



SPARK

Night Vision Monocular



OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL

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SAFETY SUMMARY

Before operating this product, read and study this Operation and Maintenance Manual carefully.

The Spark is a precision electron-optical instrument, and requires careful handling. To avoid damage to the equipment or physical harm to the user when operating the Spark, follow all WARNINGS, CAUTIONS and NOTES.

Below you will find definitions of the following alerts that appear throughout this Manual:

WARNING — Identifies a clear danger to the person operating the equipment.

CAUTION – Identifies risk of damage to the equipment.

NOTE – Serves to highlight essential procedures, conditions, and statements, or convey important instructional data to the user.



WARNING:

This product contains natural rubber latex which may cause allergic reactions! The FDA has reported an increase in the number of deaths that are associated with an apparent sensitivity to natural latex proteins. If you are allergic to latex, it is a good idea to learn which products contain it and strictly avoid exposure to those products.



WARNING:

- Always make sure your firearm is unloaded before you place the equipment on the firearm. Reconfirm that the chamber is empty if you stop the procedure then resume later. Safe handling rules should be followed at all times.
- The light from the unit infrared (IR) illuminator is invisible to the unaided eye when used in total darkness. However, the light can be detected by other Night Vision Devices (NVD).
- To reduce the risk of detection by another NVD, avoid prolonged activation of the IR illuminator.
- The IR light is more detectable by an NVD when used in smoke, fog and rain. Avoid prolonged activation of the unit IR illuminator in these conditions.
- This product contains natural rubber latex, which may cause allergic reactions.
- The intensifier's phosphor screen contains toxic materials. Please note the following:
 - If the intensifier tube breaks, be **extremely careful** to avoid inhaling the phosphor screen material. DO NOT allow the material to come in contact with your mouth, eyes, or any open wounds on the skin.
 - If the phosphor screen material comes in contact with your skin, wash it off immediately with soap and water.
 - If you inhale or swallow any phosphor screen material, drink a lot of water, induce vomiting, and **seek medical attention as soon as possible.**

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CAUTION:

- The Spark is a precision electron-optical instrument, and must be handled carefully at all times to prevent damage to the device and danger to the user.
- To protect the intensifier tube, **do not remove** the lens cap of the Spark when the monocular is being operated in daylight conditions, or when the device is not in use.
- Use of the Spark in brightly lit conditions may damage the unit's intensifier tube.
- Bright light sources such as firelight, headlights, searchlights, etc. can damage the Spark. Avoid exposing the unit to these types of light sources.
- DO NOT attempt to force the controls past their stopping points, as this may cause damage to the mechanisms.
- Before replacing the intensifier tube, confirm that it is no longer covered by warranty.
- Do not store the equipment with the battery still inserted.
- Clean and dry each component of the Spark thoroughly before placing them in the storage case.

NOTES:

- The equipment requires some ambient light (moonlight, starlight, etc.) to operate.
- Performance of the device in nighttime conditions depends on the level of ambient light in the environment. Please remember the following:
 - The level of ambient light is reduced by the presence of clouds, shade, or objects that block natural light (trees, buildings, etc.).
 - The equipment is less effective when operated in shadows and other darkened areas.
 - The equipment is less effective when operated in rain, fog, sleet, snow, dust or smoke.
 - The equipment will not "see" through dense smoke.
- The IR illuminator is intended for increased illumination, as needed, when viewing at a close distance of up to 3m.
- The Spark is **not** a weapon sight. However, it can be used in conjunction with a collimator dot sight or laser aiming device.
- For the purpose of returning defective components, retain all packaging materials.

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HOW TO USE THIS MANUAL

USAGE

You must familiarize yourself with the entire manual before operating the equipment. Before performing any kind of maintenance on your device, read the section on maintenance in its entirety. Follow all **WARNINGS**, **CAUTIONS**, and **NOTES**.

MANUAL OVERVIEW

This manual contains sections on Operating and Maintaining the Spark Night Vision Monocular. Throughout this Manual, the Spark Night Vision Monocular will be referred to as the Spark, "the monoculare," or the "equipment."

The list of Spare Parts can be found in Appendix A.

The Product Warranty Registration Card can be found in Appendix B.

INTRODUCTION

1.1 GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1.1 TYPE OF MANUAL

Operation and Maintenance (including a List of Spare Parts).

1.1.2 MODEL NUMBER AND EQUIPMENT NAME

Spark Multi-Use Night Vision Monocular

1.1.3 PURPOSE OF EQUIPMENT

To provide the operator with the ability to observe at night under moonlight and starlight conditions.

The Spark can be used as a handheld, head-mounted, helmet-mounted or weapon-mounted device to allow walking, weapon firing, short-range surveillance, map reading, vehicle maintenance, and administering of first aid.

The Spark allows for horizontal and vertical adjustments when mounted to the user's head or helmet, and is equipped with an infrared light-emitting source (IR illuminator).

1.1.4 REPORTING EQUIPMENT IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations from the user for improvements to the device are encouraged.

Mail your comments to Armasight Inc., 815 Dubuque Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080, USA.

Or, send an email to info@armasight.com

1.2 WARRANTY INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

1.2.1 WARRANTY INFORMATION

This product is guaranteed to be free from manufacturing defects in material and workmanship under normal use for a period of two (2) years from the date of purchase. In the event that a defect covered by the below warranty occurs during the applicable period stated above, Armasight, at its discretion, will either repair or replace the product; such action on the part of Armasight shall be the full extent of Armasight's liability, and the Customer's sole and exclusive reparation. This warranty does not cover a product if it has (a) been used in ways other than its normal and customary manner; (b) subjected to misuse; (c) subjected to alterations, modifications or repairs by the Customer or by any party other than Armasight without prior written consent of Armasight; (d) special order or "close-out" merchandise or merchandise sold "as-is" by either Armasight or the Armasight dealer; or (e) merchandise that has been discontinued by the manufacturer and either parts or replacement units are not available due to reasons beyond the control of Armasight. Armasight shall not be responsible for any defects or damage that in Armasight's view are a result from the mishandling, abuse, misuse, improper storage or improper operation of the device, including use in conjunction with equipment that is electrically or mechanically incompatible with, or of inferior quality to, the product, as well as failure to maintain the environmental conditions specified by the manufacturer. CUSTOMER IS HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT OPERATION OF THE EQUIPMENT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS OR UNDER ANY EXCESSIVE LIGHT CONDITIONS MAY PERMANENTLY DAMAGE THE INTERNAL COMPONENTS OF THE UNIT AND SAID DAMAGE WILL NOT BE COVERED UNDER THIS WARRANTY. This warranty is extended only to the original purchaser. Any breach of this warranty shall be enforced unless the customer notifies Armasight at the address noted below within the applicable warranty period.

The customer understands and agrees that except for the foregoing warranty, no other warranties written or oral, statutory, expressed or implied, including any implied warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, shall apply to the product. All such implied warranties are hereby and expressly disclaimed.

