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Before operating the radio, please read all safety and operating instructions. Save all instructions in a safe place for future reference.

Important Safety Instructions

WARNING:

1. Only accessories included in this package or specified by the manufacturer should be used with the radio. The 5V micro-USB charging input is compatible with most high quality micro-USB chargers that fully conform to the USB standards.
2. Do not use cleaners or solvents to clean the exterior of the radio. Use only a damp or dry cloth.
3. Do not expose this product to splashing or dripping water.
4. Do not attempt to service the receiver yourself. Removing the cover will void the warranty. Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Cobra may void the user's authority granted by the FCC to operate this device and should not be made.
5. Do not plug the wall adaptor into the power outlet if the outlet is wet.
6. Do not use any portable radio that has a damaged antenna. If a damaged antenna comes into contact with your skin, a minor burn can result.

WARNING: Important Safety Instructions for Battery Read All Instructions

- Do not incinerate the battery even if it is severely damaged or is completely worn out.
- Do not discard battery in a fire. The battery pack can explode in a fire.
- Do not replace battery in any area labeled "Hazardous Atmosphere". Any sparks created in a potentially explosive atmosphere can cause an explosion or fire.
- Do not disassemble, crush, puncture, shred, or otherwise attempt to change the form of your battery.
- Do not dry a wet or damp battery with an appliance or heat source, such as a hair dryer or microwave oven.
- A small leakage of liquid from the battery cells may occur under extreme usage or temperature conditions. This does not indicate a failure. Do not open, deform or mutilate the battery as there may be corrosive materials which can cause damage to eyes or skin and may be toxic if swallowed.

However, if the outer seal is broken and this leakage gets on your skin:

- Wash quickly with soap and water.
- Neutralize with a mild acid such as lemon juice or vinegar.
- If battery liquid gets into your eyes, flush them with clean water for a minimum of 10 minutes and seek immediate medical attention.

This product uses Lithium Polymer Battery. Do not transport package if damaged, a fire hazard could exist.

Recycle Battery

Local, state or federal laws may prohibit disposal of batteries in ordinary trash. Consult your local waste authority for information regarding available recycling and/or disposal options.

Introduction

Making Life Easier and Safer

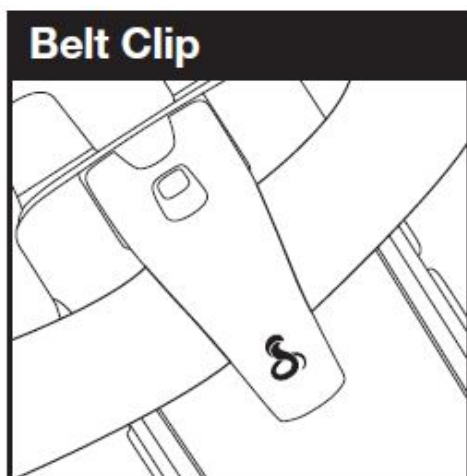
Staying in touch with your family and friends is convenient and easy when using your microTALK® radio. Some of the many uses you will discover include:

Communicating with others while hiking, biking, and working; keeping track of family and friends at a crowded public event; checking with travel companions in another car; talking with neighbors; arranging meeting spots with others while shopping at the mall.

Secure your microTALK® radio while on the go.

Carrying your microTALK® radio with you is easy when using the belt clip or optional wrist strap.

The belt clip easily attaches to your belt, purse, or backpack.



Customer Assistance

Product Service & Support

In this user's guide, you should find all the information you need to operate your microTALK® radio. If you require further assistance after reading this guide, Cobra offers the following customer assistance services:

For Assistance In The U.S.A.

For any questions about operating or installing this new Cobra product, PLEASE CONTACT COBRA FIRST... do not return this product to the retail store. The contact information for Cobra will vary depending on the country in which you purchased and uses the product. For the latest contact information, please go to www.cobra.com/support or call 1-800-543-1608.

If your product should require factory service, please go to www.cobra.com/support and follow the instructions.

Operational Cautions

Exposure to high volume sound levels may cause temporary or permanent damage to your hearing. Although there is no single volume setting that is appropriate for everyone, you should always use your radio with the volume set at low level and avoid prolonged exposure to high volume sound levels.

1. Set the volume control in a low position and use as low a volume as possible.

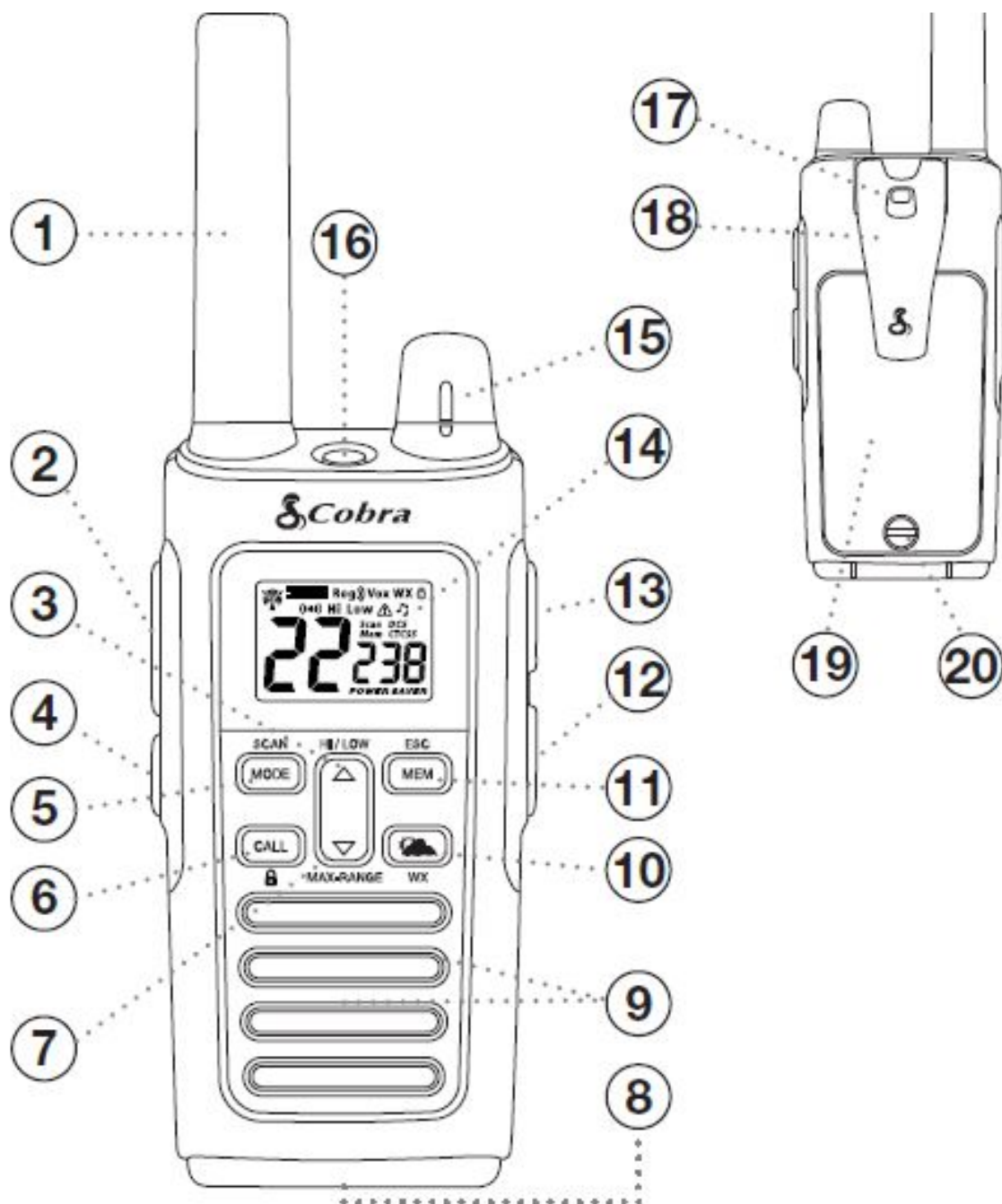
2. Avoid turning up the volume to block out noisy surroundings. Whenever possible, use your radio in a quiet environment with low background noise.
3. Limit the amount of time you use headsets or earpiece at high volume levels.
4. When using the radio without a headset or earpiece, do not place the radio's speaker directly against your ear.
5. Observe all signs and instructions that require an electrical device or RF radio product to be switched off in designated areas, such as gas/refueling stations, hospitals, blasting areas, potentially explosive atmospheres, or aircraft.
6. If you experience a skin irritation after using this product, discontinue use and seek medical attention.
7. If the product or charger: overheats; has a damaged cord or plug; has been dropped or damaged; has been dropped into water, disconnect any charger from its power supply, discontinue use of the product.

Electromagnetic Interference

Nearly every electronic device is susceptible to electromagnetic interference (EMI) if inadequately shielded, designed, or otherwise configured for electromagnetic compatibility. Turn off your radio in any facility where posted notices instruct you to do so. These facilities may include hospitals or health care facilities that may be using equipment that is sensitive to external RF energy.

- When instructed to do so, turn off your radios when on board an aircraft. Any use of a RF device must be in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and airline crew instructions.
- Some radios may interfere with some hearing aids. In the event of such interference, you may want to consult your hearing aid manufacturer or physician to discuss alternatives.
- If you use any other personal medical device, consult the manufacturer of your device to determine if it is adequately shielded from RF energy. Your doctor or physician may be able to assist you in obtaining this information.

