



## INSTRUCTION MANUAL

# SURVIVAL CRAFT 2-WAY RADIO IC-GM1600

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the condition that this device does not cause harmful interference.

Icom Inc.



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# SAFETY TRAINING INFORMATION

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**WARNING**

Your Icom radio generates RF electromagnetic energy during transmit mode.

This radio has been evaluated for compliance at the distance of 2.5 cm with the FCC RF exposure limits for “Occupational Use Only”. In addition, your Icom radio complies with the following Standards and Guidelines with regard to RF energy and electromagnetic energy levels and evaluation of such levels for exposure to humans:

- FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01 Supplement C, Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields.
- American National Standards Institute (C95.1-1992), IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz.
- American National Standards Institute (C95.3-1992), IEEE Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Potentially Hazardous Electromagnetic Fields— RF and Microwave.
- The following accessories are authorized for use with this product. Use of accessories other than those specified may result in RF exposure levels exceeding the FCC requirements for wireless RF exposure.; Belt Clip (MB-86, MB-103Y), Rechargeable Li-ion Battery Pack (BP-252) and Lithium Battery Pack (BP-234).



**CAUTION**

**To ensure that your expose to RF electromagnetic energy is within the FCC allowable limits for occupational use, always adhere to the following guidelines:**

- **DO NOT** operate the radio without a proper antenna attached, as this may damage the radio and may exceed FCC RF exposure limits. A proper antenna is the antenna supplied with this radio by the manufacturer or an antenna specifically authorized by the manufacturer for use with this radio.
- **DO NOT** transmit for more than 50% of total radio use time (“50% duty cycle”). Transmitting more than 50% of the time can cause FCC RF exposure compliance requirements to be exceeded. The radio is transmitting when the “TX indicator” light is red. You can cause the radio to transmit by pressing the “PTT” switch or VOX function.
- **ALWAYS keep** the antenna at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) away from the body when transmitting and only use the Icom belt-clips which are listed on page 23 when attaching the radio to your belt, etc., to ensure FCC RF exposure compliance requirements are not exceeded. To provide the recipients of your transmission the best sound quality, hold the radio in an almost vertical position at least 5 cm (2 inches) from your mouth, the microphone is located next to the speaker, so you should “talk into the speaker”.

The information listed above provides the user with the information needed to make him or her aware of RF exposure, and what to do to assure that this radio operates within FCC RF exposure limits.

## **Electromagnetic Interference/Compatibility**

During transmissions, your Icom radio generates RF energy that can possibly cause interference with other devices or systems. To avoid such interference, turn off the radio in areas where signs are posted to do so. **DO NOT** operate the transmitter in areas that are sensitive to electromagnetic radiation such as hospitals, aircraft, and blasting sites.

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# INFORMATION EN MATIÈRE DE SÉCURITÉ

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AVERTISSEMENT

Votre radio Icom produit une énergie électromagnétique de radiofréquences (RF), en mode de transmission. Elle est conçue pour une «utilisation grand public», dans un environnement non contrôlé. Cet appareil a été évalué et jugé conforme, à 2,5 cm, aux limites d'exposition aux RF de la FCC, pour une «utilisation grand public». En outre, votre radio Icom satisfait les normes et directives qui suivent en matière de niveaux d'énergie et d'énergie électromagnétique de RF et d'évaluation de tels niveaux en ce qui concerne l'exposition humaine :

- Supplément C, édition 01-01, du Bulletin OET de la FCC, «Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields».
- Norme de l'American National Standards Institute (ANSI) : IEEE C95.1-1992 sur les niveaux de sécurité compatibles avec l'exposition humaine aux champs électromagnétiques de radiofréquences (3 kHz à 300 GHz).
- Norme de l'ANSI : IEEE C95.3-1992 sur la méthode d'évaluation recommandée du champ magnétique potentiellement dangereux des radiofréquences et des micro-ondes.
- Les accessoires qui suivent sont approuvés pour une utilisation avec ce produit. L'utilisation d'accessoires autres que ceux précisés peut entraîner des niveaux d'exposition aux RF supérieures aux limites établies par la FCC en matière d'exposition aux RF sans fil; attache pour ceinture (MB-86, MP-103Y), bloc-piles rechargeable au lithium-ion (BP-252).



MISE EN GARDE

## CAUTION

**Afin de vous assurer que votre exposition à une énergie électromagnétique de RF se situe dans les limites permises par la FCC pour une utilisation grand public, veuillez en tout temps respecter les directives suivantes :**

- **NE PAS** faire fonctionner la radio sans qu'une antenne appropriée y soit fixée, car ceci risque d'endommager la radio et causer une exposition supérieure aux limites établies par la FCC. L'antenne appropriée est celle qui est fournie avec cette radio par le fabricant ou une antenne spécialement autorisée par le fabricant pour être utilisée avec cette radio.
- **NE PAS** émettre pendant plus de 50% du temps total d'utilisation de l'appareil («50% du facteur d'utilisation»). Émettre pendant plus de 50% du temps total d'utilisation peut causer une exposition aux RF supérieure aux limites établies par la FCC. La radio est en train d'émettre lorsque le témoin du mode de transmission s'affiche sur l'écran ACL. La radio émettra si vous appuyez sur le bouton du microphone.
- **TOUJOURS** tenir l'antenne éloignée d'au moins 2,5 cm de votre corps au moment d'émettre et utiliser uniquement l'attache pour ceinture Icom illustrée à la p. 23, lorsque vous attachez la radio à votre ceinture, ou à autre chose, de façon à vous assurer de ne pas provoquer une exposition aux RF supérieure aux limites fixées par la FCC. Pour offrir à vos interlocuteurs la meilleure qualité de transmission possible, tenez l'antenne à au moins 5 cm de votre bouche et légèrement de côté.

Les renseignements ci-dessus fournissent à l'utilisateur toute l'information nécessaire sur l'exposition aux RF et sur ce qu'il faut faire pour assurer que cette radio fonctionne en respectant les limites d'exposition aux RF établies par la FCC.

## Interférence électromagnétique et compatibilité

En mode de transmission, votre radio Icom produit de l'énergie de RF qui peut provoquer des interférences avec d'autres appareils ou systèmes. Pour éviter de telles interférences, mettez la radio hors tension dans les secteurs où une signalisation l'exige. **NE PAS** faire fonctionner l'émetteur dans des secteurs sensibles au rayonnement électromagnétique tels que les hôpitaux, les aéronefs et les sites de dynamitage.

