



INSTRUCTION MANUAL

VHF MARINE TRANSCEIVER IC-M88

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the follow 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.

Icom Inc.



SAFETY TRAINING INFORMATION



WARNING

Your Icom radio generates RF electromagnetic energy during transmit mode. This radio is designed for and classified as “Occupational Use Only”, meaning it must be used only during the course of employment by individuals aware of the hazards, and the ways to minimize such hazards. This radio is NOT intended for use by the “General Population” in an uncontrolled environment.

This radio has been tested and complies 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.



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 damaged the radio and may also cause you to exceed FCC RF exposure limits. A proper antenna is the antenna supplied with this radio by the manufacturer or 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” lights red. You can cause the radio to transmit by pressing the “PTT” switch.
- **ALWAYS use** Icom authorized accessories (antennas, batteries, belt clips, etc.). Use of unauthorized accessories can cause the FCC RF exposure compliance requirements to be exceeded.
- **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 25 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 antenna at least 5 cm (2 inches) from your mouth, and slightly off to one side.

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 with the FCC RF exposure limits of this radio.

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.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If your vessel requires assistance, contact other vessels and the Coast Guard by sending a distress call on Channel 16.

○ **USING CHANNEL 16**

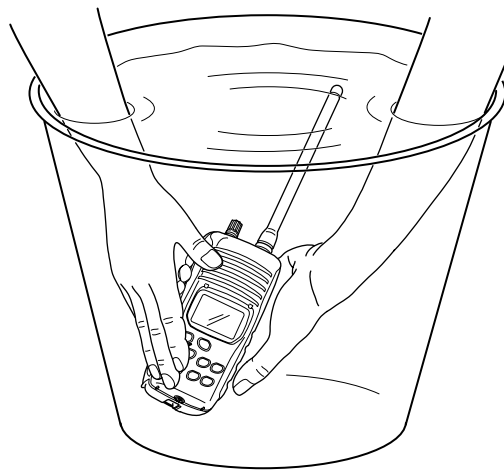
DISTRESS CALL PROCEDURE

1. "MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY."
2. "THIS IS" (name of vessel)
3. Your call sign or other indication of the vessel.
4. "LOCATED AT" (your position)
5. The nature of the distress and assistance required.
6. Any other information which might facilitate the rescue.

RECOMMENDATION

CLEAN THE TRANSCEIVER THOROUGHLY WITH FRESH WATER after exposure to salt water.

Otherwise, the transceiver's keys, switches and controllers may become inoperable due to salt crystallization.



FOREWORD


Thank you for purchasing this Icom product. The IC-M88 VHF MARINE TRANSCEIVER is designed and built with Icom's superior technology and craftsmanship. With proper care this product should provide you with years of trouble-free operation.

IMPORTANT

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS carefully and completely before using the transceiver.

SAVE THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL—This instruction manual contains important operating instructions for the IC-M88.

EXPLICIT DEFINITIONS

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

FEATURES

Land operation

MAX. 22 Free CH allows you to operate within 146.000 to 174.000 MHz band and set the Wide/Narrow, CTCSS/DTCS tone frequency. Depending on programming, your transceiver can communicate with the LAND transceiver.

Waterproof construction

Built tough to withstand the punishing marine environment, the IC-M88 meets JIS waterproof specification grade 7 while using BP-226 or BP-227.

Dual watch and tri-watch functions

Convenient functions which allow you to monitor the distress channel (Ch 16) while receiving a channel of your choice—dual watch; or monitor the distress channel and another channel while receiving a channel of your choice—tri-watch.

Simple operation

Ergonomic design with a minimum number of switches and controls provides simple intuitive operation.

CAUTIONS

⚠ 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 very close to, or touching 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-223 or BP-224. Such a connection will ruin the transceiver.

AVOID using or placing the transceiver in direct sunlight or in areas with temperatures Marine: below -20°C (-4°F) or above $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($+140^{\circ}\text{F}$), LMR: below -30°C (-22°F) or above $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($+140^{\circ}\text{F}$).

KEEP the transceiver out of the reach of children.

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

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BE CAREFUL! The transceiver's right-side panel will become hot when operating continuously for long periods.

BE CAREFUL! The IC-M88 employs waterproof construction, which corresponds to JIS waterproof specification, grade 7 (1 m; 3 ft depth for 30 min.). However, once the transceiver has been dropped, waterproofing cannot be guaranteed due to the fact that the transceiver may be cracked, or the waterproof seal damaged, etc.

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.

For U.S.A. only

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

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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.

NOTE: Even though the IC-M88 is capable of operation on VHF marine channels 3, 21, 23, 61, 64, 81, 82 and 83, according to FCC regulations these simplex channels cannot be lawfully used by the general public in USA waters.

SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS

◆ Supplied accessories

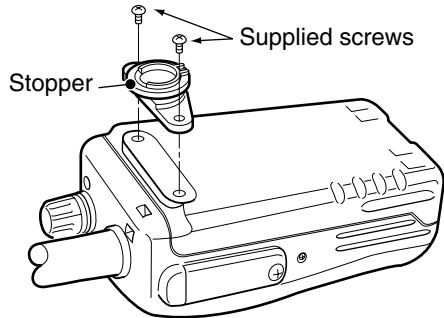
The following accessories are supplied: Qty.

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| ① Swivel belt clip |1 |
| ② Flexible antenna |1 |
| ③ Battery pack (BP-227) |1 |
| ④ AC adapter (BC-147) |1 |
| ⑤ Battery charger (BC-152) |1 |

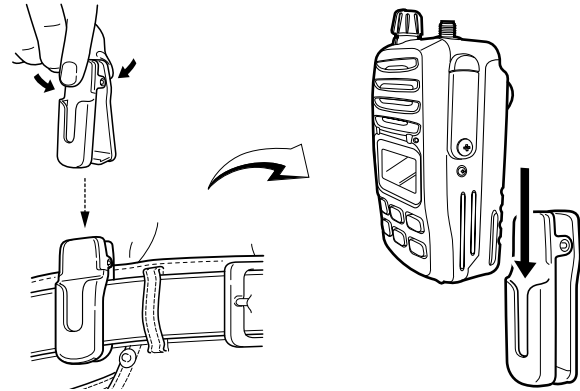
◆ Swivel belt clip

To attach:

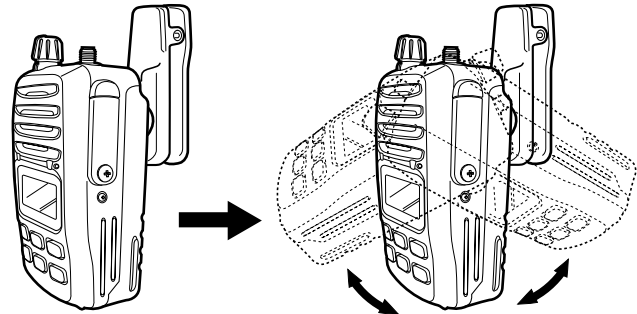
- ① Attach the stopper to the back of the transceiver.



