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IMPORTANT NOTICE!

FCC RF Exposure Compliance Requirements for Occupational Use Only:
The **FTA-720** has been tested and complies with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) RF exposure limits for Occupational Use/Controlled exposure environment. In addition, it complies with the following Standards and Guidelines:


- This radio is NOT approved for use by the general population in an uncontrolled environment. This radio is restricted to occupational use, work related operations only where the radio operator must have the knowledge to control its RF exposure conditions.
- When transmitting, hold the radio in a vertical position with its microphone 1 to 2 inches (2.5 to 5 cm) away from your mouth and keep the antenna at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) away from your head and body.
- The radio must be used with a maximum operating duty cycle not exceeding 50%, in typical Push-to-Talk configurations. 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 red LED on the top of the radio is illuminated. You can cause the radio to transmit by pressing the P-T-T button.
- Always use Yaesu authorized accessories.

**NOTICE**

There are no user-serviceable points inside this transceiver. All service jobs must be referred to your Authorized Service Center.
INTRODUCTION

The Yaesu FTA-720 is a compact, stylish, solid hand-held transceiver providing communication (transmit and receive) capability on the International Aircraft Communication Band (“COM” band: 118 ~ 136.975 MHz), and it additionally provides VOR and CDI navigation features on the “NAV” band (108 ~ 117.975 MHz). The FTA-720 is also capable of receiving the FM BC Band, Weather Channel Broadcast (USA version only), and BRS (Business Radio Service) band.

The FTA-720 includes Temperature display with our exclusive Omni-Glow™ display back-light for minimal degradation of your night vision, NOAA weather band monitoring, 8-character Alpha/Numeric Display, 70 Memory Channels, and 90 “Book Memory” Channels.

We recommend that you read this manual in its entirety, so as to understand the many features of the FTA-720 completely. Keep this manual handy, so you may use it for reference.

NOTE: The FTA-720’s VOR and CDI Navigation features are supplemental aids to navigation only, and are not intended to be a substitute for accurate (primary) VOR/CDI or landing service equipment.
CONTROLS & CONNECTORS (TOP PANEL)

① Antenna Jack
The BNC connector accepts the supplied flexible antenna, or another antenna designed to provide 50 Ohm impedance on the Aircraft Communication Band and BRS Band.

② MIC/SP Jack
You may connect the supplied CT-96 Headset Cable, or the optional MH-44B4B Speaker/Microphone, to this jack.

③ VOL Knob
This control adjusts the audio volume level. Clockwise rotation increases the volume level.

④ DIAL Selector Knob
This 20-position detented rotary switch tunes the operating frequency or selects the memory channels.
## Controls & Connectors (Front Panel)

1. **LCD (Liquid Crystal Display)**
   The display shows the current operating conditions, including frequency, etc.

2. **PWR (Power) Switch**
   Press and hold this switch for 3 seconds to toggle the transceiver’s power on and off.

3. **Keypad**
   Several keys have triple functions.
   The primary functions are labeled on the key top (activated by simply pressing the key momentarily).
   The secondary functions are labeled in yellow above the top edge of the key (activated by pressing the key first, then the indicated key).
   The third functions are labeled in black above the top edge of the key, and are activated by pressing and holding in the selected key for 2 seconds.
   These functions are summarized on the pages 6 and 7.

4. **BUSY/TX Indicator Lamp**
   This lamp glows green when a signal is being received and red when transmitting.
   You may customize the color setup via the Menu mode.

5. **Loudspeaker**
   The internal speaker is located in this position.

6. **Microphone**
   Speak across this opening in a normal voice level, while pressing the PTT switch, to transmit.

7. **Battery Pack Latch**
   Open this latch for battery removal.
CONTROLS & CONNECTORS (SIDE PANEL)

① PTT (Push To Talk) Switch
Press this button to transmit when you are operating in the COM band (118.000 - 136.975 MHz). Release this button to return to the “Receive” mode. See page 15.

② MONITOR Switch
This button may be pressed to “Open” the squelch manually, allowing you to listen for very weak signals. Press and hold this button for 2 seconds to “Open” the squelch continuously. Press this button again to resume normal (quiet) monitoring. See page 17.

③ EXT DC Jack
When an external 12-Volt DC power source is available, you may connect the (optional) E-DC-5B DC Cable w/Noise Filter or E-DC-6 DC Cable here.