1.2.2 LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

Armasight will not be liable for any claims, actions, suits, proceedings, costs, expenses, damages or liabilities arising out of the use of this product. Operation and use of the product are the sole responsibility of the Customer. Armasight's sole undertaking is limited to providing the products and services outlined herein in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The provision of products sold and services performed by Armasight to the Customer shall not be interpreted, construed, or regarded, either expressly or implied, as being for the benefit of or creating any obligation toward any third party of legal entity outside Armasight and the Customer; Armasight's obligations under this Agreement extend solely to the Customer. Armasight's liability hereunder for damages, regardless of the form or action, shall not exceed the fees or other charges paid to Armasight by the customer or customer's dealer. Armasight shall not, in any event, be liable for special, indirect, incidental, or consequential damages, including, but not limited to, lost income, lost revenue, or lost profit, whether such damages were foreseeable or not at the time of purchase, and whether or not such damages arise out of a breach of warranty, a breach of agreement, negligence, strict liability or any other theory of liability.

1.2.3 PRODUCT WARRANTY REGISTRATION

In order to validate the warranty on your product, Armasight must receive a completed Product Warranty Registration Card for each unit, or the Customer can complete a warranty registration on our website, at www.armsight.com. Please complete the included form (Appendix B) and immediately mail it to our Service Center:

Armasight Inc.
815 Dubuque Avenue
South San Francisco
CA 94080
USA

1.2.4 OBTAINING WARRANTY SERVICE

To obtain warranty service on your unit, the End-User (Customer) must notify the Armasight service department via email. Send any requests to service@armasight.com to receive a Return Merchandise Authorization number (RMA). When returning any device, please take in the product to your retailer, or send the product, postage paid and with a copy of your sales receipt, to Armasight Corporation's service center at the address listed above. All merchandise must be fully insured with the correct postage; Armasight will not be responsible for improper postage or merchandise that becomes lost or damaged during shipment. When sending product back, please clearly write the RMA# on the outside of the shipping box. Please include a letter that indicates your RMA#, the Customer's Name, a Return Address, reason for the return, Contact information (valid telephone numbers and/or an e-mail address), and proof of purchase that will help us to establish the valid start date of the warranty. Product merchandise returns that do not have an RMA# listed may be refused, or a significant delay in processing may occur. Estimated Warranty service time is 10-20 business days. The End-User/ Customer is responsible for postage to Armasight for warranty service. Armasight will cover return postage/ shipping after warranty repair to the End-User/ Customer only if the product is covered by the aforementioned warranty. Armasight will return the product after warranty service by domestic UPS Ground service and/ or domestic mail. Should any other requested, required or international shipping methods be necessary, the postage/ shipping fee will be the responsibility of the End-User/ Customer.

1.3 CROSS REFERENCES

COMMON NAME	OFFICIAL NAME
Allen Wrench	Socket Head Screw Key
Battery Compartment	Battery Box Cover
Shipping Case	Textile Bag
Cotton Swab	Disposable Applicator
Neoprene Jack Plug	Plug Assembly
O-Ring	Gasket
Safety Screw	Electrical Dial-Knob Lock
Pattern Generator	Optical Instrument Reticule
Lens Covers	Exit Port Covers
Paddle Switch	Remote Cable Switch
Technical Manual	Operator and Field Maintenance Manual
Tape Fastener Loop	Fastener, Loop Tape
Tape Fastener Hook	Fastener, Hook Tape

1.4 LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

C	Celsius (Centigrade)
CCW	counterclockwise
Cont'd	Continued
CW	clockwise
Dia	diameter
F	Fahrenheit
FOV	Field of View
g	gram
Gen	Generation
H	Height
hr	hour
IR	infrared
IT	Intensifier Tube
L	Length
LED	Light Emitting Diode
lx	lux
m	meter
mA	milliamperere
min	minute
mm	millimeter
mW	milliwatt
nm	nanometer
No	Number
NV	Night Vision
NVD	Night Vision Device
Para	Paragraph
PMCS	Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services
QRM	Quick Release Mount
QTY	Quantity
RMA#	Return Merchandise Authorization number
s	second
seq	sequence
SR	Service Representative
VDC	Volts Direct Current
V	Volt
W	Width

DESCRIPTION AND DATA

2.1 SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The Spark is a hand-held, head-mounted, helmet-mounted, or weapon-mounted night vision system that allows the user to operate it while walking, firing weapons, conducting short-range surveillance, reading maps, conducting vehicle maintenance, or administering first aid in both moonlight and starlight conditions.

The Spark utilizes the principle of intensification of the residual light that is reflected from the surrounding objects. The optical system of the unit consists of an objective lens, an intensifier tube (IT), and an eyepiece.

Armasight exclusive CORE (Ceramic Optical Ruggedized Engine) technology image intensifier tubes are used in the Spark monoculars. While CORE does not contain a micro channel plate (and so by definition lands in the Gen 1 category) that is where the parallels end. Instead of glass, CORE tubes use a specially formulated ceramic compound fused with metal alloys similar to those used in production of Gen 2 and Gen 3 image intensifier tubes. Further advances in CORE have almost removed edge distortion, dramatically increased photo-sensitivity and most importantly, almost doubled resolution up to 70 lp/mm.

A built-in IR illuminator makes it possible to use the unit in low light or total darkness.

The Spark allows for vertical and fore-and-aft adjustment when mounted to the user's head or helmet, when focusing the lens, and when focusing the eyepiece.

NOTE:

The equipment requires some light (moonlight, starlight, etc.) to operate. Performance of the device depends upon the level of ambient light in the environment. Please remember the following:

- The level of ambient light in the environment is reduced by the presence of clouds, shade, or objects that block natural light (trees, buildings, etc).
- The equipment is less effective when operated in shadows and other darkened areas.
- The equipment is less effective when operated in rain, fog, sleet, snow, or smoke.
- Under starlight conditions, particularly in low-contrast environments such as snow-covered territory, sandy deserts, large bodies of water or grassy hills, the visibility may degrade, thereby disguising or masking changes in terrain.
- The equipment will not "see" through dense smoke.

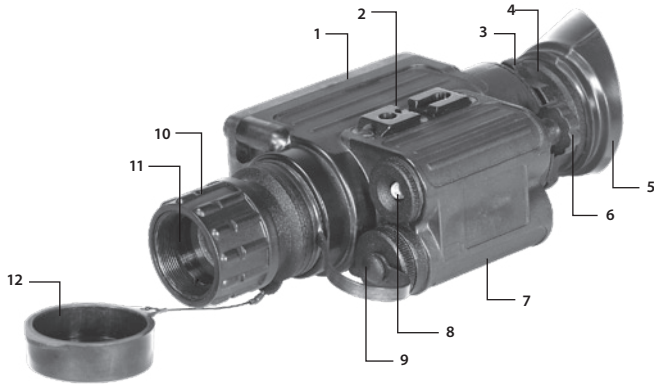


FIGURE 2-1. SPARK NIGHT VISION MONOCULAR

TABLE 2-1. SPARK SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ITEM	DESCRIPTION
1	Body	7	Battery Compartment
2	Rail	8	IR Illuminator
3	Eyepiece Ring	9	Function Switch
4	Eyepiece	10	Focus Ring
5	Eyecup	11	Lens
6	Battery Cap	12	Lens Cap

2.2 SPECIFICATIONS

TABLE 2-2. MECHANICAL DATA

EQUIPMENT ITEM	DIMENSIONS, MM	WEIGHT, G
Spark Night Vision Monocular	149 x 49 x 82	370
Flip-up Helmet Mount*	140 x 70 x 90	280
Goggle Kit*	280 x 180 x 80	295
XLR-IR850*	150 x 46 x 46	210
Quick Release Picatinny Mount Adapter #26*	120x76x13	70
AIM PRO*	169x87x42	180
AIM PRO-L*	270x87x42	252
Dual Bridge*	110x39x19	69
Dovetail to Weaver Transfer Piece*	38 x 21 x 7.5	8
Swing Arm #37*	49 x 46 x 64	50
3x Afocal Lens*	Dia 61 x 73	180
5x Afocal Lens*	Dia 78 x 90	344

* *Optional*

TABLE 2-3. ELECTRICAL DATA

ITEM	DATA
Battery	One CR123A Lithium 3V or CR123 type rechargeable batteries with voltage 3.2V
Continuous Operation* at 20°C (68°F):	up to 40 hr

* With IR illuminator off.