- ② Clip the belt clip to a part of your belt and insert the stopper to the belt clip.

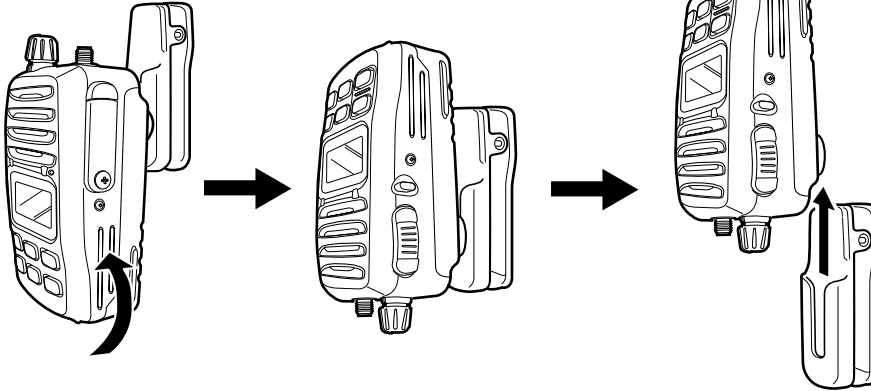


- ③ Once the transceiver is locked in place, it will swivel 360 degrees.



To remove:

- ① Turn the transceiver upside down, and then lift to release the transceiver from the belt clip.

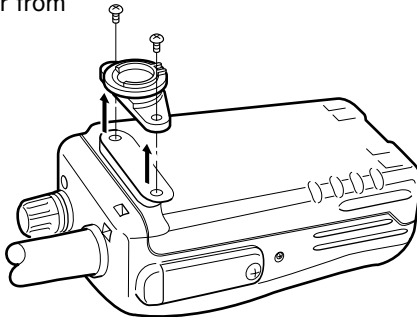


⚠ CAUTION!

HOLD THE TRANSCEIVER TIGHTLY, WHEN ATTACHING OR REMOVING THE TRANSCEIVER FROM THE BELT CLIP.

If the transceiver is accidentally dropped and the swivel belt clip's stopper is scratched or damaged, the swivel belt clip may not work properly.

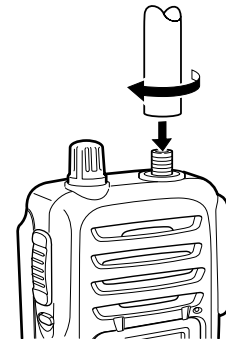
- ② Detach the stopper from the transceiver.



◆ Flexible antenna

Connect the supplied flexible antenna to the antenna connector.

CAUTION: Transmitting without an antenna may damage the transceiver.



■ Front, top and side panels

1 CHANNEL UP/DOWN SWITCHES [▲]/[▼]

- Select an operating channel.
- Selects the SET mode condition of the item. (p. 16)
- Checks tag channels or changes scanning direction during scan. (p. 13)
- Sets and clears the displayed channel as a tag (scanned) channel when pushed both switches.
- While turning power ON, clears all tag channels in the selected regular channel group when pushed both switches.

2 CHANNEL/WEATHER CHANNEL SWITCH [CH/WX•U//C/L]

- Selects and toggles the regular channels and weather channel when pushed. (pgs. 7, 8, 15)
- Selects one of 4 regular channels in sequence when pushed for 1 sec. (pgs. 7, 15) - U.S.A., International, Canadian and Land channels are available.
- Push to return to the condition before selecting the channel when the priority channel or the call channel is selected.

3 SQUELCH SWITCH [SQL•MONI] (p. 10)

- Push this switch, then set the squelch level with [▲]/[▼].
- Manually opens the squelch for channel monitoring when pushed for 1 sec.
- While pushing this switch, turn the power ON to enter the set mode.

4 PTT SWITCH [PTT]

- Push and hold to transmit; release to receive.

5 VOLUME CONTROL [OFF/VOL]

- Turns power ON and adjusts the audio level.

6 ANTENNA (p. 3)

- Connects the supplied antenna.

7 SCAN [SCN•DUAL] (pgs. 13, 14)

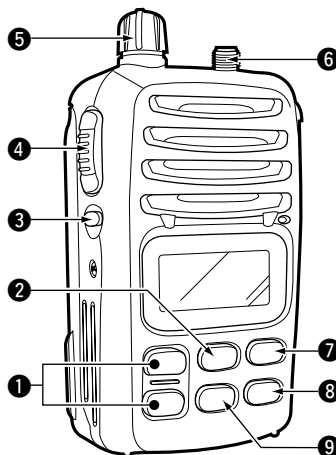
- Starts and stops normal or priority scan.
- Enters Watch mode when pushed for 1 sec.

8 TRANSMIT POWER/LOCK SWITCH [H/L•LOCK]

- Selects high, middle or low power when pushed. (p. 9)
- Toggles the lock function ON/OFF when pushed for 1 sec. (p. 11)

9 CHANNEL 16 SWITCH [16•9]

- Selects Channel 16 when pushed. (p. 7)
- Selects the call channel when pushed for 1 sec. (p. 7)
- Enters call Channel write mode when the call channel is selected and this switch is pushed for 3 sec. (p. 11)



◇ **BATTERY PACK RELEASE BUTTON**

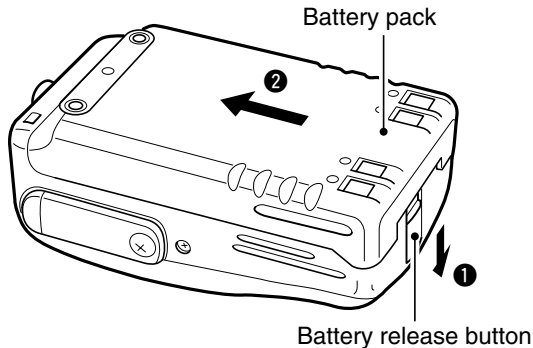
To release the battery pack:

Push the battery release button in the direction (1) of the arrow as shown below, then the battery pack is released.

To attach the battery pack:

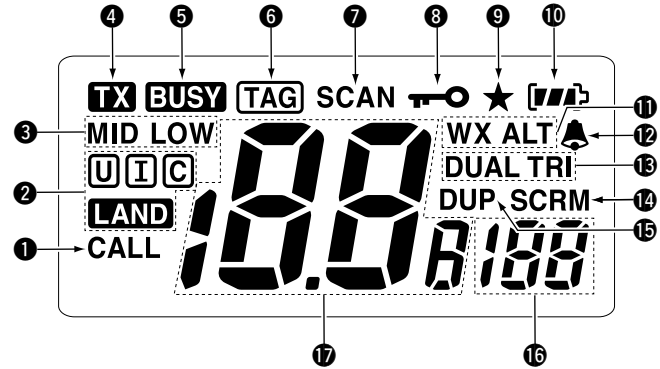
Slide the battery pack on the back of the transceiver in the direction (2) of the arrow then lock it with the battery release button.

