

# 2-WAY RADIO MODEL PR990 VP



User's Guide

## Making Life Easier And Safer

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24 hours a day, 7 days a week 773-889-3087 (phone).  
**Customer Assistance Operators** English and Spanish.  
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(except holidays) 773-889-3087 (phone).  
**Questions** English and Spanish.  
Faxes can be received at 773-622-2269 (fax).

**Technical Assistance** English only.  
www.cobra.com (on-line; Frequently Asked Questions),  
English and Spanish. productinfo@cobra.com (e-mail).  
**For Assistance Outside Canada,  
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Contact Your Local Dealer**

## Channel Numbers

While in **Standby** mode or when selecting a channel, shows current channel (1 through 22).

When adjusting the volume, shows current level (1 through 7).

## Battery Low Icon

Icon blinks when batteries should be recharged (only rechargeable batteries) or replaced (alkaline batteries).

## Low Power Icon

Illuminates when in **Low Power** mode. See "Hi•Low Power Button" for more details.

## Lock Icon

Visible when **Lock** button has been engaged.



## Talk Button

Press and hold to communicate with others. With the microphone about two (2) inches [five (5) cm] from your mouth, speak in a normal voice.

Release the **Talk** button when you are finished talking and listen for a response. You cannot receive incoming calls while pressing the **Talk** button.

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## Charger Jack

Charger Jack (also works with external speaker/microphones).

## Transmit/Receive Icon

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## Power Saver Icon

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## On/Off Power Button

Press and hold until you hear a series of audible tones indicating the radio is on.

## Lock Button

Locks buttons to prevent accidental channel or settings changes.

## Volume Up/Down Button(s)

## Backlit LCD Display

## Wrist Strap Connector

## Antenna

## Speaker/Microphone

## Belt Clip

## Battery Compartment Cover Battery Door Latch

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## Call Button

Press and release to alert others that you are calling.

## Light/Max Range Button

Press and release to illuminate the display for ten (10) seconds. Press and hold to allow all signals to be received and extend the maximum range of your radio. To turn off max range extender, press and release the button again or change channels.

## Batteries and Charger

### Remove Belt Clip



### Pull Down Lock Latch



### Insert Batteries



## To Install or Replace Batteries:

1. Remove belt clip by releasing belt clip latch and sliding clip up.
2. Pull down on the battery door latch to remove the battery compartment cover.
3. Insert the supplied four (4) AAA rechargeable batteries (also works with alkaline batteries). Position batteries according to polarity markings.
4. Replace battery compartment cover and belt clip.

### Radio Charger Jack



## To Charge Batteries in Radio:

1. Check to see that the batteries have been inserted properly. See above for battery installation instructions.
2. Insert round connector of wall charger/adaptor into the charge jack located at the top of the radio. The wall charger/adaptor has two round connectors which enables you to charge either one or two radios at a time.
3. Plug the wall charger/adaptor into electrical outlet.

It normally takes 15 hours to fully recharge batteries. It is not recommended to recharge batteries more than 24 hours. Estimated operation time on a full charge is 8 hours.

Use only the supplied rechargeable batteries and wall charger/adaptor for recharging your Cobra® microTALK® radio. Non-rechargeable alkaline batteries can also be used.

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### Safety Information for microTALK® Radios

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### Important:

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### 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.



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**FCC Warnings:** Replacement or substitution of transistors, regular diodes or other parts of a unique nature, with parts other than those recommended by Cobra® may cause a violation of the technical regulations of part 95 of the FCC rules, or violation of type acceptance requirements of part 2 of the rules.

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## Product Service Questions

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### For Products Purchased in the U.S.A.

If your product should require factory service, please call Cobra® first before sending your radio, charger or batteries. This will ensure the fastest turn-around time on your repair. You may be asked to send your products to the Cobra® factory. It will be necessary to furnish the following to have the product serviced and returned. 1) For warranty repair include some form of proof-of-purchase, such as a mechanical reproduction or carbon of a sales receipt. If you send the original receipt, it cannot be returned. 2) Send the entire product. 3) Enclose a description of what is happening with the product. Include a typed or clearly printed name and address of where the product is to be returned. 4) Pack product securely to prevent damage in transit. If possible, use the original packing material. 5) Ship prepaid and insured by way of a traceable carrier such as United Parcel Service (UPS) or First Class Mail to avoid loss in transit to: Cobra® Factory Service, Cobra® Electronics Corporation, 6500 West Cortland Street, Chicago, Illinois 60707 U.S.A. 6) If the product is in warranty, upon receipt of your product it will either be repaired or exchanged depending on the model.

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