Product Features



1. Antenna
2. Push-to-Talk Button
3. Up/HI/LOW Button
4. Flashlight Button
5. Mode/Scan Button
6. Call/Lock Button
7. Down/Max-Range Button
8. LED/S.O.S Flashlight
9. Speaker/Microphone
10. Weather Button
11. Memory/Escape Button
12. USB Charge Jack
13. External Speaker/Microphone Jack
14. Backlit LCD Display
15. ON/OFF/Volume Knob
16. Emergency Alert Button
17. Wrist Strap Connection
18. Belt Clip
19. Battery Compartment Door
20. Battery Door Screw

Backlit LCD Display

Features

- 60 Channels

- 10 Channel

Weather Radio

- Weather Alert

- 121 Privacy Codes

(38 CTCSS codes/

83 DCS codes)

- Hands-Free Operation (VOX)

- VibrAlert® Paging

- Scan

Channels, privacy codes

- Backlit LCD Display

- LED/S.O.S Flashlight

- Call Alert

Ten selectable tones

- Button Lock

- Speaker/Microphone

- Charge Jack

- Roger Beep Selectable On/Off

- Battery/Power Saver

- Keystroke Tones Selectable On/Off

- Battery Level Indicator

- Low Battery

Audible Alert

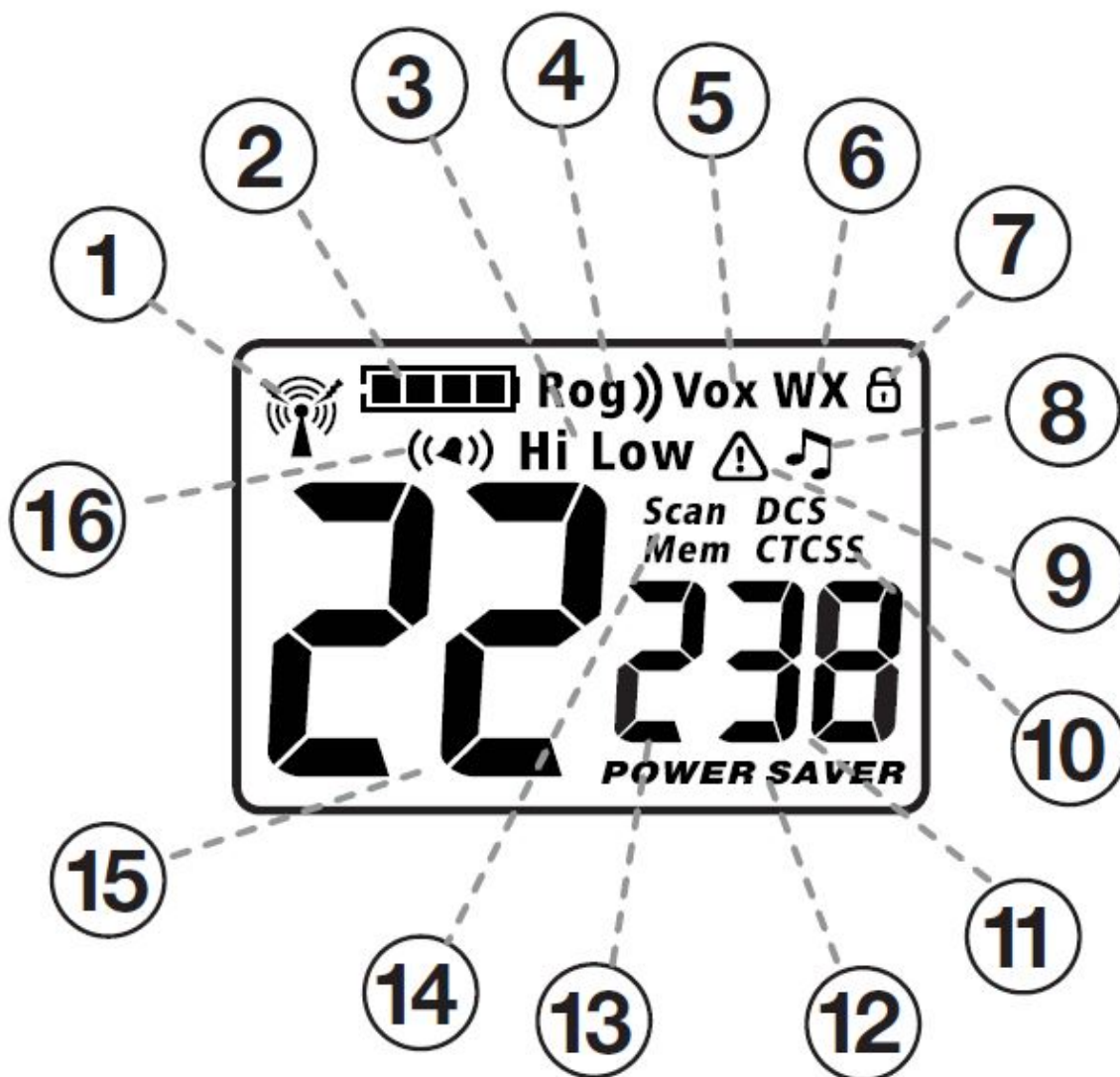
- Auto Squelch

- Maximum Range Extender

- Belt Clip

- Emergency Call

- IP54 Waterproof and Dustproof



1. Receive/Transmit Icon
2. Battery Level Indicator
3. Hi/Low Power Icon
4. Roger Beep Icon
5. VOX Icon
6. Weather Icon
7. Lock Icon
8. Key Tone Icon
9. Weather Alert Icon
10. DCS/CTCSS Icons
11. DCS/CTCSS Privacy Code Numbers
12. Power Saver Icon
13. Memory Channel Number
14. Scan/Memory Icon
15. Channel Numbers
16. VibrAlert® / Call Alert Icon

Maximum range may vary and is based on unobstructed line-of-sight communication under ideal conditions.

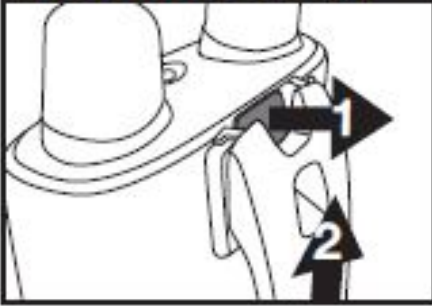
Caring for Your microTALK® Radio

Your microTALK® radio will give you years of trouble-free service if cared for properly. Handle the radio gently. Keep the radio away from dust. Never put the radio in water or in a damp place. Avoid exposure to extreme temperatures.

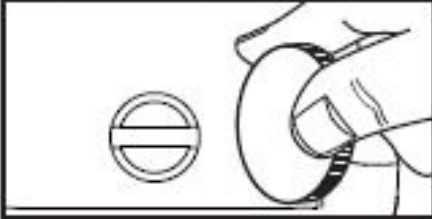
Installing Batteries (Battery already pre-installed)

To install or replace batteries:

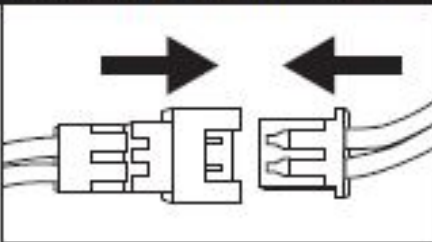
Remove Belt Clip



Remove Screw



Battery connector

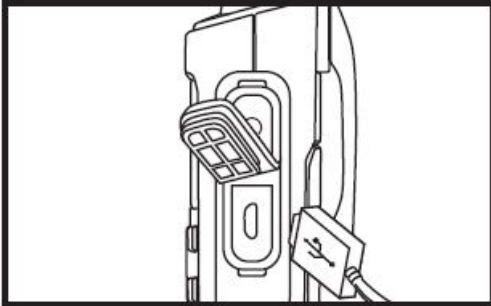


Wires alignment



1. Remove belt clip by releasing belt clip latch and sliding clip up.
2. Using a flat head screw driver or edge of a coin (a quarter may be used), remove the screw securing the back battery panel.
3. Open the battery compartment cover, connect the connector of the battery to the socket of the radio inside the battery compartment.
4. Place the battery inside battery compartment and align the wires as shown.
Ensure the battery connector with cables are tucked into the hole (keeps the connector to the left) located at bottom as shown.
(Note: Wires are required to be tucked into the battery compartment completely and carefully. If any object interferes the O-ring, its sealing performance will be affected.)
5. Place the battery compartment cover, screw down the screws mildly. (Screw nuts may be damaged if overtightened)
6. Re-attach the belt clip.

USB Charger Jack

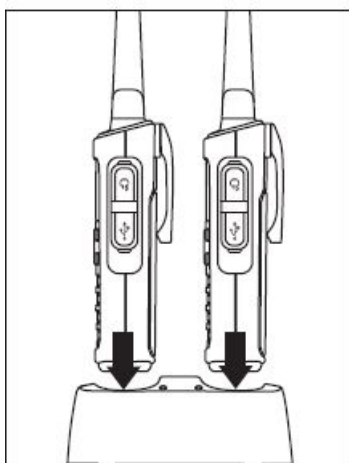


Operation

Using Your Radio

For charging microTALK® radio(s) in desktop charger:

1. Insert radio(s) into desktop charger as shown.
2. Insert the micro-USB cable into jack on back of charger.
3. Plug the cable into USB-compatible power port. For pluggable equipment, the socket-outlet shall be installed near the equipment and shall be easily accessible.