* Slide the battery pack until the battery release button is locked tightly.



CAUTION!: When pushing the battery release button, make sure a little sliding the battery pack in the direction (2) of the arrow to easy to open. Otherwise your fingers or nails may be injured.

■ **Function display**



- 1 **CALL CHANNEL INDICATOR** (p. 7)
Appears when the call channel is selected.
- 2 **CHANNEL GROUP INDICATOR** (p. 7, 15)
“U” appears when U.S.A.; “I” appears when International; “C” appears when the Canadian; “LAND” appears when LAND channel group is selected.
- 3 **TRANSMIT POWER INDICATOR**
 - “LOW” appears when low power is selected. (p. 9)
 - “LOW” blinks when switching forced low power mode because of a high temperature error or low voltage.
 - “MID” appears when middle power is selected. (p. 9)
 - No indicator when high power is selected.

3 PANEL DESCRIPTION

4 TRANSMIT INDICATOR (p. 9)

Appears while transmitting.

5 BUSY INDICATOR (p. 9)

Appears when receiving a signal or when the squelch opens.

6 TAG CHANNEL INDICATOR (p. 13)

Appears when a tag channel is selected.

7 SCAN INDICATOR (p. 13)

Blinks while scanning.

8 LOCK INDICATOR (p. 11)





Appears while the lock function is activated.

9 NARROW INDICATOR (p. 15)

Appears when the Narrow is selected.

10 BATTERY INDICATOR

Indicates remaining battery power.

Indication				
Battery level	Full	Middle	Charging required	No battery

11 WEATHER CHANNEL/WEATHER ALERT INDICATORS

- “WX” appears when the weather channel group is selected. (p. 8)
- “ALT” appears while the weather alert function is activated.

12 BELL INDICATOR

Blinks when on alert tone is received.

13 DUALWATCH/TRI-WATCH INDICATORS (p. 14)

“DUAL” appears during dualwatch; “TRI” appears during tri-watch.

14 SCRAMBLER INDICATOR (intrinsically safe version only)

- Appears when the optional voice scrambler is activated. (pgs. 10, 19)

15 DUPLEX INDICATOR

Appears when a duplex channel is selected.

16 SUB CHANNEL READOUT

- Indicates Channel 16 during priority scan.
- Indicates Channel 16 during dualwatch or tri-watch. (p. 14)
- Indicates the SET mode item while in SET mode.

17 CHANNEL NUMBER READOUT

- Indicates the selected operating channel number.
- In SET mode, indicates the selected condition.

■ Channel selection

◇ Channel 16

Channel 16 is the distress channel. It is used for establishing initial contact with another station and for emergency communications. Channel 16 is automatically monitored during both dualwatch and tri-watch. While standing by, you must monitor channel 16.

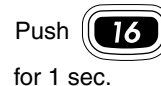
- ① Push [16•9] to select channel 16.
- ② Push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] to return to the condition before selecting channel 16, or push [▲]/[▼] to select operating channel.



◇ Channel 9 (Call channels)

Channel 9 is the leisure-use call channel. Each regular channel group has separate call channels. In addition, each call channel is monitored during tri-watch. The call channels can be programmed (p. 11) and are used to store your most often used channels in each channel group for quick recall.

- ① Push [16•9] for 1 sec. to select the call channel for the selected channel group.
 - “CALL” and call channel number appear.
 - Each channel group may have its own call channel after changing a call channel.
- ② Push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] to return to the condition before selecting channel 9 (call channel), or push [▲]/[▼] to select operating channel.



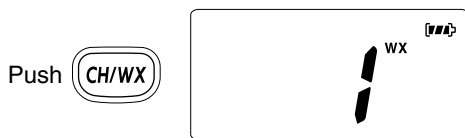
4 BASIC OPERATION

◇ Weather channels

There are 10 weather channels. They are used for monitoring weather channels from the NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration) broadcasts.

The IC-M88 can detect a weather alert tone on the selected weather channel while receiving in another channels or scanning. See the "SET mode items" on p. 16.

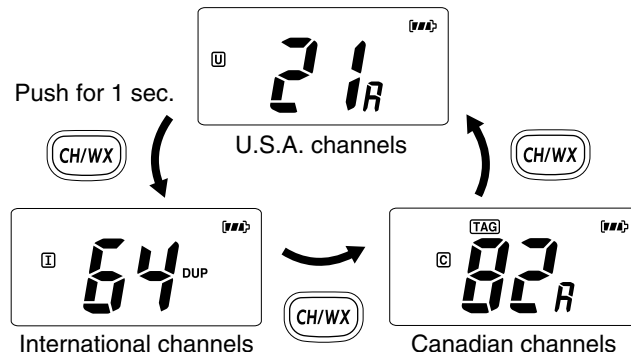
- ① Push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] to select the weather channel group.
- ② Push [▲]/[▼] to select a weather channel.
- ③ Push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] to return to the condition before selecting weather channel group.



◇ U.S.A., International and Canadian channels

There are 57 U.S.A., 57 International, and 61 Canadian channels. These channel groups may be specified for the operating area.

- ① Push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] to select a regular channel.
 - If a weather channel appears, push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] again.
- ② Push [▲]/[▼] to select a channel.
 - "DUP" appears for duplex channels.
- ③ To change the channel group, push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] for 1 sec.
 - U.S.A., International and Canadian channels can be selected in sequence.



■ Receiving and transmitting

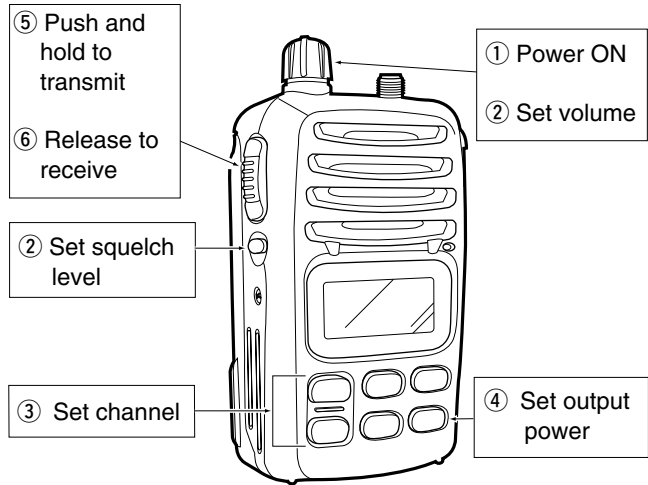
CAUTION: Transmitting without an antenna may damage the transceiver.

