



EID TAG READER  
CONTROLLER  
**BR SERIES**

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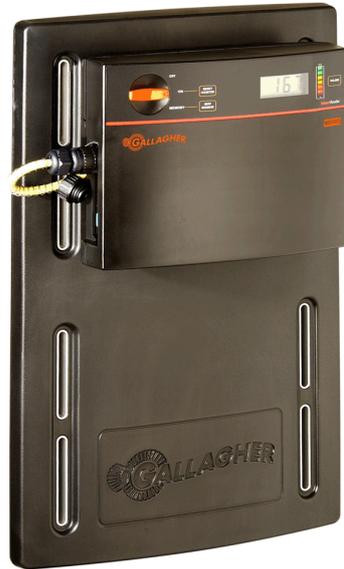
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# OVERVIEW

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The SmartReader BR Series enables Electronic ID tags to be automatically read as animals pass by the SmartReader. The Electronic ID tag data can be downloaded and stored on a computer as required, or sent to a connected Smartscale.



The SmartReader BR Series has two parts:

- The SmartReader
- The Antenna Panel

The SmartReader contains the memory and rechargeable batteries. The rechargeable batteries run the Antenna Panel for up to 8 hours and the memory can store up to 20,000 tag numbers.

The Antenna Panel contains the aerial used to capture the Electronic ID tag data. Two Antenna Panel sizes are available to suit the animals being scanned.

There are two models in the SmartReader BR Series:

- **BR600 RFID Panel Reader (G03113 & G03121)**
  - Small Antenna Panel (600 mm x 400 mm).
  - SmartReader with memory and re-chargeable batteries.
  - Serial port (DB9) for downloading collected information to a computer, hand held device or Scale.
  - USB adapter.
  - Recommended if scanning constrained animals (sheep and cattle) on the move.
- **BR1300 RFID Panel Reader (G03113 & G031424)**
  - Large Antenna Panel (1300 mm x 600 mm).
  - SmartReader with memory and re-chargeable batteries.
  - Serial port (DB9) for downloading collected information to a computer, hand held device or Scale.
  - USB adapter.

- Recommended if scanning animals (cattle and deer) on the move.

If required, multiple SmartReaders can operate in close proximity, so long as they are setup to ensure all Electronic ID tags are read correctly.

## Electronic ID tags

The Gallagher SmartReader enables you to read both HDX (Half Duplex) and FDX-B (Full Duplex-B) Electronic ID tags.

HDX and FDX-B Electronic ID tags operate differently and therefore have different applications.

## Storage of SmartReader when not in use

For optimal battery life, Gallagher recommends that you store the SmartReader in a cool, dry area (15 to 25 ° C) out of direct sunlight.

Charge the battery completely before storage, as the battery may lose capacity if left empty for a period of time.

## Configurator

The Configurator is a software program provided with the SmartReader BR Series. Use it to alter settings and to diagnose performance problems in the installed SmartReader.

The Configurator is for **advanced users** and should be used with care as altering settings affects the operation of the SmartReader.

The Configurator software is automatically installed with the MyScale Pro software.

## MyScale Pro

The MyScale Pro software enables you to transfer Electronic ID tag numbers stored in the SmartReader memory from the SmartReader to a computer.

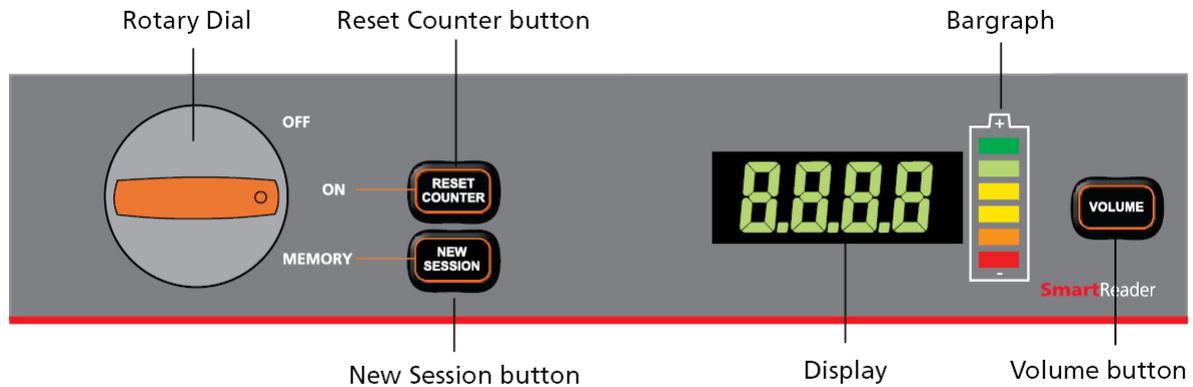
**Note:** The SmartReader does not need to be connected to the panel for this activity.

With MyScale Pro you can perform the following functions:

- Transfer sessions from the SmartReader
- Change session file names
- View and edit sessions
- Print sessions
- Create long term record storage using MyScale Pro to backup information from the SmartReader

# USER INFORMATION

## SmartReader user interface



### Rotary dial

The following table describes the three modes of the rotary dial.

Mode	Description
<p><b>OFF</b></p>	<p>The SmartReader is OFF.</p>
<p><b>ON</b></p>	<p>The SmartReader is ON.</p> <p>The scanned Electronic ID data is sent out the Serial port (DB9). The data can then be captured by an external device such as a Scale or Computer.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Data is <b>not stored</b> in the internal memory.</p>
<p><b>MEMORY</b></p>	<p>The SmartReader is ON.</p> <p>The scanned Electronic ID data is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• saved to the internal memory, and</li> <li>• sent out via the Serial port (DB9) on the SmartReader. The data can then be captured by an external device such as a Scale or Computer.</li> </ul>

## Buttons

The following table describes the function of each button.

Button	Function
<b>Reset Counter</b>	<p>Only operational when the SmartReader is in ON mode.</p> <p>Press the <b>Reset Counter</b> button to reset the counter on the SmartReader.</p>
<b>New Session</b>	<p>Only operational when the SmartReader is in MEMORY mode.</p> <p>Press the <b>New Session</b> button to create a new session on the SmartReader and add all new Electronic ID tag reads to this session.</p> <p>All previous sessions are maintained until they are downloaded to the computer via MyScale Pro.</p> <p>A new session is created each time the SmartReader is turned on.</p>
<b>Volume</b>	<p>There are three volume modes on the SmartReader.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Flash and beep every read. (Default factory setting)</li> <li>2. Flash and beep once</li> <li>3. Volume Off</li> </ol> <p>To change the volume mode on the SmartReader while it is operating, press the <b>Volume</b> button once for each mode. Pressing the volume button will cycle through the 3 modes.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> Warning beeps (low battery warning etc) ignore the Volume setting and beep as required.</p>

## Audible beep

The SmartReader beeps whenever one of the following situations occurs:

- An Electronic ID tag has been read, except if the volume is set to OFF.
- The volume level is set.
- The battery charge level is low. This warning sounds regardless of the volume set.

## Display

The following table describes the messages shown on the display.

Message	Description
Blank	The display is blank when the internal batteries are charging.
<b>BATT</b>	Displayed when the battery charge level is at a critically low level and the SmartReader is shutting down.  For additional information, see <i>Low voltage shutdown</i> (p 10).
<b>VOLT</b>	Displayed when a power source providing a voltage greater than 16 V is connected to the SmartReader. The SmartReader automatically shuts down to protect the electronics.  For additional information, see <i>High voltage shutdown</i> (p 11).
<b>FULL</b>	Displayed when the internal memory is full of Electronic ID tag data. You will need to download the Electronic ID tag data to a computer. See Transfer sessions from SmartReader to computer.
Tag count	Displays the number of Electronic ID tags read in this session, or the counter was reset to zero.

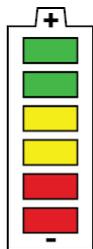
## Bargraph

The bargraph on the SmartReader is used to indicate the following:

- Battery charge level
- Battery charging
- Beeper volume
- Successful tag read

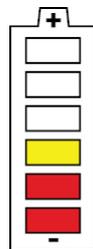
### Battery charge level

The battery charge levels display as follows:



#### Fully charged

All bargraph lights are constantly displayed.



#### Partially charged

Some bargraph lights are constantly displayed.



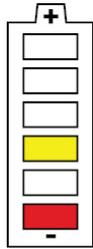
#### Flat battery

No bargraph lights are displayed.

**Note:** A warning will sound, when one red bar is remaining.

### Battery charging

When the SmartReader is connected to a battery charger, the bargraph displays the charging status:



#### Charging

The battery level is indicated by the number of bars illuminated.

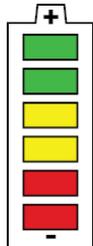
The flashing bars indicate that charging is occurring.

**Note:** The battery charger controls the charging of the internal batteries and stops the charging once the batteries are fully charged.

### Beeper volume

Press the Volume button to change the beeper volume.

#### Volume ON

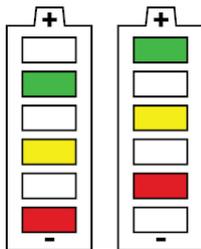


#### Volume OFF



### Successful tag read

If set in the Configurator, each successful tag read triggers the bargraph to flash multiple times in an alternating pattern.



# Using the SmartReader

## Configuring the SmartReader for use

Each time you want to use the SmartReader you need to determine how you are going to use it.

This determines:

- what device to connect to the SmartReader, and
- what operating mode to set on the SmartReader

## Connecting external devices

1. Are you connecting the SmartReader to an external device (Scale or Computer)?
  - If yes, go to step 2.
  - If no, no setup is required.
2. Connect the SmartReader to an external device.
  - a) Ensure the SmartReader is turned OFF.
  - b) Plug the supplied serial cable into the serial port on the SmartReader.
  - c) Plug the other end into the device and set it up to receive the data.

### Notes:

- If your computer does not have a serial port, use the supplied DB9 to USB adaptor to connect to a USB port on the computer.
- If connecting to a Gallagher or Ruddweigh Scale, connect the serial cable into COM Port 2 on the Scale and set the port to **EID Standard** in the Communications menu. See your Scale manual for details.

