



# YardTrainer SD-105 Operating Guide

Please read this entire guide before beginning



Thank you for choosing SportDOG Brand™. Used properly, this product will help you train your dog efficiently and safely. To ensure your satisfaction, please review this owner’s manual thoroughly. If you have questions regarding this product’s operation, please see this manual’s Frequently Asked Questions or Troubleshooting section, contact our Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-0144, or visit our website at [www.sportdogbrand.com](http://www.sportdogbrand.com).

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# Components



## How the System Works

The SportDOG YardTrainer SD-105 has been proven safe, comfortable and effective for all dogs over 8 pounds. Consistent, correct use of this product allows you to reinforce commands and correct misbehavior from up to 100 yards. The Remote Transmitter sends a signal, activating the Collar Receiver to deliver a harmless stimulation. With proper training, a dog will learn to associate this signal with a command. Like all SportDOG products, this model features adjustable stimulation levels so you can tailor the stimulation level to your dog's temperament, eliminating the risk of over-correction.

**Important: The YardTrainer SD-105 has a range of up to 100 yards. Depending on the way you hold the Remote Transmitter, the maximum range may vary. For consistent results at longer ranges, hold the Remote Transmitter in a vertical position away from your body and over your head. Terrain, weather, vegetation, transmission from other radio devices, and other factors will affect the maximum range.**



# Key Definitions

**Remote Transmitter:** Transmits the radio signal to the Collar Receiver. It is weatherproof and cannot be submerged in water.

**Intensity Dial:** Provides multiple levels of stimulation so you can match the correction to your dog's temperament.

**Transmitter Indicator Light:** Indicates that a button is pressed and also serves as a low battery indicator.

**Upper Button:** This button is factory-set to deliver Continuous Stimulation.

**Lower Button:** This button is factory-set to deliver Continuous Stimulation two levels higher than the setting on the Intensity Dial.

**Side Button:** This button is factory-set to deliver a tone without stimulation.

**Collar Receiver:** Receives the radio signal from the Remote Transmitter. It is waterproof and can be submerged in water.

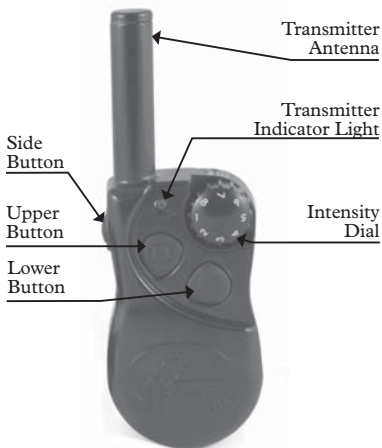
**Receiver Indicator Light:** Indicates when the Collar Receiver has been turned on or off and also serves as a low battery indicator.

**Contact Points:** The contacts through which the Collar Receiver delivers stimulation when the Remote Transmitter upper or lower button is pressed.

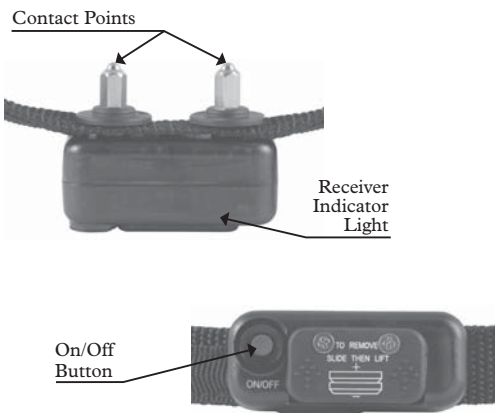
**On/Off Button:** Momentarily pressing and holding this button turns the Collar Receiver on and off.

**Continuous Stimulation:** You control both when and how long stimulation is delivered to your dog through the Collar Receiver's Contact Points. When a Continuous Stimulation button is pressed for 8 seconds or more, the Remote Transmitter will "time-out." The button will need to be released and pressed again before additional stimulation can be delivered.

## Remote Transmitter



## Collar Receiver



# Step 1 Prepare the Remote Transmitter

# 1

## Inserting 3-Volt Batteries

1. Remove the battery cover from the back of the Remote Transmitter by using a coin and turning it counter-clockwise.
2. Insert 3-volt batteries and secure the battery cover.