If charging light is not on, check position of radio. Radio should be upright. The charge indicator light will stay on (Red) as long as the radio is in the charging well, and the light will go off when the charging is complete.

Note: To charge a single radio, you can bypass the desktop charger and simply insert the micro-USB's connector directly into the charge jack located at the right of the radio.

The radio will display flashing battery icon while charging.

Cobra recommends your radio be turned off while being charged.

Quick Start

1. Turn ON/OFF/Volume Knob clockwise to turn the radio on and counter clockwise to turn the radio off.
2. Select a desired channel. (Details please refer P.8)
Both radios must be tuned to the same channel/privacy code to communicate.
3. Press and hold the Talk button while speaking into the microphone.
4. When finished talking, release the Talk button and listen for a response.

Getting Started

Waterproof

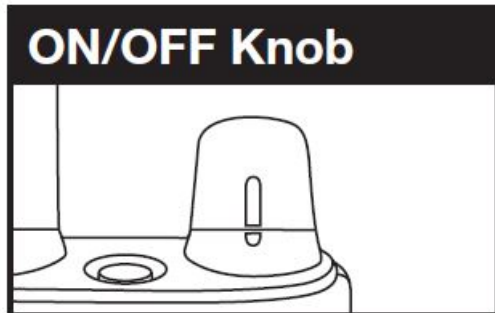
This radio is waterproof to IP54 standards. It is dust / splashproof from any direction. The radio is resistant to water and rain splashes only when the battery cover, headset accessory and micro-USB ports are sealed. Open the battery compartment door or headset port/USB charge cover only when the radio is dry. Use of a headset accessory should

be in dry environments only. The micro-USB cable and plug is not waterproof. Do not expose the charger to rain or snow. Charge the radios only in a dry location. The battery door must be tightly closed with the screw to maintain the weatherproof seal of the radio.

Turning your Radio On and Off

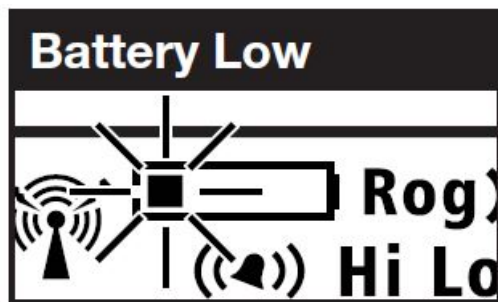
Turn ON/OFF Knob clockwise to turn the radio on and counterclockwise to turn the radio off.

1. In the ON position, the radio chirps and briefly shows all feature icons available on the radio.
2. The display screen then shows the current channel, code and all features that are enabled.



Battery Low

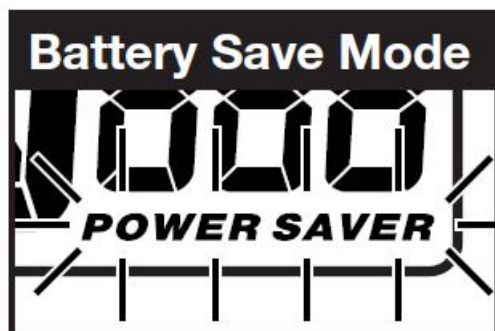
When battery power is low, the final bar in the Battery Low icon will blink and an audible tone will sound twice before the radio shuts off. Your batteries should be recharged. It normally takes about 8 hours to fully charge batteries.



The radio will display flashing battery icon while charging if the radio is on.

Auto Battery Save

If there are no transmissions within 10 seconds, the radio will automatically switch to Battery Save mode and the Power Saver icon will flash in the display. This will not affect the radio's ability to receive incoming transmissions.



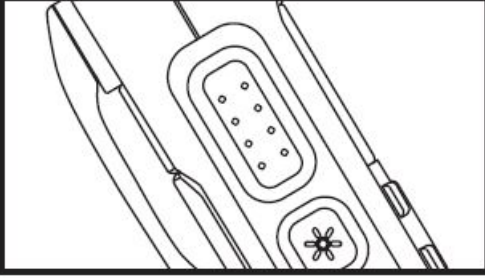
Communicating with Another Person

1. Press and hold the Talk button.
2. With the microphone about two inches (5 cm) from your mouth, speak in a normal voice.
3. Release the Talk button when you are finished talking and listen for a response.

You cannot receive incoming calls while pressing the Talk button.

Both radios must be tuned to the same channel/privacy code to communicate.

Talk Button



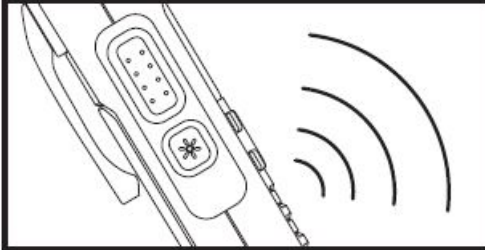
Two Inches from Mouth



Listening for a Response

Release the Talk button to receive incoming transmissions. Your microTALK® radio is always in Standby mode while the Talk or Call buttons are not pressed.

Listening

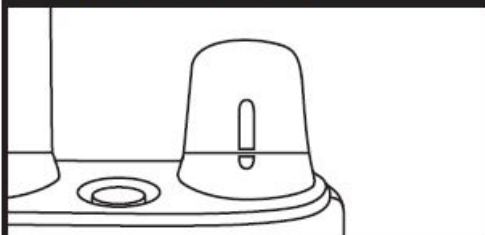


To Adjust Volume

Press and hold MAX-RANGE Button for three seconds to turn off the auto squelch, then rotating Volume Knob until you reach a comfortable listening level.

1. Rotate Volume Knob clockwise to increase the volume.
2. Rotate Volume Knob counterclockwise to decrease the volume.
3. Press and hold MAX-RANGE Button to enable the auto squelch.

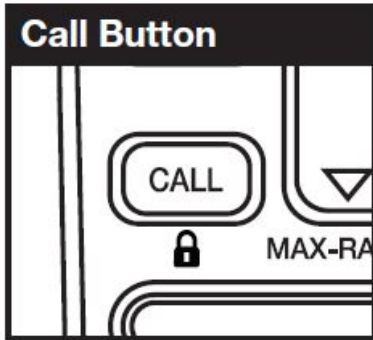
Volume Knob



Do not hold the radio close to your ear. If the volume is set to an uncomfortable level, it could hurt your ear.

Call Button

Press and release the Call button to alert others that you are calling.
The other person will hear a two second call tone.
This tone is used only to establish voice communications.

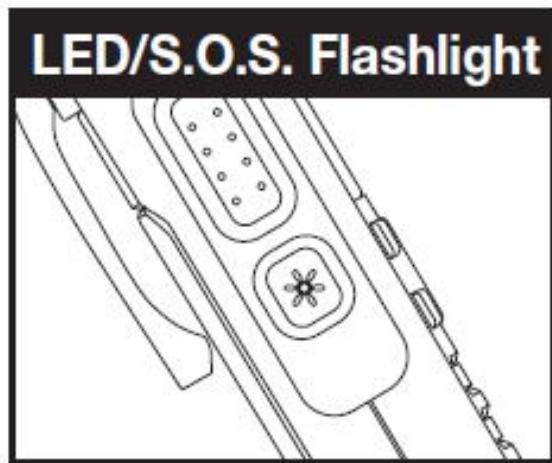


See page 12 on how to select between ten call tone settings.

LED/S.O.S. Flashlight

Press and release the LED/S.O.S Flashlight button below the Talk button to use the LED flashlight located at the bottom of the radio.

To activate S.O.S. function, press and hold the LED/S.O.S Flashlight button to turn on. Press and release to turn off the flashlight or S.O.S. function.



Auto Squelch/Maximum Range

Your microTALK® radio will automatically shut off weak transmissions and unwanted noise due to terrain, conditions or if you've reached your Maximum Range limit.

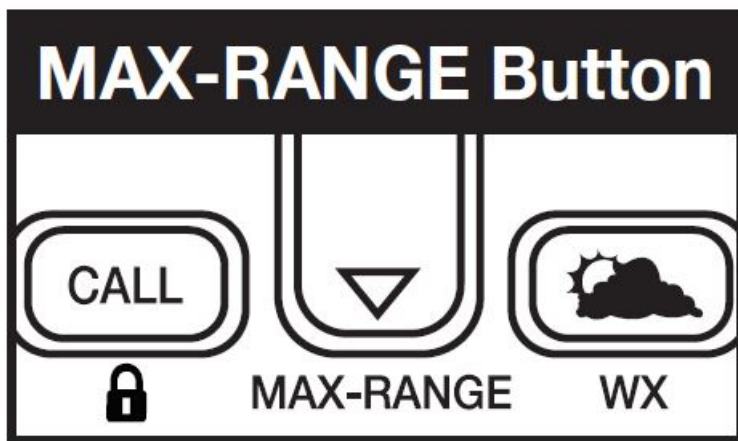
You can turn off auto squelch (or turn on maximum range extender), allowing all signals to be received and extending the maximum range of your radio.