## Setting the operating mode

1. Do you want to save the Electronic ID tag number to the internal memory?
  - If yes, turn the dial to **Memory**. Go to next step.  
**Note:** Data is stored in the internal memory and is **also sent out** via the COM port in this mode.
  - If no, turn the dial to **ON**. Go to next step.  
**Note:** Data is sent out via the COM port but is **not stored** in the internal memory in this mode.
2. Do you want to reset the counter to zero on the SmartReader?
  - If yes, press the **Reset Counter** button. Go to next step.
  - If no, go to next step.
3. Do you want to add the new tag reads to the existing session?
  - If yes, end of procedure.
  - If no, press the **New Session** button.

**Note:** A new session is always created when the SmartReader is turned off, then on.

## Scanning Electronic ID tags

1. Begin scanning Electronic ID tags.
2. Do you want to add the new tag reads to a new session?
  - If yes, press the **New Session** button. Go to step 3. For further details, see *Buttons* (p 4).
  - If no, go to step 3.
3. Continue until you have read all Electronic ID tags.

## Record limit

The SmartReader can store up to 20,000 15 digit Electronic ID numbers. When the limit is reached the oldest recorded *session* will be removed to allow new records to be added.

The SmartReader will display **FULL**, when the memory is full.

## Finishing a scanning session

1. Turn off the SmartReader.
2. If you had external devices connected to the SmartReader disconnect them.
3. On the SmartReader, unscrew the Amphenol connector locking nut and disconnect the antenna cable.
4. On the SmartReader, replace the cap onto the Amphenol socket and tighten to protect from debris.
5. Grasp the SmartReader on both sides and lift up until it clears the mounting bracket.
6. Screw the Amphenol connector on the antenna cable into the Amphenol socket on the Antenna Panel and tighten the locking nut.

**Note:** This helps keep the Amphenol connector free of dust and debris.
7. For information on downloading data from the SmartReader to your computer, see MyScale Pro.

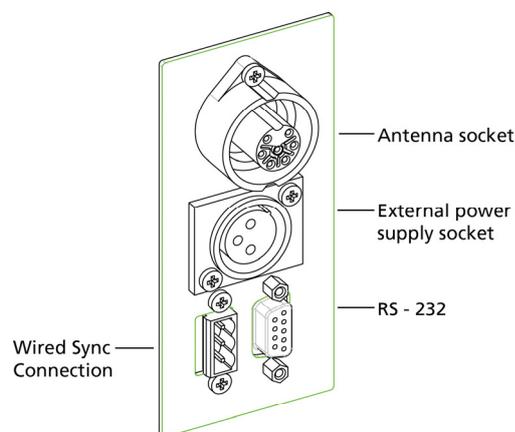
# SmartReader power options

## Charging internal batteries

The SmartReader **will not operate** with the battery charger connected.

To charge the internal batteries in the SmartReader, complete the following steps:

1. Check the input voltage on the battery charger is correctly set (110 or 230 V AC).
2. Plug the battery charger into a power socket and turn on.
3. Connect the battery charger to the SmartReader.



4. On the battery charger, switch the unit on.
5. Check the LED on the battery charger to ensure SmartReader is being charged:

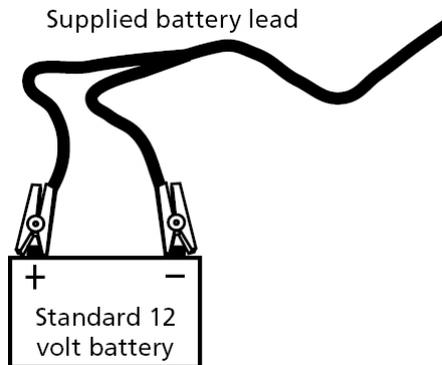
**Notes:**

- The battery charge time is approximately 6 hours.
- Once the battery is fully charged the battery charger stops charging.
- The bargraph indicates the charge level by the number of static bars. See *Bargraph* (p 5).

## Connecting to an external 12 volt battery

To connect the SmartReader to an external 12 volt battery, complete the following steps:

1. Connect the supplied black and red battery lead to the SmartReader.
2. Connect the alligator clips to the 12 volt battery.



Connect the **Red** clip to the **Positive** terminal  
Connect the **Black** clip to the **Negative** terminal.

### Notes:

- The bargraph displays the level of charge in the:
  - external 12 volt battery, or
  - internal battery, whichever is the greater.
- The internal batteries are not charged.

## Low voltage shutdown

When the battery charge (for the battery providing power to the SmartReader) drops to below one bar the low battery beep sounds (four beeps) to indicate the battery has low voltage. This will continue regularly until the battery level becomes critical or until you charge the battery.

This applies for both the internal and external (if connected) batteries.

When the battery charge (for the battery providing power to the SmartReader) drops to a critical level, the SmartReader shuts down. During the shut down process the low battery beep sounds (four beeps) and the display shows **BATT**. The critical level occurs when the battery voltage drops below 11.5 volts.

Replace the external battery or recharge the internal batteries.

For further information on connecting an external 12 volt battery, see *Connecting to an external 12 volt battery* (p 10).

**Note:** This warning sounds regardless of the volume level setting.

## High voltage shutdown

If the power source to the SmartReader provides a voltage greater than 16 V, the SmartReader automatically shuts down to protect the electronics. The display shows **VOLT** while shutting down. For additional information, see *Display* (p 5).

# INSTALLATION

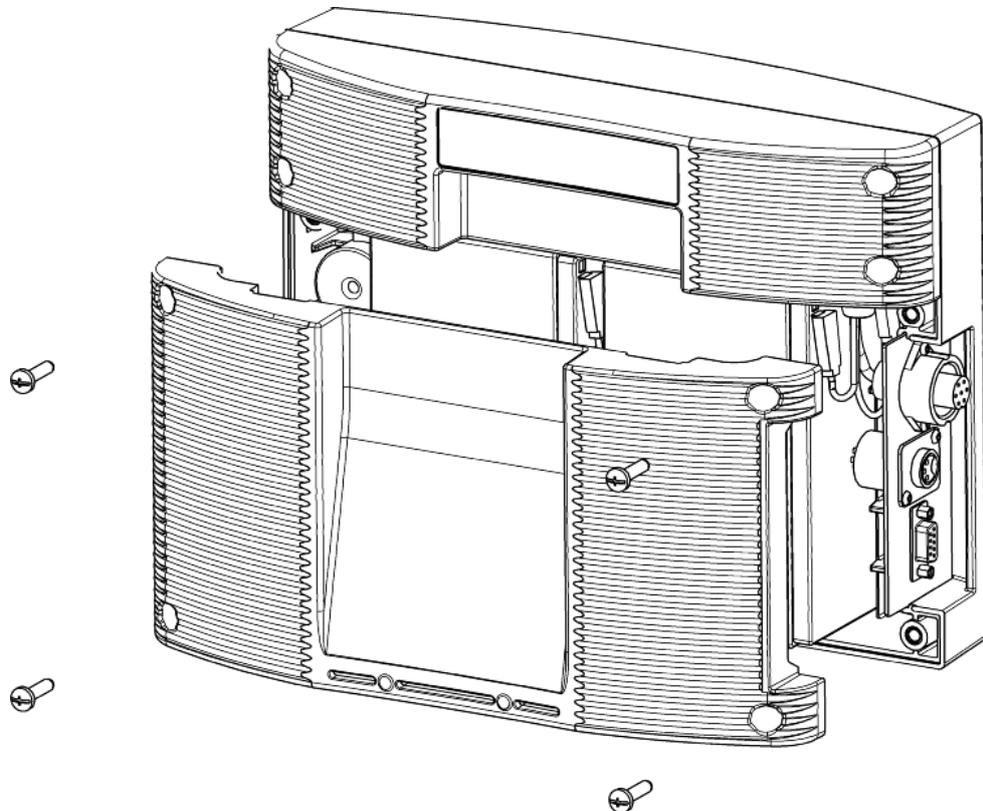
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## Connecting the SmartReader batteries

During factory assembly, two batteries are installed in the SmartReader. These batteries are not connected to the SmartReader to preserve the battery prior to first use.

Once you are ready to use the SmartReader for the **first time**, it is necessary to connect the batteries. **You do not** need to disconnect the batteries again.

1. On a soft cloth, lay the SmartReader on its front.
2. Using a posi-drive screw driver, remove the screws holding the lower back panel of the SmartReader.



3. Remove the lower back panel.
4. Remove the foam spacer between the batteries and retain.
5. Stand each battery up.
6. Connect the battery leads. Connect the longer leads to the left-hand battery.
  - Connect the Red lead to the red terminal.
  - Connect the Black lead to the black terminal.
7. Lay down the batteries with the:
  - Terminals to the top of the box and,
  - The battery tops towards the connectors.

- Note:** Take care not to damage the terminals when replacing the batteries
8. Refit the foam spacer between the two batteries.  
**Note:** This foam stops the batteries moving and damaging the terminals.
  9. Replace the lower back panel.
  10. Replace the 4 posi-drive screws and tighten.
  11. Charge the internal batteries to ensure they are fully charged ready for use.  
See *Charging internal batteries* (p 9).

## Mounting the Antenna Panel

### Antenna Panel Kit

The **Antenna Panel kit** contains the following components:

- Antenna Panel
- Mounting instructions
- Antenna Panel mounting kit:
  - 4 x Washers M8 x 21 mm flat Stainless steel
  - 4 x Bolt M8 x 70mm HEX Stainless steel
  - 4 x Nut M8 HEX Stainless steel
  - 4 x Screw Wood TEK 14 x 10 90mm
  - 4 x Screw Wood TEK 14 x 10 65mm

### Notes on locating the Antenna Panel

Gallagher recommends the following when installing the SmartReader Antenna Panel:

- The Antenna Panel can be mounted onto metal pipe or wood work of the animal handler but not solid steel handler walls.
- The edges of the Antenna Panel contain the antenna windings. This means that when the Antenna Panel is mounted, vertical bars should be kept away from the vertical edges of the Antenna Panel and horizontal bars should be kept away from the horizontal edges of the Antenna Panel.