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## RECOMMENDATION

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**CLEAN THE TRANSCEIVER THOROUGHLY WITH FRESH WATER** after exposure to saltwater, and dry it before operating. Otherwise, the transceiver's keys, switches and controllers may become unusable, due to salt crystallization, and/or the charging terminals of the battery pack may rust.

**NOTE: DO NOT** wash the transceiver in water if there is any reason to suspect the waterproofing may not be effective. For example, in cases where the [SP MIC] jack cover is damaged, the transceiver/battery pack is cracked or broken, or has been dropped, or when the battery pack is detached from the transceiver.



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## FOREWORD

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Thank you for purchasing this Icom radio. The IC-GM1600 SURVIVAL CRAFT 2-WAY RADIO is designed and built with Icom's state of the art technology and craftsmanship. With proper care, this product should provide you with years of trouble-free operation.

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## IMPORTANT

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**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS** carefully and completely before using the transceiver.

**SAVE THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL**—This instruction manual contains important operating instructions for the IC-GM1600.

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## EXPLICIT DEFINITIONS

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WORD	DEFINITION
<b>⚠ WARNING</b>	Personal injury, fire hazard or electric shock may occur.
<b>CAUTION</b>	Equipment damage may occur.
<b>NOTE</b>	If disregarded, inconvenience only. No risk of personal injury, fire or electric shock.

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## PRECAUTION

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**⚠ WARNING! NEVER** connect the transceiver to an AC outlet. This may pose a fire hazard or result in an electric shock.

**⚠ WARNING! NEVER** hold the transceiver so that the antenna is closer than 2.5 cm (1 inch) from exposed parts of the body, especially the face or eyes, while transmitting. The transceiver will perform best if the microphone is 5 to 10 cm (2 to 4 inches) away from the lips and the transceiver is vertical.

**NEVER** connect the transceiver to a power source other than the BP-252 or BP-234. Such a connection will ruin the transceiver.

**AVOID** using or placing the transceiver in direct sunlight or in areas with temperatures below  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or above  $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $+140^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) for U.S.A. version;  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) or above  $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $+131^{\circ}\text{F}$ ) for General version

**KEEP** the transceiver out of the reach of children.

**KEEP** the transceiver at least 0.9 meters (3.0 ft) away from your vessel's magnetic navigation compass.

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**MAKE SURE** the flexible antenna and battery pack are securely attached to the transceiver, and that the antenna and battery pack are dry before attachment. Exposing the inside of the transceiver to water will result in serious damage to the transceiver.

### NOTE:

- According to IMO resolution MSC. 149 (77) (adopted on 3 June 2003), the following regulation has been executed.
- “The equipment should have provisions for its attachment to the clothing of the user and also be provided with a wrist or neckstrap. For safety reasons, the strap should include a suitable weak link to prevent the bearer from being ensnared.”
- Instead of the handstrap, a neckstrap is supplied with the equipment on or after 1st July, 2005.

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## FCC INFORMATION

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### FOR CLASS A UNINTENTIONAL RADIATORS

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

#### **CAUTION:**

Changes or modifications to this transceiver, not expressly approved by Icom Inc., could void your authority to operate this transceiver under FCC regulations.

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## DISPOSAL

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The crossed-out wheeled-bin symbol on your product, literature, or packaging reminds you that in the European Union, all electrical and electronic products, batteries, and accumulators (rechargeable batteries) must be taken to designated collection locations at the end of their working life. Do not dispose of these products as unsorted municipal waste. Dispose of them according to the laws in your area.

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## ◇ **Priorities**

- Read all rules and regulations pertaining to priorities and keep an up-to-date copy handy. Safety and distress calls take priority over all others.
- You must monitor Channel 16 when you are not operating on another channel.
- False or fraudulent distress calls are prohibited under law.

## ◇ **Privacy**

- Information overheard but not intended for you cannot lawfully be used in any way.
- Indecent or profane language is prohibited.

## ◇ **Radio licenses**

### **(1) SHIP STATION LICENSE**

When your craft is equipped with a VHF FM transceiver, you must have a current radio station license before using the transceiver. It is unlawful to operate a ship station which is not licensed.

Inquire through your dealer or the appropriate government agency for a Ship-Radiotelephone license. This license includes the call sign which is your craft's identification for radio purposes.

### **(2) OPERATOR'S LICENSE**

A restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit is the license most often held by small vessel radio operators when a radio is not required for safety purposes.

The Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit must be posted near the transceiver or be kept with the operator. Only a licensed radio operator may operate a transceiver.

However, non-licensed individuals may talk over a transceiver if a licensed operator starts, supervises, ends the call and makes the necessary log entries.

A current copy of the applicable government rules and regulations is only required to be on hand for vessels in which a radio telephone is compulsory. However, even if you are not required to have these on hand it is your responsibility to be thoroughly acquainted with all pertinent rules and regulations.

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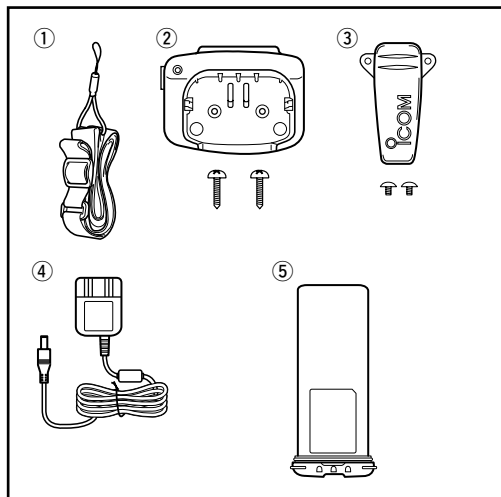
## SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS

### ■ Supplied accessories

The following accessories are supplied:

	Qty.
① Neckstrap	1
② Battery charger (BC-173)	1
③ Belt clip (MB-103Y)	1
④ AC adapter (BC-147SA/SE)*	1
⑤ Li-ion battery pack (BP-252)	1

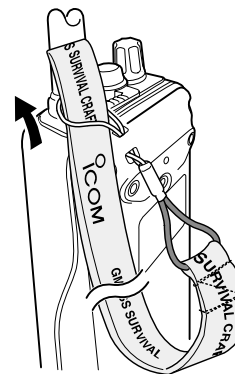
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### ■ Attachments

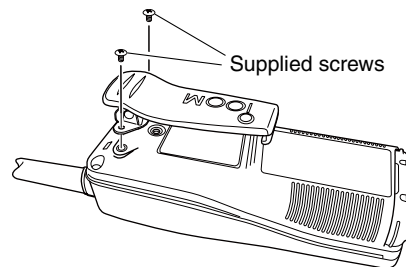
#### ◇ Neckstrap

To attach the neckstrap, pass the neckstrap through the loop on the top of the transceiver as illustrated at right.



