

USER MANUAL Software Version Update 3 User Setting of Tank Depth Major Use of AI in Auto-calibration



Version Release November 20th 2024:

Version 3 which eliminates the need for multiple SKU's for different tank depths and includes an auto-calibration process after the tank depth is set. Over the Air Update process included in this release.

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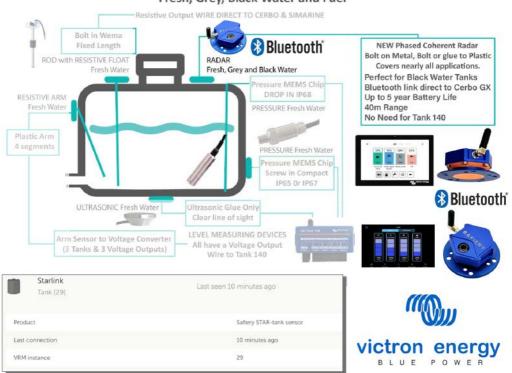
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is a radar based tank level sensor

that mounts at the top of the tank

- Operates directly through non-metalic tanks top mounted
- In metal tanks a hole is cut and an SAE 5 holt bolt pattern used (industry standard)
- Operates in Black and Grey Water. It is not affected by foam or gasses
- This model is battery operated operated with a target 5 year life.
- Unit has "Long Range Bluetooth" that we have tested to 100m line of sight and 40m through metal layers in a typical van build.



World's First Battery Operated Radar tank Level Sensor - Bluetooth to Victron Cerbo GX

Fresh, Grey, Black Water and Fuel

SPECIFICATIONS

This battery powered sensor:

- Bluetooth Connection to Victron GX models ONLY
- Battery Life 3-5 years (longer range and lower level tank, battery life 3 years. Shorter range and tank level typically 50% then 5 year)
- Battery CR2477
- Bluetooth 5.3 Adv Output ONLY
- Deadband 30mm but this increases with the nominated tank depth below.
- Max Depth 200mm pre-set. User settings now set tank level at:
 - 1) 0-500mm 2) 500-1000mm 3) 1000mm to 2000mm
- Repeatability 1mm
 Press button on top and reporting changes to 10 sec intervals for 10mins
- (during commissioning)
 After 10 mins at 10 sec reporting, interval changes to 60 second intervals

MOUNTING

The base of the Sensor has 2 sets of holes:

SAE 5 bolt hole

For Plastic Tanks:

• Glue Sensor to top of tank. The SAE bolt holes form the basis for the bonding.

Cable Length:

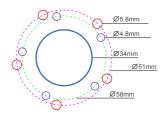
No Cable. It is Battery powered and Bluetooth.

Connections:

No Connections

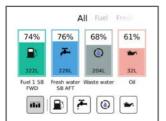
Simple Calibrations:

Calibration needed from Display



ETSI

Safiery declares that this sensor is compliant with the European commission radio equipment directive 2014/53/EU article 3.1 and 3.2.





Safiery STAR-Tank Radar Bluetooth Sensors

STAR-Tank sensor support is added to Venus OS. These radar tank level sensors use Bluetooth Low Energy. This wireless technology allows devices to be networked within a range of about 40 meters (with Bluetooth Adapter added to Cerbo GX, see below), while consuming significantly less power than ordinary Bluetooth technology.

The expected battery life is 5 years with tank measurement averaging 50%. Battery life is less at around 3 years if tanks average 10% level for example. The liquid level, temperature and sensor battery voltage are streamed wirelessly to the GX device.

STAR-Tank sensors feature phased coherent radar sensing for non-pressurized tanks. The tank level range is 2m as standard. This can be extended, consult Safiery. The top 30mm from the base of the sensor is a dead band. If the tank is 12mm thick fiberglass, then the deadband is 18mm below the top of the tank.

The sensors are attached directly on top of any non-metal tank including thick fibreglass tanks. For metal tanks, the sensor needs a clear view of the liquid. To achieve that, a 5 hole SAE pattern adapter is included into the base. To achieve an air tight seal, use "gas sealing tape" (generally pink) and wrap on the thread and screw into the base plate. This prevents gas from the tank passing through STAR-Tank.

