

What is Auto Anchor?

Auto Anchor is a division of Kiwi Yachting that specialises in the design and production of rode counters and windlass controls, and are trusted by boaties worldwide.

What is a chain counter (rode counter)?

A chain counter or rode counter is an instrument that records the length of anchor rode deployed when using the windlass and displays this information on the LCD or the onboard computer.

Can Auto Anchors be fitted to multiple stations on the boat?

Yes! At least 2, and sometimes, 3 stations can be fitted on a boat. This applies to all Auto Anchor products.

Can I use one Auto Anchor to control two windlasses

Yes! This will require two AA702 base stations and one 710 handheld controller.

Does a chain counter (rode counter) work with a rope/chain combination rode?

Yes! Auto Anchor chain counters are designed to work with either rope/chain combination or all-chain rode.

Can I fit a chain counter (rode counter) to my windlass?

Auto Anchor chain counters or rode counters can be fitted to almost any size and type of windlass, electric, hydraulic or AC powered and using either rope/chain or all-chain rodes. Check with your windlass supplier or contact Auto Anchor direct for specific information.

Can I replace a 500C with a 560?

Yes! Hole cutouts are the same. You will need to use a black sensor AA9008 and splice according to the manual.

Why should I fit a chain counter (rode counter) to my windlass?

A chain counter lets you know exactly how much anchor rode you've deployed, helping ensure safe anchoring, especially at night when visual markers are hard to see. Some Auto Anchor models offer added features like safety lock, automatic deployment and retrieval, and beeping alerts to help prevent damage during retrieval.

Can Auto Anchor products be used with free fall windlasses?

All Auto Anchor products will count accurately with a free fall windlass. Please note, however, that the windlass must be stopped manually if using free fall. This means the Automatic control function will not stop a free fall windlass.

Are the units waterproof?

All units are IP67 when correctly installed, except the AA560 and AA150, which are IP67 and IP65 respectively given the back is being protected from moisture.

Do we provide troubleshooting?

Yes! For assistance contact Auto Anchor at sales@kiwiyachting.co.nz or +64 9 360 0300.

Can I cut off connecting plugs from unit and tables?

We do not recommend this due to possible interference with the communication line.

Do you include a warranty?

Yes! All Auto Anchor products come with a three year warranty. See Ts & Cs for more details.