#### ◇ Belt clip

Attach the belt clip to the transceiver as illustrated below.



◇ **Battery pack**

*To remove the battery pack:*

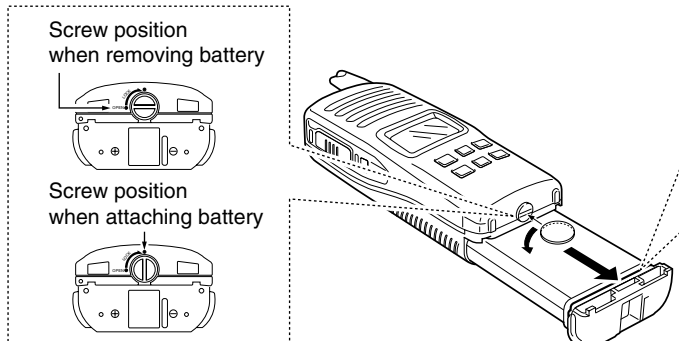
Turn the screw counterclockwise, then pull the battery pack in the direction of the arrow as shown below.

*To attach the battery pack:*

Insert the battery pack in the IC-GM1600 completely, then turn the screw clockwise.

**NEVER** remove or insert the battery pack when the transceiver is wet or soiled. This may result water or dust getting into the transceiver/battery pack and may result in the transceiver being damaged.

**NOTE:** When the lock screw does not easily turn (feels tight), check to ensure the battery pack is sufficiently inserted to the transceiver. **DO NOT** bang or cause high impact to the battery pack, as this may damage the battery pack/or the transceiver.

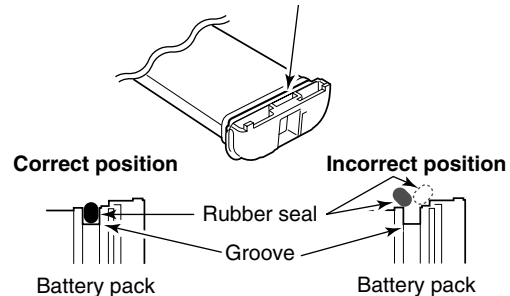


**NOTE:** When removing or attaching the battery pack, use a coin or flat-blade screwdriver to loosen or tighten the bottom screw.

**CAUTION!** When attaching or removing a battery pack, make sure the rubber seal is set in the groove of the battery pack correctly. If the seal is not neatly in the groove it may be damaged when attaching the battery pack. If the seal is damaged, waterproofing is not guaranteed.

**NOTE:** When attaching a battery pack, make sure dust or else does not adhere to the rubber seal. If dust or anything else is on the seal when attaching a battery pack, the water resistant seal may be compromised.

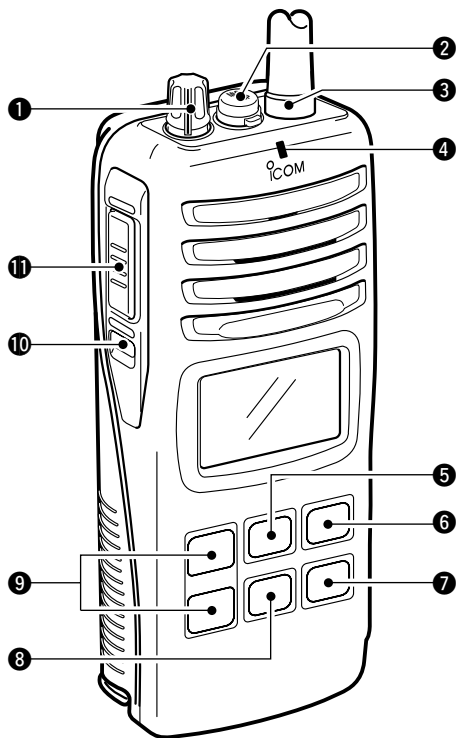
Make sure both the rubber seal (purple) is set into the groove correctly and dust or else does not adhere to it.



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## PANEL DESCRIPTION

### ■ Front, top and side panels



#### ❶ VOLUME CONTROL [VOL]

Turns power ON and adjusts the audio level.

#### ❷ MICROPHONE CONNECTOR [MIC/SP]

Connects the optional external microphone.

/// **NOTE:** Attach the [MIC/SP] cap when the optional speaker-microphone is not used.

#### ❸ ANTENNA

Fixed type.

#### ❹ TRANSMIT/RECEIVE INDICATOR

Lights green while receiving a signal or when the squelch is open; lights red while transmitting.

#### ❺ CALL CHANNEL KEY [CALL]

➔ Selects the call channel when pushed. (p. 7)

• Channel 9\* is factory default.

\*Channel 16 is set as factory default by version.