TABLE 2-4. OPTICAL DATA

ITEM	DATA
Magnification:	
— with 1x Lens	1x
— with 3x Afocal Lens*	3x
— with 5x Afocal Lens*	5x
1X Lens:	
— Focal Length	35 mm
— Lens F/number	1:1.7
— Focus Range	0.25 m to infinity
FOV:	
— with 1x Lens	35°
— with 3x Afocal Lens*	11°30'
— with 5x Afocal Lens*	7°30'
Exit Pupil Diameter	8 mm
Eye Relief	20 mm
Eyepiece Diopter Adjustment	-5 to +5 diopters
Built-in IR Illuminator	
— Power	50 mW
— Illumination Range	20 m
— Focus Distance	3 m
— Illumination Wavelength	810 nm

* *Optional.*

TABLE 2-5. ENVIRONMENTAL DATA

ITEM	DATA
Operating Temperature	-40 to +50°C
Storage Temperature	-50 to +70°C
Humidity	95%, 25°C to 40°C for 48 hr
Illumination Required	Natural night illumination (overcast starlight to moonlight)
Environmental Rating	Water and fog-resistant

2.3 STANDARD COMPONENTS

The standard components of the Spark are shown in Figure 2-2 and listed in Table 2-6. The ITEM NO. column indicates the number used to identify items in Figure 2-2.

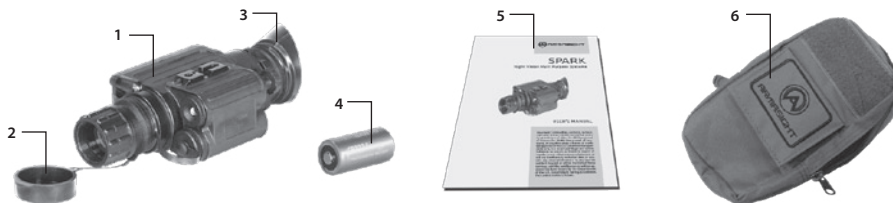


FIGURE 2-2. SPARK STANDARD COMPONENTS

TABLE 2-6. SPARK STANDARD COMPONENTS

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	Night Vision Monocular	1
2	Lens Cap	1
3	Eye-cup	1
4	Battery 123A Lithium	1
5	Operation and Maintenance Manual	1
6	Carrying Case	1

1) Armasight Spark Night Vision Monocular

Monocular night vision device with unity magnification.

2) Lens Cap

A cap used to protect the lens and to be used when testing the unit in daylight.

3) Eye-cup

A rubber cup used to protect the eyepiece as well as provide comfort for the operator.

4) Battery 123A Lithium

A single, 123A lithium battery used to power the unit.

5) Operation and Maintenance Manual

Provides safety information, equipment description, mounting procedures, operating instructions, and preventive maintenance checks and service (including a List of Spare Parts).

6) Carrying Case

A protective case used for storing and carrying of the Spark and its accessories.

2.4 OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

Optional items are shown and listed in Table 2-7.

The PART NO. column indicates the primary number used by the manufacturer to identify an item.

TABLE 2-7. SPARK OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT



















IMAGE	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
	3x A-Focal Lens Kit Lens #22 with Adapter #23 Quickly converts the Spark into a long-range night vision device. Ideal for long range observation.	ANAF3X0023
	5x A-Focal Lens with Adapter #23 Quickly converts the Spark into a long-range night vision device. Ideal for long range observation.	ANAF5X0023
	ARFS3 Advanced Range Finding Stadia for 3x A-Focal Lens	ANAMRF0003
	ARFS5 Advanced Range Finding Stadia for 5x A-Focal Lens	ANAMRF0005
	Goggle Kit #1 Adjustable universal assembly that secures the Spark to the operator's head providing hands-free operation.	ANHG000001
	Helmet Mount #3 Helps to mount the Spark on a range of ballistic helmets.	ANHM000002
	Helmet Mount #170 (Shroud) Is a helmet mount assembly that allows mounting of a night vision device onto helmet for hands free operations. The helmet mount has a flip-up mechanism which turns off the unit when it reaches its highest position.	ANHM000170
	Mil-Spec MICH Helmet Mount Kit USA #107 with Adapter/Swing Arm #37 Consists of MICH helmet mount and adapter that allows the user to attach the Spark to this mount.	ANHM000007
	Mil-Spec PASGT Helmet Mount Kit USA #108 with Adapter/Swing Arm #37 Consists of PASGT helmet mount and adapter that allows the user to attach the Spark to this mount.	ANHM000008
	Swing Arm #37 Mounts NV Monocular to Standard US Mil Headset (PVS7/PVS14 type) and/or helmet.	ANHG000002
	Swing Arm #172 Mini Rail to Dovetail Adapter (Mounts NV Monocular to Dovetail Type Headsets and Helmet Mounts)	ANHM000172
	Quick Release Picatinny Mount Adapter #26/ #142 Small arms adapter that allows the Spark to be mounted on a weapon using Picatinny Mil 1913 rail.	ANAM000004

TABLE 2-7. CONTINUED

IMAGE	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
	AIM PRO Advanced Integrated Mount Allows the user to quickly convert the Spark into a weapon sight.	ANKI000032
	AIM PRO-L Advanced Integrated Mount Long Allows the user to quickly convert the Spark with 3x lens into a weapon sight.	ANKI000049
	XLR-IR850 Detachable X-Long Range Infrared Illuminator w/ Dovetail to Weaver Transfer Piece #21, Rechargeable Battery, and Charger A detachable LED extra long-range infrared illuminator with wide-angle adjustable beam. Comes fully assembled with a dedicated mount in order to be installed on a Picatinny/Weaver rail.	ANKIXLR017
	XLR-IR A-Focal Doublor Doubles the distance of XLR-IR850 IR beam	ANAF18XXLR
	Extended Rail Adapter #85 Dovetail Weaver Picatinny Rail Adapter Extends 7.5" to 11.5" Tactical Scope Mount.	ANAM000045
	Universal Camera Adapter #45 Allows the Spark to be attached to a variety of camera systems.	ANAM000006
	Hard Shipping/Storage Case #101 A protective case used for the shipping/ storage of the Spark and its accessories.	ANH000001

2.5 KEY FEATURES

- CORE (Ceramic Optical Ruggedized Engine) technology intensifier tube
- Built-in IR illuminator
- Left or right eye use
- Lightweight
- Compact and robust design
- Easy to operate
- Serviceability under severe conditions
- High-performance
- Highly reliable
- Powered by single CR123 battery
- Weapon-mountable
- Head or helmet-mountable for hands-free usage
- Adaptable for use with cameras
- Compatibility with most weapons, IR laser aiming/ illuminating devices, reflex sights, and scopes
- Water and fog-resistant
- Limited two-year warranty

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OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 INSTALLATION AND MOUNTING

CAUTION:

To protect the intensifier tube when the sight is not in use or when it is being operated in daylight, keep the protective lens cap securely fitted over the lens.