*Note: Approximate battery life will be 3 months, depending upon frequency of use.*



## Transmitter Indicator Light

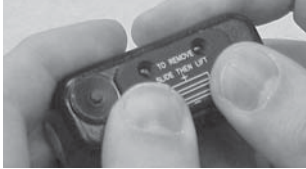
Remote Transmitter Function	Indicator Light Response
Continuous Stimulation or Tone Only button pressed	Solid in color
Low battery – Continuous Stimulation or Tone Only button pressed	Flashes continuously

# Step 2 Prepare the Collar Receiver

## 2

### Inserting 3-Volt Batteries

1. Use a small Philips screwdriver to remove the two screws on the receiver.
2. Press the battery door up in the direction of the arrows on the door. It will move up slightly and the door will release.
3. Insert two, 3-volt lithium CR2032 batteries per the diagram on the receiver.
4. Replace the battery door. Check to ensure the gasket is in place and clean.
5. Tighten the screws. Do not over tighten.



Press Door Up



Pull Door Out



Gasket

### To Turn the Collar Receiver On:

1. Press and hold the On/Off Button until the Receiver Indicator Light comes on and the Collar Receiver beeps 5 times.
2. Release the On/Off Button.

The Receiver Indicator Light will flash until the Collar Receiver is turned off. The flashing light indicates the Collar Receiver is ready to receive a radio signal from the Remote Transmitter.



On/Off Button

### To Turn the Collar Receiver Off:

1. Press and hold the On/Off Button until the Receiver Indicator Light comes on and the Collar Receiver beeps 2 times.
2. Release the On/Off Button.

**Important:** If the Receiver Collar is left on continuously, the maximum battery life (before replacing batteries) will be two weeks.

### Receiver Indicator Light

Function	Indicator Light Response
Collar Receiver on – good battery	Flashes once per second
Collar Receiver on - low battery	Flashes once every 4 seconds
Continuous Stimulation button pressed	Solid in color
Tone Only button pressed	No response

## Step

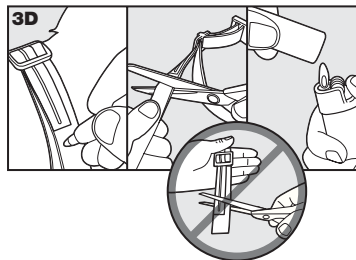
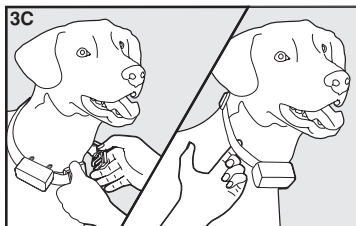
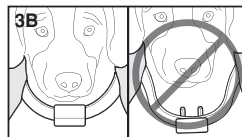
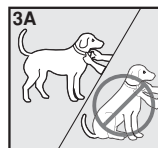
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## Fit the Collar Receiver

**Important:** The proper fit and placement of the Collar Receiver is important for effective training. The Contact Points must have direct contact with your dog's skin.

To ensure a proper fit, follow these steps:

1. With your dog standing (3A), center the Collar Receiver where the Contact Points are underneath your dog's neck, touching the skin (3B). If your dog has a long or thick coat, trim the hair around the Contact Points to ensure consistent contact.
2. The Collar Receiver should fit snugly, yet loose enough to allow one finger to fit between the strap and your dog's neck (3C).
3. Allow your dog to wear the collar for several minutes, and then recheck the fit. Check the fit again as your dog becomes more comfortable wearing the Collar Receiver.
4. Trim the collar as follows (3D):
  - a. Mark the desired length of the collar with a pen. Allow for growth if your dog is young or grows a thick winter coat.
  - b. Remove the Receiver Collar from your dog and cut off the excess. **Important: Do not cut the part of the collar containing the Antenna.**
  - c. Before placing the Receiver Collar back onto your dog, seal the edge of the cut collar by applying a flame along the frayed edge.



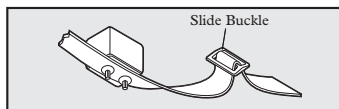
## Care and Cleaning

To ensure the effectiveness of this product and the comfort and safety of your dog, check the fit of his collar frequently. This Guide describes proper collar fitting. If you notice that your dog is experiencing skin irritation, discontinue use of the collar for a few days. If the condition persists beyond 48 hours, see your veterinarian.