- ① Rotate [OFF/VOL] clockwise to turn power ON.
 - Use the squelch function to mute any audio noise if necessary. See page 10 for details.
- ② Push* [SQL•MONI] for 1 sec., and rotate volume to set audio output level.
 - *According to Monitor action selection in SET mode (p. 18).
- ③ Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired channel.
 - When receiving a signal, "BUSY" appears and audio is emitted from the speaker.
 - Further adjustment of [OFF/VOL] may be necessary at this point.
- ④ Push [H/L•LOCK] to select the output power if necessary.
 - "LOW" appears when low power is selected; "MID" appears when middle power is selected; no indicator 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.
 - "TX" appears.
 - Channel 70 cannot be used for transmission (for GMDSS use).
- ⑥ Release [PTT] to receive.

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

NOTE: The transceiver has a power save function to conserve the battery power and cannot be turned OFF. The power save function activates automatically when no signal is received for 5 sec.

For U.S.A version: To prevent accidental prolonged transmission, etc., the IC-M88 has a time-out timer function. This timer cuts a transmission OFF after 5 min. of continuous transmission.



4 BASIC OPERATION

■ Adjusting the squelch level

The IC-M88 has a squelch even though there is no control knob for it. In order to receive signals properly, as well as for scan to function, the squelch must be adjusted to a suitable level.

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



■ Automatic backlighting

This function is convenient for nighttime operation. The automatic backlighting can be activated in SET mode. (p. 18)

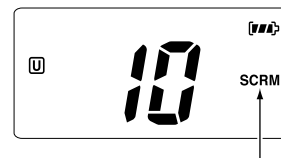
- ➔ Push any key except for [PTT] to turn the backlighting ON.
 - The backlighting is automatically turned OFF after 5 sec. of inactivity.

■ Optional voice scrambler operation (intrinsically safe version only)

◇ Activating the scrambler

The optional voice scrambler provides private communications. In order to receive or send scrambled transmissions, you must first activate the scrambler function.

- ① Select an operating channel except channel 16, 70 or weather channels.
- ② Push [SCN•DUAL] while pushing and holding [SQL•MONI].
 - “SCRM” appears.
- ③ To turn the scrambler function OFF, repeat step ②.
 - “SCRM” disappears.



Appears when the voice scrambler function is in use.

◇ Programming scramble codes

There are 32 codes (01 to 32) available for programming. Set the code in SET mode. In order to understand on another, all transceivers in your group must have the same scramble code, as well as the same scrambler unit. See page 19 for scrambler code setting details.

RECOMMENDATION: Use the optional speaker-microphone during voice scrambling operation for much clearer audio readability.

■ Call channel programming

The call channel key is used to select channel 9 by default, however, you can program your most often-used channels in each channel group for quick recall.

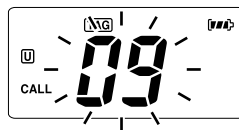
- ① Push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] for 1 sec. several times to select the desired channel group (USA, INT, CAN) to be programmed.



- ② Push [16•9] for 1 sec. to select the call channel of the selected channel group.
• "CALL" and call channel number appear.



- ③ Push [16•9] again for 3 sec. (until long beep changes to 2 short beeps) to enter call channel programming condition.
• Call channel number and channel group to be programmed flashes.



- ④ Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired channel.



- ⑤ Push [16•9] to program the displayed channel as the call channel.

- The call channel number and channel group stop flashing.



■ Lock function

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

- Push [H/L•LOCK] for 1 sec. to turn the lock function ON and OFF.



Appears while the lock function is used.

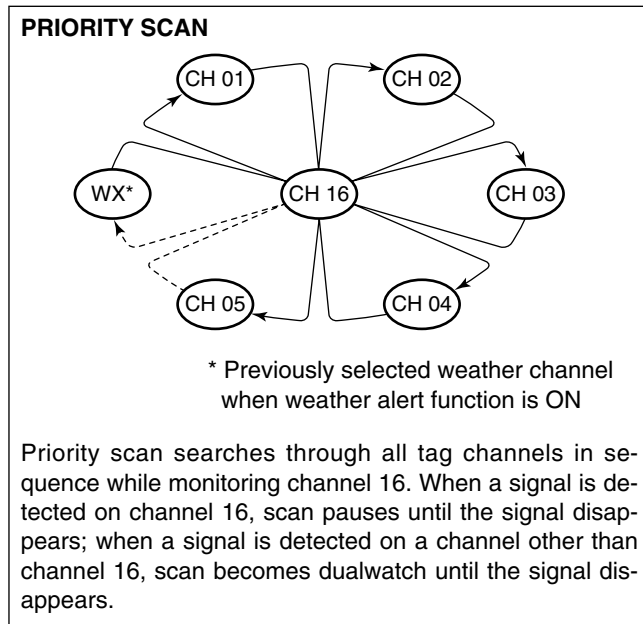
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SCAN OPERATION

■ Scan types

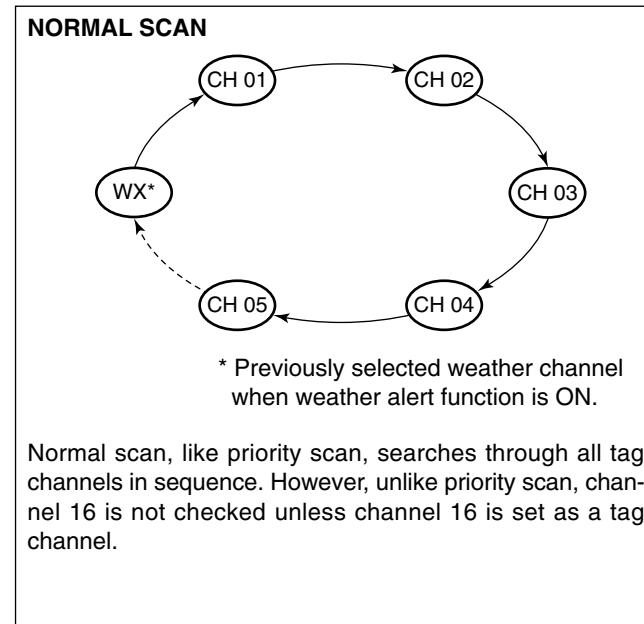
Scanning is an efficient way to locate signals quickly over a wide frequency range. The transceiver has priority scan and normal scan.

In addition, weather alert and an automatic scan start function is available for standby convenience. (pgs. 16)



Set the tag channels (scanned channel) before scanning. Clear the tag channels which inconveniently stop scanning, such as digital communications.

/// Choose priority or normal scan in SET mode. (p. 17)



■ Setting tag channels

For more efficient scanning, add desired channels as tag channels or clear tag channels for unwanted channels. Channels, set as non-tag channels will be skipped during scanning. Tag channels can be assigned to each channel group (USA, INT, CAN) independently.

- ① Select the desired channel group (USA, INT, CAN) by pushing [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] for 1 sec., if desired.
- ② Select the desired channel to set as a tag channel.
- ③ Push both [▲] and [▼] to set the displayed channel as a tag channel.
 - “TAG” appears in the function display.
- ④ To cancel the tag channel setting, push both [▲] and [▼].
 - “TAG” disappears.

