
7" Concentric, Closed Searchcoil			X	X	X																			
8" Concentric, Open Searchcoil						X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X			X				X	X	X
10" Concentric, Open Searchcoil																				X				
11" DD, Open Searchcoil																					X			
Accepts Accessory Coils				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

POWER SUPPLY

9V Alkaline Battery (not included)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
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HEADPHONE JACK

1/4"			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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WARRANTY (IN YEARS)

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S Standard																							
A Accessory																							
* Coil is hard wired																							
BH JR *				S																			
Handy Man *				S																			
VLF *									S														
Gold Digger *									S														
Camo (P505)	A													S	A								
Commando							S																
Discovery 1100								S															
Discovery 2200	A											S				A							
Discovery 3300	A											S				A							
Elite 2200	A											S				A							
Fast Tracker						S																	
Fortune Hunter	A									S						A							
Gold			A								S												
Land Ranger	A									S						A							
Land Ranger Pro											A						A				S		
Land Star										S						A							
Legacy 1500								S															
Legacy 2500	A											S				A							
Legacy 3500	A											S				A							
Lone Star	A									S						A							
Lone Star Pro											S						A				A		
Outback								S															
Pioneer 202	A									S						A							
Pioneer 505	A									S						A							
Pioneer EX								S															
Platinum			A								S									A			A
Quick Draw II	A									S						A							
Quick Draw Pro											A						S				A		
Quick Silver (EX)	A									S						A							
Sharp Shooter II	A											S				A							
Sharp Shooter Ultra Mag	A									S						A							
Time Ranger	A									S						A							
Titan	A									S						A							
Titanium		A											S			A		A					A
Tracker I						S																	
Tracker II									S														
Tracker IV	A									S						A							
* Coil is hard wired																							