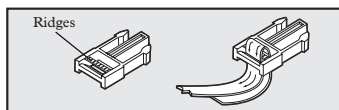
## To prevent skin irritation from occurring:

- The Collar Receiver should not be worn for more than 8 hours out of every 24-hour period.
- Your dog's neck and the Contact Points must be washed weekly with a washcloth and mild hand soap, then rinsed thoroughly.

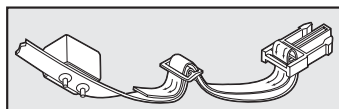
## To Re-Thread the Collar



The slide buckle prevents the collar from becoming loose around your dog's neck.



The ridges must be facing up; the collar will slip if it is not properly threaded.



## Step 4 Find the Best Intensity Level for Your Dog

The YardTrainer SD-105 has multiple intensity levels. This allows you to choose the stimulation that is best for your dog.

*Note: Always start at the lowest level and work your way up.*

For training efficiency, it is important to find the right intensity level for your dog. This is called the Recognition Level, at which your dog swallows, looks around in curiosity, or flicks his ears.

### Finding Your Dog's Recognition Level:

*Note: Every dog is different and you cannot predict where your dog's Recognition Level will be. Watch closely for any slight change in behavior that tells you your dog is feeling the stimulation.*

1. With the Collar Receiver turned on and properly fit to your dog, set the Remote Transmitter's Intensity Dial at Level 1 and press the Continuous Stimulation Button for 1 to 2 seconds.
2. If your dog shows no reaction to Level 1, go to Level 2 and repeat the process.
3. **YOUR DOG SHOULD NOT VOCALIZE OR PANIC WHEN RECEIVING STIMULATION. IF THIS HAPPENS, THE STIMULATION LEVEL IS TOO HIGH AND YOU NEED TO GO BACK TO THE PREVIOUS LEVEL AND REPEAT THE PROCESS.**
4. Once you find your dog's Recognition Level, this is the level you should use when you begin a training exercise.
5. If you have progressed to Level 8 while searching for your dog's Recognition Level and your dog continues to show no response, check to see if Collar Receiver is snug against your dog's neck. Then go back to Intensity Level 1 and repeat the process. If your dog still does not indicate he is feeling the stimulation, you may have to trim the hair beneath the Contact Points.

If after completing all of these steps your dog still does not indicate he is feeling the stimulation, please contact Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-0144.



## Step 5 Reset the Collar Receiver

To reset the Collar Receiver to work with a new Remote Transmitter or to reprogram a new Collar Receiver to work with your existing Remote Transmitter:

- A. Turn the Collar Receiver off.
  - B. Press and hold the On/Off Button. The Receiver Indicator Light will come on, then turn off after 4-5 seconds. If the On/Off Button is released too early, the Receiver Indicator Light will begin flashing as normal. If this occurs, start over from **A**.
  - C. After the Receiver Indicator Light has turned off, release the On/Off Button.
  - D. Press and hold the Upper Button on the Remote Transmitter until the Receiver Indicator Light flashes 5 times. You may need to hold both units 2-3 feet from each other before this occurs. Once the Receiver Indicator Light has flashed 5 times, the Collar Receiver has been reset and will begin flashing as normal. If the Receiver Indicator Light does not flash 5 times, start over and repeat the process.
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### General Training Tips

Now you are ready to use the YardTrainer SD-105 and begin training your dog. Please keep the following training tips in mind.

- Eliminate one misbehavior or teach one obedience command at a time. If you move too fast with the training, your dog may become confused.
- Be consistent. Give your dog a stimulation with each misbehavior.
- Do not overcorrect your dog. Use as few stimulations as possible to train your dog.
- Restrict your dog from situations in which he has a history of misbehaving unless you can supervise him and use the YardTrainer SD-105 for applying stimulation.
- If you notice one situation in which your dog misbehaves repeatedly, set up this situation as a training session. This will dramatically increase your chances of success.
- If your dog has a timid reaction to the stimulation (especially the first couple of times), do not be alarmed. Redirect his attention to a simple and appropriate behavior (i.e. a known command, such as “Sit”).
- Never use the YardTrainer SD-105 to correct or eliminate any form of aggressive behavior. If your dog exhibits such behavior, contact a professional trainer. Aggression in dogs is the result of many factors – it may be a learned behavior or it may be brought on as a result of fear. Another factor contributing to aggression in dogs is social dominance. Every dog is different.