For non-metal tanks, adhere the base plate. Then, screw the STAR-Tank module onto the base. STAR-Tank suits black water tanks, even with foam above the liquid line.

STAR-Tank has several machine learning functions for caibration using AI.

- 1. There are hundreds of reflected radar signals from the bottom and side of the tank. Our program selects the dominant value during the first 10 seconds of "setup" mode. It then retains the profile for your tank at the tank depth selected. Every time a different tank depth is selected using the setup mode, a different filtering profile is stored in memory.
- 2. The shape of these reflected signals changes with tank depth. By going through the setup process and nominating the tank depth changes the way we filter the reflected signals and select a dominant value.
- 3. The "Setup Mode" process described on the next page combines 1 and 2 above into a single process.

Safiery STAR-Tank Radar Operating Modes and Calibration

There are 4 Operating Modes for STAR-Tank:

1. Hibernation Mode (commonly called "off")

2. Setup Mode (used to calibrate/setup and reports at 10 sec intervals for 10 mins)

3. Normal Mode with 60 second scan time automatically occurs 10minutes after being in setup mode.

4. Over the Air Update Mode (commonly call OTA) is a separate user initiated mode.

Before moving from Hibernation mode to Setup mode, there are two allowable positions for STAR-Tank in SETUP Mode. Either:

• Start with an empty tank or one containing a minimal amount of liquid and have STAR-Tank in its recording position.

OR

If the tank is not empty, point the STAR-Tank sensor into open air, ensuring there are no obstructions within at least 5 meters and follow the Setup mode with STAR-Tank pointing into open space. Do not proceed with the calibration on a partially full tank with STAR-Tank on top of the tank. After following Setup Mode below, then place STAR-Tank on a partially full tank.

THEN Enter Setup Mode:

- 1. Press and hold the button for 5 to 15 seconds, then release to enter SETUP MODE. The LED will indicate the following statuses:
 - Green: Button held for less than 5 seconds (not in Setup Mode).
 - Fast Flashing Red: Button held for 5 to 15 seconds (Setup Mode activated).
 - Then Release the button before the 15secs is up.

The LED will now show the selected maximum tank depth as follows:

- One Green Flash for 1 sec: Small Depth of 0-50cm.
- Two Red Flashes for 2 secs: Medium Depth of 50-100cm.
- Three Blue Flashes for 3 secs: Large Depth of 100-200cm.

To change the depth, go back to step 1 above and repeat the 5 to 15sec press. Remember to release the button before 15 seconds. The calibrated tank depth will cycle through the three levels.

Once the level is nominated, the AI function is now complete. Every 10 seconds for 10 minutes, the LED flashes tank level status: Flashing purple means tank is absolutely full or some object under sensor is blocking it like a baffle or the tank is empty and DRY. Flashing red means the tank is close to full. Flashing green means tank level is 100cm or more below the sensor. In-between are the colours of orange to yellow.

Safiery STAR-Tank Radar Over the Air Update Mode

Entering OTA Mode



- 1. Download the following app, Device manager.
- 2. Once the app is installed, press the STAR-Tank button 10 times. The LED will start blinking purple, indicating you are now in OTA mode.
- 3. Open the app. In the Device Manager, you will see "Startank_DFU". Select it.
- 4. You will enter a screen with four options. Select Image, which is the second option from the right.
- 5. Inside the Image screen, there will be a blue-highlighted option labelled Select File.
- 6. Select the zip file with the updated version.
- 7. Once selected, press the blue Start icon to begin the process.
- 8. A menu will appear. Select Upload Only.
- 9. Once the upload is complete, a message will display: Upload Complete.
- 10. Finally, recalibrate the sensor by going into SETUP MODE and complete setup

To Set to "OFF" or Hibernation Mode

- 11. Press and hold the LED for more than 15 secs.
- 12. Looking at the LED, it will indicate the following (0 < green <= 5 secs, 5 secs < Fast flash red <= 15 secs, Solid red < 15 secs) once 15 seconds has elapsed the LED will change to solid red until the button is released.
- 13. Let go of the button and you are now in Hibernation mode.