➔ Push for 3 sec. to enter call channel programming condition. (p. 9)

#### ❻ CHANNEL KEY [CH]

Push to return the previous condition when distress channel or call channel is selected. (p. 7)

#### ❼ TRANSMIT POWER/LOCK KEY [Hi/Lo • 🔒]

➔ Selects high or low power when pushed. (p. 8)

➔ Toggles the lock function ON/OFF when pushed for 1 sec. (p. 10)

**8 CHANNEL 16 KEY [16]**

Selects Channel 16 when pushed. (p. 7)

**9 CHANNEL UP/DOWN KEYS [▲]/[▼]**

- Selects an operating channel. (pgs. 7–8)
- Selects the SET mode condition of the item. (p. 11)
- Selects the SET mode item when pushed with [SQL]. (p. 11)

**10 SQUELCH SWITCH [SQL•MONI]**

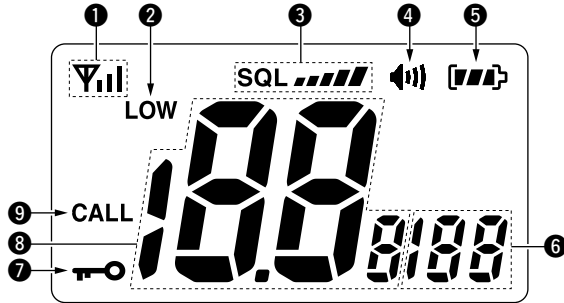
- Push this switch, then adjust the squelch level with [▲]/[▼]. (p. 9)
- Manually opens the squelch for monitoring the channel while pushed and held. (p. 10)
- While pushing this switch, turn power ON to enter the SET mode. (p. 11)

**11 PTT SWITCH [PTT]**

Push and hold to transmit; release to receive.

### 3 PANEL DESCRIPTION

## ■ Function display



- 1 SIGNAL STRENGTH INDICATOR** (pgs. 10, 14)  
Shows the relative signal strength while receiving signals.
- 2 TRANSMIT POWER INDICATOR** (p. 8)  
  - ➔ “LOW” appears when low power is selected.
  - ➔ No indication appears when high power is selected.
- 3 SQUELCH LEVEL INDICATOR** (p. 9)  
Shows the squelch level.
- 4 MONITOR INDICATOR** (p. 10)  
Appears when the monitor function is activated.

- 5 BATTERY INDICATOR**  
Indicates remaining battery power.

#### • Using rechargeable battery pack

Indication	[    ]	[    ]	[  ]	[ ]
Battery level	Full	Middle	Charging required	No battery

[||||] blinks when the battery is over charged.

#### • Using BP-234 battery pack

Indication	[    ]	[    ]	[  ]	[ ]
Battery level	Full	Middle	A new battery pack is required	No battery

- 6 SET MODE ITEM READOUT**  
Indicates the SET mode items while in the SET mode. (p. 11)
- 7 LOCK INDICATOR**  
Appears when the lock function is activated. (p. 10)
- 8 CHANNEL NUMBER READOUT**  
  - ➔ Indicates the selected operating channel number.
  - ➔ In SET mode, indicates the selected condition.
- 9 CALL CHANNEL INDICATOR**  
Appears when the call channel is selected. (p. 7)

## ■ Channel selection

### ◇ Channel 16

Channel 16 (Distress channel) is used for establishing initial contact with another station and for emergency communications. While standing by, you must monitor Channel 16.

- ① Push [16] to select Channel 16.
- ② Push [CH] to return to the condition before selecting Channel 16, or push [▲]/[▼] to select the operating channel.

Push



Push




### ◇ Call channel

The call channels can be re-programmed (p. 9) and may be used to store your most often used channels for quick recall.

- ① Push [CALL] to select the call channel.
  - “CALL” and the call channel number appear.
  - Call channel can be re-programmed. See the “Call channel programming” on p. 9 for details.
- ② Push [CH] to return to the condition before selecting the call channel, or push [▲]/[▼] to select the operating channel.

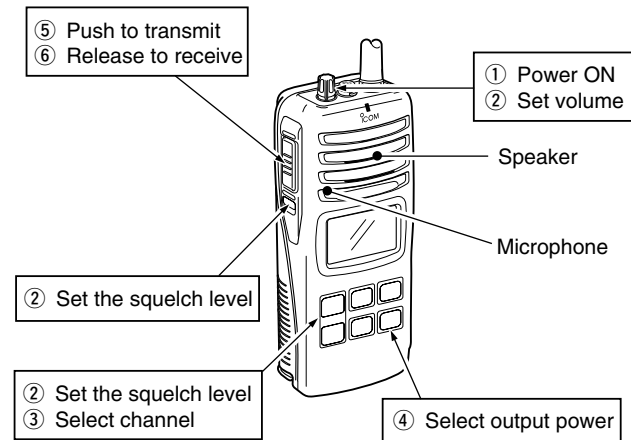
## 4 BASIC OPERATION

### ■ Receiving and transmitting

- ① Rotate [VOL] clockwise to turn power ON.
- ② Set the volume and squelch level.
  - Push [SQL•MONI], and push [▼] to open the squelch.
  - Push [SQL•MONI] to stop the “SQL” indicator blinking, then rotate [VOL] to set the volume level.
  - Push [SQL•MONI], and push [▲]/[▼] to set the squelch level.
- ③ Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired channel.
  - When receiving a signal, the [TRANSMIT/RECEIVE] indicator lights green while audio is emitted from the speaker.
  - Further adjustment of [VOL] may be necessary at this point.
- ④ Push [Hi/Lo•] to select the output power if necessary.
  - “LOW” appears when low power is selected; no indication when high power is selected.
  - Choose low power to conserve battery power, choose high power for longer distance communications.
  - Some channels are for low power only.
- ⑤ Push and hold [PTT] to transmit, then speak into the microphone.
  - The [TRANSMIT/RECEIVE] indicator lights red while transmitting.
- ⑥ Release [PTT] to receive.

/// **IMPORTANT:** To maximize the readability of your transmitted signal, pause a moment after pushing [PTT], hold the microphone 5 to 10 cm (2 to 4 inches) from your mouth and speak into the microphone at a normal voice level.

/// **NOTE:** The transceiver has a power save function to conserve the battery power. The power save function activates automatically when no signal is received for 5 sec.





## ■ Call channel programming

The call channel switch is used to select Channel 9\* by default, however, you can program your most often-used channel for quick recall.

\*The channel number depends on version.

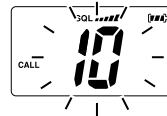
- ① Push [CALL] to select the call channel.
  - “CALL” and call channel number appear.



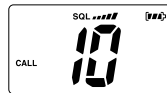
- ② Push [CALL] again for 3 sec. (until a long beep changes to 2 short beeps) to enter call channel programming condition.
  - Call channel number to be programmed flashes.



- ③ Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired channel.