3.1.1 BATTERY INSTALLATION

The Spark operates on a single CR123A battery.

Install the CR123A battery as follows:

1. Unscrew the battery cap (A) and insert the CR123A battery (B), observing the polarity markings on the body of the device.
2. Screw the battery cap (A) back on securely.

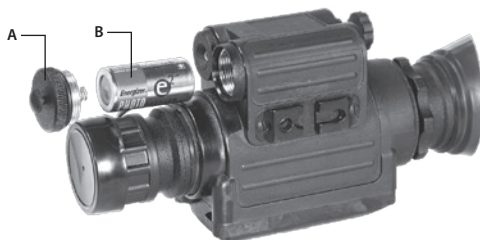


FIGURE 3-1. BATTERY INSTALLATION

3.1.2 MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A GOGGLE KIT

Mount the Spark to the optional goggle kit as follows (refer to Figure 3-2):

1. Put on the goggle kit. Adjust the goggle kit strap pads until the goggles fit securely around your head. Remove the goggle kit.

2. Loosen the screw (A). While pushing down on the button (B), insert the Spark rail into the guide (C) of the goggle kit bracket. Tighten the screw (A).
3. Put on the goggle kit, now mounted with the Spark.
4. To adjust the equipment for greater comfort, loosen the screw (A) and move the unit along the guide (C).
5. The goggle kit has a flip-up mechanism. Push the button (D) of the goggle kit bracket and lift the unit up until it reaches its top position.
6. Push the same button (D) to lower the unit into the correct viewing position.

Figure 3-2 shows the Spark in the correct position for the right eye. To readjust the unit for the other eye, remove the unit from the goggle kit bracket. Turn the unit around (180°) and mount it on the bracket through the rail on the second side. With the button (E) pushed, move the unit along the slide-rail (F) until the desired, most comfortable position is reached.

To remove the Spark from the goggle kit, loosen the screw (A), push the button (B), and slide the unit out of the bracket guide (C).

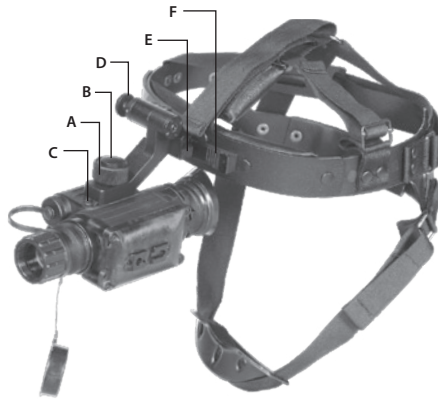


FIGURE 3-2. MOUNTING SPARK TO A GOGGLE KIT

3.1.3 MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A HELMET

An optional flip-up helmet mount can be used to attach the Spark to a helmet. The helmet mount fits the Spark securely onto helmet via a rugged strapping device and grooved hooks. With the helmet mount, the Spark can be positioned directly in front of the user's eyes, or flipped backwards, out of the field of view.

Mount the Spark to a helmet as follows (refer to Figure 3-3):

1. Attach the mount to the helmet.
2. Adjust and tighten the straps (A).
3. Loosen the screw (B). With the button (C) pushed down, insert the Spark rail into the guide (D) of the helmet mount bracket. Tighten the screw (B).
4. Put on the helmet with the Spark attached.
5. Push the button (F) and move the unit along the slide-rail (G) until the most comfortable position is reached.
6. Adjust the mount for comfortable using. Loosen the screw (B) and move the unit along the guide (D) for eye relief adjustment. Turn the lever (H) and move the unit along vertical slide-rail until the most comfortable vertical position is reached.
7. The helmet mount has a flip-up mechanism. Push the button (E) of the mount bracket and lift the unit up until it reaches its top position.
8. Push the same button (E) to lower the Spark into the proper viewing position.

The Spark can be mounted in position for the right or left eye. To readjust the Spark for other eye, reverse its positioning and reinstall it on the helmet mount bracket. Use the second unit rail located on the opposite side of the unit. Push the button (F) and move the unit along the slide-rail (G) until the most comfortable position is reached.

To remove the Spark from the helmet mount, loosen the screw (B), push down on the button (C), and slide the unit out of the guide (D). To remove the flip-up mechanism from the helmet mount, loosen the lever (H), pull the knob out (I), and slide the flip-up mechanism out of the vertical rail.

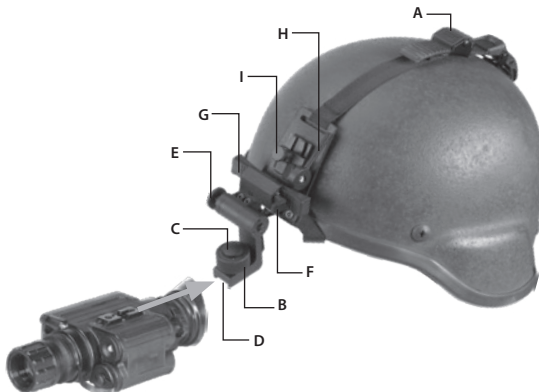


FIGURE 3-3. MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A HELMET

3.1.4 MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A WEAPON WITH A QUICK-RELEASE WEAPON MOUNT

NOTE:

The Spark is not a weapon sight. However, it can be used in conjunction with a collimator dot sight or laser aiming device.

To mount the Spark to a weapon using an optional quick-release weapon mount (QRM), perform the following (refer to Figure 3-4):

1. While pushing down on the lever holder (C), turn the lever (B) backwards to loosen the QRM clamping device (A).
2. Install the QRM on the weapon rail by inserting the stop (not shown in Figure 3-4) into one of transverse slots of the weapon rail.

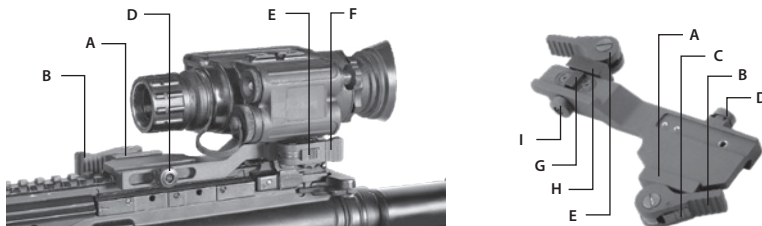


FIGURE 3-4. MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A WEAPON WITH A QUICK-RELEASE WEAPON MOUNT

3. To secure the QRM onto the weapon rail, turn the lever (B) forward. Secure the clamping device (A) tightly to the weapon rail. To adjust the force of the lever clamp, loosen or tighten the nut (D) as necessary:
 - When the clamping device (A) unlocked, push the lever holder (C) so that the nut (D) gets out of its hollow.
 - To tighten/loosen clamping device, turn the nut (D) CW/CCW, respectively, by one-two increments (the eight-sided nuts of the AIM clamping devices fit their hollows only if turned in one of the discrete positions), when the holder (C) pushed. Just as the holder (C) released, backmoving springs makes the nut (D) get back into its hollow.
 - Check to ensure the clamping device holds weapon/NVM rail firmly.
4. While pushing down on the lever holder (F), turn the lever (E) forward.
5. Install the Spark on the QRM rail by inserting the stop (G) into the transverse slot of the unit rail.
6. Attach the Spark to the QRM rail by turning the lever (E) backwards. Secure the QRM clamping device (H) tightly to the Spark rail. To adjust the force of the lever clamp, loosen or tighten the nut (I) as necessary.