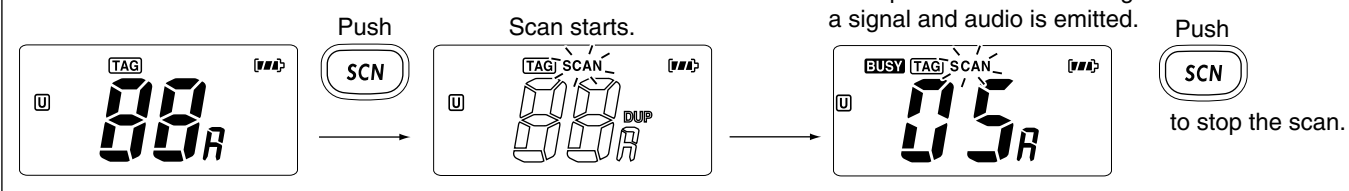
• Clearing all tag channels in the selected channel group
While pushing and holding both [▲] and [▼], turn power ON to clear all tag channels in the channel group.

■ Starting a scan

Set weather alert function, scan type, scan resume timer and auto scan function in advance, using SET mode. (pgs. 16, 17)

- ① Select the desired channel group (USA, CAN, INT) by pushing [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] for 1 sec., if desired.
 - When the weather alert function is in use, select the desired weather channel with [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] and [▲]/[▼].
- ② Push [SCN•DUAL] to start priority or normal scan.
 - “SCAN” blinks in the function display.
 - “16” appears during priority scan.
 - When a signal is received, scan pauses until the signal disappears or resumes after pausing 5 sec. according to SET mode setting. (Channel 16 is still monitored during priority scan.)
 - Push [▲]/[▼] to check the scanning tag channels, to change the scanning direction or resume the scan manually.
- ③ To stop the scan, push [SCN•DUAL].
 - “SCAN” disappears.
 - Pushing [PTT], [16•9] or [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] also stops the scan.

[Example]: Starting a normal scan.



■ Description

Dualwatch monitors channel 16 while you are receiving another channel; tri-watch monitors channel 16 and the call channel while receiving another channel.

DUALWATCH/TRI-WATCH SIMULATION



- If a signal is received on channel 16, dualwatch/tri-watch pauses on channel 16 until the signal disappears.
- If a signal is received on the call channel during tri-watch, tri-watch becomes dualwatch until the signal disappears.
- To transmit on the selected channel during dualwatch/tri-watch, push and hold [PTT].
- If no signal is received, the transceiver enters the power saving condition for 0.5 sec. after checking the operating channel every cycle.

■ Operation

- ① Select the desired operating channel.
- ② Push [SCN•DUAL] momentarily to start dualwatch; push [SCN•DUAL] for 1 sec. to start tri-watch.
 - “DUAL” flashes during dualwatch; “TRI” flashes during tri-watch.
 - Beep tone sounds when a signal is received on channel 16.
 - Tri-watch becomes dualwatch when receiving a signal on the call channel.
- ③ To cancel dualwatch/tri-watch, push [SCN•DUAL] again.

[Example]: Operating tri-watch on INT channel 07.

Push for 1 sec.



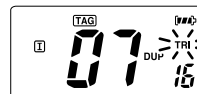
Tri-watch starts.



Signal is received on call channel.



Signal received on channel 16 takes priority.

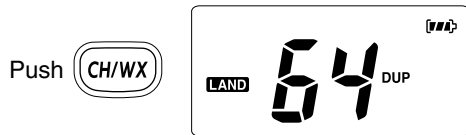


Tri-watch resumes after the signal disappears.

■ LAND Channel

There are 57 LAND channels. This channel group may be specified for the operating area. Moreover, you can program max. 22 Free channels, allocated LMR frequency, and your transceiver can communicate with the LAND transceiver. Please contact your dealer for details.

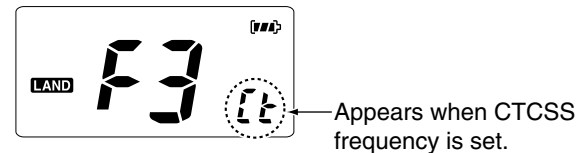
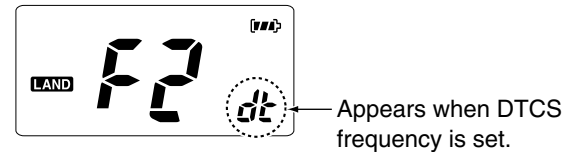
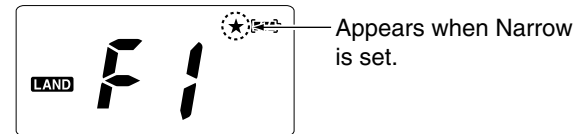
- ① Push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] to select a regular channel.
 - If a weather channel appears, push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] again.
- ② To change the channel group, push [CH/WX•U/I/C/L] for 1 sec several times.
 - LAND channel can be selected.
- ③ Push [▲]/[▼] to select a channel.
 - “DUP” appears for duplex channels.



/// **NOTE:** The basic setting ways (e.g. Call channel programming) are same as the U.S.A., International and Canadian channels. Refer to the appropriate page for details.

■ Function display

Free channel is used for frequency setting. When Narrow, DTCS or CTCSS frequency is set, function indicator appears on the LCD.

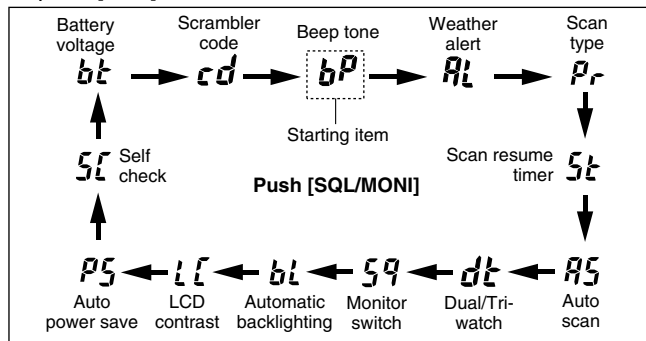


■ SET mode programming

SET mode is used to change the condition of 13 transceiver functions: beep tone function, weather alert function, scan type (normal/priority), scan resume timer, auto scan function, dual/tri-watch, monitor function, automatic backlighting, contrast, power save function, self check function, battery voltage and scrambling code.

When no optional voice scrambler unit is installed, scrambling code cannot be set. (will not be displayed)

- ① Turn power OFF.
- ② While pushing [SQL•MONI], turn power ON and continue pushing [SQL•MONI] until “bP” appears.
- ③ Release [SQL•MONI].
- ④ Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired condition of the item.
- ⑤ Push [SQL•MONI] to select the desired item, if necessary.
- ⑥ To exit SET mode, turn the power OFF, then ON again, or push [16•9].