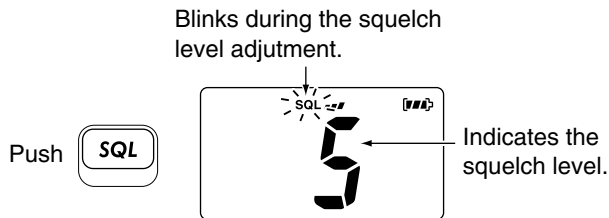
- ④ Push [CALL] to program the displayed channel as the call channel.
  - The call channel number stops flashing.



## ■ Adjusting the squelch level


To adjust the IC-GM1600's squelch level, use the [▲]/[▼] keys. In order to receive signals properly, the squelch must be adjusted to the proper level.


- ① Push [SQL•MONI], then adjust the squelch level with [▲]/[▼].
  - “SQL” indicator starts blinking.
  - There are 11 squelch levels to choose from: OP is completely open; 10 is tight squelch; 1 is loose squelch level.
- ② Push [SQL•MONI] again to return to normal condition.
  - When no switch is pushed for 5 sec., the transceiver returns to normal condition.



## 4 BASIC OPERATION

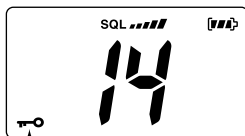
### ■ Lock function

This function electronically locks all keys (except for [PTT], [SQL•MONI] and [Hi/Lo•]) to prevent accidental channel changes and function access.

➔ Push [Hi/Lo•] for 1 sec. to turn the lock function ON and OFF.



Push  
for 1 sec.







Appears while the lock function is used.

### ■ Signal strength indicator


The received signal strength level is indicated by number of bars as below.

- Only the antenna mark appears when receiving no signal or a very weak signal when the signal strength indicator is set to ON in the SET mode (p. 14).
- This indicator can be hidden by using the SET mode (p. 14) if desired.

Indication				
Signal strength	Strong	Middle	Weak	No signal or Very weak


### ■ Monitor function

The monitor function releases the noise squelch mute to check the volume level. See p. 12 for details of the monitor switch action.

- ➔ Push [SQL•MONI] for 1 sec. and keep holding to activate the monitor function.
  - "" appears and audio is emitted.

### ■ Backlit function

This function is convenient for night time operation. The backlit brightness can be adjusted in the SET mode. (p. 12)

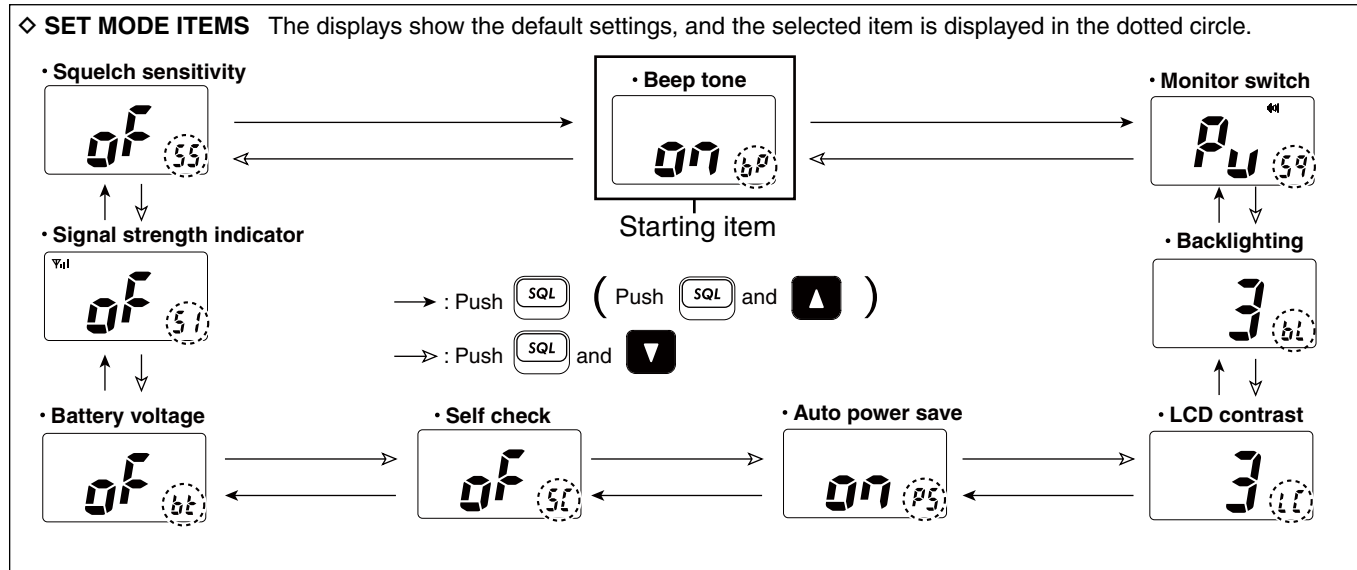
- ➔ Push any key except for [PTT] to turn the backlit ON.
  - "" appears and audio is emitted. The backlit is automatically turned OFF after 5 sec. of inactivity.

## ■ SET mode programming

SET mode is used to change the condition of 11 transceiver functions: beep tone function, monitor switch action, backlight function, LCD contrast selection, auto power save function, self check function, battery voltage indicator, signal strength indicator and squelch sensitivity function.

### ◇ SET mode operation

- ① Turn power OFF.
- ② While pushing [SQL•MONI], turn power ON to enter the SET mode.
  - "bp" (Beep tone function setting) appears.
- ③ Push [SQL•MONI] or [SQL•MONI] and [▲]/[▼] to select the desired item, if necessary.
- ④ Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired condition of the item.
- ⑤ Push [16] to exit the SET mode.

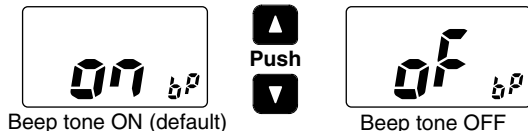


## ■ SET mode items

### ◇ Beep tone function “bP”

You can select silent operation by turning the beep tones OFF, or you can have 2 types of confirmation beeps sound at the push of a key. When “ON” is selected, a fixed beep (Pi) sounds, and when “US” is selected, the preset beeps (e.g. do, re, mi) sound.

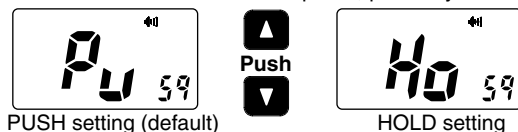
- Beep tone synchronizes with the volume level.
- The beeps sound during call channel programming even if this function is turned OFF.