3.1.5 MOUNTING AN IR ILLUMINATOR TO THE SPARK

To mount an IR illuminator to the Spark, use the optional Dovetail to Weaver Transfer Piece. Perform the following steps (refer to Figure 3-5):

1. Install the transfer piece (A) onto one of the Spark rails.
2. Tighten the fixing screw (B) on the transfer piece.
3. Loosen the IR illuminator fixing screw (C).
4. Mount the IR illuminator on the Weaver rail of transfer piece and tighten the fixing screw (C).

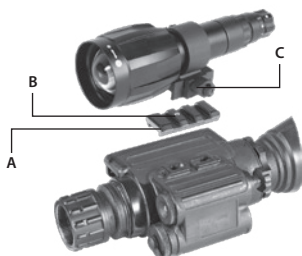


FIGURE 3-5. MOUNTING AN IR ILLUMINATOR TO THE SPARK

3.1.6 MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A STANDARD US MIL HELMET/ HEADGEAR ASSEMBLY

To mount the Spark to a Standard US Mil helmet or headgear assembly, use an optional transfer adapter. Perform the following steps (refer to Figure 3-6):

1. Push down on the lever (C). Mount the adapter (A) to the Spark rail (B).
2. Align the adapter prism (D) with the helmet/ headgear assembly mount (E). Slide the Spark backwards until its alignment boss is in line with the alignment groove on the helmet/ headgear assembly mount. Push down until the Spark locks into the helmet/ headgear assembly mount.

To dismount the Spark from the helmet/ headgear assembly, push down on the lever (F) and remove the unit.

Push down on the lever (C) and remove the adapter from the Spark rail.

The transfer adapter can be adjusted for either the right or left eye. In Figure 3-6, the Spark is shown in the proper position for the left eye. Readjust the adapter for the right eye as follows:

1. Push down on the lever (C). Remove the adapter from the Spark rail.
2. Loosen the nut (G), and turn the adapter around between the two fixing devices. Retighten the nut (G).

3. Mount the adapter to the other Spark rail located on the opposite side of the unit.

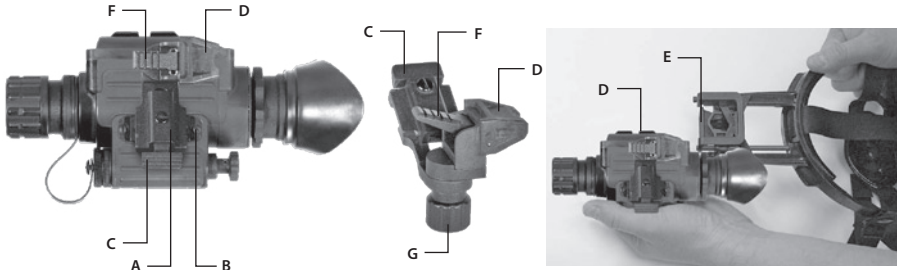


FIGURE 3-6. MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A STANDARD US MIL HELMET/HEADGEAR ASSEMBLY

3.1.7 MOUNTING ACCESSORY LENSES TO THE SPARK

To mount the 3x or 5x afocal lens (A) with adapter (B) to the device, screw it into the threading of the standard 1x objective lens (C) of the Spark.

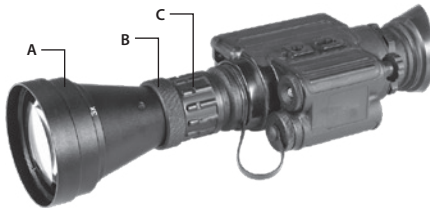


FIGURE 3-7. MOUNTING ACCESSORY LENS TO SPARK

3.1.8 MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A WEAPON WITH AN AIM ADVANCE AIMING MOUNT

The clamping system of the AIM advance aiming mount (AIM) is the same as is seen on the QRM. To mount the Spark to a weapon with an AIM, see Part 3.1.4 of this Manual. This section details mounting instructions and procedures for the QRM.

For more information on the use of an AIM, see the AIM User's Manual.

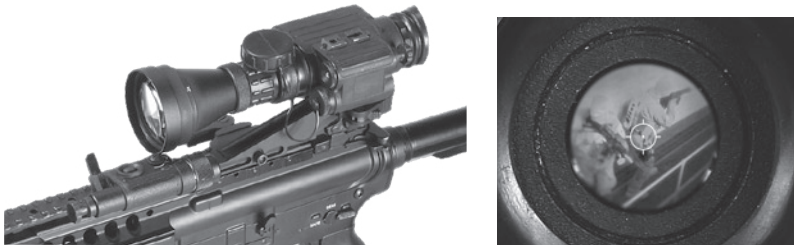


FIGURE 3-8. MOUNTING THE SPARK TO A WEAPON WITH AN AIM ADVANCE AIMING MOUNT

3.1.9 UNIVERSAL CAMERA ADAPTER APPLICATION

To mount the Spark (affixed with a camera or video recorder) to a tripod, you will need a universal camera adapter. Mount the connected devices to a tripod as follows:

1. Screw the adapter onto the tripod.
2. Remove the eyecup from the Spark eyepiece.
3. Install the Spark on the adapter rail (A) and tighten the fixing screw (B).
4. Install the camera on the adapter rail (C) and insert the fixing screw (D) into the tripod socket of the camera. Tighten the fixing screw.
5. Loosen the screws one by one. Align the optical axis of the Spark with the camera objective. Tighten the screws (E and F).
6. To focus the image, loosen the screw (G) and adjust the distance between the monocular and the camera's eyepiece. Tighten the screw (G).

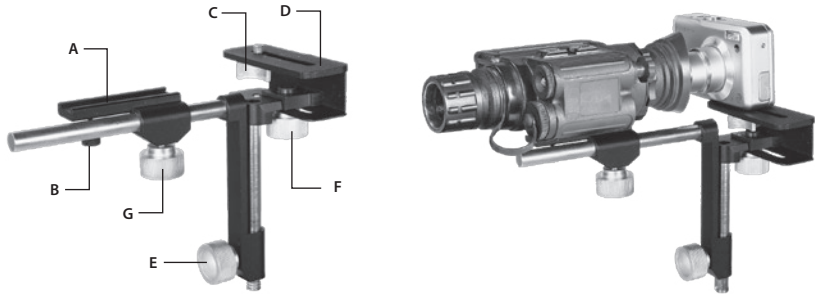


FIGURE 3-9. UNIVERSAL CAMERA ADAPTER APPLICATION

3.2 CONTROLS

3.2.1 CONTROLS

The Spark controls are defined in Table 3-1.

