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Model: BC365CRS | Brand: Uniden

1. INTRODUCTION AND OVERVIEW

The Uniden BC365CRS is a versatile multi-featured conventional channel scanner designed for home use. It combines the functionality of a 500-channel scanner with an AM/FM clock radio, snooze function, and NOAA weather broadcasts. This device allows users to monitor various frequencies including police, fire/emergency, marine, air, and more, providing comprehensive local information.



Figure 1.1: Front view of the Uniden BC365CRS 500 Channel Scanner and Alarm Clock.

Key features include:

- **500 Channels / 10 Banks:** Organize and access frequencies for police, fire/emergency, marine, air, and more.
- **Built-in FM Radio:** Save up to 30 FM stations with preset memories.
- **Alarm Clock with Snooze:** Wake up to scanning, a weather channel, or your favorite FM station.
- **NOAA Weather Alerts:** Receive critical weather broadcasts.
- **Priority with Do-Not-Disturb:** Monitor important frequencies every 2 seconds.
- **Wide Frequency Coverage:** Receives conventional channels on AM Broadcast (530-1700 KHz), 25-54 MHz, FM Broadcast (88-108 MHz), 108-174 MHz, 225-380 MHz, and 406-512 MHz.

2. SETUP

2.1 Unpacking and Initial Inspection

Carefully remove the BC365CRS unit and all accessories from the packaging. Verify that all components are present and inspect the unit for any signs of damage. If any components are missing or damaged, contact Uniden customer support immediately.

2.2 Power Connection

Connect the supplied AC adapter to the DC IN 12V jack on the rear of the unit and then plug it into a standard 110-volt AC wall outlet. Ensure the power source is stable and within the specified voltage range.

Important Note: This unit operates on 110 volts AC power only.

2.3 Antenna Connection

Attach the included telescopic antenna to the ANT connection on the rear of the unit. For optimal reception, extend the antenna fully and position it vertically. You may adjust the height or angle of the antenna to improve signal quality if interference is encountered.