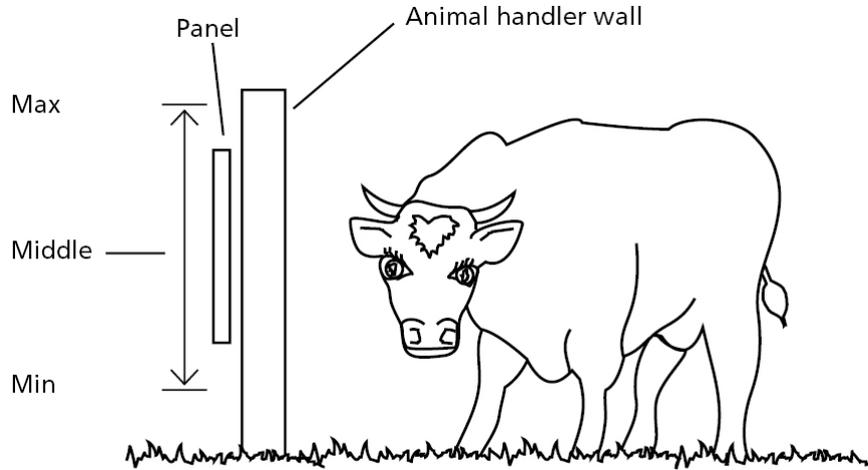
### Considerations

- The position of the Antenna Panel installation depends on the type and size of the animals to be scanned and the size of Antenna Panel to be installed.
- Gallagher recommends you mount the Antenna Panel temporarily while you determine the most appropriate position.
- Mounting the Antenna Panel on a metal animal handler can alter the read range of the SmartReader. Gallagher recommends that the SmartReader is mounted on wood or spaced pipework.
- Multiple SmartReaders can be installed in close proximity to each other, so long as they are synchronised to ensure conflicts do not occur between SmartReaders. For further details, see *Installing multiple SmartReaders* (p 26).

- Use the defined mounting holes, because drilling through the Antenna Panel will damage the antenna.

**Procedure**

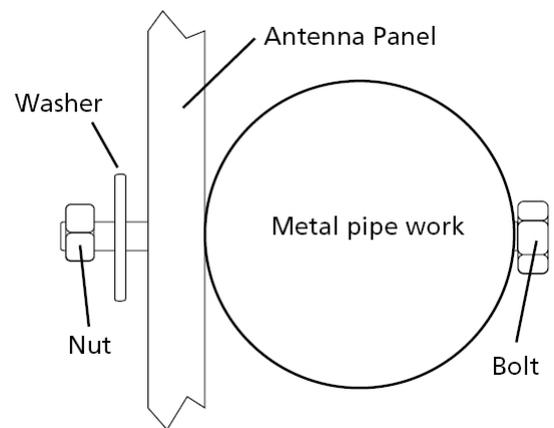
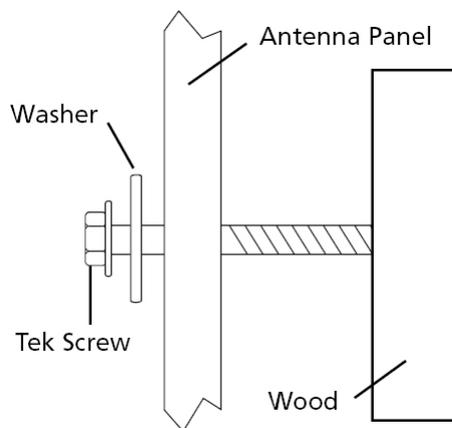
1. Measure the vertical range of the Electronic ID tags on the animals to be scanned.



2. Determine the average height of the Electronic ID and mark this on the **outside** of the animal handler.
3. Determine what the Antenna Panel is to be mounted on, wood or pipe work, and prepare the appropriate mounting hardware from the supplied kit.

Wood - washers and tek screws

Pipe work - washers, bolts and nuts

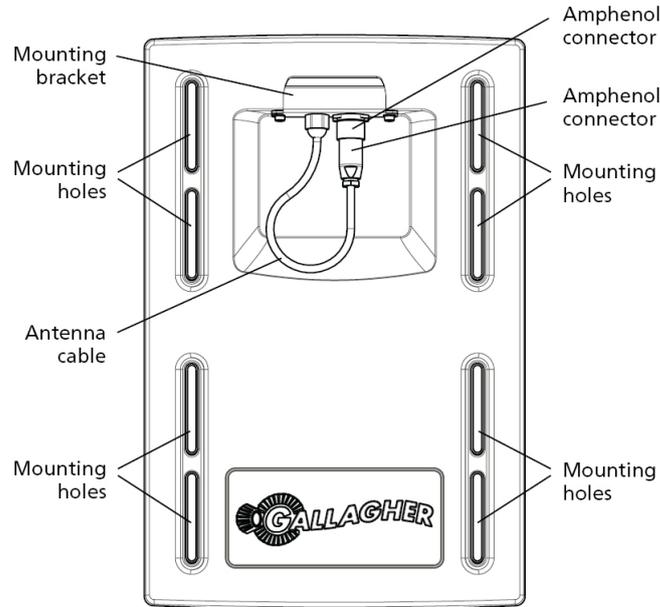


4. Using the **defined mounting holes**, mount the Antenna Panel on the **outside** of the animal handler so that the middle of the Antenna Panel matches the average height.

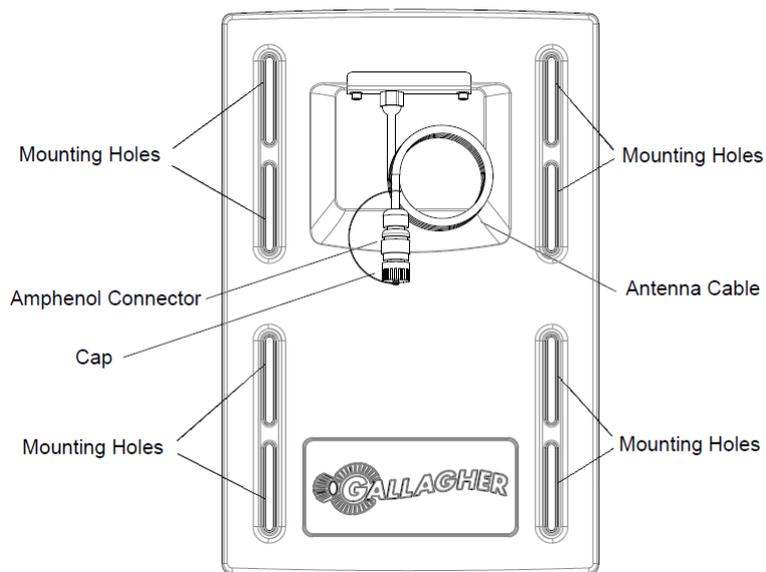
**Note:** You may want to temporarily attach the Antenna Panel and test the read range prior to permanently attaching the Antenna Panel.

**Note:** DO NOT drill through the Antenna Panel as it will damage the antenna.

**G30121**



**G30124\***



\*includes 6m fixed cable

# Mounting the SmartReader

## Considerations

- Ensure the mounting location of the SmartReader provides protection from being knocked or damaged by animals.
- The SmartReader may need to be taken away from the Antenna Panel location to charge the internal batteries and to download the Electronic ID data to a computer.

## SmartReader kit

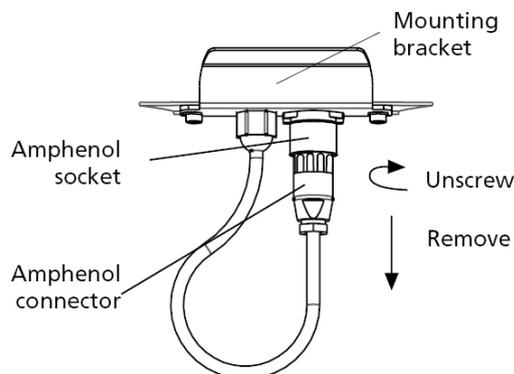
The **SmartReader kit** contains the following components:

- BR Series SmartReader with internal batteries
- Animal Performance Software (APS) DVD
- Instruction Manual
- Serial to USB adapter
- Serial to Bluetooth adapter
- Battery charger and power lead
- 12V power connection wireset
- Cables:
  - 6m serial cable
  - 2m serial cable
  - 0.3m serial cable

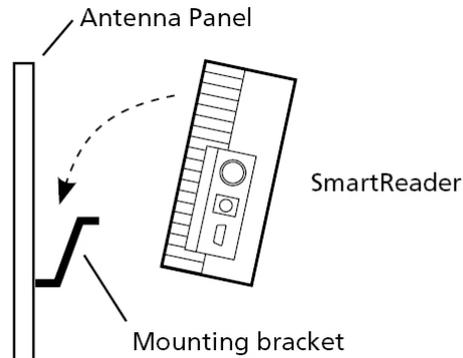
## Connecting the SmartReader to the Antenna Panel

For information on using the 4 Metre Antenna Extension Cable Kit see *SmartReader 4 Metre Antenna Extension Cable Kit installation* (p 33).

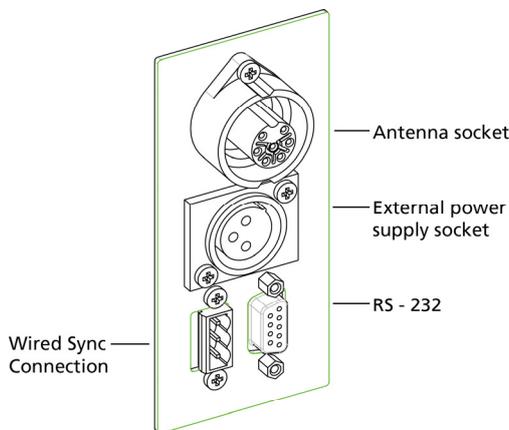
1. Ensure the SmartReader is turned off.
2. On the Antenna Panel, unscrew the Amphenol connector locking nut from the Amphenol socket and pull it down to unplug from the Antenna Panel.



3. Mount the SmartReader on the mounting bracket by grasping the SmartReader on both sides and slide the back handle onto the mounting bracket.



4. Connect the antenna cable to the SmartReader and tighten the locking nut.



## Testing the SmartReader EID tag read range

The SmartReader EID tag read range should be tested to ensure the animals passing through the animal handler are accurately and reliably identified.

The SmartReader generates a balloon shaped read range (see diagram next page), within which EID tags are read reliably. The size of the read range for individual installations should be the width of the animal handler.