To turn maximum range extender on (Turn off auto squelch):

Press and hold the MAX-RANGE button for at least three seconds until you hear two beeps which indicates the maximum range extender is on.

To turn maximum range extender off (Turn on auto squelch):

Press and hold the MAX-RANGE button.



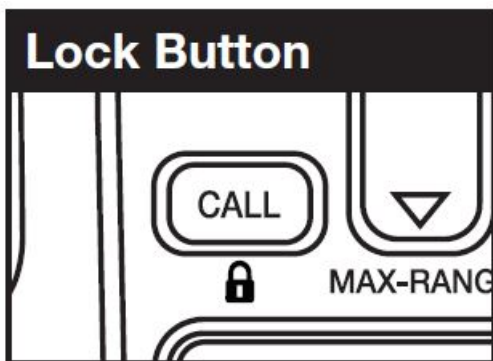
Lock Function

The Lock function locks the Up, Down, Weather, Memory and Mode buttons to prevent accidental operation.

To turn the lock on or off:

Press and hold the Call/Lock button for three seconds.

A double beep sound is used to confirm your lock on or off request. When in Lock mode, the Lock icon will be displayed.



microTALK® Range

Your range will vary depending on terrain and conditions.

In flat, open country your radio will operate at maximum range.

Buildings and foliage in the path of the signal can reduce the range of the radio.

Dense foliage and hilly terrain will further reduce the range of the radio.

On Channels 8 through 14, 34 through 37, 53 through 56, your radio automatically switches to low power, which will limit the range the radio can communicate.

Maximum Range



Reduced Range



Reduced Range

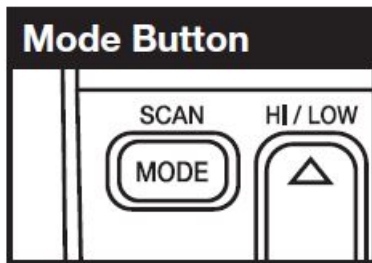


Remember, you can achieve maximum range by using maximum range extender. See page 6 for details.

Mode Functions

Scrolling Through the Mode Function

By scrolling through the Mode function, you will be able to select or turn on preferred features of your microTALK® radio. When scrolling through the Mode function, your radio features will be displayed in the same predetermined order:



Channel Selection

Set CTCSS Privacy Codes

Set DCS Privacy Codes

Set Vox On/Off

Set Vox Sensitivity

Set Call Tones 1-10

Set VibrAlert On/Off

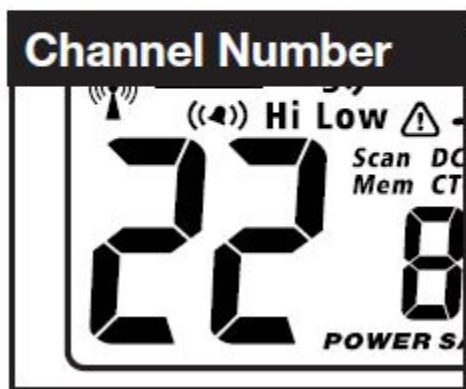
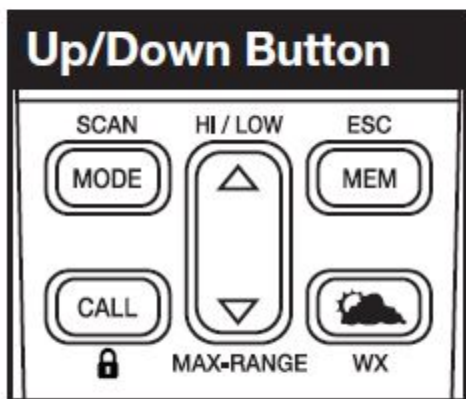
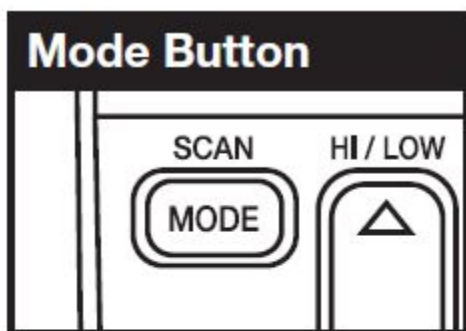
Set Roger Beep On/Off

Set Key Tones On/Off

Channel Selection

The radio has 60 channels, Channel 1 to 22 are compatible with other brands of Two-Way radios.

1. Briefly press and release Mode button, the channel number flashes.
2. Press Up or Down button to select a channel. (You can hold the Up or Down button for fast advance)
3. When the desired channel is displayed, choose one of the following.
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and proceed to other functions.
 - Press the Talk or Call button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.



Both radios must be tuned to the same channel to communicate.
See page 20 for frequency allocations charts.

Privacy Codes

Your microTALK® radio incorporates two advanced coded squelch systems that can help to reduce interference from other users on any given channel. CTCSS (Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System) provides 38 privacy codes and DCS (Digitally Coded Squelch) provides 83 privacy codes. This provides a total of 121 Privacy Codes. Either system can be used on channels (CH1-CH22), but both systems cannot be used on the same channel at the same time.

To successfully communicate using a privacy code, both the sending and receiving radios must be tuned to the same channel and to the same privacy code system (CTCSS or DCS) and privacy code number. Each channel will remember the last privacy code system and number you select.

The privacy code 00 is not a privacy code, but allows all signals to be heard on a channel that is set to 00 on both the CTCSS and DCS systems.

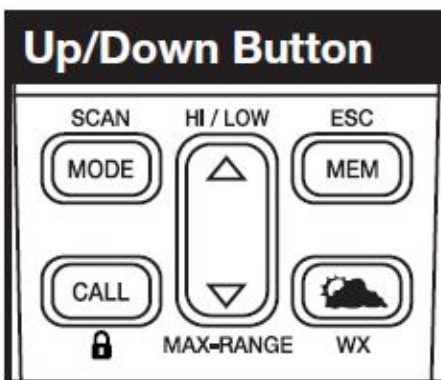
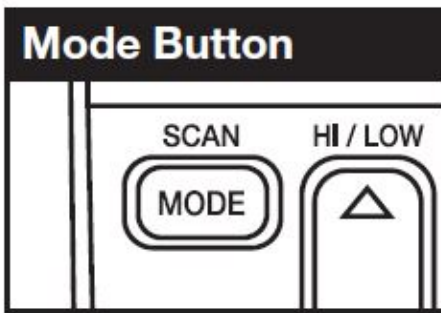
Set CTCSS Privacy Codes

To select a CTCSS privacy code:

1. After selecting a channel (only be available on channel 1~22), press the Mode button until the CTCSS icon appears and the small numbers next to the channel number flash on the display.
If DCS is turned on at the channel selected, the display will flash the CTCSS icon and "OFF." To switch from DCS to CTCSS, press the Up or Down button while the display is flashing "OFF." The display will then show the small numbers flashing and you will then be able to proceed to step 2.
2. Press using the Up or Down button to select a privacy code. You can hold the Up or Down button for fast

advance.

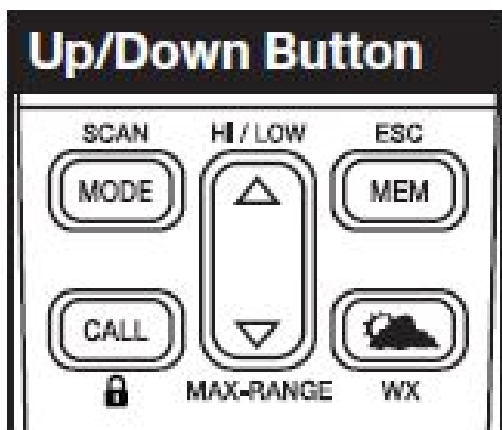
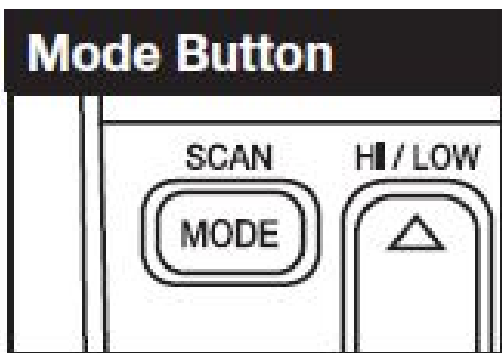
3. When your desired CTCSS privacy code is displayed, choose one of the following:
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and proceed to other functions.
 - Press the Talk or Call/Lock button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.



Set DCS Privacy Codes

To select a DCS privacy code:

1. After selecting a channel (only be available on channel 1~22), press the Mode button until the DCS icon appears and the small numbers flash on the display (00 through 83).
If CTCSS is turned on at the channel selected, the display will flash the DCS icon and "OFF." To switch from CTCSS to DCS, press the Up or Down button while the display is flashing "OFF." The display will then show the small numbers flashing and you will then be able to proceed to step 2.
2. Press using the Up or Down button to select a DCS privacy code. You can hold the Up or Down button for fast advance.
3. When your desired DCS privacy code is displayed, choose one of the following:
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and proceed to other functions.
 - Press the Talk or Call/Lock button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.