The Spark controls are shown in Figure 3-10.

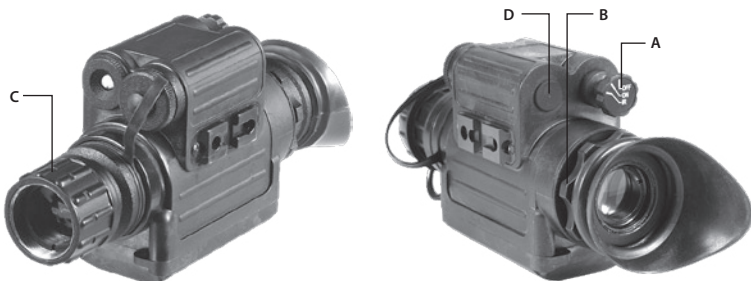


FIGURE 3-10. SPARK CONTROLS

TABLE 3-1. SPARK CONTROLS

CONTROL/ INDICATOR	FUNCTION
Function Switch (Figure 3-10, A)	OFF position — the unit is off.
	ON position — the unit is on (IT powered). Turn the unit on by turning the switch CCW from OFF to ON.
	IR position — the unit is on, and the IR illuminator is activated. Activate the IR illuminator by turning the switch CW from ON to the IR position.
Eyepiece Ring (Figure 3-10, B)	Adjusts the unit diopter. The total dioptric range is covered in a 1/2 ring revolution.
Focusing Ring (Figure 3-10, C)	Focuses the lens. Adjusts for sharpest view of the scene. The total focus range is covered in a 1/3 ring revolution.
Bi-color LED Indicator (Figure 3-10, D)	A GREEN glow indicates that the unit is turned on and ready for operation.
	A RED glow indicates that the IR illuminator is operating.

CAUTION:

DO NOT over-adjust the controls by forcing them past their stopping points.

3.3 OPERATING PROCEDURES

3.3.1 OPERATING PROCEDURES

These procedures should be performed under nighttime conditions only.

CAUTION:

Use of the Spark brightly lit conditions may damage the unit's intensifier tube.

1. Verify that the battery is installed as indicated on the monocular body.
2. Make a visual estimation of the illumination level in the viewing area. The required level of illumination is less than 1 lx (late twilight sky conditions).
3. Remove the lens cap and place it over the housing of the lens.
4. Turn the function switch ON. The green indicator light (Fig. 3-10, D) indicates that the unit is ready for operation. After a slight delay, a green glow will appear in the eyepiece of the monocular.
5. Adjust the unit diopter by rotating the ring of the eyepiece.
6. Observe the scene. Rotate the focus ring until the image is clear and sharp.

CAUTION:

Bright sources such as firelight, headlights, searchlights, etc. can damage the Spark. Avoid exposing the unit to these types of light sources.

3.3.2 IR ILLUMINATOR OPERATIONS

CAUTION:

When operating the device in extremely dark conditions, the light from the unit's IR illuminator will be invisible to the unaided eye. However, the light can be detected by other NVDs.

NOTE:

The IR illuminator is designed to provide additional illumination (when needed) while viewing scenes or targets from a short distance (up to 3m).

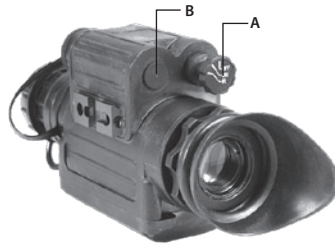


FIGURE 3-11. IR ILLUMINATOR OPERATIONS

To activate the IR illuminator, turn the monocular on. Flip the function switch (Fig. 3-11, A) CW from ON to the IR position. A red indicator (Fig. 3-11, B) lights when the IR illuminator is turned on.

3.3.3 SPARK SHUT-DOWN

1. Turn the function switch to OFF. The green glow of the viewing area will fade to black.
2. Secure the lens cap over the objective lens.
3. If necessary, remove the unit from the rail (from the scope lens). Remove the unit by following the mounting instructions in reverse.
4. Unscrew the battery cap and take out the battery. Replace the battery cap. Do not store the unit with the battery still in it.
5. Store the unit and all accessories in the case.

3.4 STORAGE

3.4.1 PREPARATIONS FOR STORAGE

Prepare the Spark for storage as follows:

1. Verify that the Spark and all accessories are clean and dry before returning them to the storage case.
2. Secure the cap over the objective lens.
3. Remove the battery.
4. Place the Spark and accessories in the appropriate locations in the case, and close the cover.

PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND TROUBLESHOOTING

4.1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND SERVICES

4.1.1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND SERVICES (PMCS)

Table 4-1: Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services has been provided so that you can keep your equipment operable and in good condition.

Perform all functional tests in the order listed in Table 4-1.

Operating Procedures are detailed in Chapter 3.

A. Cautions

Always observe any CAUTIONS that appear in the table.

B. Explanation of Table Entries

SEQ NO. column. Sequence numbers are for reference and appear in the order required to perform checks and services.

LOCATION ITEM TO CHECK/ SERVICE column. Indicates the location and the item to be checked or serviced.

PROCEDURE column. Details the checking/ servicing procedure.

NOT FULLY MISSION CAPABLE IF... column. Indicates what faults will prevent your equipment from operating successfully.

TABLE 4-1. PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE CHECKS AND SERVICES

SEQ NO.	LOCATION ITEM TO CHECK/ SERVICE	PROCEDURE	NOT FULLY MISSION CAPABLE IF...
PRE-OPERATIONAL CHECKS			
1	Completeness	Open the carrying case and inventory items by means of comparing with the data specified in this manual.	Items are missing.
2	Soft Carrying Case	Shake out loose dirt or foreign material. Inspect for tears, cuts, excess wear or damage to the mounting clips.	
3	External Surfaces	Inspect for cracks or damage. Scratches and gouges are OK if operation is not affected.	Cracked or damaged.
4	Lens Cap	Inspect for cracked, torn, or missing lens caps.	Cap is torn or cut. Cup is not secured to the housing of the lens.
5	Eye cup	Inspect for dirt, dust. Inspect for cracked or torn, bent, broken or improperly fitting eyecup. If necessary, clean as per Para 4.4.2.	Cup torn or cut.

TABLE 4-1. CONTINUED

SEQ NO.	LOCATION CHECK/ SERVICE	ITEM TO	PROCEDURE	NOT FULLY MISSION CAPABLE IF...
6	Battery Compartment/ Cap		Verify that the battery cap is present. Inspect for corrosion, moisture, corroded or defective contacts. Verify that the o-ring is present.	Cap is missing, contacts damaged or corroded, or o-ring is missing.
7	Function Switch		Check the switch for operation (without a battery).	Switch has no definite stopping points. Switch knob is broken or missing.
8	Lenses		Inspect optical surfaces for dirt, fingerprint residue, scratches, chips, or cracks.	Scratches or chips hinder vision with Spark turned on. Cracks are present.
9	Focusing Ring		Rotate the focusing ring to ensure free movement (range is approximately 1/3 turn).	Ring gets stuck or adversely affects the user's ability to properly focus the unit.
10	Eyepiece Ring		Rotate the eyepiece ring to make sure the eyepiece is not too tight or too loose. Range is approximately 1/2 turn.	Ring gets stuck, is too loose, or adversely affects the user's ability to properly adjust the diopter.
11	Optional Equipment		Inspect optional items for dirt, or corrosion, damage, and missing parts. Check for proper operation. If necessary, clean as detailed in Part 4.4.2.	Equipment is damaged or parts are missing.