2.4 Controls and Connections Overview

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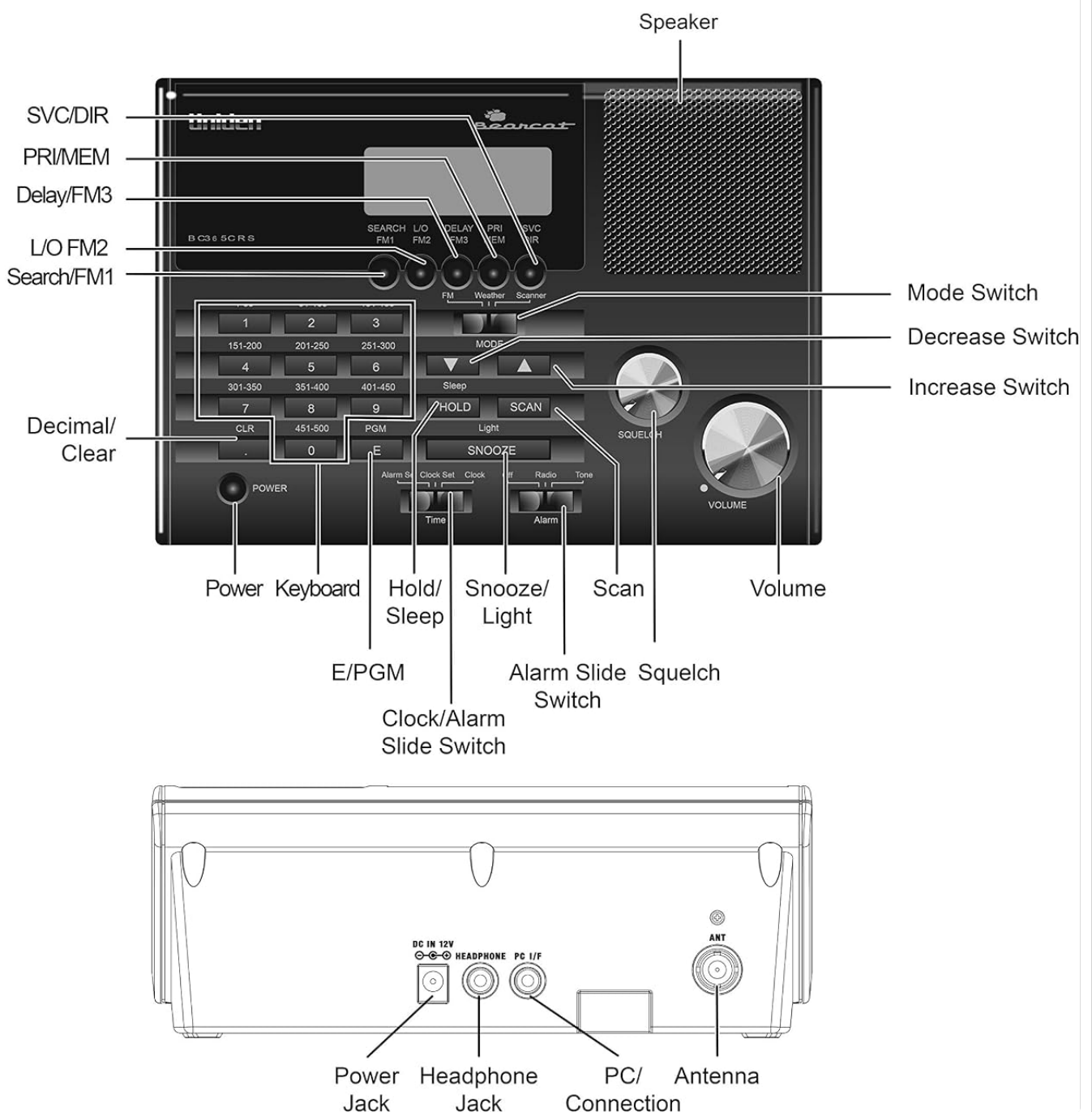


Figure 2.1: Labeled diagram of the Uniden BCD365CRS controls and rear connections.

Familiarize yourself with the main controls and connections:

- **Power Button:** Turns the unit on/off.
- **Keyboard (0-9, E/PGM, CLR):** For entering frequencies and programming.
- **Mode Switch:** Toggles between different operating modes.
- **Scan Button:** Initiates or resumes scanning.
- **Hold Button:** Stops scanning on the current frequency.
- **Snooze/Sleep Button:** Activates snooze for the alarm or sleep timer.
- **Light Button:** Controls display backlight.
- **Volume Knob:** Adjusts audio output level.
- **Squelch Knob:** Adjusts the squelch level to filter out static.
- **Alarm Slide Switch:** Activates or deactivates the alarm.
- **Clock/Alarm Slide Switch:** Used for setting clock and alarm.
- **Headphone Jack:** For private listening.
- **PC I/F Jack:** For potential future PC connectivity (refer to advanced user guide if applicable).

3. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Scanner Mode

The BC365CRS features 500 channels organized into 10 banks (0-9) for efficient storage and recall of frequencies. It is designed for conventional analog transmissions and is **not compatible with digital communications** (e.g., Project 25, DMR, NXDN) or trunking systems.

- **Storing Frequencies:** To store a frequency, enter the desired frequency using the numeric keypad, then follow the programming instructions in the detailed user guide (link provided in Section 6).
- **Scanning:** Press the **SCAN** button to begin scanning through programmed channels.
- **Holding:** Press the **HOLD** button to stop scanning on the current active frequency. Press **SCAN** again to resume.
- **Service Searches:** The scanner includes convenient pre-sets for popular searches. Press the **SVC/DIR** button repeatedly to cycle through service search modes such as Police, Fire/Emergency, Marine, Air, and more.
- **Priority Scanning:** Store your most important frequencies into priority channels. When scanning, these channels are checked every 2 seconds to ensure you catch critical activity.