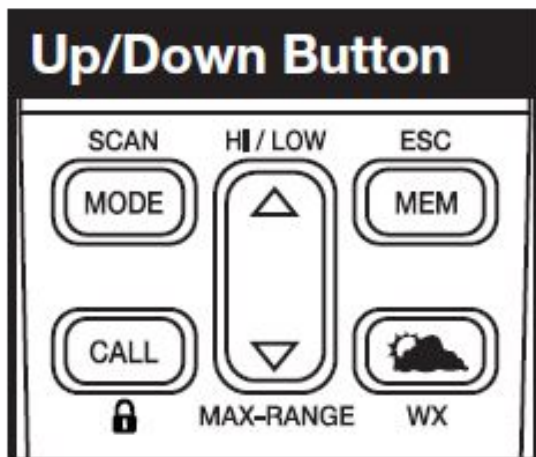
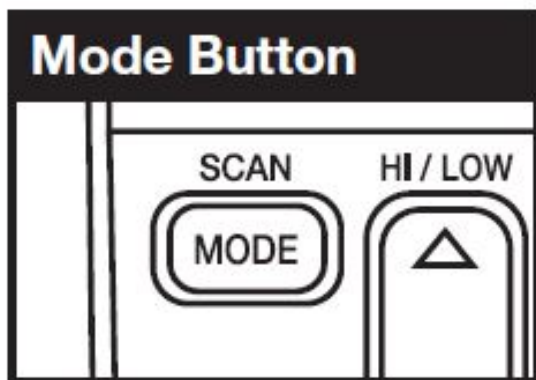


Voice Activated Transmit (VOX)

In VOX mode, your microTALK® radio can be used “hands-free,” automatically transmitting when you speak. You can set the VOX sensitivity level to fit the volume of your voice and avoid transmissions triggered by background noise.

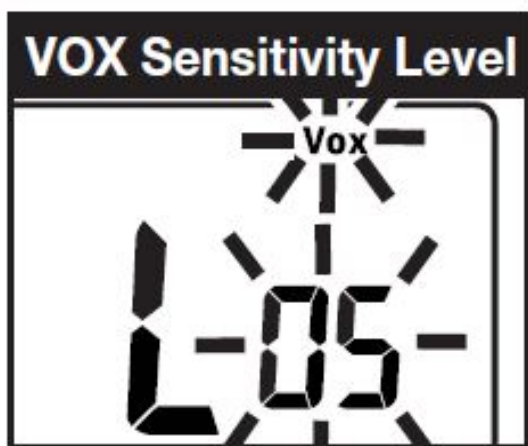
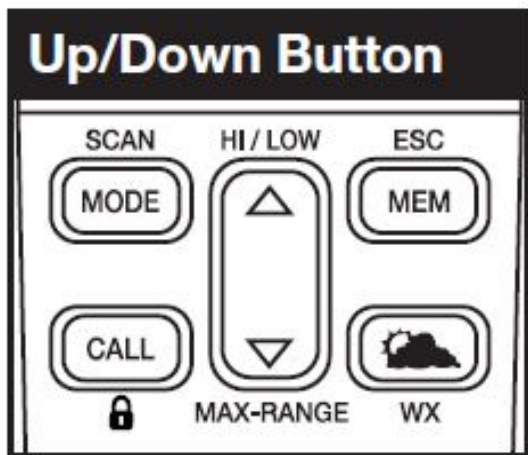
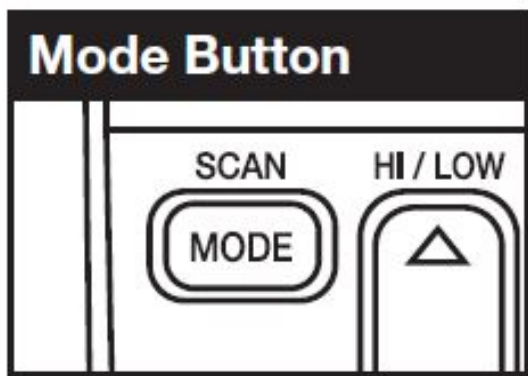
To turn VOX mode on or off:

1. Press the Mode button until the VOX icon flashes on the display. The current On or Off setting is displayed.
2. Press the Up or Down button to turn VOX On or Off.
3. Choose one of the following:
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and proceed to other functions.
 - Press the Talk or Call/Lock button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.



To set VOX sensitivity:

1. Press the Mode button until the VOX icon flashes and the current sensitivity level is displayed.
The current VOX sensitivity level is displayed with letters "L" and a Number 1 through 5, with Number 5 being the most sensitive level and Number 1 being the least sensitive level.
2. Press the Up or Down button to change the setting.
3. Choose one of the following:
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and proceed to other functions.
 - Press the Talk or Call/Lock button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.

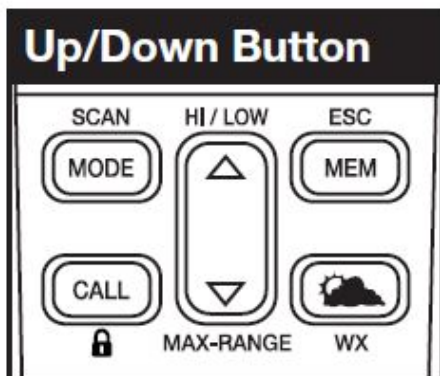
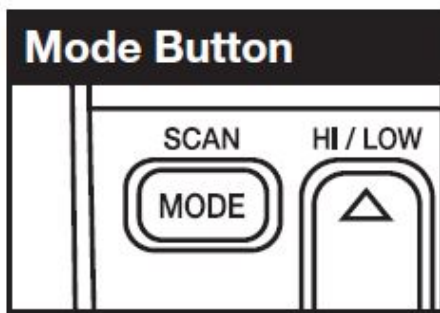


Ten Call Tone Settings

You can choose between ten different Call Tone Settings to transmit a call alert.

To change a call tone setting:

1. Press the Mode button until the letter "C" and the current call tone number (01 through 10) is displayed. The current call tone will sound for three seconds.
2. Press the Up or Down button to hear the other call tone settings.
3. Choose one of the following:
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and proceed to other functions.
 - Press Talk or Call/Lock button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.



VibrAlert® and Call Alert

Your microTALK® radio can alert you to incoming signals by sounding an audible call tone only or both with vibrating.

To change call settings:

1. Press the Mode button until the Call Setting icon flashes on the display. The current setting ("01" vibrate + ring, "02" ring only) is displayed.
2. Press the Up or Down button to change the call setting.
3. Choose one of the following:
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and proceed to other functions.
 - Press Talk or Call/Lock button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.



Note: VibraAlert will be suspended during charging.

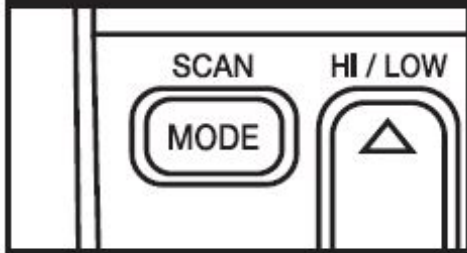
Roger Beep Confirmation Tone

Your listener will hear an audible tone when you release the Talk button. This alerts the other party that you are finished talking and it is OK for them to speak.

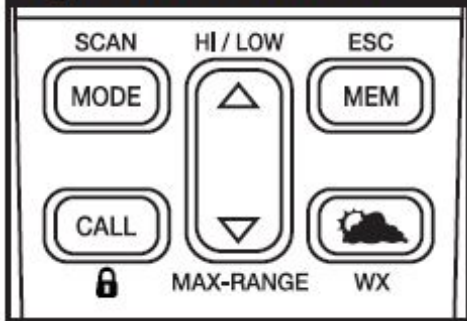
To turn roger beep on or off:

1. Press the Mode button until the Roger Beep icon flashes. The current on or off setting is displayed.
2. Press the Up or Down button to select Roger Beep on or off.
3. Choose one of the following:
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and proceed to other functions.
 - Press Talk or Call/Lock button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.

Mode Button



Up/Down Button



Roger Beep Icon

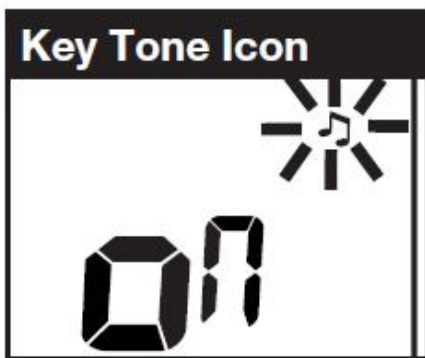
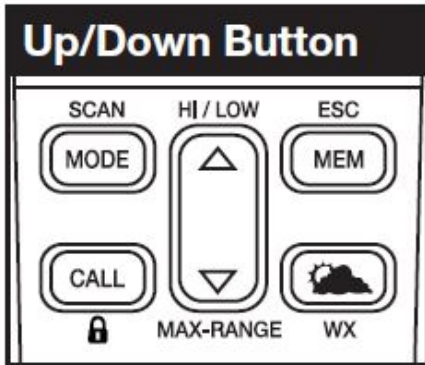
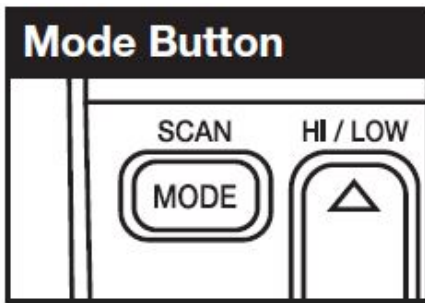


Key Tone On/Off

When Key Tone is On, an audible tone will sound each time a button is pressed.