### ◇ Monitor switch action “Sq”

The monitor switch action cuts off the squelch function temporarily. This switch action contains PUSH (Pu) or HOLD (Ho) settings as shown below.

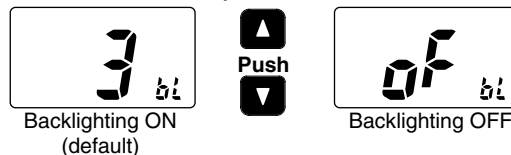
- PU (PUSH): After pushing [SQL•MONI] for 1 sec., the squelch opens and emits audio. The squelch is held open while continuously pushing and holding [SQL•MONI]. (default)
- HO (HOLD): After pushing [SQL•MONI] for 1 sec., the squelch opens and emits audio even if [SQL•MONI] is released. To close the squelch, push any switch.



### ◇ Backlit function “bL”

This function is convenient for nighttime operation. The backlit brightness can be adjusted from OFF, 1 (dark)–3 (bright); 3 (default). Select 1–3 to turn this function ON.

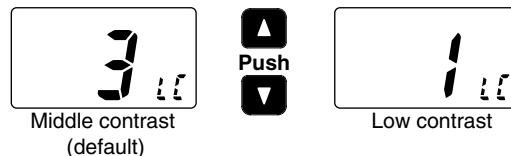
- The automatic backlit turns the backlit ON when any switch except for [PTT] is pushed.
- The backlit is automatically turned OFF after 5 sec. of inactivity.



### ◇ LCD contrast selection “LC”

The contrast of the LCD can be adjusted from 4 levels.

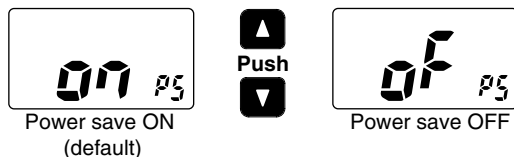
- 1 (bright)–4 (dark); 3 (default)



◇ **Auto power save function “PS”**

The auto power save function reduces battery drain by deactivating the receiver circuit for preset intervals.

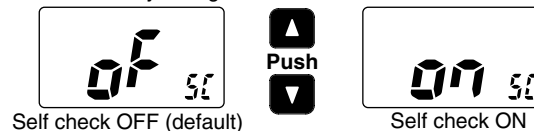
- ON : The power save function is turned ON. The power save function will activate when no signal is received, and no operation is performed for 5 sec.
- OFF: The power save function is turned OFF.



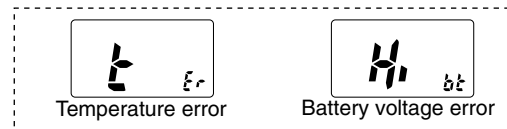
◇ **Self check function “SC”**

The self check function checks the transceiver conditions by itself, and informs you in case a problem is found. Self check automatically and quickly runs through its diagnostic steps each time the radio is turned ON. Afterwards, the radio switches to normal operation mode.

- Temperature : Outside of  $-35^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+80^{\circ}\text{C}$ ;  $-31^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $+173^{\circ}\text{F}$  (approx.)
- Connected battery voltage



When error messages as shown below are displayed, see troubleshooting for advice. (p. 24)



## 5 SET MODE

### ◇ Battery voltage indicator “bt”

This function controls display or non-display settings of the connected battery pack's voltage when the power is ON.

- The voltage of the connected battery pack is displayed for 2 sec. after power is turned ON.



Battery voltage indicator OFF  
(default)



Battery voltage indicator ON

### ◇ Squelch sensitivity function “SS”

When this function is turned ON, blocking against noise is improved. Therefore the squelch is not easily affected by noise.



Squelch sensitivity OFF  
(default)



Squelch sensitivity ON

### ◇ Signal strength indicator “SI”

The signal strength indicator displays received signal strength like an “S-meter”. This function is convenient to check the signal strength visually.

- The strength is displayed at 4 steps.
- The antenna mark and 3 bars appear when receiving strong signals.
- The antenna mark only appears when receiving no signal when the signal strength indicator is ON.



Signal strength indicator OFF  
(default)



Signal strength indicator ON

## SET MODE LIST

Function	Indication	Condition
Beep tone function	“bP”	OFF/ON*/US
Monitor switch action	“Sq”	PUSH*/HOLD
Backlit function	“bL”	OFF/1/2/3*
LCD contrast selection	“LC”	1/2/3*/4
Auto power save function	“PS”	OFF/ON*
Self check function	“SC”	OFF*/ON
Battery voltage indicator	“bt”	OFF*/ON
Signal strength indicator	“SI”	OFF*/ON
Squelch sensitivity	“SS”	OFF*/ON

\*default setting

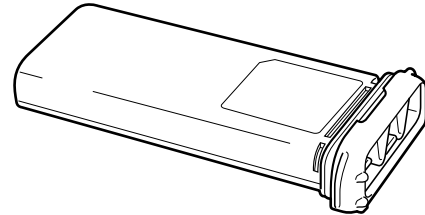
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## BP-234 BATTERY PACK

The optional BP-234 battery pack is a non-rechargeable, Lithium battery pack for operation in a survival craft. The following precaution must be observed.

- **NEVER** dispose of the BP-234 battery pack in a fire. This could result in an explosion.
- **DO NOT** short-circuit the BP-234 battery pack. Metal contact (such as paper clip, another battery, etc.) across the battery contacts can result in a sustained high rate discharge, which could damage the battery, void the warranty and create a burn or a fire hazard.
- **NEVER** expose of the BP-234 battery pack to excessive heat of 60°C (+140°F) or above. This could result in electrolyte leakage, possibly causing an explosion or fire.
- **NEVER** attempt to recharge the BP-234. Lithium batteries may explode or cause a fire in such cases.
- **DO NOT** disassemble the BP-234 battery pack. The BP-234 battery pack contains no user serviceable parts. Internal battery gas can cause throat irritation. Also, exposed lithium may generate heat and ignite.