⚠️ Do not connect any wire to this jack if that wire is connected directly to a 28-Volt DC source. Connecting the FTA-720 directly to a source which exceeds 15.0 Volts DC will result in damage to the unit.
# Control & Connectors (Keypad)

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<td><strong>Primary Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press Key)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Activates the “Secondary” key mode.</td>
<td>Frequency entry digit “1.”</td>
<td>Frequency entry digit “2.”</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Secondary Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press + <strong>F</strong>)</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Activates VOR mode.</td>
<td>Selects “TO” VOR mode.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Third Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press and hold key)</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Recalls Menu Item “SQL Type” (for activating CTCSS or DCS decoder on a BRS Memory Channel).</td>
<td>Recalls Menu Item “TON Set” (for selecting the CTCSS tone frequency on a BRS Memory Channel).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Primary Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press Key)</td>
<td>Selects the Emergency Channel (121.5 MHz).</td>
<td>Frequency entry digit “4.”</td>
<td>Frequency entry digit “5.”</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Secondary Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press + <strong>F</strong>)</td>
<td>Switches operation to the “Home” (favorite frequency) channel.</td>
<td>Activates the Course Deviation Indicator mode.</td>
<td>None</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Third Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press and hold key)</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Recalls Menu Item “APO” (for setting of the Automatic Power-Off time).</td>
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<td><strong>Primary Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press Key)</td>
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<td>None</td>
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<td>Frequency entry digit “7.”</td>
<td>Frequency entry digit “8.”</td>
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<td><strong>Secondary Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press + <strong>F</strong>)</td>
<td>Split-Memory “Write” Command</td>
<td>Activates Split (Duplex) mode.</td>
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<td><strong>Third Function</strong>&lt;br&gt; (Press and hold key)</td>
<td>Memory “Write” Command</td>
<td>Recalls Menu Item “Step” (for setting of the synthesizer steps).</td>
<td>Recalls Menu Item “Beep” (for setting of the keypad beeper).</td>
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## Control & Connectors (Keypad)

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<td>Frequency entry digit “3.”</td>
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<td>Toggles the operating band between the AIR band and FM BC band in the VFO mode.</td>
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<td><img src="6" alt="6" /></td>
<td>Frequency entry digit “6.”</td>
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<td>Frequency entry digit “0.”</td>
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<td><img src="9" alt="9" /></td>
<td>Frequency entry digit “9.”</td>
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<td>Activates the Scanner.</td>
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<td><img src="TAG" alt="TAG" /></td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Selects “FROM” VOR mode.</td>
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<td><img src="USER" alt="USER" /></td>
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<td><img src="SET" alt="SET" /></td>
<td>Secondary Function (Press + [ ] )</td>
<td>Selects the tuning methods among the VFO, MR, BMR, WX, and BRS.</td>
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<td><img src="SET" alt="SET" /></td>
<td>Third Function (Press and hold key)</td>
<td>None</td>
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- **Primary Function (Press Key)**: Selects the tuning methods among the VFO, MR, BMR, WX, and BRS.<sup>1</sup>
- **Secondary Function (Press + [ ] )**: Activates the “Set” (Menu) mode.
- **Third Function (Press and hold key)**: None

### Additional Information
- Frequency entry digit “3.” Toggles the operating band between the AIR band and FM BC band in the VFO mode.
- Frequency entry digit “6.” Frequency entry digit “0.” Enables/Disables the Alpha-numeric Tag display during Memory operation.
- Frequency entry digit “9.” Activates the Scanner.
- Selects “FROM” VOR mode.
- None
- None
- None
- Recalls Menu Item “SQL” (for setting the squelch threshold level).
- None
- None
- None
- None

### Tuning Methods
- VFO: Variable Frequency Oscillator
- MR: Memory Recall
- BMR: Pre-Programmed Memories
- WX: Weather Channel Memories
- BRS: Business Radio Service

### Additional Notes
- The Primary and Third functions of the **key may be customized by user via the Menu mode. See page 40.**

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<sup>1</sup>: VFO: Variable Frequency Oscillator  
MR: Memory Recall  
BMR: Pre-Programmed Memories  
WX: Weather Channel Memories  
BRS: Business Radio Service  

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<sup>2</sup>: None
Precautions

○ The **FTA-720** is capable of two-way communication on channels used for critical aviation safety communications. Therefore, it is important that this radio be kept away from children or other unauthorized users at all times.