To turn key tone on or off:

1. Press the Mode button until Key Tone icon flashes. Current key tone status on or off will flash.
2. Press the Up or Down button to select key tone on or off.
3. Choose one of the following:
 - Press the Mode button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Press Talk or Call/Lock button to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.
 - Do not press any buttons for 6 seconds to enter the new setting and return to Standby mode.



10 Memory Location

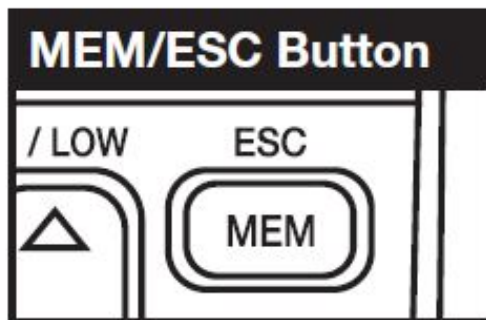
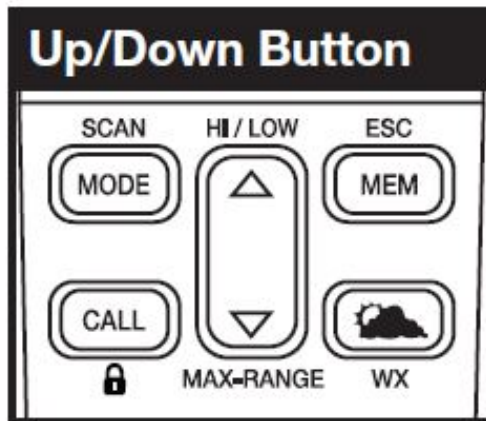
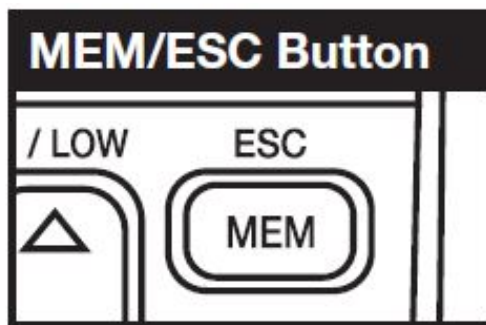
Your microTALK® radio has 10 Memory Locations for storing your most frequently used channels and channel/privacy code combinations.

These Memory Locations can be selected individually or can be scanned.

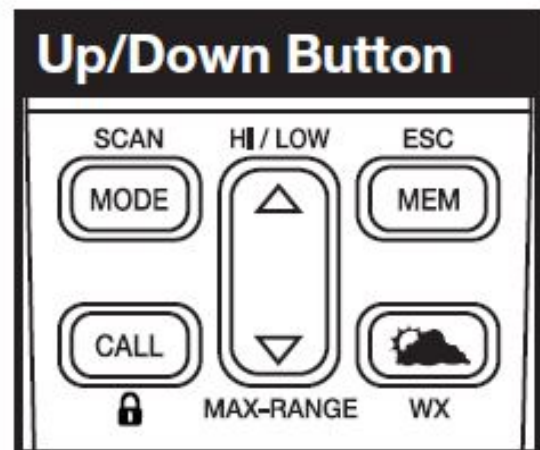
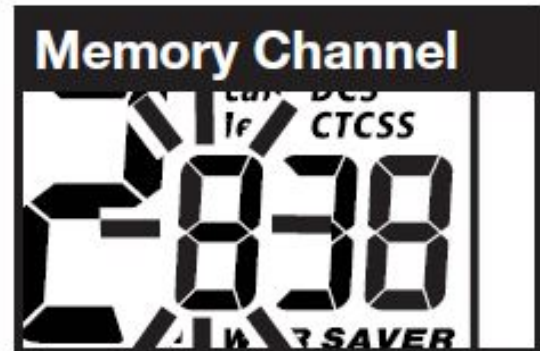
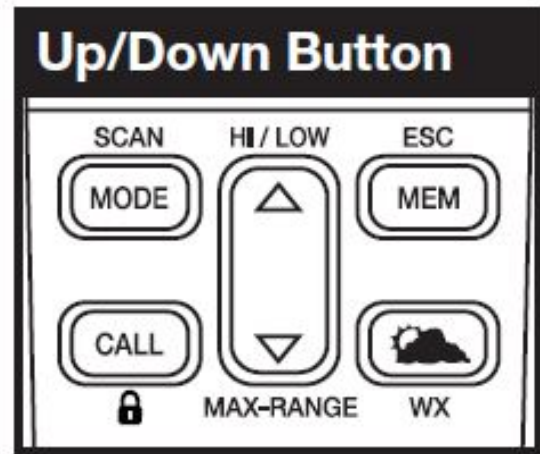
(See page 16 for memory location scan.)

MEM/ESC Button To program a memory location:

1. Press the MEM/ESC button. Memory icon and the Memory Location shoAw on the display.
2. Press the Up or Down button to select the memory location (0 through 9).
If a location has been programmed before, its associated channel/privacy code will be shown on the display.



3. Press the MEM/ESC button to enter a new memory location or edit an already programmed memory location.
4. Press the Up or Down button to select the memory location.
5. Press the MEM/ESC button. The channel numbers will flash on the display.
6. Press the Up or Down button to select a channel (1 through 60).
7. Press the MEM/ESC button. The CTCSS icon and privacy code numbers will flash on the display (only be available on channel 1~22).
8. Choose one of the following:
 - Press the Up or Down button to select a CTCSS privacy code (00 through 38) for the channel.
 - Press the MEM/ESC button to switch from CTCSS to DCS. The DCS icon and privacy code numbers will flash on the display. The Up or Down button can then be used to select a DCS privacy code (00 through



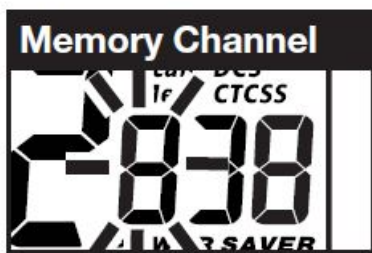
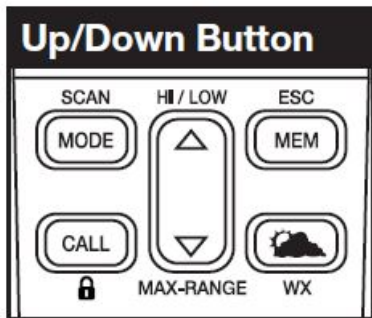
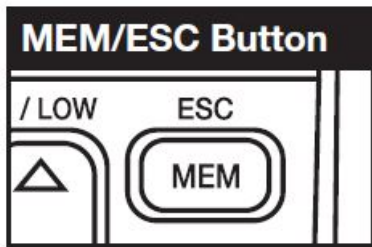
83) for the channel (only be available on channel 1~22).

9. Choose one of the following:

- Press the MEM/ESC button to enter the channel/privacy code in the selected memory location. Radio then proceeds to next memory location, which will blink.
- Press and hold the MEM/ESC button to save the current state of the Set Memory Function and return to Standby mode.

To recall a stored memory channel location:

1. Press the MEM/ESC button until the Memory icon and the memory location number flash on the display.
2. Press the Up or Down button to select a memory location (0 through 9).
If a location has been programmed before, its associated channel/privacy code will be shown on the display.
3. Press and hold the MEM/ESC button to return to Standby mode on the selected memory location.



A memory location can be reprogrammed at any time it is displayed. Press the MEM/ESC button to begin.

Channel Scan

Your microTALK® radio can automatically scan channels.

To scan channels:

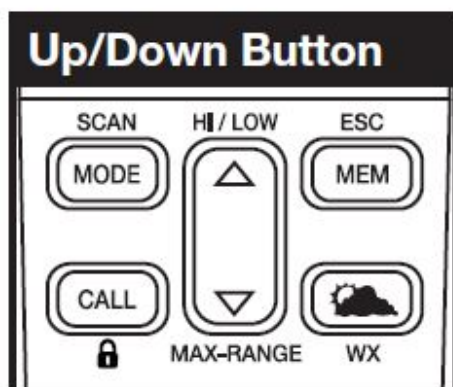
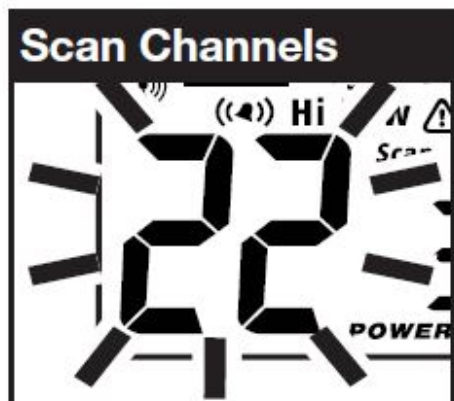
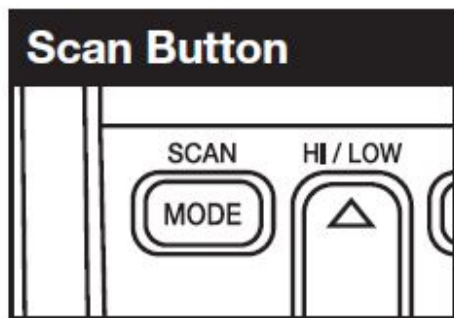
Press and hold the Scan button until the Scan icon appears and the radio begins scanning channels.

