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Model: RT648 | Brand: Retevis

1. INTRODUCTION

The Retevis RT648 is a robust, IP67 waterproof, license-free PMR446 two-way radio designed for reliable communication in various environments. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of your RT648 walkie-talkie, ensuring optimal performance and longevity.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

2.1 Components and Controls

Familiarize yourself with the main components and controls of the Retevis RT648 walkie-talkie:



Figure 2.1: Retevis RT648 Walkie-Talkie Components Diagram

- **Antenna:** For transmitting and receiving radio signals.
- **Channel Knob:** Used to select the desired communication channel.
- **Power/Volume Switch:** Rotates to turn the radio on/off and adjust the volume level.
- **Status Indicator Light:** Provides visual feedback on radio status (e.g., transmitting, receiving, low battery).
- **Speaker (Output sound):** Outputs received audio.
- **Microphone (Input sound):** Captures your voice for transmission.
- **PTT (Push-to-Talk) Button:** Press and hold to transmit, release to receive.
- **SK1, SK2 (Side Keys):** Programmable function keys (e.g., scan, monitor, alarm).
- **SP/MIC/Program Jack (SP/MIC):** Port for connecting external speaker-microphones or programming cables.
- **Battery Pack:** Provides power to the radio.

2.2 Key Features

- **IP67 Waterproof and Dustproof:** The RT648 is designed to float on water and features a vacuum-free design to prevent water intrusion, making it suitable for wet environments. It is rated Level 7 waterproof and Level 6 dustproof.



IP67 WATERPROOF



Figure 2.2: IP67 Waterproof Capability

- **License-Free PMR446:** Operates on the PMR446 frequency band, requiring no license for use in most European countries. This ensures ease of use and immediate readiness out of the box.
- **Robust and Durable Design:** Built to withstand various complex and harsh environments, including extreme outdoor activities, snowy conditions, and construction sites.



IP67 Waterproof and Dustproof

Level 7 waterproof

Level 6 dustproof

Adapt to various harsh environments

Figure 2.3: Durability in Harsh Environments

- **VOX Function (Voice Operated Exchange):** Enables hands-free communication, allowing you to transmit by speaking into the microphone without pressing the PTT button. This is particularly useful when your hands are occupied.
- **Squelch Function:** Automatically suppresses background noise, ensuring clearer audio reception and reducing interference.
- **Long Battery Life:** Equipped with a 1200mAh Lithium-ion battery for extended operation.



Figure 2.4: 1200mAh Battery Capacity

- **Strong Penetration:** Designed for effective communication even in environments with obstacles.



STRONG PENETRATION

Figure 2.5: Signal Penetration Capability

- **Sturdy Back Clip:** Allows for secure attachment to clothing or gear.

STURDY BACK CLIP



Figure 2.6: Sturdy Back Clip

3. SETUP

Before using your Retevis RT648 walkie-talkie, follow these steps for initial setup:

1. Install the Battery:

- Align the battery pack with the battery compartment on the back of the radio.
- Gently push the battery into place until it clicks securely.

2. Charge the Battery:

- Connect the USB charging cable to the charging base.
- Place the walkie-talkie into the charging base.
- Connect the USB cable to a compatible USB power source (e.g., wall adapter, computer USB port, power bank).
- The status indicator light will typically show red during charging and turn green when fully charged.

3. Attach the Antenna:

- Screw the antenna clockwise into the connector on the top of the radio until it is firmly seated. Do not overtighten.

4. Attach the Belt Clip (Optional):

- Align the belt clip with the screw holes on the back of the radio.
- Secure it with the provided screws.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

This section details the basic operation of your RT648 walkie-talkie.

4.1 Power On/Off and Volume Adjustment

- To turn the radio **ON**, rotate the Power/Volume switch clockwise until you hear a click and a voice prompt.
- To turn the radio **OFF**, rotate the Power/Volume switch counter-clockwise until you hear a click.
- To **adjust the volume**, rotate the Power/Volume switch clockwise to increase volume and counter-clockwise to decrease volume while the radio is on.

4.2 Channel Selection

- Rotate the Channel knob to select the desired communication channel. Ensure all radios in your group are set to the same channel for communication. The RT648 has 16 channels.

4.3 Transmitting and Receiving

- To **transmit**, press and hold the PTT (Push-to-Talk) button on the side of the radio. Speak clearly into the microphone, holding the radio approximately 2-5 cm from your mouth. The status indicator light will typically glow red during transmission.
- To **receive**, release the PTT button. The status indicator light will typically glow green when receiving a signal.

4.4 VOX Function (Voice Operated Exchange)

- The VOX function allows for hands-free transmission. When activated, the radio will automatically transmit when it detects your voice.
- **Activation/Deactivation:** The VOX function is typically enabled or disabled via programming software or a specific key combination. Refer to the detailed user manual (if provided separately) or contact Retevis support for specific instructions on how to activate or deactivate VOX, especially if unintended transmissions occur.

4.5 Squelch Function

- The squelch function automatically mutes the speaker when no signal is being received, eliminating static noise. The RT648's squelch is designed to provide clear audio. This function is usually automatic and does not require user adjustment for basic operation.

5. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your RT648 walkie-talkie.

- **Cleaning:** Due to its IP67 rating, the radio can be cleaned with a damp cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a mild soap solution and rinse thoroughly with clean water. Ensure all ports are closed before cleaning with water. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Battery Care:**
 - Charge the battery fully before first use.
 - Avoid overcharging or completely draining the battery.
 - If storing the radio for an extended period, charge the battery to about 50% and remove it from the radio. Store in a cool,

dry place.

- **General Handling:**
 - Avoid dropping the radio or subjecting it to severe impacts.
 - Do not disassemble the radio. Unauthorized disassembly will void the warranty.
 - Keep the radio away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your RT648, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Radio does not power on.	Battery is low or not installed correctly.	Ensure battery is fully charged and properly seated.
Cannot transmit or receive.	Incorrect channel selected; out of range; antenna loose.	Verify all radios are on the same channel. Move closer to other radios. Check antenna connection.
Poor audio quality or static.	Weak signal; interference; squelch level too low.	Move to an area with better signal. Ensure no strong interference sources nearby.
Radio transmits automatically (VOX issue).	VOX function is active and sensitive to ambient noise.	Deactivate VOX function. If unable to do so via radio controls, programming software may be required. Contact Retevis support for guidance.
Battery drains quickly.	Frequent transmission; old battery; extreme temperatures.	Reduce transmission time. Replace battery if old. Avoid using in extreme temperatures.

If the problem persists after attempting these solutions, please contact Retevis customer support.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Brand	Retevis
Model Number	RT648
Color	Black
Special Features	Waterproof (IP67)
Battery Composition	Lithium-ion
Rechargeable Battery	Yes
Number of Batteries	5 Lithium-ion (included)
Voltage	3.7 Volts
Item Weight	60 Grams
Number of Channels	16
Maximum Range	2 Kilometers (typical, varies by terrain)

Water Resistance Level	IP67 (Waterproof)
Included Components	User Manual



Figure 7.1: Typical Communication Range

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Retevis provides comprehensive support for its products:

- **Warranty Period:** A 2-year warranty is offered for the radio body, and a 1-year warranty for accessories.
- **Return Policy:** Enjoy a 30-day no-reason return period from the date of purchase.
- **Post-Warranty Service:** Even beyond the warranty period, maintenance services are available. Buyers are responsible for any associated costs for such services.
- **Contact Support:** For any inquiries, technical assistance, or warranty claims, please contact Retevis directly through Amazon. Responses are typically provided within 12 hours.

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