Automatically moving to "NORMAL MODE"

14. From "SETUP MODE" after 10mins, STAR-Tank atomatically moves to NORMAL MODE with 60 second reporting.

Safiery STAR-Tank Sampling Rate and Approvals

To turn STAR-Tank off, press and hold the black button. The sensor will not use any battery capacity when turned off. .

The normal sampling interval for the long battery life is 60 seconds. Pressing the black button for 1-2 seconds will change the sampling time to 10 seconds for up to 10 minutes. Then the sampling reverts to 60 seconds.

Many tank level sensors use averaging to smooth out signal results. We cannot do this with STAR-Tank as it would consume too much battery power. Every reading is a one shot result. The implications of this is that occasionally, you may see a flickering of value for 1 cycle.

In future developments on the Victron side, the temperature value may be used to trigger the temperature relay function on the GX device with relays to initiate stirrers or heaters in tanks as well as notification of this.

To connect STAR-Tank sensors to the GX device via Bluetooth, the GX device needs Bluetooth functionality. Although GX products already have built-in Bluetooth, this internal function may be disabled if the processor gets too hot.

Safiery recommends installing a Nano USB Bluetooth adapter from the list below.

| nsignia (NS-PCY5BMA2) | Logilink BT0037 | TP-Link UB400(UN) | Kinivo BTD-400 | Ideapro USB bluetooth adapter 4.0 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| Ewent EW1085R4 | Laird BT820 | Laird BT851 | 2 | 6 2 3 |

This radar tank level sensor is approved with FCC for USA. It is compliant with European commission radio equipment directive 2014/53/EU article 3.1 and 3.2. and is CE and UKCA approved.

Safiery STAR-Tank Radar Sensor Positions and Calibrated Depth



STAR-Tank uses reflected radio waves at 60GHz. It is therefore important that the sensor is away from the edge of the tank and free from baffles. The test setup above is a nominal 40L tank with 25L of water in it.

- 1 The Centre Test Sensor is reading correctly as the range for the bottom of the tank is set correctly at 35.6 cm in this example.
- 2 Test Sensor 5 was calibrated at same bottom reading then lifted up to the raised side section of the tank which is 9 mm higher. This meant the distance to the water inside was 9 mm longer. At 40L for 356mm depth, the volume per mm is approx 0.1124 L. So raising 9 mm will reduce the aparent volume by 9 x 0.1124 = 1.011 L.
- **3** Test Sensors 2 and 10 are too close to the edge. The Frenzel lens is set to give a 30 degree cone of trasmission. The side is interferring with this giving a 100% reading for Sensor 10 and 94% for Sensor 2 which is a little further from the edge..

If the tank is a shallow tank of say 200-250mm depth, the standard STAR-Tank sensor will show fluctuations when full as the top dead band is a percentage of full scale setting. For a nominal 1m calibrated sensor: the top deadband is about 50mm. The sensor is 16mm above the bottom of the housing leaving 34mm below top of tank.

Generally, full tank accuracy is not important. But if this irritates you, then set the tank level in the Cerbo to Full at a value greater than 0. Here is a guide.

20~50 cm Depth

Dead band 9-15mm When tank is full. But won't read past 500mm

50~100 cm Depth

Dead band 30-35mm When tank is full. But won't read past 1,000mm

100~ 200cm Depth

Dead band 50-70mm When tank is full. But won't read past 2,000mm

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Safiery STAR-Tank Radar Sensor Positions

BLACK Water Tank



This position did NOT work

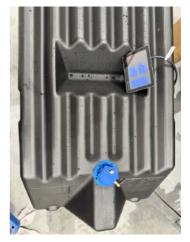


This position did work



This position did work

FRESH Water Tank



This position works on ALKO ribbed 95L tank

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This video Shows how to setup STAR-Tank for different Max Tank Depths

Safiery STAR-Tank Radar Bluetooth Sensors

| | Device List | 1. | ই 08:29 |
|-----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------|
| AC load | | | 61W > |
| Diesel | | | 53W > |
| Fresh water tank (34) | | 23 C | 55% > |
| LPG tank (35) | | 15 C | 65% > |
| MPPT 75/15 rev2 beta | | | 4W > |
| MPPT 150/35 rev2 BS | | | 22W > |
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The installation of the STAR-Tank sensor is very simple. First, however, the sensor must be installed according to Safiery's installation instructions.