○ When making DC connections via the (optional) **E-DC-5B** DC cable, be absolutely certain to observe the proper voltage level and polarity guidelines. Do not connect this radio directly to any 24 ~ 28 Volt DC source, nor to AC power of any kind. Connecting the **FTA-720** directly to a source which exceeds 15.0 Volts DC will result in damage to the unit.

○ Do not dispose of the Li-Ion Battery Pack in a fire. Do not carry a Li-Ion Battery Pack in your pocket, where keys or coins could short the terminals. This could create a serious fire/burn danger, and possibly cause damage to the Li-Ion pack.

How to Install the Quick Draw Belt Clip

○ Connect the hanger to the rear of the **FTA-720**, with the notch pointing directly up, using the supplied screw (Fig 1). Use only the screw included with the clip to mount the clip to the back of the **FTA-720**!

○ Clip the Quick-Draw Belt Clip onto your belt (Fig 2).

○ To install the **FTA-720** into the Quick-Draw Belt Clip, align the hanger with the Quick-Draw Belt Clip, and slide the **FTA-720** into its slot until a click is heard (Fig 3).

○ To remove the **FTA-720** from the Quick-Draw Belt Clip, rotate the **FTA-720** 180 degrees, then slide the **FTA-720** out from the Quick-Draw Belt Clip (Fig 4).
Installation of FNB-80LI Battery Pack
The **FNB-80LI** is a high-performance Lithium-Ion battery providing high capacity in a very compact package. Under normal use, the **FNB-80LI** may be used for approximately 300 charge cycles, after which operating time may be expected to decrease. If you have an old battery pack which is displaying capacity which has become diminished, you should replace the pack with a new one.

- Install the **FNB-80LI** as shown in the illustration.
- Close the Battery Pack Latch on the bottom of the radio.

⚠️ Do not attempt to open any of the rechargeable Li-Ion packs, as personal injury or damage to the Li-Ion pack could occur if a cell or cells become accidentally short-circuited.

Battery Charging
If the battery has never been used, or its charge is depleted, it may be charged by connecting the **PA-48B/C** Battery Charger, as shown in the illustration, to the **EXT DC** jack. If only 12 ~ 15 Volt DC power is available, the optional **E-DC-5B** DC Cable (w/cigarette lighter plug) or **E-DC-6** DC Cable may also be used for charging the battery, as shown in the illustration. “Now Charging . . .” will blink in the display while the battery is being charged. When charging is finished (approximately five hours), the display will change to indicate “Complete” and the **BUSY/TX** indicator will blink blue.

**Important Notes:**
- Do not leave the charger connected to the transceiver for continuous periods in excess of 24 hours. Long term overcharging can degrade the Li-Ion battery pack and significantly shorten its useful life.
- If using a charger other than the **PA-48B/C**, or if using a battery pack other than the **FNB-80LI**, follow the appropriate instructions provided with the charger/battery. Contact your Dealer if you have any doubts about the appropriateness of the particular charger or battery pack you intend to use.
Installation of
FBA-23 Alkaline Battery Case (Option)
The optional FBA-23 Battery Case allows receive monitoring using two “AA” size Alkaline batteries.

To Install Alkaline Batteries into the FBA-23
☐ Slide the batteries into the FBA-23 as shown in the illustration, with the Negative [–] side of the batteries touching the spring connections inside the FBA-23.
☐ Open the Battery Pack Latch on the bottom of the radio.
☐ Install the FBA-23 into the battery compartment on the back of the transceiver, then close the Battery Pack Latch on the bottom of the radio.

Before You Begin

The FBA-23 does not provide connections for charging, since Alkaline cells cannot be re-charged. Therefore, the PA-48B/C, E-DC-5B, or E-DC-6 may safely be connected to the EXT DC jack when the FBA-23 is installed.

Notes:
☐ The FBA-23 is designed for use only with AA-type Alkaline cells.
☐ If you do not use the FTA-720 for a long time, remove the Alkaline batteries from the FBA-23, as battery leakage could cause damage to the FBA-23 and/or the transceiver.
Low Battery Indication

- As you battery discharges during use, the voltage will gradually become lower. When the “□” begins blinking on the LCD display, the battery pack must be recharged before further use.