3.2 FM Radio Operation

The unit includes a built-in FM radio with 30 preset memory slots for your favorite stations.

- **Switching to FM Mode:** Use the **FM** button to switch to FM radio mode.
- **Tuning:** Use the **Tune** knob or the up/down arrow buttons to manually tune to a station.
- **Saving Presets:** Refer to the detailed user guide for instructions on saving and recalling FM radio presets.

3.3 Alarm Clock and Snooze

The integrated alarm clock allows you to set an alarm to wake up to the scanner, a weather channel, or your preferred FM radio station.

- **Setting Time/Alarm:** Use the **Clock Set** and **Alarm Set** buttons, along with the numeric keypad, to set the current

time and alarm time.

- **Snooze Function:** Press the **SNOOZE** button to temporarily silence the alarm.
- **Sleep Function:** Activate the sleep timer to automatically turn off the radio after a set period.

3.4 Weather Alerts

Stay informed about severe weather conditions with the NOAA weather alert feature.

- **Accessing Weather Channel:** Press the **Weather** button to tune into the NOAA weather broadcast.
- **Alert Activation:** The unit can be set to automatically alert you to hazardous weather conditions. Consult the user guide for specific setup instructions for weather alerts.

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Video 3.1: An overview of the Uniden BC365CRS 500 Channel Scanner, Alarm Clock, and FM Radio features.

4. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the unit. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Placement:** To ensure optimal performance and longevity, avoid placing the scanner in direct sunlight or near heating elements or vents.
- **Interference:** If the scanner receives interference or electrical noise, move the scanner or its antenna away from the source. Adjusting the height or angle of the antenna may also help.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Uniden BC365CRS, refer to the following common troubleshooting tips:

- **No Power:** Ensure the AC adapter is securely connected to both the unit and a working 110V power outlet.
- **Poor Reception/Static:**
 - Extend the antenna fully.
 - Adjust the antenna's height or angle.
 - Move the scanner away from potential sources of electrical interference (e.g., computers, TVs, fluorescent lights).
 - Adjust the Squelch knob. If the squelch is set too high, it may block weaker signals.
- **Cannot Hear Police/Fire/Public Safety:**
 - Verify that the frequencies for your local agencies are correctly programmed.
 - Confirm that your local agencies are still using conventional analog transmissions. Many agencies have switched to digital or trunking systems, which this scanner does not support.
 - **Important:** This scanner may not work in all areas due to changes in communication systems. If you are unsure if this scanner is suitable for your area, please contact Uniden support.
- **Alarm Not Sounding:** Check that the Alarm Slide Switch is in the ON position and the alarm time is correctly set.

For more detailed troubleshooting steps, please consult the official User Guide PDF.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	BC365CRS
Channels	500
Banks	10
Frequency Coverage	AM Broadcast (530-1700 KHz), 25-54 MHz, FM Broadcast (88-108 MHz), 108-174 MHz, 225-380 MHz, 406-512 MHz
Power Source	110V AC (via included adapter)
Item Weight	1 pound
Product Dimensions	8.46 x 3.35 x 8.46 inches (or 5.7"L x 5.2"W x 1.6"H, depending on measurement context)
Display Style	VFD (Vacuum Fluorescent Display)
Included Components	500 Channel Clock/FM Radio Scanner with Weather Alert



Figure 6.1: Dimensions of the Uniden BC365CRS unit.

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

7.1 Product Warranty

The Uniden BC365CRS comes with a **1 Year Limited Warranty** from the date of purchase. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims. For full details regarding warranty coverage and limitations, refer to the official user guide or contact Uniden customer support.

7.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting, or any product-related inquiries, please contact Uniden customer support:

- **Phone:** 1-800-620-7531
- **Official User Guide (PDF):** [Download PDF](#)

Before contacting support, it is recommended to review the troubleshooting section of this manual and the comprehensive PDF user guide, as many common issues can be resolved quickly.

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