Then the installation and configuration is done in the GX device as described

- 1 Make sure Bluetooth is enabled in the Bluetooth sensors menu (enabled by default).
- **2** Go to Settings \rightarrow I/O \rightarrow Bluetooth sensors menu.
- 3 Move the Enable slider to the right to enable Bluetooth sensors.
- **4** To find your STAR-Tank sensor, scroll down until you see them.
- **5** To activate the sensor, move the slider to the right. It should now appear on the Device List.
- 6 Repeat steps 1..5 for more than one sensor.

GO TO VICTRON CERBO OR EKRANO GX MANUAL FOR SETUP PROCESS.

Comparison of Technologies to Radar used by STAR-Tank

| Resistance Passive measurement of resistance as a magnetic ring slides up and down a hollow shaft with resistors embedded internally. | Pressure Active measurement of pressure in a tank using a silicon wafer that "bends" under pressure and creates a signal. Resultant signal may be voltage, NMEA, | Ultrasonic Active measurement of distance from under a tank (or above tank for Some) to the air-water interface point. Resultant signal may be voltage, NMEA, CAN or | Radar Active measurement of distance from top of tank to air-liquid interface point. Resultant signal may be voltage, NMEA, CAN or or Bluetooth data. |
|---|--|--|---|
| Above Tank with height access to remove the unit of similar height of tank. | CAN or or Bluetooth data. Side of tank as close to bottom as possible. Needs a threaded boss on tank to screw into. | or Bluetooth data. Below tank must use a couplant of grease or glue. Cant have intermediate layer. | Above tank for non-metal tanks can sit directly on top of tank (glue) and for metal tanks, needs hole with SAE 5 bolt pattern. |
| 20-30mm Accuracy | Varies with quality but typically 20mm | Varies with quality but generally average | High accuracy of 1mm is achievable. |
| No active power. Just 2 wire to resistance | 3 wire of power and voltage value and ground. | 3 wire of power and voltage value and ground or battery Bluetooth. | Battery operate Bluetooth. CAN/NMEA powered 12V coming in future model. |
| N/A | N/A | 3-5 years battery life | 5 years Battery Life Enhanced by Al |
| Stainless steel components | Stainless steel components | Plastic and embedded sensor | Billet machined Aluminium and embedded liquid proof radar sensor. |

Comparison of Ultrasonic and radar tank Sensors to STAR-Tank

| | Mopeka | Gobus C | STAR-Tank |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| TECHNOLOGY | Sonar (ultrasonic) | Radar | Phased Coherent Radar |
| PLACEMENT | Below tank Flat 12mm | Above tank 65mm required | Above tank 30mm required |
| ACCURACY | Affected by foam and temperature | High | High |
| POWER | Battery | 12/24V | Battery |
| CALCULATED BATTERY LIFE | 3-5 years | N/A | 5 years Enhanced by Al |
| WARRANTY | 1 year | Not listed | 5 years excluding battery for above non-metallic tanks. 1 year for application in metal tank with SAE 5 bolt hole. |
| VICTRON INTEGRATION | Bluetooth ADV | Voltage/Resistance | Bluetooth ADV |
| PRICE POINT IN EUROS Subject to change | Euro 65 | Euro 350 | Euro 165 |
| AVAILABLE NOW | Available now | Available now | Available Sept. 2024 |

STAR-Tank uses Phased Coherent Radar

In Phased Coherent Radar, a series of short-duration radio frequency pulses are transmitted towards the water line from above. These pulses are reflected back and received by the radar system's antenna. The received signals are then processed and analyzed to determine the depth.

The term "coherent" refers to the radar system's ability to maintain a constant phase relationship between the transmitted and received signals. This coherence allows for more accurate measurements and improved signal processing techniques, such as coherent integration, which enhances the radar's sensitivity and range resolution.

STARSHIP is a 2024 DAME Design award finalist.

