

Marine VHF Radio Telephone Operation Manual

INTRODUCTION

This instruction manual provides information necessary for proper operation of your MARINER VHF/FM radiotelephone. To avoid problems and obtain the best results, please read this instruction manual carefully before operating the unit.

You should become familiar with the FCC rules and regulations regarding the proper operating procedures, channels assigned for your type of operation, and restrictions that apply to the use of United States Channels.

WARRANTY INFORMATION

The warranty certificate provided with this unit outlines the limited warranty provisions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This space is provided to record a description of your VHF/FM radiotelephone equipment. Enter the information for a permanent record.

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SPECIFICATIONS

TRANSMITTER

Channels Frequency Range Frequency Stability Channel Spacing Temperature Range Antenna Impedance Spurious & Harmonics Emission Transmit Power Modulation Power Requirements Current Drain

Microphone Type

RECEIVER

Channels Frequency Range Sensitivity Squelch Sensitivity

Spurious & Image Rejection Intermodulation Rejection Audio Ouput

Receiver Current Weight Dimensions

54

156.050 to 157.425 MHz 0.001% 25 kHz -25° C to +50° C 50 ohms -60 dB Low 1W/High 25W 16F3 12V DC, Negative Ground Low Power: 1.5 amps High Power: 6 amps Dynamic

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156.050 to 163.275 MHz 0.25uV at 12 dB SINAD Threshold 0.35 uV Tight 1.0 uV -60 dB -60 dB 2.5 Watts into 8 ohms (10% distortion) 1.0 amps at 12V DC 1.75 lbs. 2.12"H x 5.4"W x 4.39"

Specifications subject to change without notice.

THIS MARINE VHF/FM RADIOTELEPHONE IS FCC TYPE ACCEPTED FOR MARINE/MOBILE USE UNDER PART 80. FOR VOLUNTARILY FITTED VESSELS. NO LICENSED TECHNICIAN REQUIRED FOR INSTALLATION PROVIDING PRE-TUNING IS NOT CHANGED.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This unit is an all solid state VHF/FM marine radiotelephone. It contains 54 transmit channels and 84 receive channels which include 8 U.S. weather channels and 2 Canadian weather channels. These channels are designated for marine VHF/FM operations in United States territorial waters.

This unit is completely factory calibrated and does not require the services of a licensed technician for installation.

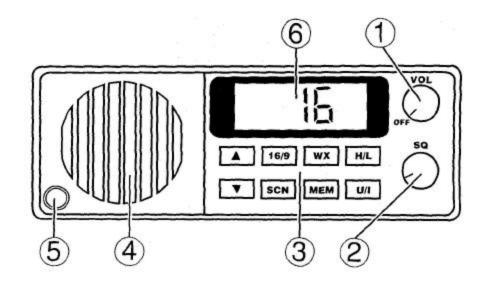
Front panel indicators display each mode of operation on the highly visible liquid crystal display (LCD).

This unit is rugged and reliable. With normal care and protection it will provide many years of dependable operation.

FRONT PANEL AND CONTROLS

1. **ON-OFF/VOLUME CONTROL**

Applies power to the unit and adjusts desired level of sound.



2. SQUELCH CONTROL

Turn the Squelch Control clockwise until the background noise is not present. When a signal is received it will be clear of background noise.

3. PROGRAM KEY PAD

Use to select desired channel and mode selectors.

4. **WATERPROOF MYLAR SPEAKER** Located on the front of the radio.

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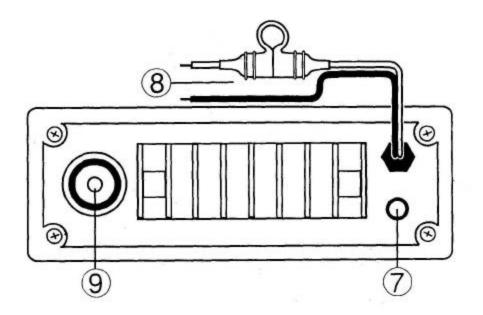
5. MICROPHONE

Dynamic with PTT "Push to Talk" switch.

6. LCD CHANNEL/FUNCTION DISPLAY

Shows channel number, power level, scan M (memory scan), Wx and Tx mode.