The SmartReader EID tag read range for a particular installation is tested using the built in set up mode in the SmartReader. This set up mode changes how often the SmartReader beeps to confirm a tag read from “only on first read” to “every read”. This enables you to easily test the SmartReader EID tag read range using the same tag.

The section *Testing the read range* (p 17) describes how to complete an initial test on the SmartReader EID tag read range for your SmartReader installation. For more advanced testing, see *Advanced EID tag read range testing* (p 20).

**Note:** The SmartReader is shipped in Setup mode.

## Accessing and exiting Setup mode

To swap the SmartReader from Setup mode to Operational mode (or the reverse), complete the following steps:

1. Turn the SmartReader on.
2. Press and hold the **Volume** button.
3. Turn the SmartReader off.

When you turn the SmartReader back on again the SmartReader will have swapped to the other mode.

**Note:** Prior to use, ensure the SmartReader volume is on.

## Testing the read range

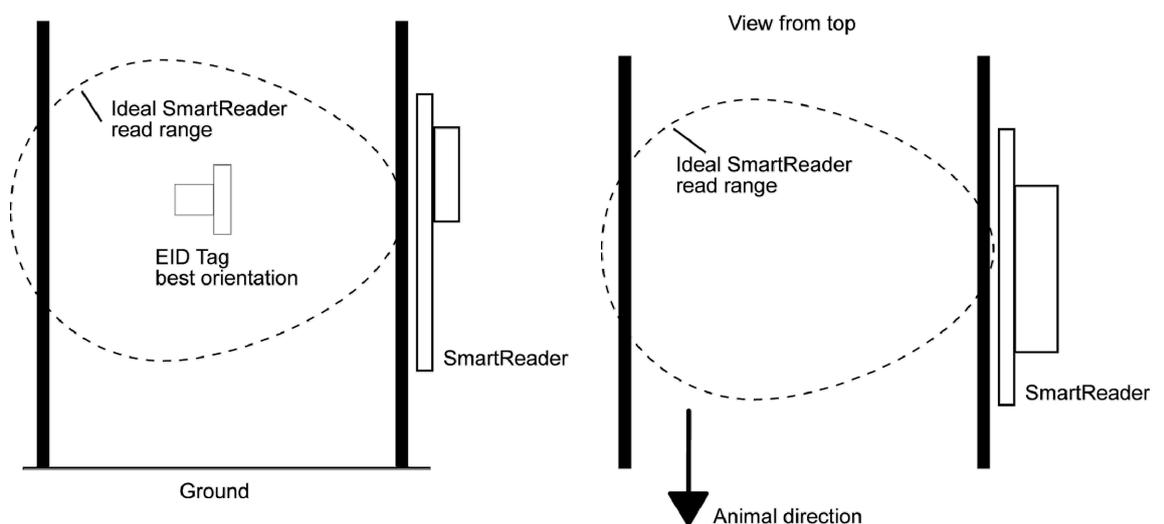
For your SmartReader installation you need to determine the size of the EID tag read range. If the read range is too small you need to take steps to improve it.

You need to test the appropriate type of EID tag you will be using, either HDX (Half duplex) and/or FDX (Full duplex).

To determine the size of your installation's SmartReader EID tag read range, complete the following steps:

1. Turn on the SmartReader.
2. Ensure the SmartReader is in set up mode by holding an EID tag in front of the SmartReader or by pressing the volume button.
  - If the SmartReader beeps continuously it is in set up mode.
  - If the SmartReader beeps once it is in operational mode.
3. Hold the EID tag in the best orientation in the animal handler near the SmartReader Antenna Panel.

The SmartReader should **beep** indicating it is reading the EID tag.



4. Move the EID tag around to determine the size of the read range.
5. Is the read range indicated by the EID tag reads close to the ideal?
  - If yes, then test with live animals by passing a small group of animals through the animal handler and reading their Electronic ID tags.
  - If no, see *Investigating SmartReader read range issues* (p 19).

## Investigating SmartReader read range issues

If the EID tag read range on your SmartReader installation is not adequate, check the following:

- The SmartReader is turned on and connected to the Antenna Panel.
- The EID tag is functional and is in the correct orientation for testing.
- The Battery Charger is disconnected from the SmartReader.
- The battery charge level indicator shows two or more bars.

Re-test the read range by passing a small group of animals through the animal handler and reading their Electronic ID tags. If the SmartReader read range is still not adequate, complete the advanced testing and contact your Gallagher representative, see *Advanced Electronic ID tag read range testing* (p 20).

## Advanced Electronic ID tag read range testing

If an adequate EID Tag read range is not achieved during the initial testing, use the following advanced testing procedures.

Install the Configurator software utility prior to starting the advanced Electronic ID tag read range testing.

The Configurator software utility is automatically installed with the MyScale Pro software.

**You will need the following items at the animal handler:**

- A Laptop computer with either a serial (DB9) or USB port
- A Serial cable (supplied)
- The Serial to USB cable - if using the USB port (supplied).

### Connect the SmartReader to a computer

1. Ensure the SmartReader is turned **OFF**.
2. Using the supplied serial cable, connect the computer and the SmartReader.
  - a) Connect one end of the serial cable into a COM port on your computer.  
If required, use the supplied DB9 to USB adapter to connect to the USB port on the computer.
  - b) Connect the other end into the COM port on the SmartReader.
3. Turn the dial to **ON** or **MEMORY**.  
The SmartReader beeps twice.

## Open Configurator software

1. Open the Configurator software.
  - Double-click on the Configurator icon on the desktop.



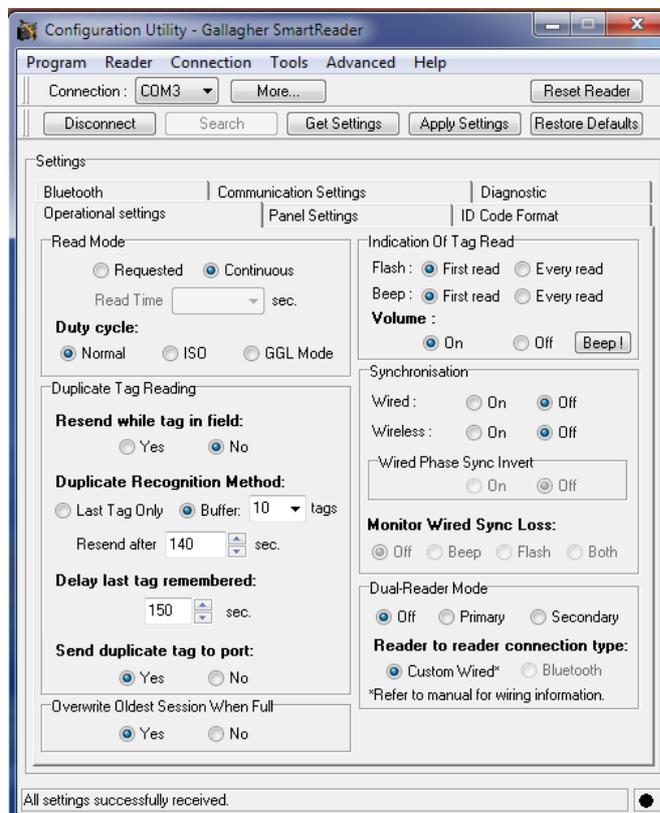
**OR**

- a) Click on the Windows **Start** button.
  - b) Select **All Programs** or **Programs**.
  - c) Select **MyScale**.
  - d) Click on **SmartReader Configurator**.
2. The Configurator application will start and should automatically detect the presence of a reader. On the EID Reader Setup window, click on the **Advanced** button.

**Note:** If the reader does not connect, select the appropriate COM port.

3. Click .

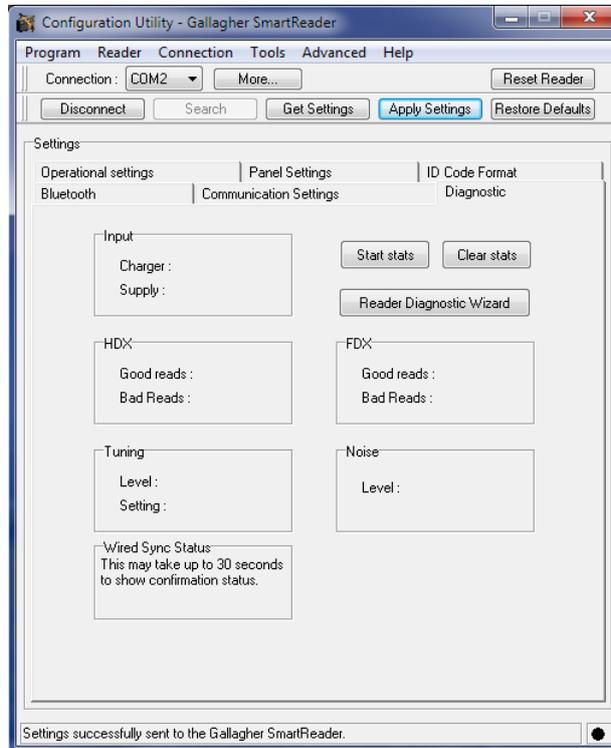
The current settings for the connected SmartReader are displayed on the screen.



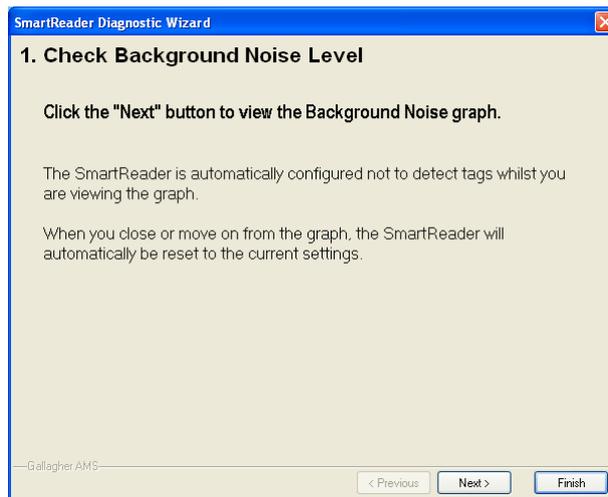
**Note:** Once you have finished using the Configurator ensure you click on the disconnect button in the Configurator program prior to unplugging the cable. This ensures the data transmission returns to the correct state.

