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Model LF-300 Series

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- 1) Ensure that the loop you are trying to find is active. It must be properly connected to an operating inductive loop vehicle detector.
- 2) The Loop Finder comes with a nine-volt battery that must be installed prior to use. To install the battery, slide open the battery compartment cover on the back of the control unit and connect the battery to the battery clip. Replace the battery compartment cover. To check the battery condition, press and hold the **POWER** button. If the green LED in the **BATT CONDITION** box labeled **GOOD** is illuminated, the battery voltage is acceptable. If the red LED labeled **BAD** is illuminated, the battery voltage is low and the battery must be replaced.
- 3) Locate the telephone handset cord and the audio headphones supplied with the Loop Finder.
- 4) Connect the locating wand to the control unit using the telephone handset cord.
- 5) Plug the headphones into the headphone jack. **NOTE:** If traffic conditions are such that the use of headphones might constitute a safety hazard, it may be advisable to operate the Loop Finder without the headphones connected.
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- 7) Adjust the sensitivity to full. This allows the Loop Finder to get a reading from as great a distance as possible.
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