REAR PANEL CONNECTORS



- 7. **EXTERNAL JACK** Connect external speaker into jack. (8 ohm, 2.5 watts)
- 8. **POWER CORD CONNECTOR** Connect power cable.
- 9. ANTENNA CONNECTOR Connect VHF/FM marine antenna.

INSTALLATION

Refer to the installation and connection diagrams. Your radiotelephone is designed for easy installation, however, certain recommendations should be followed.

LOCATION

Choose a convenient location for easy access and operation. Choose a location that will provide protection from extreme conditions such as rain, direct spray of salt or fresh water and from extreme heat.

MOUNTING THE RADIO

A universal mounting bracket is supplied and can be used for bulkhead, overhead or table top mounting. Use the mounting bracket as a template to locate holes for mounting the unit.

ANTENNA LOCATION AND MOUNTING

This radio requires a 50 ohm VHF/FM marine antenna (not supplied). Consult with your marine dealer to determine the best antenna for your type of boat. Mount the antenna as high as possible, on the masthead or cabin top. It should be as high as practical for the best performance and longest range.

ANTENNA CONNECTION

After installing the antenna, route the cable to the back of the radio and connect it to the ANT connector.

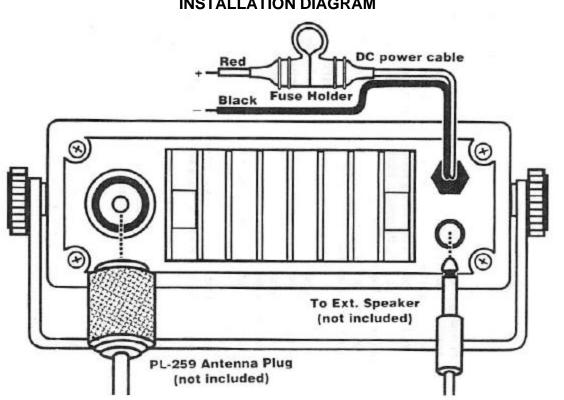
CAUTION: Do not press transmit switch (on the microphone) unless the antenna is connected. Damage can result and your warranty may be voided.

POWER CONNECTION

This unit is designed to operate from a 12 Volt Negative Ground system only. Do not connect the unit to a positive ground or a floating ground system. The power cable provided with the unit contains an in-line fuse to protect both the unit and the power source. In addition, the unit contains a special protective circuit to prevent excessive damage in case of reversed polarity or improperly wired unit. The fuse will normally blow when polarity is reversed.

NOTE: When a fuse blows, check the protective circuit to be sure that it is not damages. Do not install a higher rated fuse. Use a 7 amp 3AG type fuse.

The power cable is color coded for easy identification. Connect the Red wire to the (+) positive terminal and the Black wire to the (-) negative terminal of the battery. If it is necessary to extend the power cable, be sure to use #10 AWG stranded wire with a similar color code for easy identification.



INSTALLATION DIAGRAM

- 1. Rotate the Volume control clockwise. When you hear a click, the power is on. Adjust the control to the desired listening level. If you do not hear any sound, set at midrange and proceed to the next step.
- 2. Turn the Squelch control completely counter-clockwise. When sound comes from the speaker, adjust the Volume control to the desired listening level. Select an unused channel, then adjust the Squelch control clockwise until background noise is just eliminated. This is called the threshold adjustment. Further rotation of the Squelch control can block out weaker signals.

TRANSMITTING

Caution: Never transmit unless the antenna is connected to the unit. Severe internal damage can occur.

Transmission is controlled by the PTT "Push to Talk" switch on the microphone. When the switch is pressed, the transmitter is turned ON and the receiver is turned OFF. When the switch is released, the receiver is turned ON again and the transmitter is turned OFF. "TX will appear on the LCD display when the PTT switch is pressed.

- 1. Before transmitting, choose the desired channel for operation. Be sure that the channel is clear and not occupied by another party.
- 2. If your transmission is to be short range or in a harbor area, set to LOW power. When the communication range is longer, set to HI power. HI or LOW power is indicated in the LCD display. Low power is 1 watt, High power is 25 watts.
- **NOTE:** USA channels 13, 67 and INT'L channels 15, 17 are automatically set to 1W (low power) when they are selected. The transmitter will not operate on CH 15, 60-64 USA channels and on weather channels.

25W (high power) for these two USA channels is available by pressing the HI/LO power key.