## Start the Diagnostics Wizard

1. Connect the SmartReader to a computer. Refer to *Connect the SmartReader to a computer* (p 20).
2. Open the Configurator software. Refer to *Open Configurator software* (p 21).
3. Click on the **Diagnostic** tab. The following window displays:



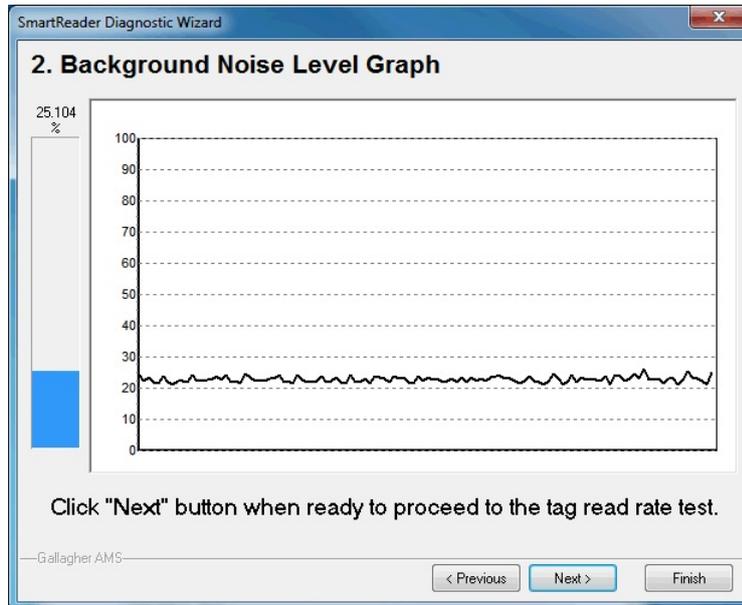
4. Click **Reader Diagnostic Wizard**. The following window displays:



## Assessing background noise

With this window displayed, SmartReader “hears” background electrical noise like that generated by computers, mobile phones, and electrical generators for example, in the frequency band that the Electronic ID tags work in. This background noise can interfere with the reading of the Electronic ID tags.

1. Press  . The following window is displayed:



**Note:** While this window is displayed, the SmartReader will not read Electronic ID tags.

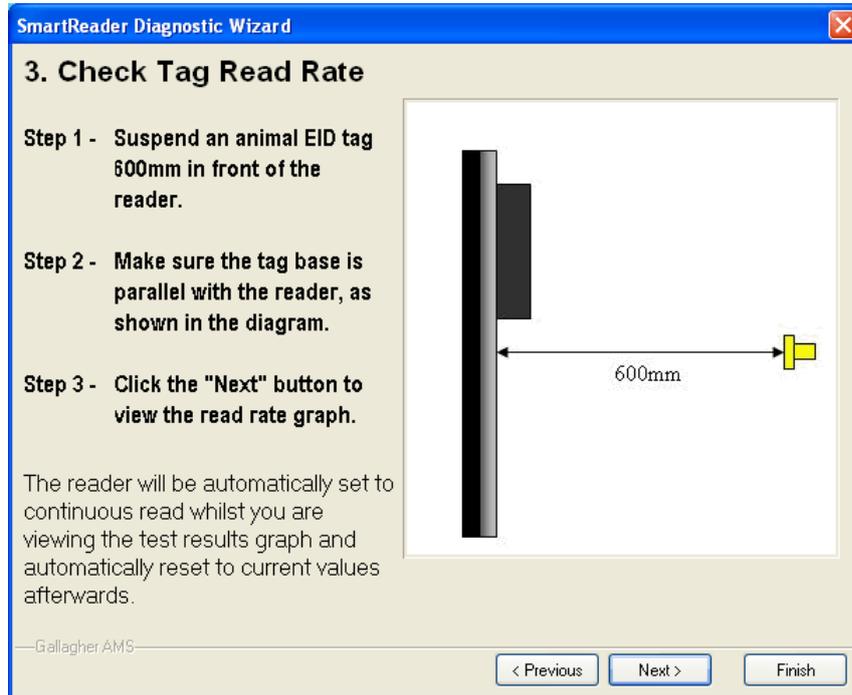
The horizontal scale shows approximately 10 seconds viewing of the background noise.

The vertical scale shows the level of background noise. The higher up the scale the more background noise and the more likely the tag read range will be reduced.

2. If the background noise level is high, try turning off sources of electrical noise and re-test.

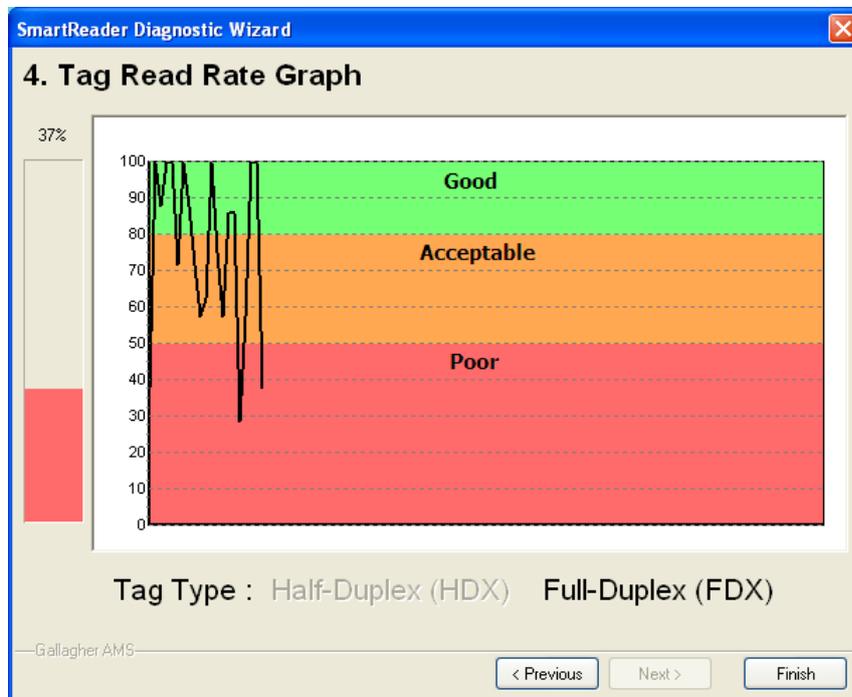
## Test read range

1. Press  . The following window is displayed:



2. Follow the window instructions to test the EID tag read range in your animal handler.

3. Click  . The following window is displayed:



**Note:** While this window is displayed the SmartReader is automatically set to continuously read.

The type of tag being read is shown at the bottom of the window.

4. Alter the mounting location of the Antenna Panel with the aim of improving the read range.

See *Mounting the Antenna Panel* (p 13).

**Note:** Once you have finished using the Configurator ensure you click on the disconnect button in the Configurator program prior to unplugging the cable. This ensures the data transmission returns to the correct state.

## Testing with live animals

1. Pass a small group of animals through the animal handler.
2. Did the SmartReader read all the tags?
  - If yes, the SmartReader is operational.
  - If no, contact your Gallagher representative for further information.

## Advanced Electronic ID tag read range testing

If an adequate EID Tag read range is not achieved during the initial testing, use the following advanced testing procedures.

Install the Configurator software utility prior to starting the advanced Electronic ID tag read range testing.

The Configurator software utility is automatically installed with the MyScale Pro software.

### **You will need the following items at the animal handler:**

- A Laptop computer with either a serial (DB9) or USB port
- A Serial cable (supplied)
- The Serial to USB cable - if using the USB port (supplied).

# INSTALLING MULTIPLE SMARTREADERS

When multiple SmartReaders are installed in close proximity, additional set up is required to ensure all Electronic ID tags are read correctly.

Each SmartReader must be able to communicate with all other SmartReaders to enable the antenna panel to be switched on and off at the appropriate times to ensure both Electronic ID tags can be read. For additional information about tags, see *Electronic ID tags* (p 2).

- If you have two SmartReaders to install you may use either wired or wireless installation. The wired option is the preferred option for the greatest reliability.
- If you have more than two SmartReaders you must use wired installation.

## Wireless installation

**Note:** This option is applicable if you are installing two SmartReaders.

Once you have installed both SmartReaders, you need to change the following settings in the SmartReader via the Configurator program on your computer.

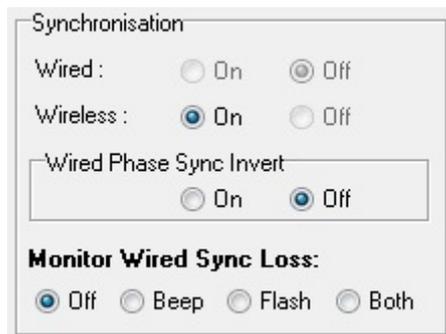
### Procedure

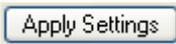
1. Connect the SmartReader to a computer. Refer to *Connect the Electronic Controller to a computer* (p 20).
2. Open the Configurator software. Refer to *Open Configurator software* (p 21).

3. Click .

The SmartReader current settings are transferred to the Configurator and displayed.

4. Set the **Synchronisation - Wireless** option to **On**.



5. Click  to copy the changes down to the SmartReader.
6. Repeat for the second SmartReader.

## Wired installation

- Applicable if you are installing more than two SmartReaders.
- Applicable for two SmartReader installations where greater reliability is required and it is practical to run the required cables.

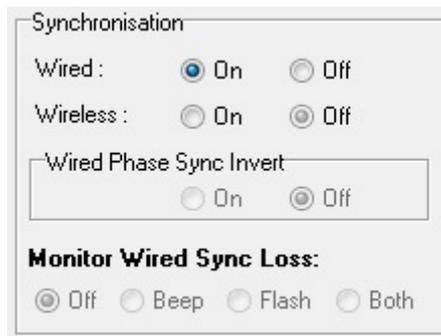
Once you have installed the SmartReaders, you need to change the following settings in the SmartReader via the Configurator program on your computer.

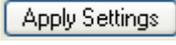
### Procedure

1. Connect the SmartReader to a computer. See *Connect the SmartReader to a computer* (p 20).
2. Open the Configurator software. See *Open Configurator software* (p 21).
3. Click .