OPERATIONAL CHECKS

CAUTION:

Do not activate the Spark in daylight unless the lens cap is on, or you are operating under dark conditions.

NOTE:

Daylight checks are described below.

12	Function Switch		Install the battery. Turn the switch from OFF to ON. Look for the green glow in eyepiece (it should appear after a slight delay), and wait about 10 s for image to disappear.	Image is present.
13	Viewed Image		Inspect for any operational defects (refer to Part 4.3.1: Identification of Operational Defects).	Shading, edge glow, flashing, flickering, and intermittent operation, or excessive cosmetic defects are found.

POST-CHECKS PROCEDURES

14			Turn the unit OFF. Verify that the green glow fades from the eyepieces. Remove the battery. Return the unit and all accessories to the soft carrying case.	
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4.2 TROUBLESHOOTING

4.2.1 OPERATOR TROUBLESHOOTING

The purpose of troubleshooting is to identify the most frequently occurring equipment malfunctions, their probable causes, and the corrective actions required to fix them.

Table 4-2 lists common malfunctions that may occur during the operation or maintenance of the Spark. Perform the tests, inspections, and corrective actions in the order listed in the table.

This table does not list all of the malfunctions that may occur with your device, or all of the tests and corrective actions that may be necessary. If you experience an equipment malfunction that is not listed, or is not fixed by the corrective actions listed in the table, please contact Armasight's Customer Service center.

TABLE 4-2. OPERATOR TROUBLESHOOTING

MALFUNCTION	PROBABLE CAUSE/TEST/INSPECTION	CORRECTIVE ACTION
Monocular fails to activate	Battery is dead, missing or improperly installed.	Replace the battery or install it correctly.
	Battery contact surfaces or contact springs are dirty or corroded.	Clean the contact surfaces with a pencil eraser and/ or alcohol and cotton swabs.
	Defective image intensifier.	Please contact Customer Support.
IR illuminator fails to activate	Turn the IR illuminator on in a dark area. Visually estimate whether or not the observed scene is illuminated.	If the IR illuminator fails to activate, please contact Customer Support.
Poor image quality	Check objective lens or eyepiece focus.	Refocus the lens.
	Check for fogging or dirt on the lens.	Clean the lens as detailed in Part 4.4.2. If image quality is still poor, please contact Customer Support.
	Damaged optical components.	Please contact Customer Support
Light is visible around the eyecup	Check the exit pupil distance value.	Readjust for proper eye-relief distance.
	Check the eyecup resilience.	If the eyecup is defective, please contact Customer Support.
Focusing ring cannot be moved	Check to see if the focusing ring is bent or broken.	If damaged, please contact Customer Support.
Eyepiece ring cannot be moved	Check to see if the eyepiece ring is bent or broken.	If damaged, please contact Customer Support.

4.3 IDENTIFICATION OF OPERATIONAL DEFECTS

4.3.1 OPERATIONAL DEFECTS

Operational defects relate to the reliability of the intensifier, and are an indication of instability. If identified, the user will need to return the Spark immediately. Operational defects include shading, edge glow, flashing, flickering, and intermittent operation.

A. Shading

If shading is persistent, you will not be able to see a fully circular image (Figure 4-1). Shading is a very dark, high-contrast area with a distinct line of demarcation present, and you cannot see an image through it. Shading always begins on the edge, and will eventually migrate inward until it spans across the entire image area. If you notice shading with your device, please contact Customer Support.

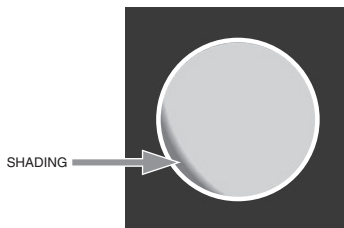


FIGURE 4-1. SHADING

NOTE:

Verify that any shading is not the result of improper eye-relief adjustment.

B. Edge Glow

Edge glow is a bright area (it sometimes appears to be sparkling) in the outer portion of the viewing area (see Figure 4-2). To check for edge glow, block out all light from the device by cupping a hand over the lens. If the image tube is displaying edge glow, the bright area will still show up; if edge glow occurs, please contact Customer Support.

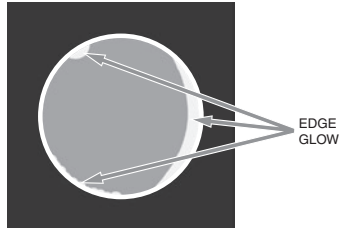


FIGURE 4-2. EDGE GLOW

C. Flashing, Flickering, or Intermittent Operation

The image may appear to flicker or flash. If there is more than a single flicker, check for a loose battery adapter or a weak battery. If flickering continues, please contact Customer Support.

4.3.2 COSMETIC BLEMISHES

Cosmetic blemishes are usually the result of manufacturing imperfections. They **do not** affect the reliability of the image intensifier, and are not normally a cause for returning the Spark. However, some types of cosmetic blemishes can worsen over time and interfere with the user's ability to properly operate the device during missions. If you believe a cosmetic blemish is cause for returning the device, record the specific nature of the problem on the maintenance forms and use the clock method to identify the position of the blemish and its approximate distance from the center (e.g., 5:00 toward the outside, 2:30 near the center, or 1:00 midway).

The following are examples of cosmetic blemishes:

A. Bright Spots

A bright spot is a small, non-uniform bright area that may flicker or appear constant (Figure 4-3).

Not all bright spots make the Spark rejectable. Cup your hand over the lens to block out all light. If the bright spot remains please contact Customer Support.

Bright spots usually go away when all light is blocked out. Verify that any bright spots are not simply the result of bright light in the area you are observing. Bright spots are acceptable if they do not interfere with the user's ability to view the scene or perform missions.

B. Emission points

Emission points are steady or fluctuating pinpoints of bright light in the image area that do not go away when all external light is blocked from the objective lens (Figure 4-3). The position of an emission point within the image area does not move. Not all emission points are cause to return the Spark. Verify that emission points are not simply light sources present in the scene you are observing. Emission points are acceptable if they do not interfere with the user's ability to perform missions.

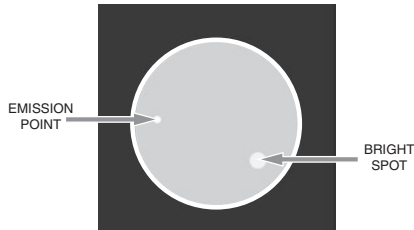


FIGURE 4-3. EMISSION POINTS AND BRIGHT SPOTS

C. Black Spots

Black spots are cosmetic blemishes in the image intensifier or debris between the lenses. Black spots are acceptable as long as they do not interfere with the user's ability to observe the scene. No action is required if this condition is present, unless the spots interfere with the operator's ability to perform missions.