- 3. Do not use obscene language in your communications. It is a violation of the rules and regulations.
- 4. The transmitter will automatically be turned off after five consecutive minutes and the receiver will be activated. At the same time, a beep sound is heard from the speaker.

USING THE KEY PAD

16/9 KEY

Press this key to automatically select channel 16 from any other channel or mode. Pressing again makes the unit return to the last channel setting. (In case that the last channel is CH 16, return to CH 16 again)

Press down this key for one second to automatically select channel 9 from any other channel or mode. Pressing again makes the unit return to the last channel setting. (If you wish to change to channel 9 from channel 16 mode, clear the channel 16 once, namely, to the last channel and press down for one second to get channel 9 as above.)

UP KEY

Pressing the "UP" key increases the channel number.

DOWN KEY

Pressing the "DOWN" key decreases the channel number.

INT'L KEY

The INT'L and USA mode are alternatively switched each time the key is pressed. INT'L is displayed in the LCD display.

HI/LO KEY

The transmit power is switched from "LO" to "HI" or "HI" to "LO" each time the key is pressed. The word "HI" or "LO" appears on the LCD display. "HI" power is 25 watts. "LO" power is 1 watt.

SCAN KEY

Pressing the key starts the all channel scanning operations. "SCAN" is displayed in the LCD display. The scanning speed is 3 channels per second and stops at any active channel. To start scanning again while the unit is stopped on a active channel, keep pressing the "SCAN" key for 0.5 seconds or more. When the active channel goes off, the scanning starts again. To stop the scanning operation, operate the keys as follows:

- A) Pressing the "UP" or DOWN" key stops the scanning operation at the last channel displayed.
- B) Pressing the "16" key stops the scanning operation and selects channel 16.

MEMORY KEY

Use to add or delete channels from the scan memory. While performing the scan function this switch will toggle between All Channel Scan and Programmable Memory Scan. When the unit is in memory scanning operation, "M" appears on the LCD display.

WX KEY

Pressing this key during reception on any other channel selects the channel Wx 01. "WX" is displayed in the LCD display. Repeated pressing advances that channel to Wx 02, Wx 03-Wx 10, Wx 01 in sequence. When selecting other channels, operate as follows.

- A) Pressing the UP or DOWN key returns the unit to the last channel selected.
- B) Pressing the "16" key automatically selects channel 16.

MEMORY PROGRAMMING

Select the channel number you want to enter into the scan memory. Press "MEM" key. This selected channel is now in memory. If you want to add additional channels to the memory scan, repeat the above operation.

The scan memory is available for all U.S. and International channels with the exception of the weather channels. Also, it is not possible to scan U.S. and International channels at the same time.

To activate the scan memory function on the unit, press the scan key after you have programmed the channels you wish to monitor. Use the "MEM" key to toggle between all channel and program memory scan.

MEMORY CHANNEL DELETION

To remove a channel from memory, select the channel to be deleted and press the "MEM" key. After reactivating the scan memory function, you will notice the channel delete will not be part of the programmed scan.

In the event no channels are programmed into memory, the LCD display will show "CL" to indicate a clear program.

INSTALLED MARINE CHANNELS AND THEIR USAGE

INSTALLED	TX(MHz) RX(MHz)		(MHz)	TYPE TRAFFIC	FUNCTION		
CHANNELS	INT'L	USA	INTL	USA		SHIP TO SHIP	SHIP TO SHORE
$\begin{array}{c} 01\\ 02\\ 03\\ 05\\ 06\\ 07\\ 08\\ 09\\ 10\\ 11\\ 12\\ 13\\ 14\\ 155\\ 16\\ 17\\ 18\\ 9221\\ 223\\ 24\\ 256\\ 27\\ 28\\ 60\\ 612\\ 63\\ 63\\ 63\\ 63\\ 63\\ 63\\ 63\\ 63\\ 63\\ 63$	156.050 156.150 156.250 156.250 156.350 156.350 156.450 156.550 156.550 156.650 156.650 156.650 156.750 156.850 156.950 157.000 157.000 157.250 157.200 157.200 157.350 157.350 157.400 156.255 156.075 156.125 156.125	156.050 156.100 156.200 156.200 156.350 156.350 156.450 156.450 156.550 156.650 156.650 156.850 156.850 156.850 156.950 157.000 157.000 157.150 157.200 157.200 157.350	160.650 160.700 160.800 160.850 156.300 156.450 156.450 156.550 156.650 156.650 156.650 156.650 156.850 156.850 161.500 161.600 161.650 161.850 161.800 161.850 161.950 161.950 162.000 160.625 160.675 160.725	156.050 156.100 156.200 156.250 156.300 156.350 156.400 156.500 156.500 156.500 156.500 156.600 156.600 156.700 156.800 156.800 156.900 156.900 156.900 157.100 157.100 157.100 161.800 161.800 161.900	Port Op Port Op Port Op Port Op Safety C Com'l Com'l & Non Com'l Com'l & Non Com'l Com'l & Non Com'l Com'l & Non Com'l Port Op Distress Safety C Safety C Sa	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes No Yes No Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
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Caution: While it is possible to select channels such as WX1-WS10 and 15 (USA Position) the transmitter is disabled since no communication is authorized on these channels.