- Avoid recharging Li-Ion batteries before the “Low Battery” indicator is observed, as this can degrade the charge capacity of your Li-Ion battery pack. Yaesu recommends that you carry an extra, fully-charged pack with you so you will not lose communications capability due to a depleted Li-Ion battery. This “deep cycling” practice will help to maintain longer overall battery life after many recharging cycles.
Basic Operation

Preliminary Steps

- Install a charged battery pack onto the transceiver, as described previously.
- To attach the supplied antenna to the FTA-720, grasp the base of the antenna firmly, and exert a moderate “pinching” pressure on the base as you press the antenna onto the radio’s antenna connector. While exerting this pressure, rotate the antenna clockwise 1/4 turn to lock the antenna in place.

Operation Quick Start

- To turn the radio on, press and hold in the (PWR) Switch for 3 seconds.
- The opening message will appear on the display, then frequency display will appear.
- Press the key to switch the operating band between the AIR band and FM BC band.
- Directly entering frequencies from the keypad is the easiest method if you know the frequency on which you wish to operate. Just enter the five digits of the frequency to move to that frequency. However, there is a short-cut for frequencies ending in zero - press the key after the last non-zero digit.
  
  For example, to set 134.35 MHz, press \(1 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 5\).
  To set 118.000 MHz:
  \(1 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0\)
To set 118.275 MHz, you do not need to press the final “5” in the frequency:

\[
\text{VOR TN} \rightarrow \text{VOR TN} \rightarrow \text{STEP} \rightarrow \text{CT} \rightarrow \text{FPL ST}.
\]

**Note:** When the entered frequency is outside of the current operating band, the entry is ignored (i.e. FTA-720 does not permit entry of an FM BC band frequency while operating in the AIR band).

- You may also turn the top panel’s **DIAL** selector knob to choose the desired operating frequency. The channel frequency will appear on the LCD.
- To change frequency in 1 MHz steps, press the key momentarily, then rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to select the MHz digit desired. Press the key once more to resume normal channel step.
- Rotate the **VOL** knob to set the volume level. If no signal is present, press and hold in the **MONITOR** button for 2 seconds; background noise will now be heard, and you may use this noise to set the **VOL** knob for the desired audio level. Press the **MONITOR** button momentarily to silence the noise and resume normal (quiet) monitoring.
- To turn the radio off, press and hold in the **(PWR)** switch for 3 seconds.

### Squelch Adjustment

- Press and hold in the **SQL** key for 3 seconds. This instantly recalls Menu Item “SQL” on the Air Band, Weather Channel, or BRS Band or “FM Radio SQL” on the FM BC band.
- Press the **SQL** key to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to set the squelch threshold (0 - 8) so that the receiver is just silenced. A higher number indicates that a higher signal level is required in order to open the squelch.
- When you have made your setting, press the **SQL** key to save the new setting, then press the **PTT** key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.
Basic Operation

Accessing the 121.5 MHz Emergency Frequency
The FTA-720 can quickly access the 121.500 MHz Emergency Frequency. This function can be activated even when the keypad lock function is in use.

- To access the Emergency Frequency, press the key momentarily.
- To exit the Emergency Frequency, press the key momentarily.

Tuning Methods
Throughout this manual, you will see references to several different frequency setting methods. Each will be particularly useful in a particular operating situation, and they are described below:

- **VFO (Variable Frequency Oscillator)**
  The VFO is a “tuning dial” system which allows you to tune through the AIR band and FM BC band using the DIAL selector, the Keypad, or the scanner. To select these bands, press the key momentarily.

- **MR (Memory Recall)**
  The MR (Memory Recall) mode of the FTA-720 provides the user with the ability to store and recall as many as 68 channels in the radio’s main memory bank. These memory channels may also be labeled by you with an alpha/numeric name of up to 8 characters in length, to aid in quick identification of the channel. See page 20 for details on creating alpha/numeric labels.
**BASIC OPERATION**

- **BOOK (Pre-Programmed) Memories**
  The Book memories are pre-programmed, either at the factory or by your Dealer (depending on your country’s requirements), typically including the major AIR band station frequencies used in your area (See page 59 for channel list). The Book memories can be changed by the user. See page 44 for details.

- **WX (Weather Channel) Memories** (USA version only)
  Ten Weather Channels are pre-programmed at the factory. The FTA-720 will automatically scan this special bank when it is selected by the user.

- **BRS (Business Radio Service) Memories**
  22 BRS Channels are pre-programmed at the factory. See page 35 for details of BRS Memory Channel Operation (USA version only).

