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BAOFENG UV-16 Handheld Radio User Manual

Model: UV-16

1. Introduction

Thank you for choosing the BAOFENG UV-16 8W Handheld Radio. This device is a robust and versatile VHF/UHF dual-band GMRS walkie-talkie designed for reliable long-range communication. Featuring USB-C charging, IP68 waterproof rating, and excellent audio quality, the UV-16 is suitable for various outdoor activities and professional use. This manual provides detailed instructions for proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your radio.

2. Safety Information

- **Battery Safety:** Use only the specified Li-ion battery and charger. Do not disassemble, puncture, or short-circuit the battery. Do not expose to high temperatures or fire.
- **Antenna:** Do not touch the antenna during transmission.
- **Waterproof:** While the UV-16 is IP68 waterproof, ensure all ports (like the USB-C port and accessory jack) are properly sealed when exposed to water. Do not submerge for extended periods or at depths beyond its rating.
- **Interference:** Turn off the radio in areas where two-way radio use is prohibited, such as hospitals, aircraft, or near blasting sites.
- **Driving Safety:** Do not operate the radio while driving. Always prioritize road safety.
- **Hearing Protection:** Avoid prolonged exposure to loud volumes, which may cause hearing damage.

3. Package Contents

Please check the package for the following items:

- BAOFENG UV-16 Portable Radio
- Li-ion Battery
- Original Antenna
- Type-C Charger Cable
- Charger Base
- Belt Clip
- Sling
- User's Manual (this document)

4. Product Overview

The BAOFENG UV-16 radio is designed for durability and ease of use. Below are key components and features:



Image: The BAOFENG UV-16 handheld radio shown alongside its included USB-C charging cable.



Image: Visual representation of the UV-16's outdoor design, highlighting features like Dual Band, High Power, FM Radio, Flashlight, Waterproof, and Clear Audio.



Image: Various angles of the BAOFENG UV-16 radio, showing the front, side, and back views, illustrating its compact and ergonomic design.

Key Features:

- **USB-C Charging:** Conveniently charge the radio directly with a Type-C cable from various power sources like power banks, PCs, or car chargers. It also supports charging via the included charger base.
- **GMRS Repeater Capable:** The UV-16 supports customizable repeater channels, allowing for extended communication range and enhanced signal strength.
- **Excellent Audio:** Equipped with a professional audio decoder chip, providing loud treble and strong bass for clear communication.
- **Long Range Communication:** Capable of reaching 4-5 miles in open areas, 3-4 miles in forests, and 2-3 miles in urban environments.
- **Dual Watch and Sync Switchable:** Monitor two channels simultaneously and display both channel name and

frequency information.

- **IP68 Waterproof:** Designed to withstand dust and rain, ensuring reliable performance in challenging conditions.

5. Setup

5.1 Battery Installation

1. Align the battery pack with the grooves on the back of the radio.
2. Slide the battery upwards until it clicks into place.
3. Secure the battery with the fixing screw located at the bottom of the battery compartment to ensure firmness and prevent accidental detachment.



Image: Close-up view of the fixing screw mechanism used to secure the battery pack to the BAOFENG UV-16 radio, ensuring a firm connection.

5.2 Antenna Attachment

1. Screw the original antenna clockwise into the connector on the top of the radio until it is finger-tight. Do not overtighten.



Image: Detailed view of the 20cm high-gain antenna for the BAOFENG UV-16, highlighting its pure copper coil and flexible design for improved signal performance.

5.3 Initial Charging

Before first use, fully charge the battery.

1. Connect the Type-C charger cable to the radio's USB-C port or place the radio in the charger base.
2. Connect the other end of the cable to a compatible USB power source (e.g., wall adapter, power bank, PC).
3. The charging indicator on the radio or charger base will show charging status (e.g., red for charging, green for fully charged).



Image: The BAOFENG UV-16 radio being charged via its Type-C port, demonstrating compatibility with various power sources like adaptors, power banks, and USB ports.

6. Operating Instructions

6.1 Power On/Off and Volume Control

- **Power On:** Rotate the power/volume knob (top-left) clockwise until you hear a click. The display will light up.
- **Power Off:** Rotate the power/volume knob counter-clockwise until you hear a click.
- **Volume Adjustment:** Rotate the power/volume knob clockwise to increase volume and counter-clockwise to decrease volume.

6.2 Channel Selection

- Use the UP/DOWN arrow keys on the keypad to navigate through channels.
- Alternatively, enter the desired channel number directly using the numeric keypad.

- Press the 'V/M' button to switch between Frequency Mode and Channel Mode.

6.3 Transmitting and Receiving

- **Receiving:** When a signal is received on the selected channel, the radio will automatically output audio.
- **Transmitting:** Press and hold the Push-To-Talk (PTT) button on the side of the radio. Speak clearly into the microphone (located below the PTT button). Release the PTT button to stop transmitting and return to receive mode.

6.4 Dual Watch and Sync Function

- The Dual Watch function allows monitoring two different frequencies or channels simultaneously. Refer to the full user manual for specific programming steps.
- The Sync function displays both the channel name and frequency information on the screen for a single monitored channel.

6.5 FM Radio

- Press the 'FM' button to activate the FM radio function.
- Use the arrow keys to tune to desired FM stations.
- Press 'FM' again to exit FM radio mode.

6.6 Flashlight

- The UV-16 includes a built-in flashlight. Refer to the full user manual for the specific button or key combination to activate and deactivate the flashlight.

7. Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Clean the radio surface with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use harsh chemicals or abrasive cleaners.
- **Battery Care:** To prolong battery life, avoid fully discharging the battery frequently. Recharge the battery when the low battery indicator appears. If storing the radio for an extended period, charge the battery to about 50% before storage and recharge every few months.
- **Storage:** Store the radio in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Accessory Port:** Ensure the 2-pin K-type jack cover is securely closed when not in use to maintain waterproof integrity.



Image: Side view of the BAOFENG UV-16 radio, highlighting the 2-pin K-type accessory jack, indicating compatibility with standard accessories.

8. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Radio does not power on.	Battery is dead or not installed correctly.	Ensure battery is fully charged and properly installed.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Cannot transmit or receive.	Incorrect frequency/channel, out of range, or antenna not attached.	Verify frequency/channel settings. Move closer to other radios. Ensure antenna is securely attached.
Poor audio quality.	Low battery, interference, or volume too low/high.	Charge battery. Move away from sources of interference. Adjust volume.
Battery not charging.	Charger cable/base faulty, or power source issue.	Check cable connections. Try a different USB power source. Ensure radio is correctly seated in charger base.

9. Specifications

Feature	Specification
Brand	BAOFENG
Model Number	UV-16
Color	Olive green
Net Weight	0.47kg (13.5 ounces)
Waterproof / Water-Resistant	IP68
Frequency Range	VHF (144-148Mhz), UHF (420-450Mhz)
Output Power	8W
Battery Capacity	2800mAh
Battery Type	Li-ion battery
Antenna Type	SMA-(Male)
Channels	128
Material	Sturdy Plastic
Talking Range Maximum	6.1 Miles (approximate, varies by terrain)

10. Warranty and Support

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your product or visit the official BAOFENG website. Typically, warranty details are provided by the manufacturer or the authorized seller at the time of purchase. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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