■ SET mode items

◇ Beep tone “bP”

You can select silent operation by turning the beep tones OFF, or you can have confirmation beeps sound at the push of a switch, by turning the beep tones ON.



Beep tone ON (default)

◇ Weather alert function “AL”

An NOAA broadcast station transmits a weather alert tone before any important weather announcements. When the weather alert function is turned ON, the transceiver detects the alert, the bell indicator blinks and sounds a beep tone until the transceiver is operated. The previously selected (used) weather channel is checked any time during standby, or while scanning, when the power save function is activated.

- “ALT” appears when the function is set ON.



Weather alert function OFF (default)



Weather alert function ON

◇ **Priority scan function** “Pr”

The transceiver has 2 scan types. Normal scan and priority scan. Normal scan searches all tag channels in the selected channel group. Priority scan searches all tag channels in sequence while monitoring Channel 16.



Normal scan (default)

◇ **Scan resume timer** “St”

The scan resume timer can be selected as a pause (OFF) or timer scan (ON). When OFF is selected, the scan pauses until a received signal disappears. When ON is selected, the scan pauses for 5 sec. after receiving a signal and then resumes even if the signal is still being received.



Scan timer OFF (default)

◇ **Auto scan function** “AS”

While in standby, this function automatically starts the desired scan (normal or priority scan) 30 sec. after operation.

- Scan indicator blinks while scanning.



Auto scan OFF (default)

◇ **Dual/Tri-watch function** “dt”

This item can be selected as dualwatch or tri-watch. See p. 14 for details.



Dualwatch function (default)

◇ **Monitor action selection** “Sq”

The monitor function cuts off the squelch function temporarily. This selection contains PUSH or HOLD settings as shown below.

- PUSH (Pu):
After pushing the [SQL•MONI] for 1 sec., the squelch function is cut off until [SQL•MONI] is released. (default)
- HOLD (Ho):
After pushing the [SQL•MONI] for 1 sec., the squelch function is cut off continuously until another key is pushed.



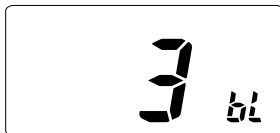
Monitor switch PUSH (default)

8 SET MODE

◇ Automatic backlighting “bL”

This function is convenient for nighttime operation. The automatic backlighting can be adjusted from OFF, 1 (dark)–3 (light); 3 (default).

- The backlighting is automatically turned OFF after 5 sec. of inactivity.



Automatic backlighting (default)

◇ LCD contrast selection “LC”

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

- 1 (pale) – 4 (deep); 3 (default)



LCD contrast (default)

◇ Auto power save function “PS”

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



Auto power save ON (default)

◇ Self check function “SC”

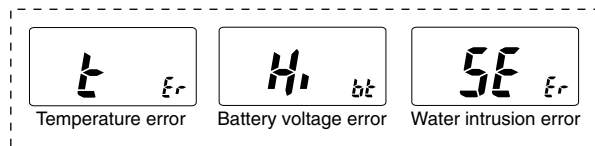
The self check function checks transceiver conditions by itself, and informs you in case a problem is found. The following items are checked after the power is turned ON, then it switches to operation mode.

- Temperature (Outside of -35°C to +73°C; -31°F to +165°F)
- Connected battery voltage
- Water intrusion



Self check OFF (default)

When error messages as shown below are displayed, see trouble shooting for advice (p. 23).



◇ **Battery voltage indicator “bt”**

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

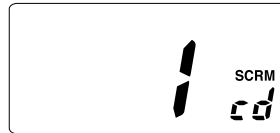


Battery voltage OFF
(default)

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

◇ **Scrambler code “cd” (intrinsically safe version only)**

There are 32 codes (01 to 32) available for programming. In order to understand one another, all transceivers in your group must have the same unit and scramble code.



Scrambler code (default)

SET MODE LIST

Function	Indication	Switch
Beep tone	"bP"	ON* / US / OFF
Weather alert function	"AL"	OFF* / ON
Priority scan function	"Pr"	OFF* / ON
Scan resume timer	"St"	OFF* / ON
Auto scan function	"AS"	OFF* / ON
Dual/Triwatch function	"dt"	Dual* / Tri
Monitor action selection	"Sq"	Push* / Hold
Automatic backlighting	"bL"	3* / OFF / 1-3
LCD contrast selection	"LC"	3* / 1-4
Auto power save function	"PS"	ON* / OFF
Self check function	"SC"	OFF* / ON
Battery voltage indicator	"bt"	OFF* / ON
Scrambler code**	"cd"	1* / 1-32

* default setting

** intrinsically safe version only

■ 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 it OFF while charging.

- Recommended temperature range for charging: +10°C to +40°C (+50°F to +104°F)
- Use the supplied charger (BC-152) only. **NEVER** use another manufacturer's charger.

Recommendation:

Charge the supplied battery pack for a maximum of up to 8 hours. Li-Ion batteries are different from Ni-Cd batteries in that it is not necessary to completely charge and discharge them to prolong the battery life. Therefore, charge the battery in intervals, and not for extended periods is recommended.

■ Caution

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

NEVER immerse the battery pack in water. If the battery pack becomes wet, be sure to wipe it dry immediately (particularly the battery terminals) **BEFORE** attaching it to the transceiver. Otherwise, the terminals will become corroded, or cause connection failure, etc.

NEVER short the terminals of the battery pack. Also, current may flow into nearby metal objects, such as a necklace, etc. Therefore, be careful when carrying with, or placing near metal objects, carrying in handbags, etc.

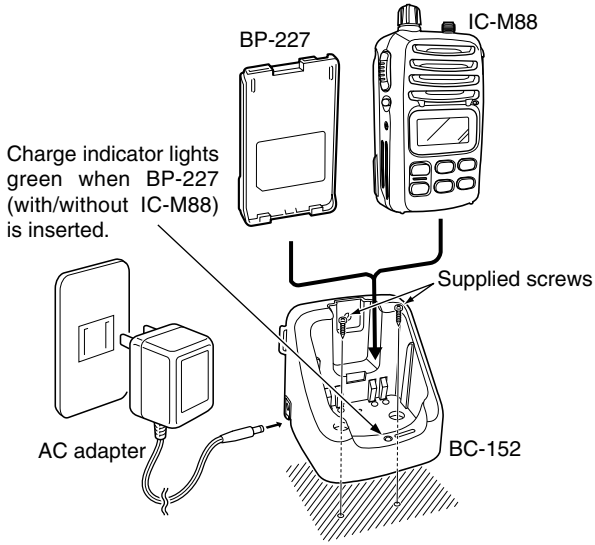
AVOID leaving the battery pack in a fully charged, or completely discharged condition for long time. It causes shorter battery life. In case of leaving the battery pack unused for a long time, it must be kept safely after discharge, or use the battery until the battery indicator shows the middle level, then remove it from the transceiver.