The radio will check privacy codes while scanning channels.

The Scan icon will continue to be displayed when scan is on. Your radio will continue to scan all channels and stop if an incoming transmission is detected. Your radio will remain on that channel for 8 seconds after the last incoming transmission.

During scanning (while receiving an incoming transmission), you can choose from the following:

- Press and hold the Talk button to communicate on that channel. Your radio will remain on that channel and return to Standby mode.
- Press the Up or Down button to resume scanning channels.
- Press and hold the Scan button to return to Standby.

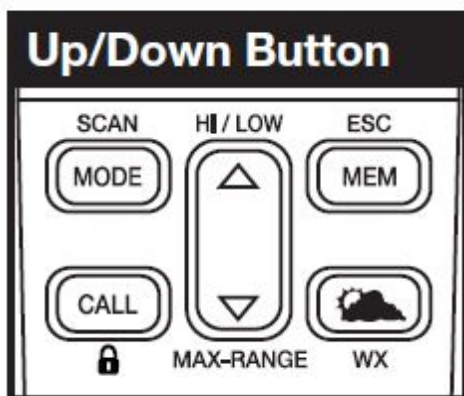
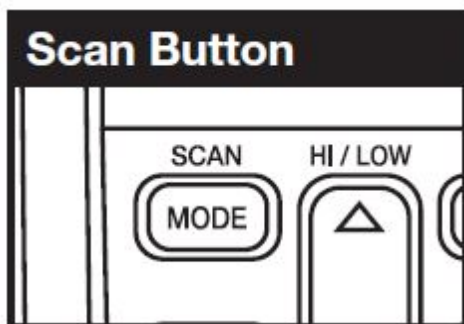


Memory Scan

Your microTALK® radio can automatically scan memory channels.

To scan Memory channels:

1. Press and hold the Scan button while you are on Memory Standby mode until the Scan Mem icons show on the display.
2. Press either Up or Down to begin scanning memory channels.



The Scan Mem will continue to be displayed when scan is on. Your radio will continue to scan all memory channels and stop if an incoming transmission is detected. Your radio will remain on the channel for 5 seconds after the last incoming transmission.

During scanning (while receiving an incoming transmission), you can choose from the following:

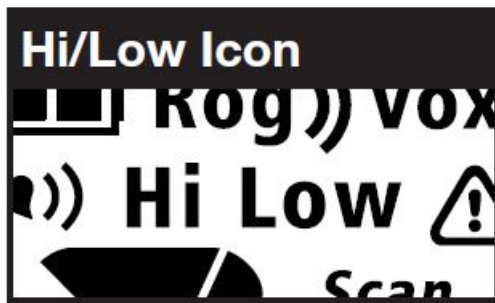
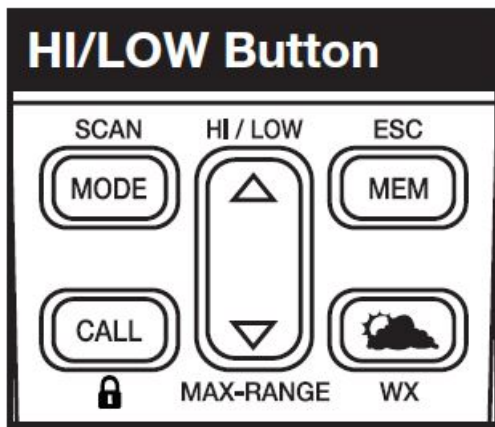
1. Press and hold the Talk button to communicate on that channel. Your radio will remain on that channel and return to Memory Standby mode.
2. Press the Up or Down button to resume scanning channels.
3. Press and hold the Scan button to return to Memory Standby.

Set High / Low (H – L) Transmit Power Level

Your radio can transmit selectively at 0.5 or 2 watts of power. Use the low power setting for short-range communications and use the high power setting for long-range communications.

To toggle between H – L Power Modes:

Press and hold the HI/LOW button until Hi or Low icon toggles.



Channel 8~14, 34~37, 53~56 only operate on Low power setting.

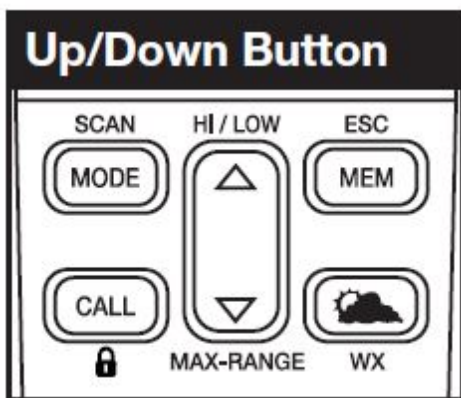
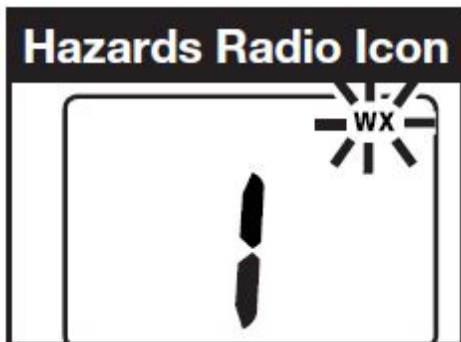
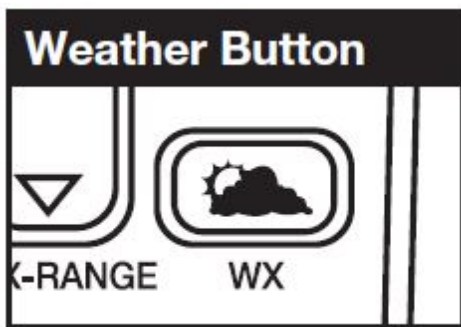
NOAA* All Hazards Radio Channels

You can use your microTALK® radio to listen to NOAA All Hazards Radio channels transmitting in your area.

To listen to All Hazards Radio channels:

1. Press the Weather button once until the All Hazards Radio icon and the currently selected All Hazards Radio channel are displayed.
2. Use the Up or Down button to change All Hazards Radio channels.
3. The All Hazards Radio icon will continue to be displayed when All Hazards Radio is on.
4. To exit All Hazards Radio, press and hold the Weather button.

National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration



Weather (WX) Alert Mode

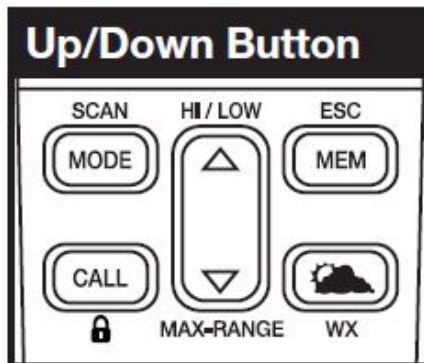
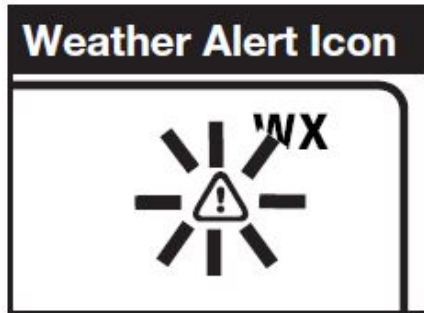
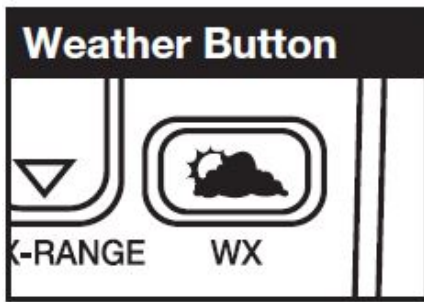
Turning On the Weather Alert function will allow your radio to automatically receive NOAA weather signals and warnings from designated weather broadcast stations. If the radio is turned ON, it will alert to Weather and other emergency alerts broadcast by NOAA.

This feature is set to OFF by default.

Make sure the strongest Weather channel is selected for your area using the channel selection in the previous menu.

To turn Weather Alert On or Off:

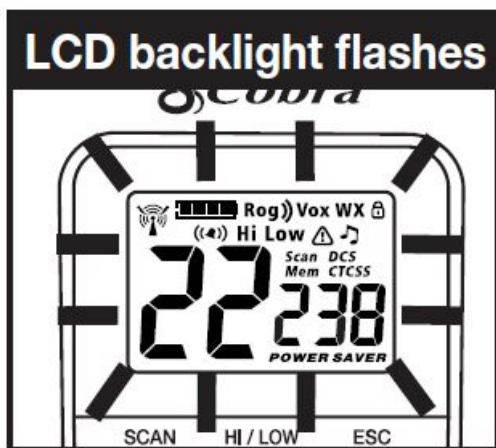
1. Press the Weather button twice until the Weather Alert icon flashes on the display. The current On or Off setting is displayed.
2. Press the Up and Down button to turn Weather Alert On or Off.
3. Press and hold the Weather button again to save the new setting and exit the Weather Alert Mode and return to Standby mode. The Weather Alert icon show on the display when it turned on.