- **DO NOT** apply excessive pressure to the battery. This may result in electrolyte leakage, possibly causing an explosion.
- The storage life of the BP-234 is about 5 years. Once the expiration date on the battery pack passes, a new battery pack **must** be purchased.
- For safety reasons, once the BP-234 is used, a spare one should be purchased. The original battery pack can be continued to be used for regular communications; save the spare one for emergency situations.



• BP-234 Lithium battery pack

### IMPORTANT!

- This battery pack is for **EMERGENCY USE ONLY**.
- Usable temperature range is within  $-20^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+55^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-4^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $+131^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).
- Stored temperature range is within  $-30^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+35^{\circ}\text{C}$  ( $-22^{\circ}\text{F}$  to  $+95^{\circ}\text{F}$ ).
- Once this bag's seal is broken, a new emergency battery pack must be used for EMERGENCY use.



## ■ Battery charging

Prior to using the transceiver for the first time, the battery pack must be fully charged for optimum life and operation.

**CAUTION:** To avoid damage to the transceiver, turn the power OFF while charging.

- Recommended temperature range for charging:  
+10°C to +40°C (+50°F to +104°F)
- Use the specified chargers (BC-173). **NEVER** use another manufacturer's charger.
- Use the supplied AC adapter for the BC-173. **NEVER** use another manufacturer's adapters.

Turn the transceiver OFF when charging an attached battery pack. Otherwise, the battery pack may not become full-charging or may not charge properly.

## ■ Battery cautions

**CAUTION! NEVER** insert a battery pack or a transceiver (with the battery pack attached) that is wet or soiled into the charger. This may result in corrosion of the charger terminals or damage to the charger. The charger is not waterproof and water can easily get into it.

**NEVER** incinerate used battery packs. Internal battery gas may cause an explosion.

**NEVER** immerse a battery pack in water. If the battery pack becomes wet, be sure to wipe it dry immediately (particularly the battery terminals), and especially BEFORE attaching it to the transceiver.

**NEVER** short terminals of the battery pack. Also, current may flow into nearby metal objects, such as a necklace, etc. Those may cause burn, electric shock or fire. Therefore, be careful when carrying in a pocket, backpack or handbag, and when placing the radio near metal objects.

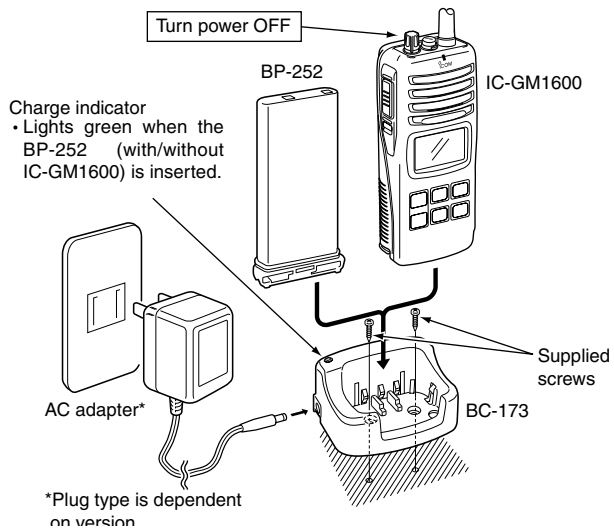
If your battery pack seems to have no capacity even after being charged, completely discharge it by leaving the power ON overnight. Then, fully charge the battery pack again. If the battery still do not retain a charge (or very little), a new battery pack must be replaced.

## 7 BATTERY CHARGING (FOR ON-BOARD USE ONLY)

### ◇ Charging connections

- ① Attach the BC-173 to a flat surface, such as a desk.
- ② Connect the AC adapter as shown below.
- ③ Insert the battery pack with/without the transceiver into the charger.
  - The charge indicator lights green.
- ④ Charge the battery pack approx. 8 hours, depending on the remaining power condition.

**DO NOT** charge the BP-252 more than 12 hours. Otherwise, the BP-252 will be damaged.



# OPTIONAL SWIVEL BELT CLIP

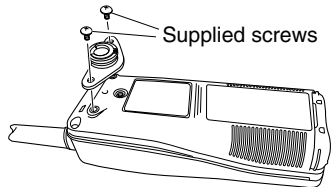
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## ■ MB-86 contents

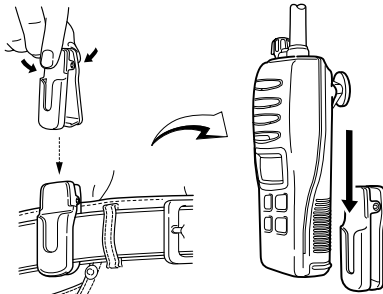
	Qty.
Belt clip . . . . .	1
Base clip . . . . .	1
Supplied screws . . . . .	2

## ■ Attachment

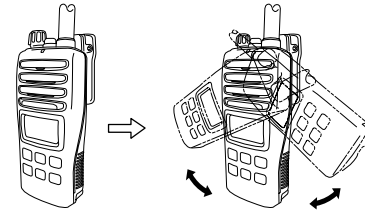
- ① Screw the base clip to the back of the transceiver using the two screws (supplied) as shown below.



- ② Clip the belt clip over your belt and insert the transceiver.

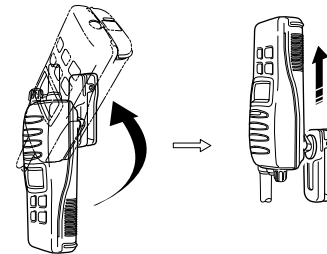


- ③ Once the transceiver is locked in place, it swivels as illustrated below.



## ■ Detachment

- Turn the transceiver upside down in the direction of the arrow and pull out from the belt clip.



**⚠ CAUTION!**  
**HOLD THE TRANSCEIVER TIGHTLY, WHEN HANGING OR DETACHING THE TRANSCEIVER FROM THE BELT CLIP.**  
Otherwise the transceiver may not be attached to the belt clip or swivelled properly attached to the belt clip and may not swivel properly. The transceiver could then be accidentally dropped and scratched or damaged .

