1 General information

1.1 Safety notices and their meaning

DANGER
Draws attention to imminent danger that will lead to serious bodily injury or fatality.

WARNING
Draws attention to a potentially dangerous situation that could lead to serious personal injury or fatality.

CAUTION
Draws attention to a potentially dangerous situation that could lead to slight personal injury or damage to the equipment or other property.

NOTE
Draws attention to an instruction or other useful information.

1.2 Explanation of the pictograms and other information

Warning signs

![Warning sign]

General warning

Symbols

![Symbol with an exclamation mark]

Read the operating instructions before use

![Symbol with a recycle arrow]

Return waste material for recycling.
Location of identification data on the tool
The type designation and serial number can be found on the type identification plate on the tool. Make a note of this data in your operating instructions and always refer to it when making an enquiry to your Hilti representative or service department.

2 Description

2.1 Use of the product as directed
The Hilti PRA 38 laser receiver is designed to detect the laser beam from rotating lasers.
Observe the information printed in the operating instructions concerning operation, care and maintenance.
Take the influences of the surrounding area into account. Do not use the tool where there is a risk of fire or explosion.
Modification of the tool or tampering with its parts is not permissible.

2.2 Features
The tool can either be held by hand or, using the corresponding holder, mounted on a measuring staff, telescopic staff, leveling staff, wooden batten or frame etc.

2.3 Indicators
NOTE
The display of the PRA 38 laser receiver uses several symbols to indicate various modes or statuses.

| Display showing the position of the receiver relative to the height of the laser plane | The position of the receiver relative to the height of the laser plane is shown by an arrow indicating the direction in which the receiver has to be moved in order to bring it exactly into alignment with the laser. |
| Battery status indicator | The battery status indicator shows the remaining battery capacity. |
| Volume level | When no volume level symbol is visible in the display, the volume level is set to zero (off). If 1 column is shown, the volume is set to “quiet”. If 2 columns are shown, the volume is set to “normal”. If 3 columns are shown, the volume is set to “loud”. |
| Accuracy bandwidth display | Shows the accuracy bandwidth mode (fine, standard, coarse). |

2.4 Items supplied
1. PRA 38 laser receiver
2. Operating instructions
3. Batteries (size AA cells)
4. Manufacturer’s certificate

3 Technical data
Right of technical changes reserved.

| Detection range (area diameter) | 2…800 m (6 to 2624 ft) |
| Laser plane display accuracy (at 10m) | ± 0.5 mm (0.02 in) |
| Audible signal generator | 3 volume levels plus mute setting |
| Liquid crystal display | On both sides |
| Width of receiving area | 120 mm (5 in) |
| Center indication from top edge of casing | 75 mm (3 in) |
| Marking notches | On both sides |
4 Safety instructions

4.1 Basic information concerning safety
In addition to the information relevant to safety given in each of the sections of these operating instructions, the following points must be strictly observed at all times.

4.2 General safety rules

a) Keep other persons, especially children, away from the area in which the work is being carried out.
b) Check the condition of the tool before use. If the tool is damaged, have it repaired at a Hilti Service Center.
c) Do not render safety devices ineffective and do not remove information and warning notices.
d) The tool must be checked at a Hilti service center after it has been dropped or subjected to other mechanical stresses.
e) If mounting on an adapter, check that the tool is fitted correctly.
f) To avoid measurement errors, the receiving area must be kept clean.
g) Although the tool is designed for the tough conditions of jobsite use, as with other optical and electronic instruments (e.g. binoculars, spectacles, cameras) it should be treated with care.
h) Although the tool is protected against the entry of moisture, it should be wiped dry before being put away in its transport container.
i) Operation of the tool close to the ears may cause hearing damage. Do not position the tool close to the ears.

4.2.1 Electrical

a) Keep the batteries out of reach of children.
b) Do not allow the batteries to overheat and do not expose them to fire. The batteries may explode or release toxic substances.
c) Do not charge the batteries.
d) Do not solder the batteries into the tool.
e) Do not discharge the batteries by short circuiting as this may cause them to overheat and present a risk of personal injury (burns).
f) Do not attempt to open the batteries and do not subject them to excessive mechanical stress.

4.3 Proper organization of the work area

a) Avoid unfavorable body positions when working on ladders or scaffolding. Make sure you work from a safe stance and stay in balance at all times.
b) Measurements taken through or from panes of glass or through other objects may be inaccurate.
c) Use the tool only within its specified limits.
d) Use of the telescopic staff in the vicinity of overhead high voltage cables is not permissible.

4.4 Electromagnetic compatibility

Although the tool complies with the strict requirements of the applicable directives, Hilti cannot entirely rule out the possibility of the tool being subject to interference caused by powerful electromagnetic radiation, leading to incorrect operation. Check the accuracy of the tool by taking measurements by other means when working under such conditions or if you are unsure. Likewise, Hilti cannot rule out the possibility of interference with other devices (e.g. aircraft navigation equipment).
5 Before use

5.1 Inserting the batteries

**CAUTION**
Do not use damaged batteries.

**DANGER**
Do not mix old and new batteries. Do not mix batteries of different makes or types.

**NOTE**
Only batteries recommended by Hilti may be used to power the tool.

6 Operation

### 6.1 Switching the tool off and on
Press the on/off button.

### 6.2 Working with the tool
The PRA 38 laser receiver can be used at distances (radiiuses) of up to 200m (650ft). The laser beam is indicated visually and by an audible signal.