The SmartReader current settings are transferred to the Configurator and displayed.

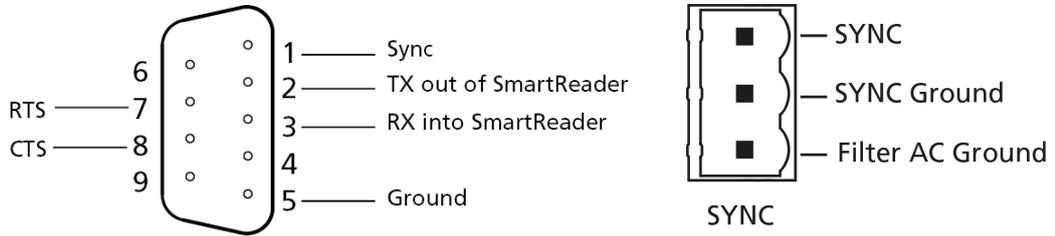
4. Set the **Synchronisation - Wired** option to **On**.



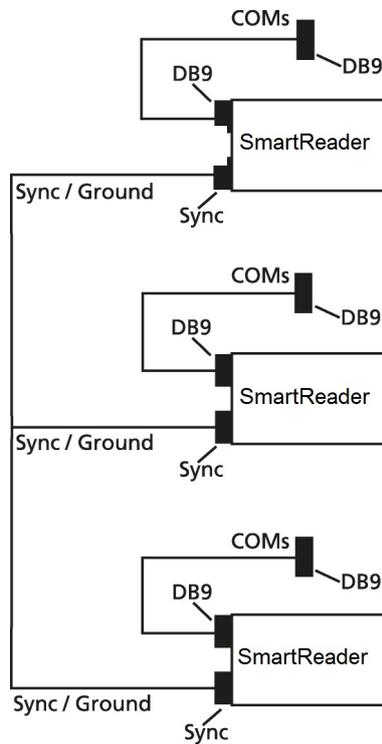
5. Click  to copy the changes down to the SmartReader.
6. Repeat for all other SmartReaders.

## Cabling requirements for connecting SmartReaders

During the wired installation you need to connect all SmartReaders together using the following connectors:



The sync cabling **is not** supplied by Gallagher - you are expected to have a custom cable made to suit the individual installation.



The COM connectors enable you to alter the settings of each SmartReader.

Create one for every SmartReader you have. This enables you to easily set up and communicate with all SmartReaders.

## Dual-Reader Mode

This option enables increased Electronic ID reading performance, using two panel readers, which can be connected to operate in tandem as a Dual-Reader. If you are unable to get a consistent 100% read of animals in a race, then the Dual-Reader option may deliver the required performance.

Positioning two panel readers opposite each other on either side of a race, enables them to be operated as if they were a single reader with a larger read range. This provides a solution that works across races up to 1.2 metres wide. However, it is important the animals move through the race in single file to avoid a missed read.

The readers are installed as a primary reader and secondary reader. Once you have installed both SmartReaders you will need to change the settings in each SmartReader via the Configurator program on your computer.

**Note:** To use the Dual-Reader mode, you will need vSR1.09//b03 of reader software and v2.12.0.15 of SmartReader Configurator software, or higher versions.

### Procedure

1. Connect the SmartReaders to a data collection device. (PC, TSi, SmartScale)
  - For a wired connection between the readers, refer to Dual-Reader Wired Installation.
  - For a Bluetooth connection between the readers, refer to *Dual-Reader Wireless Installation* (p 32).
2. Turn the **Primary** SmartReader on.
3. If the Dual-Readers are connected to a PC/laptop, open the Configurator software. See *Open Configurator software* (p 21).
4. The Dual-Reader mode is set to the default, **OFF**.

Select **Primary** to set up the primary SmartReader and then select **Custom Wired** or **Bluetooth**.

The **Synchronisation** settings default, depending on your selection.

5. Click . The settings are transferred to the SmartReader.
6. Click .
7. Unplug the first SmartReader (primary) and connect to the other SmartReader (secondary). Repeat from Step 2, to Step 7 to set up the **Secondary** SmartReader.

Refer to the *Configurator Online Help: Operational Settings - Dual-reader mode*, to set up the Operational Settings screen for the Primary and Secondary SmartReaders.

## Dual-Reader wired installation

This section shows how to connect a primary and secondary SmartReader using a custom serial cable, and how to establish a connection between the SmartReaders and the data collection device. (PC, SmartTSi, Weighscale)

**Note:** You will need a simple custom serial cable in a "Y" configuration. This cable is not supplied by Gallagher - you are expected to have a custom cable made to suit your individual installation.

### Procedure

1. Plug the supplied reader to RS-232 cable into the serial port on your data collection device.
2. Plug the other end into the Female plug on the custom serial cable.
3. Plug the Male plugs of the custom serial cable into the primary and secondary SmartReaders.

**Note:** If your computer does not have a serial port, use the supplied RS-232 to USB adaptor to connect to a USB port on the computer.

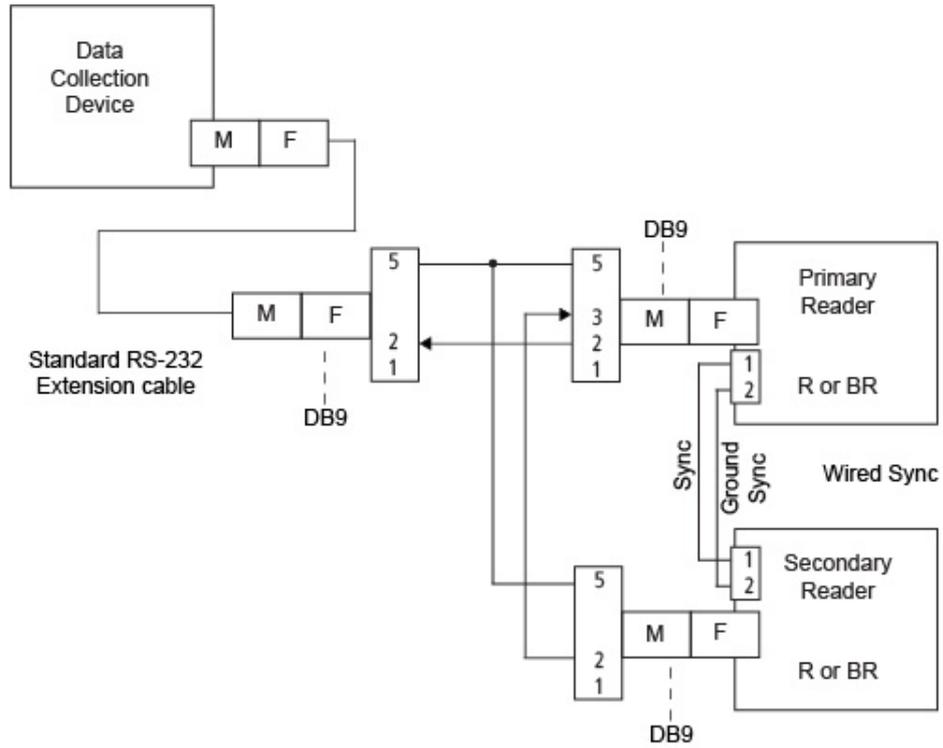
4. Return to Step 2. of Dual-Reader Mode to complete the installation process for Dual-Readers.

### Custom Cable

The primary reader has two cables entering the single male DB9 serial connector.

- One cable carries the Incoming Secondary Tag Data (pin 3) and Ground (pin 5). This cable crosses pin 3 to pin 2 between the primary and secondary readers and terminates with a Male DB9 connector suitable for connecting to the secondary reader.
- The other cable carries the Outgoing Primary Tag Data (pin 2) and Ground (pin 5). This cable goes from the primary reader to terminate with a Female DB9 connector, suitable for connecting to the data collection device (SmartTSi, Weighscale or PC)

The following diagram shows the Dual-Reader Wired configuration:



- Wired sync is achieved by a separate cable as outlined in *Cabling requirements for connecting SmartReaders* (p 28).

## Dual-Reader wireless installation

This section describes how to connect a primary and secondary SmartReader using the Bluetooth module, and how to establish a connection between the SmartReaders and the data collection device. (PC, SmartTSi, Weighscale)

**Note:** A standard serial cable will be required for this configuration, so the Primary tag data (tags read at both primary and secondary readers) can be transported to the data collection device.

1. Plug the supplied reader to RS-232 cable into the serial port on your data collection device.
2. Plug the other end into the primary SmartReader.

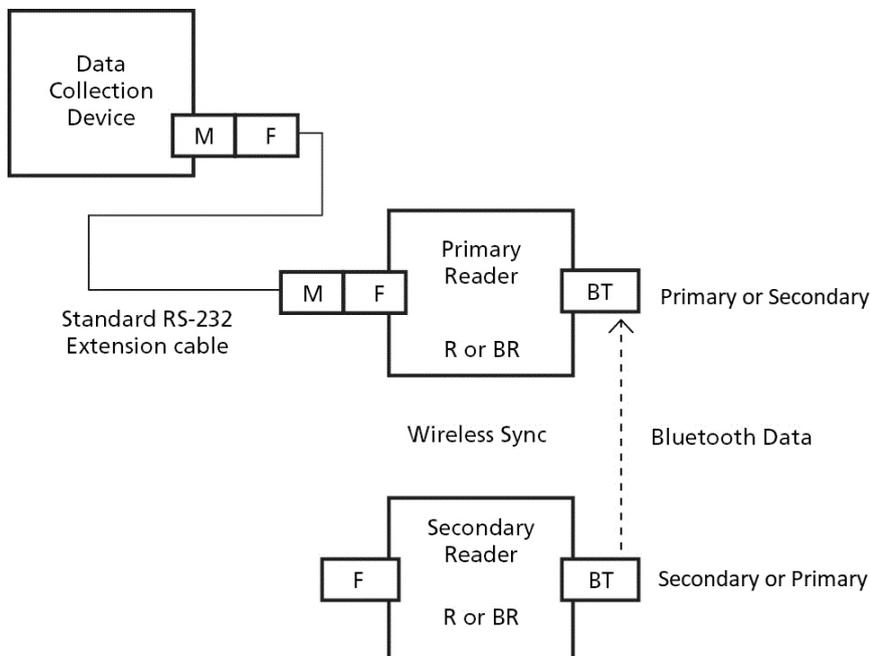
**Note:** If your computer does not have a serial port, use the supplied RS-232 to USB adaptor to connect to a USB port on the computer.