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**CHANNEL LIST FOR SURVIVAL OPERATION**

<b>Channel number</b>	<b>TX/RX</b>	<b>Channel number</b>	<b>TX/RX</b>	<b>Channel number</b>	<b>TX/RX</b>
06	156.300 MHz	08	156.400 MHz	09	156.450 MHz
10	156.500 MHz	11	156.550 MHz	12	156.600 MHz
13	156.650 MHz	14	156.700 MHz	15*	156.750 MHz
16	156.800 MHz	17*	156.850 MHz	67	156.375 MHz
68	156.425 MHz	69	156.475 MHz	71	156.575 MHz
72	156.625 MHz	73	156.675 MHz	74	156.725 MHz
77	156.875 MHz				

\*U.S.A. version is low power only

# TROUBLESHOOTING 10

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION	REF.
The transceiver does not turn ON.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The battery is exhausted.</li> <li>• Bad connection to the battery pack.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change to a new battery pack (Survival).</li> <li>• Recharge the battery pack (On-board).</li> <li>• Check the connection to the transceiver.</li> </ul>	p. 16 pgs. 17–20 p. 3
No sound from the speaker.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Squelch level is too deep.</li> <li>• Volume level is too low.</li> <li>• Speaker has been exposed to water.</li> <li>• Water has entered the [MIC/SP] connector.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set squelch to the threshold point.</li> <li>• Rotate [VOL] to set a suitable level.</li> <li>• Drain water from the speaker.</li> <li>• Dry [MIC/SP] connector.</li> </ul>	p. 9 p. 8 — —
Transmitting is impossible, or high power can not be selected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some channels are for low power or receive only.</li> <li>• The battery is exhausted.</li> <li>• The output power is set to low.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Change channels.</li> <li>• Change to a new battery pack (Survival).</li> <li>• Recharge the battery pack (On-board).</li> <li>• Push [Hi/Lo•] to select high power.</li> </ul>	pgs. 8, 23 p. 16 pgs. 17–20 p. 8
The displayed channel cannot be changed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lock function is activated.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Push [Hi/Lo•] for 1 sec. to cancel the function.</li> </ul>	p. 10
No beeps.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beep tones are turned OFF.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set the beep tones to ON (Fix Beep/User Beep) on the SET mode.</li> </ul>	p. 12
Self check error. (Temperature)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The temperature is outside of <math>-35^{\circ}\text{C}</math> to <math>+80^{\circ}\text{C}</math>; <math>-31^{\circ}\text{F}</math> to <math>+173^{\circ}\text{F}</math> (approx.).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leave the transceiver at room temperature for a while. Turn the power ON to check if the internal temperature has returned to normal.</li> </ul>	—
Self check error. (Battery voltage)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The connected battery pack's voltage is more than 11 V.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Verify the battery voltage is correct.</li> </ul>	—

# 11 SPECIFICATIONS

## ◇ GENERAL

- Frequency coverage (TX/RX) : 156.300–156.875 MHz
- Mode : 16K0G3E
- Channel spacing : 25 kHz
- Power supply requirement : Battery packs (BP-234 or BP-252)
- Current drain (approx.) : TX High (2 W) 1.0 A  
at 7.5 V DC [USA]  
at 7.2 V DC [GEN] TX Low (1 W) 700 mA  
Max. audio 200 mA
- Usable temperature range :  
[USA] : –20°C to +60°C; –4°F to +140°F  
[GEN] : –20°C to +55°C; –4°F to +131°F
- Antenna impedance : 50 Ω
- Dimensions : 65(W) × 145(H) × 44(D) mm  
(Projections not included)  $2^{9/16}$ (W) ×  $5^{23/32}$ (H) ×  $1^{3/4}$ (D) inch
- Weight (with BP-234) : Approx. 385 g (13.6 oz)

## ◇ TRANSMITTER

- Output power : 2 W (Hi) and 1 W (Low)  
at 7.5 V DC [USA]  
at 7.2 V DC [GEN]
- Modulation system : Variable reactance frequency modulation
- Frequency error :  
[USA] : ±5.0 ppm  
(–20°C to +60°C; –4°F to +140°F)  
[GEN] : ±1.5 kHz  
(–20°C to +55°C; –4°F to +131°F)
- Microphone impedance : 2 kΩ
- Max. frequency deviation : ±5.0 kHz
- Adjacent channel power : 70 dB
- Audio harmonics distortion : 10% at 60% deviation
- FM hum and noise : 40 dB
- Spurious emissions :  
[USA] : –70 dBc typical  
[GEN] : 0.25 μW (30 MHz to 1 GHz)  
1 μW (1–2 GHz)

## ◇ RECEIVER

- Receive system : Double-conversion superheterodyne
- Sensitivity :  
[USA] (at 12 dB SINAD) : 0.25 μV typical  
[GEN] (at 20 dB SINAD) : –2 dBμ EMF typical
- Squelch sensitivity (at threshold) :  
[USA] : 0.35 μV typical  
[GEN] : –6 dBμ EMF typical
- Intermodulation rejection ratio :  
[USA] : 70 dB  
[GEN] : 68 dB
- Spurious response rejection ratio : 70 dB
- Adjacent channel selectivity : 70 dB
- Hum and noise : 40 dB
- Audio output power :  
[USA] : 0.35 W typical at 10% distortion with an 8 Ω load.  
[GEN] : 0.20 W at 10% distortion with an 8 Ω load.

**All stated specifications are subject to change without notice or obligation.**

## ◇ BATTERY PACKS

### <FOR SURVIVAL CRAFT USE>

- **BP-234** LITHIUM BATTERY PACK  
9.0 V/3300 mAh Lithium battery pack.

### <FOR ON-BOARD USE>

- **BP-252** LITHIUM BATTERY PACK  
7.4 V/980 mAh Li-ion battery pack.

## ◇ BELT CLIPS

- **MB-103Y** BELT CLIP  
The same as supplied with the transceiver.
- **MB-86** SWIVEL BELT CLIP  
Belt clip for swivel type.
- **MB-96F/96N** BELT HANGER
  - ➔ MB-96F: Attaches with the supplied belt clip (Not swivel type).
  - ➔ MB-96N: Belt hanger for swivel type.

## ◇ CHARGERS <FOR ON-BOARD USE ONLY>

- **BC-173** DESKTOP CHARGER + **BC-147SA/SE\*** AC ADAPTER  
Used for regular charging of battery pack. The same as supplied with the transceiver. Charging time: approx. 8 hours (BP-252).

\*The supplied AC adapter is dependent on version.

Different versions of this radio use different options.  
Ask your authorized dealers for details.

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