Emergency Alert Mode

The Emergency Alert feature can be used to signal members in your group of your need for urgent help. RX680 series radios will operate in an automatic “hands-free” emergency control mode for a total of 30 seconds after activating the Emergency Alert. RX680 series radios in your group will automatically advance the speaker volume to the maximum setting and sound a warbling alert tone for 8 seconds. The alert tone is emitted from your own radio speaker and the receiving radios in your group. After the 8 seconds alert, any spoken words or incidental sounds at your end will be transmitted to the group for 22 seconds. For the 30 seconds duration of Emergency Alert mode, RX680 series radio controls and buttons will be locked to maximize reception of the emergency message.

1. Press and hold the Emergency Alert button for 3 seconds.
2. Release the button after the LCD backlight flashes and the alert tone begins to sound. There is no need to continue to hold the Emergency Alert button or use PTT for your message to be transmitted.
3. After the alert tone ends you may speak into the microphone. Your voice or incidental sounds will be transmitted. The LCD backlight will continue to flash for the duration of the 22 seconds period.
4. After 30 seconds your radio speaker will emit a Talk Confirmation Tone and the LCD backlight will stop flash. Operation then returns to normal two-way mode.



Note: All Cobra RX680/CXY900/PX650 series radios are fully compatible with the Emergency Alert feature if they would be tuned to the same channel and same privacy code. Radio brands other than Cobra RX680/CXY900/PX650 series can receive the emergency alert signal, but may not respond with adjusted volume settings, locked controls, or a warbling alert tone. Users of other radio models set to the same channel and code will hear a steady tone for 8 seconds followed by the voice transmission for 22 seconds.

Warning: The Emergency Alert feature should only be used in the event of an actual emergency. Cobra is not responsible if there is no response to the emergency alert from the receiving group.

General Specifications

Frequency Allocation and Compatibility

A = Channel No. for 60 Channel Models

B = Frequency in MHz

C = Power Output

D = Code System / Code No.

A	B	C	D
1	462.5625	High	ANY
2	462.5875	High	ANY
3	462.6125	High	ANY
4	462.6375	High	ANY
5	462.6625	High	ANY
6	462.6875	High	ANY
7	462.7125	High	ANY
8	467.5625	Low	ANY
9	467.5875	Low	ANY
10	467.6125	Low	ANY
11	467.6375	Low	ANY
12	467.6625	Low	ANY
13	467.6875	Low	ANY
14	467.7125	Low	ANY
15	462.5500	High	ANY
16	462.5750	High	ANY
17	462.6000	High	ANY
18	462.6250	High	ANY
19	462.6500	High	ANY
20	462.6750	High	ANY
21	462.7000	High	ANY
22	462.7250	High	ANY
23	462.5625	High	CTCSS / 38
24	462.6125	High	CTCSS / 35
25	462.6625	High	CTCSS / 32
26	462.7125	High	CTCSS / 29
27	462.5500	High	CTCSS / 26
28	462.6000	High	CTCSS / 23
29	462.6500	High	CTCSS / 20
30	462.7000	High	CTCSS / 17

A	B	C	D
31	462.5875	High	DCS / 1
32	462.6375	High	DCS / 4
33	462.6875	High	DCS / 7
34	467.5625	Low	DCS / 10
35	467.6125	Low	DCS / 13
36	467.6625	Low	DCS / 16
37	467.7125	Low	DCS / 19
38	462.5750	High	DCS / 22
39	462.6250	High	DCS / 25
40	462.6750	High	DCS / 28
41	462.7250	High	DCS / 31
42	462.5625	High	CTCSS / 14
43	462.6125	High	CTCSS / 11
44	462.6625	High	CTCSS / 8
45	462.7125	High	CTCSS / 5
46	462.5500	High	CTCSS / 2
47	462.6000	High	CTCSS / 37
48	462.6500	High	CTCSS / 34
49	462.7000	High	CTCSS / 31
50	462.5875	High	DCS / 2
51	462.6375	High	DCS / 5
52	462.6875	High	DCS / 8
53	467.5625	Low	DCS / 11
54	467.6125	Low	DCS / 14
55	467.6625	Low	DCS / 17
56	467.7125	Low	DCS / 20
57	462.5750	High	DCS / 23
58	462.6250	High	DCS / 26
59	462.6750	High	DCS / 29
60	462.7250	High	DCS / 32

The NOAA NWR Frequency Table0

Channel No.	NWR Frequency
1	163.275MHz
2	162.550MHz
3	162.400MHz

4	162.475MHz
5	162.425MHz
6	162.450MHz
7	162.500MHz
8	162.525MHz
9	161.650MHz
10	161.775MHz

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

WARNING: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: 1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and 2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Safety Information for microTALK Radios

Your wireless handheld portable transceiver contains a low power transmitter. When the talk button is pushed, it sends out radio frequency (RF) signals. The device is authorized to operate at a duty factor not to exceed 50%. In August 1996, the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) adopted RF exposure guidelines with safety levels for handheld wireless devices.

Important

FCC RF Exposure Requirements: For body-worn operation, this radio has been tested and meets the FCC RF exposure guidelines when used with Cobra accessories supplied or designated for this product. Use of other accessories may not ensure compliance with FCC RF exposure guidelines. Use only the supplied antenna. Unauthorized antennas, modifications or attachments could damage the transmitter and may violate FCC regulations. Normal Position:

Hold the transmitter approximately two (2) inches from your face and speak in a normal voice, with the antenna pointed up and away.

FCC Part 15.21 Warning Statement-

NOTE: THE GRANTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CHANGES OR MODIFICATIONS NOT EXPRESSLY APPROVED BY THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE. SUCH MODIFICATIONS COULD VOID THE USER'S AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT.

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This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) this device may not cause interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Radiation Exposure Statement:

Under ISED regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using the antenna that is affixed to the radio transmitter. Use only the supplied antenna. Unauthorized antennas, modifications, or attachments could damage the transmitter and may void the user's authority to operate the radio.

Any changes of modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's

ability to operate the equipment.

SAR tests are conducted using standard operating positions accepted by the FCC/ISED with the device transmitting at its highest certified power level in all tested frequency bands. Although the SAR is determined at the highest certified power level, the actual SAR level of the device while operating can be well below the maximum value.

This device has been tested and certified to not exceed the exposure limit established by the FCC/ISED. Tests for each device are performed in positions and locations (e.g. at the ear and worn on the body) as required by the FCC/ISED.

For body worn operation, this device has been tested and meets the FCC/ISED RF exposure guidelines when used with an accessory designated for this product or when used with an accessory that contains no metal and that positions the handset a minimum of 10mm from the body. Non-compliance with the above restrictions may result in a violation of RF exposure guidelines.

Warranty

Limited One-Year Warranty

Cobra warrants your product against all defects in materials and workmanship for a period of one (1) year from the date of original purchase.

Cobra, at our sole discretion, will repair or replace your product (with the same or comparable product) free of charge.

Cobra will not pay shipping charges that you incur for sending your product to us. Products received COD will be refused.

To make a warranty claim, we will require proof of purchase in the form of an invoice or receipt. No proof of purchase is required for factory direct purchases.

Warranty Exclusions: Warranty does not apply to your product under any of the following conditions: 1. The serial number has been removed or modified. 2. Your product has been subjected to misuse or damage (including water damage, physical abuse, and/or improper installation). 3. Your product has been modified in any way. 4. Your receipt or

proof-of-purchase is from a non-authorized dealer or internet auction site including E-bay, U-bid, or other non-authorized resellers.

LIMITATION OF WARRANTY: EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED HEREIN, YOU ARE ACQUIRING THE PRODUCT "AS IS" AND "WHERE IS", WITHOUT REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY. COBRA SPECIFICALLY DISCLAIMS ANY REPRESENTATION OR WARRANTY INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE CONCERNING THE MERCHANTABILITY AND SUITABILITY OF THE PRODUCT FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE. COBRA SHALL NOT BE LIABLE FOR CONSEQUENTIAL, SPECIAL OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF THE USE, MISUSE OR MOUNTING OF THE PRODUCT.

The above limitations or exclusions shall be limited to the extent they violate the laws of any particular state. Cobra is not responsible for products lost in shipment between the owner and our service center.

General Warranty Information

Each product we manufacture is covered by our factory warranty. While each product may have unique components and policy, the general guideline below will apply to most Cobra products. All Cobra products purchased factory-direct or from our Authorized Resellers will come with a full one to three (1-3) year warranty from the date of the original retail purchase (see policy statement above for full warranty details and exclusions).

Standard accessories packaged with each model will have a one-year factory warranty. Accessory items have a one-year factory warranty.

Shipping to our facility is not covered in our warranty. Return shipping is included within the US. This warranty is non-transferrable.

For the sake of clarity, 'repair or replace the Product or its defective part' does not include removal or installation work, costs or expenses which include but are not limited to labor costs or expenses.

Cobra will not be responsible for lost packages.

For Products Purchased Outside the U.S.A.

Please contact your authorized local reseller or agent for warranty information.

Documents / Resources



[Cobra RX680 Two-Way Radio](#) [pdf] Owner's Manual
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- [privacy](#)