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 pack still does not retain a charge (or very little), a new battery pack must be purchased.

◆ **Charging connections**

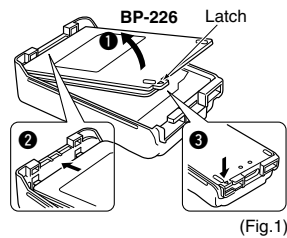
- ① Attach the BC-152 to a flat surface, such as desk or cabin, etc., if desired.
- ② Connect the AC adapter (BC-147) as shown below.
- ③ Insert the battery pack with/without the transceiver into the charger.
 - The charge indicator lights green.
- ④ Charge the battery pack approx. 9–10 hours, depending on the remaining power condition.

CAUTION: DO NOT charge BP-227 more than 13 hours. Otherwise, BP-227 will be damaged. BP-227 must be charged for 9–12 hours only. BC-152 charges up to 13 hours.

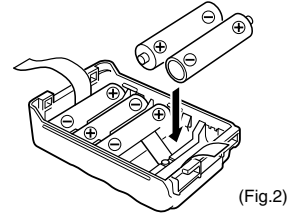


■ **Installing batteries in the battery case (optional battery case)**

When using a battery case attached to the transceiver, install 5 × AA(R6) size alkaline batteries as illustrated below.



(Fig.1)



(Fig.2)

- ① Hook on your finger to the latch, and open the cover in the direction (①) of the arrow. (Fig.1)
- ② Then, install 5 × AA(R6) size alkaline batteries. (Fig.2)
 - Be sure to observe the correct polarity.
 - Do not pin the ribbon under the batteries.
- ③ Close the cover with fitting in the direction (②) of the arrow and lock the latch (③). (Fig.1)
 - Be sure to the gasket and the ribbon are not out of the battery case.

CAUTION:

- When installing batteries, make sure they are all the same brand, type and capacity. Also, do not mix new and old batteries together.
- Keep battery contacts clean. It's a good idea to clean battery terminals once a week.

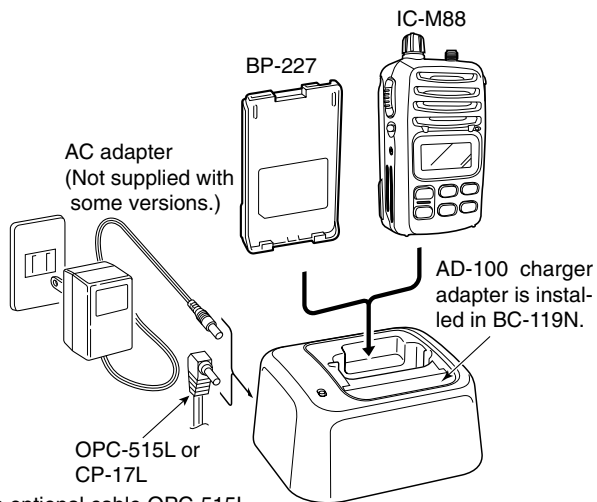
9 BATTERY CHARGING

■ Optional battery chargers

◇ Rapid charging with the BC-119N+AD-100

The optional BC-119N provides rapid charging of battery packs. The following are additionally required.

- AD-100
- An AC adapter (may be supplied with BC-119N depending on version).

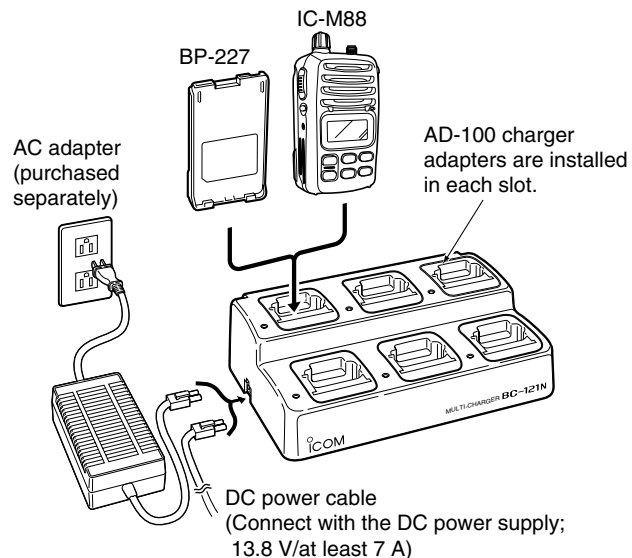


An optional cable OPC-515L (for 13.8 V power source) or CP-17L (for 12 V cigarette lighter socket) can be used in-stead of the AC adapter.

◇ Rapid charging with the BC-121N+AD-100

The optional BC-121N allows up to 6 battery packs to be charged simultaneously. The following are additionally required.

- Six AD-100.
- An AC adapter (BC-124) or the DC power cable (OPC-656).



TROUBLESHOOTING 10

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION.	REF.
No power comes ON.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The battery is exhausted. • Bad connection to the battery pack. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recharge the battery pack. • Check the connection to the transceiver. 	p. 20 p. 5
No sound comes from the speaker.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Squelch level is too deep. • Volume level is too low. • Speaker has been exposed to water. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set squelch to the threshold point. • Set [OFF/VOL] to a suitable level. • Drain water from the speaker. 	p. 10 p. 9 —
Transmitting is impossible, or high power cannot be selected.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some channels are for low power or receive only. • The battery is exhausted. • The output power is set to low. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change channels. • Recharge the battery pack. • Push [H/L•LOCK] to select high power. 	pgs. 4, 5 p. 20 p. 4
The display channel cannot be changed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lock function is activated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Push [H/L•LOCK] for 1 sec. to cancel the function. 	p. 11
Scan does not start.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “TAG” channels are not programmed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the desired channels as “TAG” channels. 	p. 13
No beeps sound.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beep tones are turned OFF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the beep tones to ON (Fix Beep/User Beep) in SET mode. 	p. 16
Self check error. (Temperature error)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transceiver’s inside temperature is below Marine; -20°C (-4°F) or above $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($+140^{\circ}\text{F}$) LMR; -30°C (-22°F) or above $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($+140^{\circ}\text{F}$). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leave the transceiver at room temperature for a while. Turn the power ON to check if the internal temperature has returned to normal. 	—
Self check error. (Battery voltage error)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The connected battery pack’s voltage is more than 11 V. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verify the battery voltage is correct. 	—
Self check error. (Water intrusion error)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water has entered the transceiver. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have the transceiver checked at your local distributor or dealer to see whether the transceiver works properly or not. 	—