3. Return to Step 2. of Dual-Reader Mode to complete the installation process.

### Wireless

When Wireless Sync is used, there is no need for custom cables. Primary mode Bluetooth reader firmware (vSR1.08 or later) is needed to allow the secondary reader tag data to be communicated over Bluetooth to the primary reader. It does not matter which reader is set up as Bluetooth primary or secondary, so long as the Bluetooth link establishes itself automatically when the two readers are powered up, and the tag data can be communicated.

The following diagram shows the Dual-Reader Wireless configuration:



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## 4 Metre Antenna Extension Cable Kit

The 4 Metre Antenna Extension Cable Kit contains:

- 1 x Extension cable (4m)
- 1 x Mounting bracket
- 2 x Metal TEK screws

### Mounting the extension kit to the SmartReader

Mount the Antenna Panel as per *Mounting the Antenna Panel* (p 13).

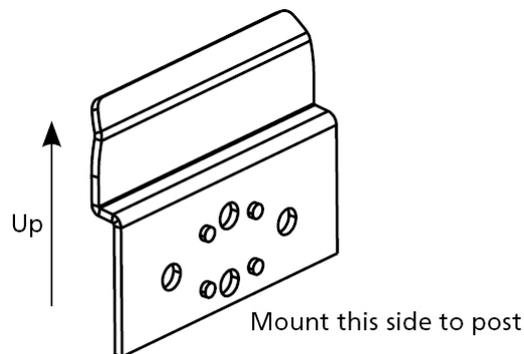
### Considerations

- The Extension cable is part of the Antenna Panel circuit so keep away from large metal surfaces.
- Ensure the SmartReader mounting location provides protection from being knocked or damaged by animals.
- Ensure the Extension cable is run so it can not be damaged or tripped over.
- Protect the Extension cable from damage from the environment, animals, people or weather. Avoid mounting the Extension cable in wet areas.
- The extension cable length is 4 m.

### Procedure

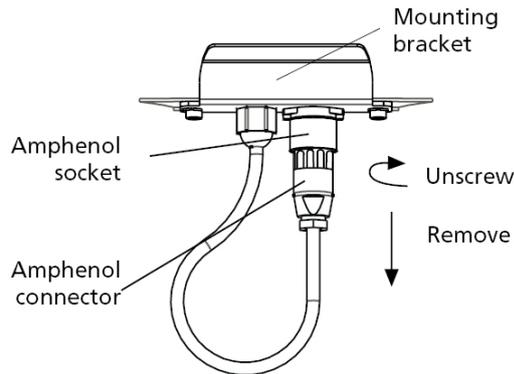
1. Determine the location of the SmartReader based on the above considerations.
2. Using the supplied metal tek screws attach the mounting bracket to a solid mounting location using at least two of the holes in the mounting bracket.

The two sets of two holes allows for installation on horizontal or vertical pipe work.

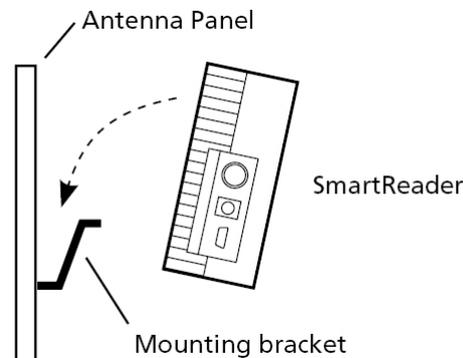


3. Run the Extension cable from the SmartReader to the Antenna Panel along the proposed path and temporarily fasten the cable in place.
4. Ensure the SmartReader is turned off.

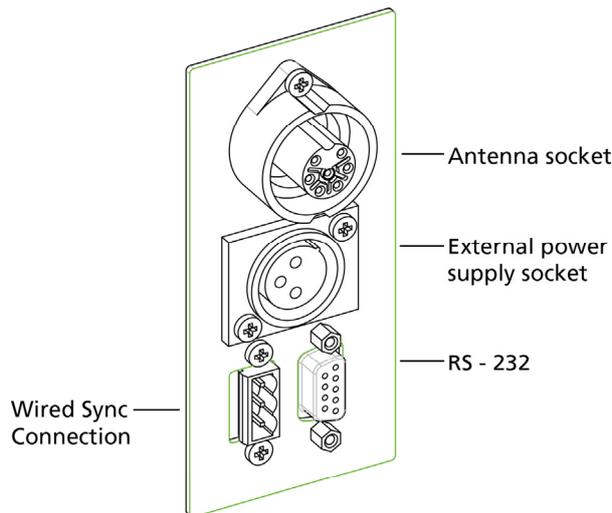
5. On the Antenna Panel, unscrew the Amphenol connector locking nut from the Amphenol socket and pull it down to unplug from the Antenna Panel.



6. Connect the Extension cable to the Amphenol connector and tighten.
7. Mount the SmartReader on the mounting bracket by grasping the SmartReader on both sides and slide the back handle onto the mounting bracket.



8. Connect the Extension cable to the Amphenol socket on the side of the SmartReader and tighten the locking nut.



9. Once the Extension cable location is finalised, attach the cable permanently using cable ties. The SmartReader is now ready to use.

# BLUETOOTH

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## Overview

The SmartReader (BR and R series) come with Bluetooth installed, for communications between the SmartReader and a Scale, or a SmartReader and a computer.

For communications between a SmartReader and a computer, a Bluetooth USB adaptor will need to be purchased if the computer is not already Bluetooth enabled. In addition, the computer will need to be running Windows XP or later.

## Bluetooth RS-232 Adaptor

### Compatibility

This Bluetooth device should work with Scales that have power to pin 9 on the serial port.

In this configuration a power supply is not required and is not supplied with the RS-232 adaptor. Power is expected to be provided from pin 9 of the RS-232 port to the adaptor from the Scale.

When the RS-232 Bluetooth adaptor is powered from the Scale, the slide switch on the side should be set to the **PoRI position** (sometimes represented by this symbol: ).

### Setting up the Bluetooth RS-232 Adaptor

1. Plug the RS-232 adaptor into the serial port on the side of the Scale using the small serial cable that comes with the adaptor.
2. Power up and configure the Scale to receive data on that serial port.  
For a Gallagher Smartscale this would be in the Setup menu under Communications, set the relevant port to "EID Standard".
3. Check that the power light on the adaptor has illuminated.
4. Turn on the reader. Once powered up, the Bluetooth should connect automatically and can be confirmed by a blue LED on the RS232 adaptor.
5. Tag data will automatically be sent to the Scale.

#### Notes:

- The wireless connection should be effective to a range of at least ten metres.
- The "Power" LED illuminates when power is supplied to the adaptor.
- The Bluetooth light flashes when a wireless connection is active.
- The "Mode" LED (middle LED) only illuminates during configuration.

### Pairing the RS-232 Adaptor with your reader

The RS-232 Adaptor must be **paired** with your individual SmartReader, i.e. the adaptor must be uniquely identified by your reader.

This is achieved by assigning your SmartReader "MAC address" to the adaptor. Other Bluetooth devices (including other readers working in the immediate area) will then be of no concern to your operation.

The pairing process must be carried out by your Gallagher distributor. If you have received the Bluetooth adaptor with your reader, the pairing should already be in effect. If not, take your reader and your adaptor to your nearest distributor for pairing.

## Bluetooth USB Adaptor

### Introduction

A Bluetooth USB adaptor is available from your Gallagher distributor to allow a Bluetooth enabled SmartReader to communicate with a computer.

This section describes how to install a Bluetooth USB adaptor to a USB port, to enable your computer to make a wireless communication with any Bluetooth device, including a Gallagher SmartReader.

The wireless connection can be used to download tag numbers to MyScale Pro or to configure the reader with the software supplied on the MyScale Pro CD.

Many modern computers are manufactured "Bluetooth enabled" and this accessory is not required for those models.

### Compatibility

The Computer must be running the Windows XP operating system and have one available USB port.

MyScale Pro Version 2.5.1 or later must be installed on the computer.

### Installing and connecting the USB Adaptor

1. Insert the adaptor into the USB port. This will be detected automatically.



2. After a period of configuration the Bluetooth icon will appear in the taskbar notification area.



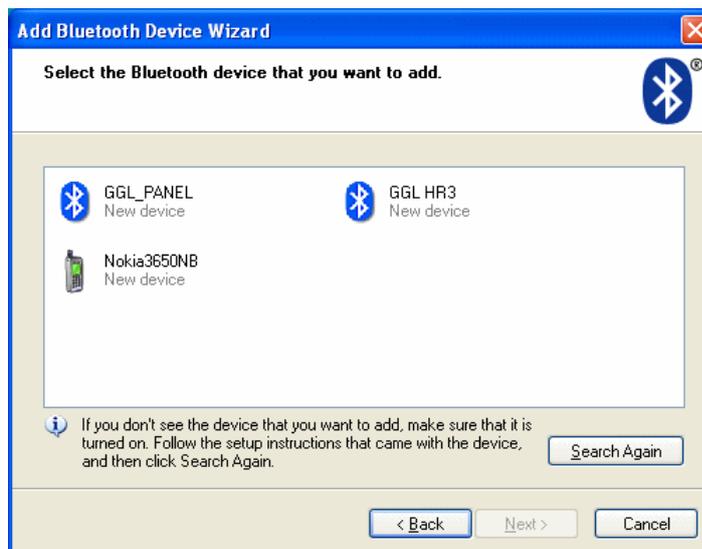
3. Click on the Bluetooth icon. The following menu will be displayed:



4. Select the **Add a Bluetooth Device** option. This opens the Bluetooth Wizard.



5. Populate the **My device is set up and ready to be found** check box.
6. Turn on your SmartReader. A panel reader will constantly scan for a connecting computer.
7. Click **Next** on the Wizard. The following window will be displayed:



8. Double click on  GGL\_PANEL New device . The following window will be displayed:



9. Select **Let me choose my own passkey**. Enter 0000 (four zeroes) and click **Next**.
10. Passkeys will be exchanged and the wizard completes.