# Frequently Asked Questions

<b>Is the stimulation safe for my dog?</b>	While the stimulation is unpleasant, it is harmless to your dog. Electronic training devices require interaction and training from the owner to achieve desired results.
<b>How old does a dog have to be before using the YardTrainer SD-105?</b>	Your dog should be able to learn basic obedience commands such as “Sit” or “Stay.” The Collar Receiver may be too large for dogs under 8 pounds.
<b>Once my dog is trained and has been obeying my commands, will my dog have to continue to wear the Collar Receiver?</b>	Your dog may need to wear the Collar Receiver from time to time for reinforcement. Also, many hunters keep the Collar Receiver on their dogs while hunting for maximum control.
<b>Is the Collar Receiver waterproof?</b>	Yes. When the batteries need to be replaced, make sure the o-ring and o-ring groove are free from dirt and debris.
<b>Can I use the YardTrainer SD-105 on aggressive dogs?</b>	We do not recommend any of our products to be used on aggressive dogs. We recommend you contact your local veterinarian or professional trainer to determine if your dog might be aggressive.
<b>Will I get exactly 100 yards of range with the YardTrainer SD-105?</b>	The range you get with your YardTrainer SD-105 will vary according to terrain, weather, vegetation, as well as transmission from other radio devices. To get the maximum amount of range, please refer to “How the System Works” section of this guide.
<b>How long can I continuously deliver stimulation to my dog?</b>	The maximum amount of time you can press the Continuous Stimulation Button and deliver stimulation to your dog continuously is 8 seconds. After eight seconds, the Remote Transmitter will time-out, and the Continuous Stimulation Button must be released and pressed again.
<b>What do I do if my dog’s neck becomes red and irritated?</b>	This condition is due to the Contact Points irritating the skin. Discontinue use of the Collar Receiver for a few days. If the condition persists beyond 48 hours, see your veterinarian. Once the skin returns to normal, replace Collar Receiver, and monitor the skin condition closely.
<b>Can my Collar Receiver be used around salt water?</b>	If the Collar Receiver is used in or around salt water, the Collar Receiver should be rinsed with fresh water following each use.

# Troubleshooting

The answers to these questions should help you solve any problem you have with this system. If they do not, please contact the Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-0144 or visit our website at [www.sportdogbrand.com](http://www.sportdogbrand.com).

**My dog is not responding when I press a button.**

- Check to see if the Collar Receiver has been turned on.
- If your range has reduced from the first time you have used it, please check to see if the battery is low in either the Remote Transmitter or Collar Receiver.
- Many factors can impact the range you have with the YardTrainer SD-105. For a list of these factors, please refer to “How the System Works”.
- You can verify the Collar Receiver is delivering stimulation to your dog by placing the test light, enclosed in your kit, on the Collar Receiver. Please refer to the “Test Light Instructions” for details.
- Increase the Intensity Dial. Refer to “Find the Best Intensity Level For Your Dog” for more information.
- Make sure the Collar Receiver’s Contact Points are placed snugly against your dog’s skin. Refer to “Fit the Collar Receiver” for more information.

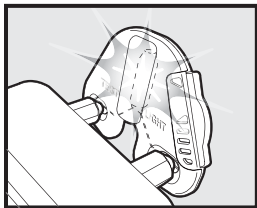
**The Collar Receiver will not turn on.**

- Make sure the Collar Receiver does not have low batteries - refer to page 6. If so, replace the batteries with new ones.

**The Collar Receiver is not responding to the Remote Transmitter.**

- Verify the Collar Receiver has been turned on. Refer to “Turning the Collar Receiver On and Off”.
- Refer to “Reset the Collar Receiver.”

# Test Light Instructions



1. Hold the Test Light Contacts to the Contact Points.
2. Press a Stimulation Button on the Remote Transmitter.
3. The Test Light will flash.

*Note: At higher Intensity Levels the Test Light will flash brighter.*  
Save the Test Light for future testing.

*Note: If the Test Light does not flash, replace batteries and re-test. If Test Light still does not flash, contact the Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-0144.*

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This Product is designed for use with dogs where training is desired. The specific temperament of your dog may not work with this product. We recommend that you not use this product if your dog is less than 8 pounds or if your dog is aggressive. If you are unsure whether this is appropriate for your dog, please consult your veterinarian, certified trainer or contact our Customer Care Center at 1-800-732-0144.

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