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MODEL: ARC

1. Introduction

The Dogtra ARC E-Collar is a reliable electronic training collar designed for behavior modification in dogs. It is suitable for various training scenarios, including detection and obedience, and is built to withstand diverse weather conditions. The ARC system offers a 3/4-mile range and is recommended for all breeds with mild to medium temperaments.

Key Features:

- **3/4-Mile Range:** Provides ample distance for basic to advanced training.
- **Ergonomic Slim Receiver:** Designed to fit comfortably and discreetly on your dog's neck.
- **127 Stimulation Levels:** Precise control with a Rheostat/Volume Dial and LCD screen.
- **Three Training Modes:** Momentary Nick, Constant Stimulation, and Non-Stimulating Pager Vibration.
- **Fully Waterproof:** Both the collar receiver and transmitter are waterproof for training in any environment.
- **2-Hour Rapid Charge:** Equipped with Lithium Polymer Batteries for quick recharging.
- **Expandable:** Can be expanded to a 2-dog system (additional receiver sold separately).



Figure 1: Dogtra ARC Remote Training E-Collar System

2. Package Contents

Your Dogtra ARC package includes the following items:

- Dogtra ARC Collar Receiver
- Dogtra ARC Collar Transmitter
- Splitter Cable
- Belt Clip
- Test Light
- Battery Charger
- Owner's Manual
- PetsTEK Training Clicker

3. Setup

3.1 Charging the Batteries

The Dogtra ARC system uses 2-hour rapid charge Lithium Polymer batteries. Ensure both the transmitter and receiver are fully charged before initial use.

1. Connect the splitter cable to the battery charger.
2. Plug one end of the splitter cable into the charging port of the transmitter and the other end into the charging port of the receiver.
3. Plug the charger into a standard electrical outlet.
4. The LED indicator on both units will illuminate during charging and turn solid green when fully charged.

3.2 Turning On/Off

To turn on the transmitter, rotate the Rheostat Dial clockwise until the LCD screen illuminates. To turn off, rotate the dial counter-clockwise until the screen turns off. To turn on the receiver, press and hold the power button on the receiver until the LED indicator flashes green. To turn off, press and hold the power button until the LED indicator turns solid red and then off.

3.3 Fitting the Collar Receiver

Proper fit of the collar receiver is crucial for consistent and effective stimulation. The contact points must have direct contact with your dog's skin.

1. Position the receiver on your dog's neck so that the contact points are underneath, making direct contact with the skin.
2. The collar should be snug enough to prevent movement but not so tight as to restrict breathing. You should be able to fit two fingers snugly under the strap.
3. For dogs with thick coats, you may need to trim some hair around the contact points to ensure proper skin contact.



Figure 2: Dogtra ARC Collar Receiver with Contact Points

4. Operating Instructions

4.1 Transmitter Overview



Figure 3: Dogtra ARC Key Features (Transmitter and Receiver)

The ARC transmitter features a Rheostat/Volume Dial for precise stimulation level adjustments (0-127), dedicated buttons for Momentary Nick and Constant Stimulation, and a Pager Vibration button. The LCD screen displays the stimulation level and battery status.

4.2 Training Modes

- **Momentary Nick (N):** Delivers a single, quick pulse of static stimulation. Useful for immediate correction of unwanted behavior.
- **Constant Stimulation (C):** Delivers continuous static stimulation for up to 12 seconds, or until the button is released. Use for more persistent behaviors or to reinforce commands.
- **Pager Vibration (P):** Provides a non-stimulating vibration. Can be used as a warning or a gentle reminder before applying static stimulation.

4.3 Adjusting Stimulation Levels

The Rheostat/Volume Dial on the transmitter allows you to adjust the static stimulation intensity from 0 (no stimulation) to 127 (maximum stimulation). Start at the lowest level and gradually increase until your dog responds with a slight head turn or ear twitch, indicating they feel the stimulation without distress.

4.4 Two-Dog System (Expandable)

The Dogtra ARC system can be expanded to control two dogs with a single transmitter. The transmitter features separate buttons for each dog (e.g., Black-P for Dog 1, Orange-P for Dog 2) for independent control of stimulation and pager functions.

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Video 1: Dogtra ARC-X Lifestyle and Studio. This video demonstrates the product's features including stimulation levels, charging, locate light, range, audible tone, safety lock, one-hand operation, waterproofing, and vibration in a real-world training scenario.

5. Maintenance

5.1 Cleaning and Care

Regular cleaning of the collar receiver and contact points is essential to prevent skin irritation on your dog. Use a damp cloth to wipe down the receiver and contact points. Ensure no debris or dirt accumulates around the contact points.

5.2 Battery Life and Charging

The Lithium Polymer batteries are designed for long life and rapid charging. To maximize battery life, avoid fully discharging the batteries frequently. Recharge the units when the battery status indicator shows low power. Always use the provided Dogtra charger and splitter cable.

5.3 Waterproof Design

Both the transmitter and receiver are fully waterproof. This allows for training in wet conditions, including rain or near water. However, ensure charging ports are dry before connecting the charger.

6. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Dogtra ARC E-Collar, please refer to the following common troubleshooting steps:

- **No Stimulation/Vibration:**

- Ensure both the transmitter and receiver are turned on and fully charged.
- Check that the contact points are making proper contact with your dog's skin. Adjust collar fit or trim fur if necessary.
- Verify the stimulation level on the transmitter's LCD screen is not set to 0.
- Use the provided test light to confirm the receiver is functioning. Place the test light over the contact points and press a stimulation button on the transmitter. The light should illuminate.

- **Poor Range:**

- Ensure the transmitter's antenna is not obstructed or damaged.
- Environmental factors such as terrain, weather, and electrical interference can affect range. Try testing in an open area.
- Check battery levels on both units. Low battery can reduce range.

- **Skin Irritation:**

- Remove the collar immediately. Clean the dog's neck and the contact points thoroughly.
- Do not leave the collar on your dog for more than 10 hours per day.
- Reposition the collar periodically to prevent prolonged pressure on one area.
- Consult a veterinarian if irritation persists.

- **Unit Not Holding Charge:**

- Ensure the charger and splitter cable are functioning correctly.
- Check for any damage to the charging ports or cables.
- If batteries are old, they may need replacement. Contact Dogtra support for user-replaceable battery options.

7. Specifications

Feature	Detail
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Item Weight	1.46 pounds
Item Package Dimensions L x W x H	10.08 x 8.66 x 2.72 inches
Batteries	2 Lithium Polymer batteries required (included)
Range	3/4 Mile
Stimulation Levels	0-127 (Rheostat/Volume Dial)
Training Modes	Momentary Nick, Constant Stimulation, Pager Vibration
Waterproof	Yes (Transmitter and Receiver)
Charge Time	2-Hour Rapid Charge
Expandable	Yes, to a 2-dog system
Material	Leather (collar strap)
Color	Black

8. Important Warnings

- The Dogtra ARC e-collar is designed for dogs only.
- Do not leave the collar on your dog for more than 10 hours per day.
- Keep away from children at all times.
- Not recommended for dogs younger than 4 months old.
- Seek professional help if your dog becomes aggressive during training.
- Observe your dog's reaction to the stimulation before leaving them alone.
- Dogtra recommends consulting your physician if you are going to use the e-collar and you have any type of medical devices.

9. Warranty and Support

For warranty information, product registration, or technical support, please visit the official Dogtra website or contact Dogtra customer service directly. Keep your purchase receipt for warranty claims.