VHF MARINE CHANNEL LIST

Channel number			Frequency (MHz)	
USA	INT	CAN	Transmit	Receive
	01	01	156.050	160.650
01A			156.050	156.050
	02	02	156.100	160.700
	03	03	156.150	160.750
03A			156.150	156.150
	04		156.200	160.800
		04A	156.200	156.200
	05		156.250	160.850
05A		05A	156.250	156.250
06	06	06	156.300	156.300
	07		156.350	160.950
07A		07A	156.350	156.350
08	08	08	156.400	156.400
09	09	09	156.450	156.450
10	10	10	156.500	156.500
11	11	11	156.550	156.550
12	12	12	156.600	156.600
13*	13	13*	156.650	156.650
14	14	14	156.700	156.700
15*	15*	15*	156.750	156.750
16	16	16	156.800	156.800
17*	17	17*	156.850	156.850
	18		156.900	161.500
18A		18A	156.900	156.900
	19		156.950	161.550

Channel number			Frequency (MHz)	
USA	INT	CAN	Transmit	Receive
19A		19A	156.950	156.950
20	20	20*	157.000	161.600
20A			157.000	157.000
	21	21	157.050	161.650
21A		21A	157.050	157.050
	22		157.100	161.700
22A		22A	157.100	157.100
	23	23	157.150	161.750
23A			157.150	157.150
24	24	24	157.200	161.800
25	25	25	157.250	161.850
26	26	26	157.300	161.900
27	27	27	157.350	161.950
28	28	28	157.400	162.000
	60	60	156.025	160.625
	61		156.075	160.675
61A		61A	156.075	156.075
	62		156.125	160.725
		62A	156.125	156.125
	63		156.175	160.775
63A			156.175	156.175
	64	64	156.225	160.825
64A		64A	156.225	156.225
	65		156.275	160.875
65A	65A	65A	156.275	156.275

Channel number			Frequency (MHz)	
USA	INT	CAN	Transmit	Receive
	66		156.325	160.925
66A	66A	66A*	156.325	156.325
67*	67	67	156.375	156.375
68	68	68	156.425	156.425
69	69	69	156.475	156.475
70	70	70	Rx only	156.525
71	71	71	156.575	156.575
72	72	72	156.625	156.625
73	73	73	156.675	156.675
74	74	74	156.725	156.725
77*	77	77*	156.875	156.875
	78		156.925	161.525
78A		78A	156.925	156.925
	79		156.975	161.575
79A		79A	156.975	156.975
	80		157.025	161.625
80A		80A	157.025	157.025
	81		157.075	161.675
81A		81A	157.075	157.075
	82		157.125	161.725
82A		82A	157.125	157.125
	83	83	157.175	161.775
83A		83A	157.175	157.175
84	84	84	157.225	161.825
84A			157.225	157.225

Channel number			Frequency (MHz)	
USA	INT	CAN	Transmit	Receive
85	85	85	157.275	161.875
85A			157.275	157.275
86	86	86	157.325	161.925
86A			157.325	157.325
87	87	87	157.375	161.975
87A			157.375	157.375
88	88	88	157.425	162.025
88A			157.425	157.425
		21b	Rx only	161.650
		25b	Rx only	161.850
		28b	Rx only	162.000
		83b	Rx only	161.775
WX channel	Frequency (MHz)			
	Transmit	Receive		
1	RX only	162.550		
2	RX only	162.400		
3	RX only	162.475		
4	RX only	162.425		
5	RX only	162.450		
6	RX only	162.500		
7	RX only	162.525		
8	RX only	161.650		
9	RX only	161.775		
10	RX only	163.275		

*Low power only.

NOTE: Simplex channels 3, 21, 23, 61, 64, 81, 82 and 83 **CANNOT** be lawfully used by the general public in USA waters.

■ Specifications

GENERAL

- Frequency coverage
 - Marine TX : 156.050–157.425 MHz
 - RX : 156.050–163.275 MHz
 - LMR TX/RX : 146.000–174.000 MHz
- Mode
 - Marine : 16K0G3E (Wide)
 - LMR : 16K0F3E (Wide)/8K50F3E (Narrow)
- Channel spacing : 25 kHz (Wide)/12.5 kHz (Narrow)
(Narrow is LMR only)
- Current drain (at 7.2 V DC) : TX High (5 W) 1.6 A typical
Max. audio 200 mA typical
Power save 20 mA typical
- Frequency stability : ± 5.0 ppm (-20°C to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$)
- Usable temperature range
 - Marine : -20°C to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$; -4°F to $+140^{\circ}\text{F}$
 - LMR : -30°C to $+60^{\circ}\text{C}$; -22°F to $+140^{\circ}\text{F}$
- Dimensions : 62 (W) \times 97 (H) \times 39 (D) mm
(Projections not included) $2\frac{7}{16}$ (W) \times $3\frac{13}{16}$ (H) \times $1\frac{17}{32}$ (D) inch
- Weight (approx.; with BP-227) : 280 g (9.9 oz)

TRANSMITTER

- Output power (at 7.2 V DC) : 5 W (Hi), 3 W (Mid) and 1 W (Low)
- Modulation system : Variable reactance frequency modulation
- Max. frequency deviation : ± 5 kHz (Wide)/ ± 2.5 kHz (Narrow)
(Narrow is LMR only)
- Audio harmonics distortion : Less than 10 % (at 60 % mod.)
- Spurious emissions : Less than -70 dBc typical

RECEIVER

- Receive system : Double-conversion superheterodyne
- Sensitivity (12 dB SINAD) : 0.25 μV typical
- Squelch sensitivity : Less than 0.35 μV (at threshold)
- Intermodulation rejection ratio : 70 dB typical

- Spurious response rejection ratio : 70 dB typical
- Adjacent channel selectivity : 70 (Wide)/60 (Narrow) dB typical
(Narrow is LMR only)
- Ham and noise ratio : More than 40 (Wide)/34 (Narrow) dB
(Narrow is LMR only)
- Audio output power : 0.35 W typical at 10% distortion with an
8 Ω load

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

■ Options

- **BP-226** BATTERY CASE
Battery case for 5 \times AA (R6) alkaline cells. The same as supplied with the transceiver depending on versions.
- **BP-227** LI-ION BATTERY PACK
7.2 V/1700 mAh Li-Ion battery pack. The same as supplied with the transceiver depending on versions.
- **BC-119N** DESKTOP CHARGER + **AD-100** CHARGER ADAPTER
+ **BC-145** AC ADAPTER
For rapid charging of battery packs. An AC adapter is supplied with the charger. Charging time: approx. 1.5 to 2 hours
- **BC-121N** MULTI-CHARGER + **AD-100** CHARGER ADAPTER (6 pcs.)
+ **BC-124** AC ADAPTER
For rapid charging of up to 6 battery packs (six AD-100's are required) simultaneously. An AC adapter may be supplied depending on version. Charging time: approx. 1.5 to 2 hours.
- **BC-152** DESKTOP CHARGER + **BC-147** AC ADAPTER
Used for regular charging of battery pack. The same as supplied with the transceiver. Charging time: approx. 9–10 hours
- **MB-86** SWIVEL BELT CLIP
Belt clip for swivel type. The same as supplied with the transceiver.

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