This is a family of 10 products that make a whole integrated system using Wireless Open Protocl and in addition NMEA 2000 connectivity to the digital switching controllers.

| | | CERTIFICATE |
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| STARSHIP | | |
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| Mr. A. Hoek Chairman of the jury | 19 November 202 | |
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Functionality of STARSHIP - What it does

Devices connected in a marine world have defined protocols such as NMEA 2000 for wired connectivity. However, for non-essential, comfort and convenience devices like lighting, air-conditioning, fans, and appliances there is now a connectivity alternative with wireless digital switching.

This alternative Wireless connectivity can be in parallel with the wired system. STARSHIP offers two layers of wireless communication, both with Open Protocols as well as preserving NMEA 2000.

More and more devices and appliances have inbuilt wireless connectivity, because more advanced functions can be selected using wireless connectivity to purposeful Apps. However, it isn't practical nor customer focused to require a collection of Apps to fully operate these devices.

So sometime in 2019, Apple, Google, Amazon, and Samsung agreed to commit to a common standard for IOT devices and appliances that any of their platforms would connect with using one native app on the smartphone or tablet. The Standard was published in December 2022 and is called "Matter".

Matter is a published open protocol with IPv6 endpoints. Once provisioned, it does not require the internet. It has a high encrypted security feature and uses conventional WiFi and/or ethernet between devices.

STARSHIP is compliant with Matter but with a significant difference: It also has integration of both Wired NMEA2000 and Long Range Bluetooth (uses 802.15.4 transport layer). This means a light can be turned on and colour changed from an MFD display then turned off or the colour changed using wireless STAR-Switches in a cabin.

However, the really important functionality is the automation. Apart from convenience of one "Home Control" app for multiple devices (currently over 2,000), there is the Energy Management Automation that is particularly useful. Matter includes this as well as battery monitoring such that load shedding of devices can be done when energy needs to be conserved. Simply departing a boat can trigger automation that turns off all non-essential devices.

STARSHIP is the only DC powered Matter compliant device available. Layer on to that the 2 other communication methods. We envision a future where most appliances and lighting will be available under the WiFi standard protocol.

DUAL Layers of Wireless Control

Plus one Layer NMEA Wired Control



minimum of 4 year life.

Simplified Interoperability with any Smartphone's Native Home Control

Amazon, Apple, Google, and Samsung committed to a common standard for interoperability in 2022 called "Matter". It works seamlessly with over 2,000 devices including fridges, air conditioners, fand, lights, and more, all from a single app on any of these smartphones.

 $\mathbb{S} \mathbb{T} \cap \mathbb{R} \mathbb{S} \mathbb{H} \mathbb{I} \stackrel{\sim}{\mathbb{P}}$ is a Matter compliant system designed specifically for 12V DC devices in a marine environment. The clever part by Safiery was integrating CAN/NMEA functionality and long-range Bluetooth devices into one system.

Simplified Smart Automation and Convenience

STRESHIF automation capabilities simply follows the home control automation available on your Smartphone.

As you approach your boat, lights can automatically adjust based on the time of day, and non-essential systems can shut down when you leave. With Al integration, your system becomes even smarter, offering voice control and real-time language translation based on your smartphone's settings.

The Smartphone does the "programming" previously programmed by engineers into digital control systems. Time and cost is avoided and user flexibility is at new heights.





Combines Old with the New

Wired and Wireless to Reduce Cost

The user benefit of this architecture: a system can be completely delivered with NMEA & wireless switching. When the user wishes to add automation, Smartphone App control or remote cloud monitoring, they simply install Matter as an overlay network. The user can redefine switch modes, and scene automation without programming by others. This enhances utility at reduced overall cost.

The commercial benefit to the boat builder is a significant reduction in installation complexity: Installation time, cabling cost and weight, commissioning time and troubleshooting time are all at an absolute minimum. Simplicity of use allows for end user changes at minimum cost.