4.4 MAINTENANCE

4.4.1 GENERAL

The section regarding Spark operator maintenance consists of operational tests, inspections for the unit serviceability, cleaning and mounting procedures, troubleshooting, and replacement instructions for a limited number of parts. Maintenance instructions covered elsewhere in this manual (PMCS, troubleshooting, etc.) are not repeated in this section.

CAUTION:

The Spark is a precision electron-optical instrument, and must be handled carefully at all times to prevent damage to the device's body or mechanisms.

4.4.2 CLEANING PROCEDURES

CAUTION:

The coating on the demist shield can be damaged if the shield is cleaned while wet, or if it is cleaned with wet lens paper. Clean the shield only when it is dry, and only use dry lens paper.

CAUTION:

Thoroughly dry each item before placing them into the storage case.

Clean the Spark as follows:

1. Gently brush off any dirt from the unit's body using a clean, soft cloth.
2. Moisten the cloth with fresh water and gently wipe external surfaces (**except** for glass surfaces).
3. Dry any wet surfaces (**except** for glass surfaces) with another clean, soft, dry cloth.
4. Using a lens brush, carefully remove all loose dirt from the glass surfaces.

5. Slightly dampen a cotton swab with ethanol. Gently and slowly wipe the lenses. Without touching the lens holders, clean the glass surfaces in circular movements, beginning in the center and moving out towards the edge. Change the cotton swab after each circular stroke. Repeat until the glass surfaces are clean.

6. Clean the battery contact surfaces and contact springs with a pencil eraser and/ or alcohol-dampened cotton swabs.

Clean optional mounting devices with a soft brush (cloth), soap, and water as required.

Clean optional lenses as detailed in items 4 and 5 above (**except** for the demist shield).

4.4.3 BATTERY REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

Refer to Part 3.1.1 for battery installation procedures. No special tools are required to replace the battery.

4.4.4 GOGGLE KIT MAINTENANCE

A. Browpad Replacement

Replace the browpad when cracked, torn, or contaminated. Perform the following to remove and replace the browpads:

1. Firmly grasp the goggle kit and remove the old browpad.
2. Gently press on the new browpad. Gently smooth out any wrinkles in the new browpad.



FIGURE 4-4. BROWPAD REPLACEMENT

B. Chin Strap Reinstallation

1. Detach the Velcro tape from the left side of the head-band and remove the chin strap. Unfasten the chin strap from the strap assembly.
2. Replace the chin strap by joining the sides of the Velcro tape on the left side of the head-band and threading the end of another strap into the corresponding buckle on the right side of the head-band.

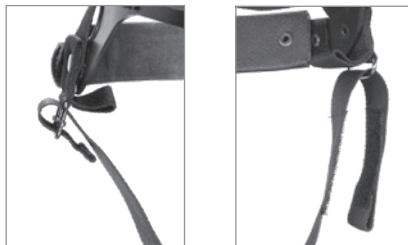


FIGURE 4-5. CHIN STRAP REINSTALLATION

C. Chin Cup Replacement

1. Detach the Velcro tape from the left side of the head-band and remove the chin strap.
2. Slide the chin cup out from the chin strap and replace it with a new one. After replacing the chin cup, attach the Velcro on the left side of the head-band.



FIGURE 4-6. CHIN CUP REPLACEMENT

4.5 SERVICE/PACKING AND UNPACKING

4.5.1 RETURN INSTRUCTIONS

For service, repair or replacements, please email service@armasight.com

To assist the Service Representative (SR) with determining if the item is repairable, please provide the following information:

1. Serial Number of the defective item.
2. Thorough description of the malfunction, defect or damage.
3. An explanation of how the malfunction, defect or damage occurred, if known.

If the SR determines that the item is under warranty or should be returned for repair, a Return Material Authorization number (RMA#) will be provided. RMA can be obtained via e-mail to service@armasight.com or via phone by calling Armasight Customer Service at (888)959-2259 Ext. 2 or via fax (888)959-2260.

When returning the Spark for service or repair, the following procedures should be followed to prevent any additional damage:

1. Verify that the Spark is free of all contaminants such as dirt or any other foreign material.
2. Remove the battery.
3. Place the cap over the lens.
4. Place the Spark in the hard shipping/ storage case or soft carrying case (if available). If the hard shipping/ storage case is not available, individually package each Spark unit being returned in a suitable container.

Place the Spark and a copy of the test report or detailed description of the failure in a suitable packing/ shipping container. Mark the package with the RMA#. Ship the items using the fastest, most easily traceable, pre-paid method to Armasight Inc., 815 Dubuque Avenue, South San Francisco, CA 94080, USA

A. SPARK LIST OF SPARE PARTS

The parts authorized in this list of spare parts are required for operator maintenance. This list includes parts that must be removed in order to replace authorized parts.

ITEM NO. Column indicates the number used to identify items in Figure A-1.

PART NO. Column indicates the primary number used by the manufacturer to identify an item; this number controls the design and characteristics of the item by means of its engineering, specifications, standards, and inspection requirements.

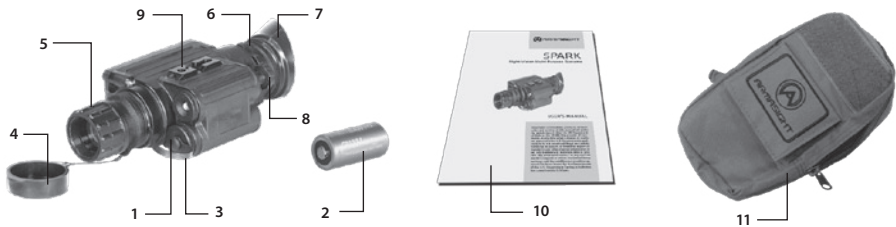


FIGURE A-1. SPARK SPARE PARTS

TABLE A-1. SPARK LIST OF SPARE PARTS

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	PART NO.
1.	Battery Cap	ASSPKBC
2.	CR123A Lithium Battery	CR123A
3.	Battery Cap Retainer	ASSPKBCR
4.	Lens Cap	ASSPKLC
5.	Objective Lens Assembly	ASSPKOLA
6.	Eyepiece Assembly	ASSPKIPA
7.	Eyecup Assembly	ASSPKICA
8.	Function Switch	ASSPKFS
9.	Rail	ASSPKPR
10.	Operation and Maintenance Manual	ASSPKOMM
11.	Soft Carry Case	ASSPKSCC

B. PRODUCT WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD

In order to validate the warranty on your product, Armasight must receive a completed Product Warranty Registration Card for each unit, or the user must complete warranty registration on our website (www.armsight.com). Please complete the included form and immediately mail it to our Service Center:

Armasight Inc.
815 Dubuque Avenue
South San Francisco
CA 94080
USA

ARMASIGHT PRODUCT WARRANTY REGISTRATION CARD

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Product Name _____ Purchased From _____

Purchase Date _____ Product Serial # _____

CUSTOMER INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Day Phone # _____ Home Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

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Customer Signature Required



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 **WARNING!**

This product contains natural rubber latex which may cause allergic reactions! The FDA has noted an increase in the number of reported deaths that are associated with an apparent sensitivity to natural latex proteins. If you are allergic to latex, it is a good idea to learn which products contain it and strictly avoid exposure to those products.

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