Caution: Operation on channels not designated for use by your classification of craft or on international channels when within United States territorial waters is a violation of Federal Communications Commission rules and regulations and may result in severe penalties.

CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED WARRANTY

Providing you present a valid proof of purchase, SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. warrants all parts of each new product against defects in material and workmanship under normal use and will repair or exchange any parts proven to be defective at no charge for a period of two years for parts and one year for labor from the date of purchase, except as provided below under Limited Warranty Exceptions.

Defects will be corrected during normal working hours by an authorized SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. dealer, service center, or at the SI-TEX office in St. Petersburg, Florida. There will be no charge for labor for a period of one year from the date of purchase, except as provided below under Limited Warranty Exceptions.

This Warranty and Proof of Purchase must be made available to the authorized SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. service location or dealer at the time of service.

LIMITED WARRANTY EXCEPTIONS

SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. will not be responsible for equipment which has been subjected to water or lightning damage, accident, abuse, or misuse, nor any equipment on which the serial number label has been removed, altered or mutilated.

SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. assumes no responsibility for damage incurred during installation. This Limited Warranty is effective only with respect to the original purchaser.

Any cost associated with transducer replacement, other than the cost of the transducer itself, is specifically excluded from this Limited Warranty.

Travel costs incurred will not be accepted for SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. products.

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SPECIFIC EXCLUSIONS

Charges for overtime, stand-by, holiday, and per diem are specifically excluded from the Limited Warranty. Chart paper, stylus, stylus belt, lamps, and fuses are consumable items and are not covered by this Limited Warranty. Installation workmanship or materials except as provided directly by SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. are not covered by this Limited Warranty. SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. equipment or parts thereof, which have been repaired or altered except by an authorized SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. dealer or service center, are not warranted in any respect.

Transducer, software update, battery, microphone, magnetron, and microwave components and water damage on water resistant VHF radio are items excluded from the two-year warranty and are covered by warranty for a period of one year for both parts and labor.

SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. will not, at any time, assume any costs or labor charges for checkout or external line fuse replacement or problems not found to be at fault in equipment itself.

THERE ARE NO WARRANTIES OR GUARANTEES EXPRESSED OR IMPLIED WHICH EXTEND BEYOND THE DESCRIPTION ON THE FACE HEREOF, INCLUDING WARRANTIES OF FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE AND MERCHANTABILITY. SI-TEX MARINE ELECTRONICS INC. HAS NO OTHER LIABILITY TO PURCHASE FOR DIRECT OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGE OR ANY THEORY INCLUDING ABSOLUTE LIABILITY, TORT, OR CONTRACT. THIS LIMITED WARRANTY CANNOT BE ALTERED OR MODIFIED IN ANY WAY AND SHALL BE INTERPRETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA. THIS WARRANTY IS LIMITED TO THE CONTINENTAL U.S.A., ALASKA, HAWAII, AND CANADA.

HOW TO OBTAIN SERVICE UNDER THIS WARRANTY

To provide better flexibility, SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. gives you the option of obtaining service under this warranty by either:

a) Contacting an authorized SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. service station (The closest service station may be found by contacting your dealer of purchase.) Or

b) Shipping your equipment prepaid via UPS or truck with insurance prepaid to SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. at the address provided below. SI-TEX Marine Electronics Inc. will, whenever possible, make all repairs covered by Limited Warranty within two weeks of receiving the equipment in Florida and return same to you, freight prepaid.
c) You must present a copy of your Purchase Sales Slip at the time you request warranty service.

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