STAR-POWER

(IP54) 150A 6 x 30A 6 x 10A Dimmable 2 Control Inputs CAN/ NMEA / RVC



STAR-LIGHT

(IP 54) 40A 12 x 10A Dimmable H-Bridge Capability 2 x RGBW Colour Capability CAN / NMEA / RVC



STAR-ROVER 4

(IP68) 40A 4 x 10A Dimmable H-Bridge Capability 1 x RGBW Colour Capability CAN / NMEA 70mm x 50mm x 22mm

STAR-ROVER 2

(IP68) 20A 2 x 10A Dimmable H-Bridge Capability CAN / NMEA 55mm x 32mm x 15mm



STAR-SWITCH

(IP22) Secure Wireless 4 buttons Can be custom engraved Panel and Surface Mount 5 year battery life



STAR-SWITCH SP8

(IP67) NMEA 2000 8 buttons Rubberised Tactile Buttons Will be Wireless 2025 - 20yr life



STAR-SWITCH

(IP22) Secure Wireless 4 buttons Wall Surface Mount 4 year battery life



STAR-TOUCH

(IP22) 7 in Touch Screen Secure Wireless

- Digital Switching
- Victron System (WiFi)
- STAR-Tank



STAR-SWITCH

(IP22)

Secure Wireless 4 image button User Defined e-Tiles Wall Surface Mount 4 year battery life

80 Millionths / Sec

ADVANCED FUSELESS

All STARSHIP" Controllers Short Circuit Protect in 80 us European sourced MOSFETS Integrated Intelligent Design



STAR-TANH

(IP66)

Phased radar liquids level Fresh / Black / Grey / Fuel Long Range Bluetooth Al Auto-aligns Tank-Radar Filter Connects to Victron Cerbo 5 year battery life







Each Layer of communication goes DIRECT to Controller

THERE IS ZERO MIDDLEWARE

Absolute Simplicity

Sets a new benchmark in lowest installed cost



Typical Cabin Configuration

Using STAR-Light Wireless

From DC Switchboard

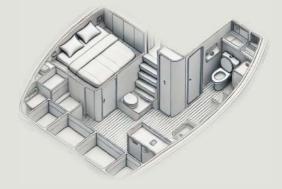
- 8mm² Positive
- 8mm² Negative
- Max current 40A
- Breaker at Switchboard "Main Cabin"



From STAR-Light (12 x 10A)

- 1. Under cupboard floor light White
- 2. Under cupboard floor light Blue (LED Strip is integrated white/blue)
- 3. Reading Spot White His side
- 4. Reading Spot White Her side
- 5. 12V Fan
- 6. USB Outlets both sides
- 7. TV raise/lower using H Bridge 1
- 8. TV raise/lower using H Bridge 2
- 9. Overhead light (s)
- 10. Head Overhead light
- 11. Vanity Sink Light
- 12. Spare

Affordable: Switches Euro 48 / STAR-Light 330 Durable: Anodized Aluminium Controllers



Simplicity and Savings

NO Fuses from STAR-Light to all circuits out NO Breakers in Cabin Only one cable pair to cabin LED's can be Switch/Dim positive or negative Has 2 x RGBW Colour Capability Switches are all battery wall mounted /portable Switches can be Engraved Switches can switch any devices elsewhere on boat 7 in Wireless Display show batteries and all devices



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FAQ on Support

1. Signal is showing 100% and LED is purple. If install on top of tank without penetration, ensure tank is NOT metal nor has a metal liner. Ensure it is not positioned above a baffle. Move the sensor and try again. Ensure sensor is at least 200mm in from vertical edge.

2. Sensor shows it is reading but Cerbo can't detect. Ensure there is a Nano Bluetooth receiver in the USB receiver on the Cerbo. This must be the 2nd or 3rd slot away from the HDMI cable as the first one is reserved for power only to the Touch Screen.

3. Reading is showing full or empty when it is neither. Adjust the minimum and maximum level values in the Cerbo setup display. On the setup display you will read the tank depth "actual value" in cm.

The Min and max values must be either side of that value.

4. How do I calibrate accurately? If the tank is a regular shape, start with it empty and press button for the initialization described in this manual. Then fill the tank to 95% and check the full value limit. There is a 30mm deadband from the bottom of the sensor. When the liquid is within this zone, it will read 100% full.

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