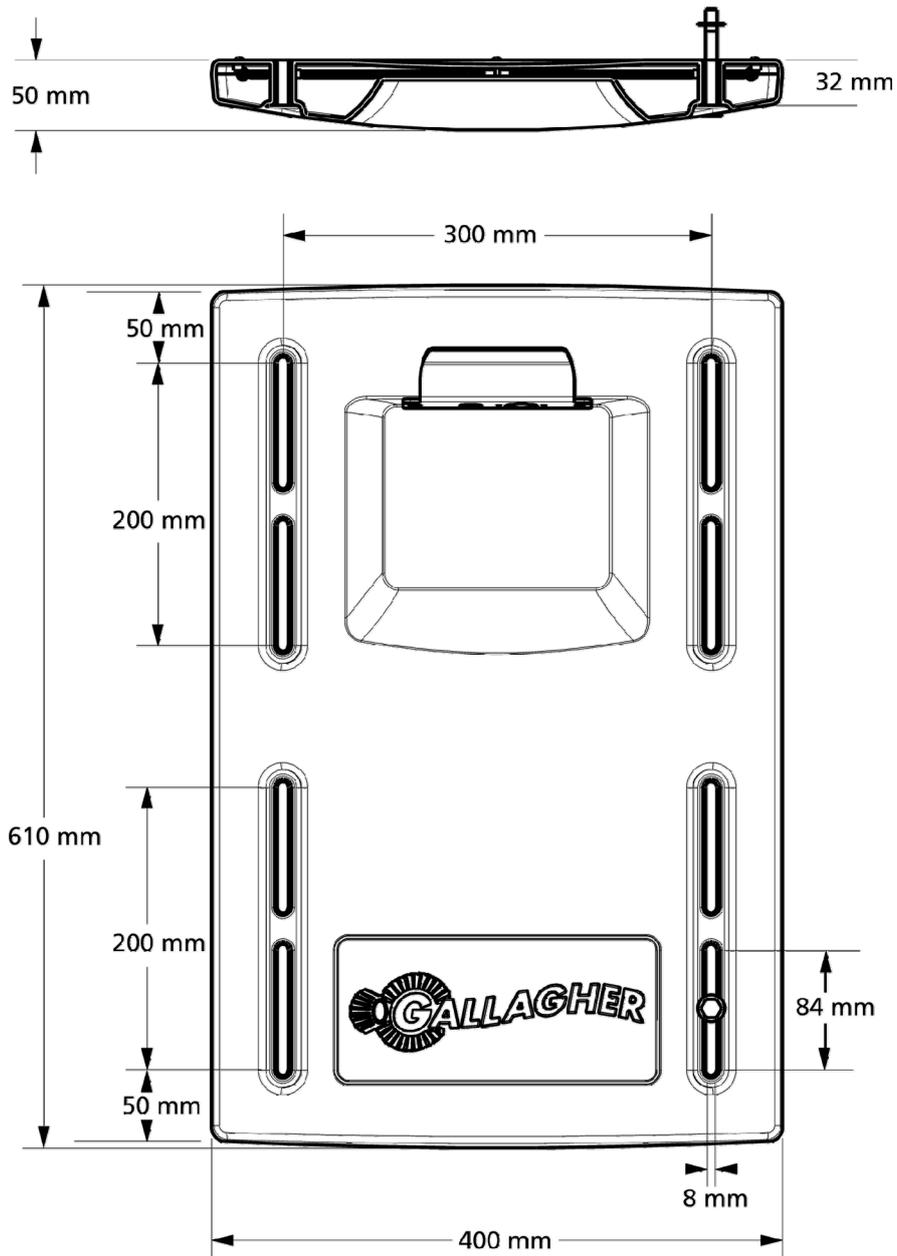
11. Click on **Finish**.

**Note:** The Bluetooth connection should be effective to a range of at least ten metres.

# SPECIFICATIONS

## Small Antenna Panel

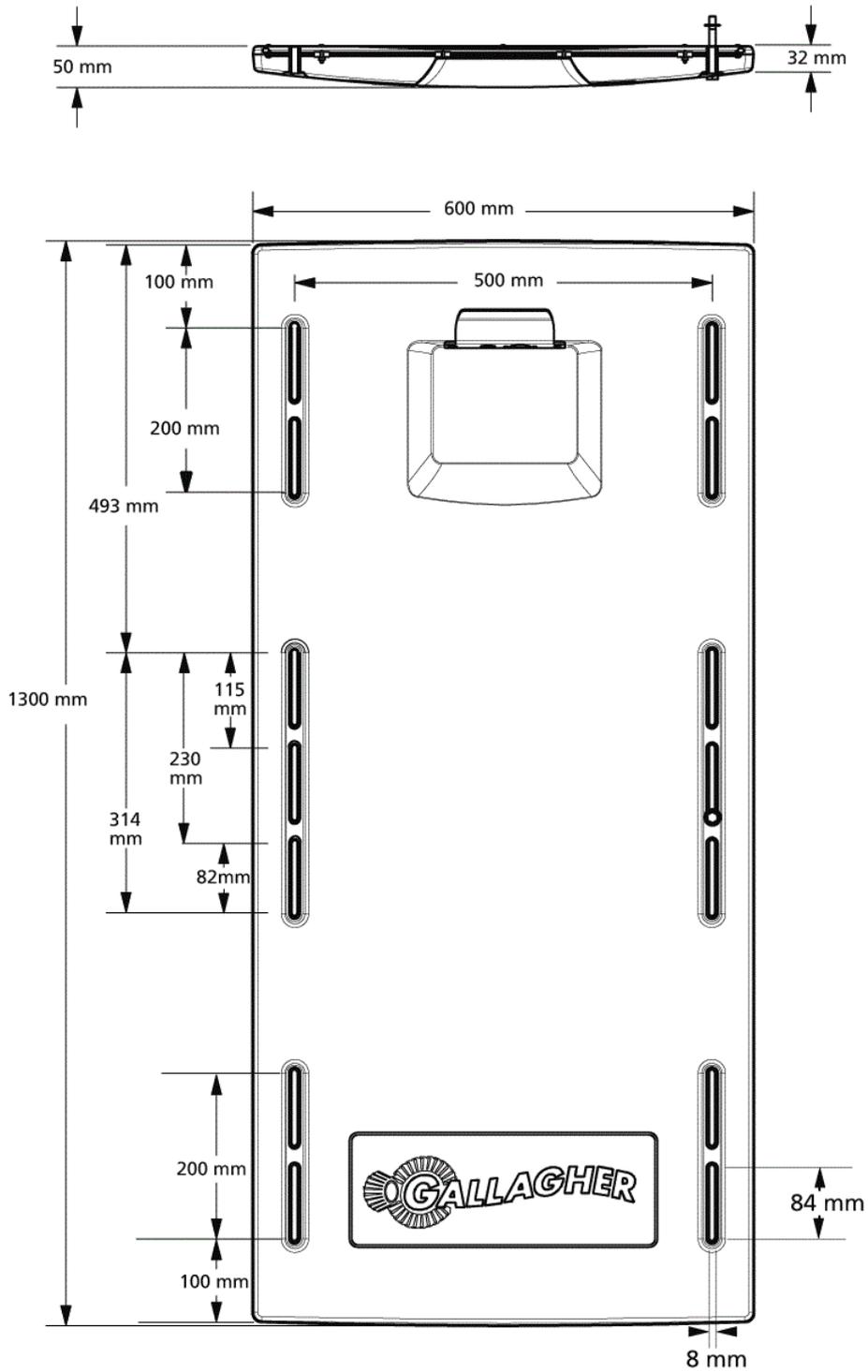
Small Antenna Panel            3 kg  
Dimensions (w x h x d)        400 x 600 x 50 mm



# Large Antenna Panel

Large Antenna Panel      7.3 kg

Dimensions (w x h x d)      600 x 1300 x 50 mm



## SmartReader

Weight BR Series	6.8 kg
Dimensions (w x h x d)	300 x 220 x 100 mm (approx) The front and back are slightly curved out.

## Battery

Battery type	12V 7AH Sealed Lead Acid battery
Expected battery life per full charge	8 hours minimum <b>Note:</b> Battery life is reduced if the SmartReader is stored at elevated temperatures for extended periods
Battery charge time	6 hours approx. (Depending on operating temperature and discharge)

## Battery charger

Protection	Over Voltage/ Over Current/ Over Power/ Auto Recovery/ Short Circuit
AC input range	110 V AC & 230 V AC Compatible
Output Voltage	12 V
Note	For use only with Gallagher BR series panel SmartReader. Avoid charging in unventilated areas, for example, a cupboard

## Standards

IP (Ingress Protection) Rating:	IP66
Operating temperature range:	-10 to +55 °C
Storage temperature range:	-40 to +85 °C

Safety Standards	Australia and New Zealand (AS/NZS 3350.2.29 or AS/NZS 60335.2.29) Europe(EN 60335.2.29)
C-Tick approval	New Zealand & Australia
CE Mark	EN 300 330-2, EN 301 489-3
FCC	This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

	<p>(1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and</p> <p>(2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.</li> <li>• Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.</li> <li>• Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.</li> <li>• Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.</li> </ul> <p>CAUTION: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Gallagher Group Limited could void the user’s authority to operate the equipment.</p>
<p>Industry Canada</p>	<p>This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:</p> <p>(1) this device may not cause interference, and</p> <p>(2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.</p> <p>Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication.</p> <p>This radio transmitter (IC: 7369A-G03111) has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed below with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.</p> <p>Antenna Types:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- BR600 Small Antenna Panel (G03121)</li> <li>- BR1300 Large Antenna Panel (G031424)</li> </ul>

- Sheep Auto Drafter Antenna Panel (G05714)
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## Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment



This symbol on the product or its packaging indicates that this product must not be disposed of with other waste. Instead, it is your responsibility to dispose of your waste equipment by handing it over to a designated collection point for the recycling of waste electrical and electronic equipment. The separate collection and recycling of your waste equipment at the time of disposal will help conserve natural resources and ensure that it is recycled in a manner that protects human health and the environment. For more information about where you can drop off your waste equipment for recycling, please contact your local city recycling office or the dealer from whom you purchased the product.