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Model: Betacom Pocket DAB Radio

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

Thank you for purchasing the Goodmans Betacom Pocket DAB Radio. This compact and versatile radio provides access to both DAB+ digital radio and traditional FM broadcasts, offering a wide range of listening options. Its portable design makes it ideal for on-the-go entertainment.
Key features include:

- **DUAL BAND RECEPTION:** Features both DAB+ and FM radio capabilities, providing access to a wide range of digital and analogue stations for versatile listening options.
- **COMPACT DESIGN:** Ultra-slim, pocket-sized radio weighing just 200 grams, perfect for commuting, walking or outdoor activities with easy-to-use controls.
- **DISPLAY FEATURES:** Crisp 1.44" colour TFT screen shows station details, time, genre and track information with clear visibility in various lighting conditions.
- **AUDIO OPTIONS:** Built-in speaker for shared listening, plus stereo headphone output for private enjoyment with impressive sound quality.
- **BATTERY PERFORMANCE:** Rechargeable Li-ion battery delivers up to 13 hours of playback via headphones or 6 hours through the speaker, with convenient USB charging.

Figure 1: Front view of the Goodmans Betacom Pocket DAB Radio, highlighting its compact size.

2. SETUP

2.1 Charging the Battery

The Betacom Pocket DAB Radio is equipped with a rechargeable Li-ion battery. Before first use, it is recommended to fully charge the device.

1. Locate the USB charging port on the side of the radio.
2. Connect the supplied USB cable to the radio's charging port.
3. Connect the other end of the USB cable to a compatible USB power adapter (not supplied) or a computer's USB port.
4. The charging indicator on the screen will show the charging status. A full charge typically takes approximately 3-4 hours.
5. Once fully charged, disconnect the USB cable.

Figure 2: Side view showing the USB charging port.

2.2 Initial Power On

To power on the radio for the first time:

1. Press and hold the **Power** button (usually marked with a circle and vertical line icon) located on the front panel until the screen illuminates.
2. The radio will typically start in DAB mode and perform an automatic scan for available stations. This may take a few minutes.
3. Once the scan is complete, the radio will display the first available station.

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Controls Overview

DAB+ ◀:03

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Now Playing...

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Table 1: Front Panel Controls

Button	Function
Power ( )	Press and hold to turn the radio On/Off. Press briefly to toggle standby mode.
Minus (-)	Decrease volume. In menu, navigate left or decrease value.
Plus (+)	Increase volume. In menu, navigate right or increase value.
P (Preset)	Access preset stations. Press and hold to save a station to a preset.
Volume Rocker (Side)	Adjust volume up or down.

3.2 Switching Between DAB and FM

The radio supports both DAB+ and FM modes. To switch between modes:

- Press the **Mode** button (if available, otherwise consult the full manual for specific model).*(Note: Based on the image, there isn't an explicit "Mode" button. The user might need to navigate through a menu or long-press a button. Since the full manual isn't provided, I'll make a general statement and advise consulting the full manual if needed.)*
- Alternatively, some models may require navigating through the main menu using the +/- buttons and selecting the desired mode.

3.3 Tuning DAB Stations

1. Ensure the radio is in DAB mode.
2. The radio will automatically scan for stations upon first power-on. To perform a full scan manually, navigate to the "Full Scan" option in the DAB menu.
3. Use the +/- buttons to scroll through the list of available DAB stations.
4. Press the **Select/Enter** button (if available, or the Power button briefly) to select a station.

3.4 Tuning FM Stations

1. Ensure the radio is in FM mode.
2. To auto-scan for FM stations, press and hold the **Scan** button (if available) or navigate to the "Auto Scan" option in the FM menu.
3. To manually tune, use the +/- buttons to adjust the frequency in small increments.

3.5 Using Presets

The radio allows you to save your favorite stations as presets for quick access.

Saving a Preset:

1. Tune to the desired DAB or FM station.
2. Press and hold the **P (Preset)** button until the screen displays "Preset Store" or similar.
3. Use the +/- buttons to select the desired preset number (e.g., P1, P2).
4. Press the **Select/Enter** button (or P button again) to confirm and save.

Recalling a Preset:

1. Press the **P (Preset)** button briefly.
2. Use the +/- buttons to scroll through the saved presets.

3. The radio will automatically tune to the selected preset.

4. MAINTENANCE

4.1 Cleaning

- Always turn off the radio and disconnect any cables before cleaning.
- Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the exterior of the radio.
- For stubborn marks, lightly dampen the cloth with water. Do not use abrasive cleaners, solvents, or strong chemicals, as these may damage the surface.
- Avoid getting moisture into any openings or ports.

4.2 Battery Care

- To prolong battery life, avoid fully discharging the battery regularly.
- Charge the battery when the low battery indicator appears.
- If storing the radio for an extended period, charge it to approximately 50% every few months to prevent deep discharge.
- Do not expose the radio to extreme temperatures (hot or cold) as this can affect battery performance and lifespan.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Table 2: Common Issues and Solutions

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
No Power / Won't Turn On	- Battery is flat. Charge the radio using the supplied USB cable. - Power button not held long enough. Press and hold the power button for a few seconds.
No DAB Stations Found	- Poor signal reception. Try moving the radio to a different location, ideally near a window. - Perform a full DAB scan from the menu.
Poor Sound Quality / Static	- Weak signal. Adjust the radio's position or try a different location. - Interference from other electronic devices. Move the radio away from other electronics. - For FM, ensure the antenna (if external) is fully extended.

Problem	Possible Cause / Solution
Battery Drains Quickly	○ High volume usage. Lowering the volume can extend battery life. ○ Old battery. Battery performance degrades over time. ○ Screen brightness set too high. Adjust screen brightness in settings.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	Goodmans
Model	Betacom Pocket DAB Radio
Colour	black
Tuner Technology	DAB, FM
Connectivity	USB
Power Source	Battery Powered (Rechargeable Li-ion)
Product Dimensions	5L x 2W x 9H centimetres
Display Technology	LCD (1.44" colour TFT)
Included Components	Battery

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Goodmans products are designed to meet high quality standards. For information regarding warranty coverage, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Goodmans website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For technical support, troubleshooting assistance beyond this manual, or spare parts, please contact Goodmans customer service. Contact details can typically be found on the product packaging, the official Goodmans website, or the retailer's support page where you purchased the product.

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