#### 6.2.1 Using the laser receiver as a hand-held tool
1. Press the on/off button.
2. Hold the PRA 38 in the plane of the rotating laser beam.
   The laser beam is indicated by visual and audible signals.

#### 6.2.2 Working with the laser receiver in the PRA 80 receiver holder
1. Open the catch on the PRA 80.
2. Place the PRA 38 laser receiver in the PRA 80 receiver holder.
3. Close the catch on the PRA 80.
4. Switch the laser receiver on by pressing the on / off button.
5. Rotate the grip to bring it into the open position.
6. Secure the PRA 80 receiver holder on the telescopic staff or leveling staff by turning the rotating grip.
7. Hold the PRA 38 with the receiving window directly in the plane of the rotating laser beam.
   The laser beam is indicated by visual and audible signals.

#### 6.2.3 Working with the PRA 81
1. Open the locking mechanism on the PRA 81.
2. Insert the PRA 38 laser receiver in the PRA 81 height transfer device.
3. Close the locking mechanism on the PRA 81.
4. Switch the laser receiver on by pressing the on / off button.
5. Hold the PRA 38 with the receiving window directly in the plane of the rotating laser beam.
   The laser beam is indicated by visual and audible signals.
6. Use the measuring tape to measure the desired offset distance.

#### 6.2.4 Menu options
When switching the PRA 38 on, press and hold the on / off button for two seconds.

- Use the “units” button to switch between metric and imperial units.
- Use the “volume” button to assign the higher-pitched signal to the upper or lower area of the receiving window.
- To save the settings, switch the PRA 38 off.

#### 6.2.5 Setting the accuracy
The accuracy button can be used to adjust the PRA 38 to one of three different accuracy settings: Fine: ±0.5 mm (±0.02”); Standard: ±1.0 mm (±0.04”); Coarse: ±1.5 mm (±0.06”).

#### 6.2.6 Setting the volume of the audible signal
The tool is set to “normal” volume when switched on. The volume can be adjusted from “normal” to “loud” by pressing the audible signal button. Press the button again to switch the signal off and press it once more to set the signal to “quiet”.

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7 Care and maintenance

7.1 Cleaning and drying
1. Blow dust off the surfaces.
2. Do not touch the display areas or the receiving window with the fingers.
3. Use only a clean, soft cloth for cleaning. If necessary, moisten the cloth slightly with pure alcohol or a little water.
   **NOTE** Do not use any other liquids as these may damage the plastic components.
4. Observe the temperature limits when storing your equipment. This is particularly important in winter/summer if the equipment is kept inside a motor vehicle (25°C to +60°C / -22°F to +140°F).

7.2 Storage
Remove the tool from its case if it has become wet. The tool, its carrying case and accessories should be cleaned and dried (at maximum 40°C / 104°F). Repack the equipment only once it has dried completely and then store it in a dry place.
Check the accuracy of the equipment before it is used after a long period of storage or transportation.
Remove the batteries from the tool before storing it for a long period. Leaking batteries may damage the tool.

7.3 Transport
Use the Hilti toolbox or packaging of equivalent quality for transporting or shipping your equipment.
**DANGER** Always remove the batteries before transporting the tool.

7.4 Hilti calibration service
We recommend that the tool is checked by the Hilti calibration service at regular intervals in order to verify its reliability in accordance with standards and legal requirements.

8 Disposal

**DANGER** Improper disposal of the equipment may have serious consequences:
The burning of plastic components generates toxic fumes which may present a health hazard.
Batteries may explode if damaged or exposed to very high temperatures, causing poisoning, burns, acid burns or environmental pollution.
Careless disposal may permit unauthorized and improper use of the equipment. This may result in serious personal injury, injury to third parties and pollution of the environment.

Most of the materials from which Hilti tools or appliances are manufactured can be recycled. The materials must be correctly separated before they can be recycled. In many countries, Hilti has already made arrangements for taking back old tools and appliances for recycling. Ask Hilti customer service or your Hilti representative for further information.

For EC countries only

Do not dispose of electronic measuring tools or appliances together with household waste.
In observance of the European Directive on waste electrical and electronic equipment and its implementation in accordance with national law, electrical appliances that have reached the end of their life must be collected separately and returned to an environmentally compatible recycling facility.

Dispose of the batteries in accordance with national regulations. Please help us to protect the environment.
9 Manufacturer’s warranty - tools

Please contact your local Hilti representative if you have questions about the warranty conditions.

10 FCC statement (applicable in US) / IC statement (applicable in Canada)

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules and RSS-210 of the IC. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

This device shall cause no cause harmful interference.

This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Hilti may restrict the user’s authorization to operate the equipment.

11 EC declaration of conformity (original)

Designation: Laser receiver
Type: PRA 38
Generation: 03
Year of design: 2010

We declare, on our sole responsibility, that this product complies with the following directives and standards:


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