**Transmission**

- To transmit, press and hold in the **PTT** switch. Speak into the microphone area of the front panel grille in a normal voice level.
- To return to the receive mode, release the **PTT** switch.
Reception of Weather Channel Broadcasts (USA version only)
The FTA-720 can receive VHF Weather Channel broadcasts, which may assist your flight planning. The FTA-720 includes a ten-channel auto-search feature, which simplifies access to Weather Channels when you are in an unfamiliar location.

- To receive Weather Channels, press the [SEL] key (repeatedly, if necessary) to select the Weather Channel mode. In the Weather Channel mode, “WX” will appear upper left corner of the display.

- The FTA-720 will now scan quickly though the ten standard Weather Channels, and will stop on the first active station found.

- If there are two or more weather channels audible in your area, you may select the alternate channel(s) by pressing the [PTT] switch. Pressing the [PTT] switch re-initiates the scanning process.

- If there are no Weather Channels in your area, the scanner will not stop. Press the [MONITOR] button to stop the scanner.

- You can also select Weather Channels manually by rotating the [DIAL] selector knob.

- To exit the Weather Channel mode, press the [SEL] key momentarily to return to the VFO mode.

**Note 1:** In the event of extreme weather disturbances, such as storms and hurricanes, the NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) sends a weather alert accompanied by a 1050 Hz tone and subsequent weather report on one of the NOAA weather channels. You may setup the Alert function when receiving the Weather Alert signal via Menu Item (6. Misc Setup, 3. WX Alert), if desired.

**Note 2:** The Weather Channel mode memorizes the last Weather Channel you have used, and will retain this information until the radio is turned off.

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<td>WX 3</td>
<td>162.4750 MHz</td>
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<td>WX 4</td>
<td>162.4250 MHz</td>
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<td>WX 5</td>
<td>162.4500 MHz</td>
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<td>162.5000 MHz</td>
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<td>WX 10</td>
<td>163.2750 MHz</td>
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Monitor Key
When listening to a very weak signal from an aircraft or ground station, you may observe the signal disappearing periodically as the incoming signal strength becomes too weak to override the squelch threshold setting.

To disable the squelch temporarily, press and hold the MONITOR key for 2 seconds on the left side of the radio, just below the PTT button. The “MON” icon will appear on the display, and the squelch will remain open and you should have a better chance of hearing weak signals.

To return to normal operation, press the MONITOR key momentarily; the “MON” icon will disappear from the display.

ANL (Automatic Noise Limiter) Feature
For reduction of impulse noise, such as that produced by an engine’s ignition system, the ANL feature may prove helpful.

□ To activate the ANL feature, press the key momentarily. The “ANL” icon will appear on the display, and you should observe a reduction in the ignition noise.

□ To turn the ANL feature off, press the key again; the “ANL” icon will disappear from the display.

Note: The ANL feature is only activated on the Air Band.
LOCK Function
The lock function prevents accidental changes to the frequency setting and the keypad controls.

- To activate the lock feature, press the key followed by the key.
- In the LOCK mode, the “ Locke” icon will appear on the display.
- To turn the lock feature off, press press the key followed by the key again; the “ Locke” icon will disappear from the display.
- You can still access the 121.500 MHz Emergency Frequency when the LOCK function is on. Simply press the key momentarily (this key never locks). Pressing this key also unlocks the radio.

Beep On/Off
The FTA-720’s key/button beeper provides convenient audible feedback whenever a button is pressed. Each key and button has a different beep pitch, and each function has a unique beep combination.

When you are scanning, the beeper will be heard each time the scanner halts on a busy channel. This may be distracting in some environments; if you want to turn the beeper off (or back on again):

- Press and hold the key for 2 seconds. This instantly recalls Menu Item “Beeper.”
- Press the key to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the desired selection.
  On: Sounds a keypad beeper corresponding to a musical note.
  DTMF: Sounds a keypad beeper corresponding to a DTMF tone.
  Off: Keypad beeper is “off.”
- When you have made your selection, press the key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.
Receive Battery Saver Setup
An important feature of the FTA-720 is its Receive Battery Saver, which “puts the radio to sleep” for a time interval, periodically “waking it up” to check for activity. If somebody is talking on the channel, the FTA-720 will remain in the “active” mode, then resume its “sleep” cycles. This feature significantly reduces quiescent battery drain, and you may change the amount of “sleep” time between activity checks using the Menu System:

- Press the **F** key, then press the **SET** key to activate the Menu (“SET”) mode.
- Rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to select Menu Item “3. Receive,” then press the **SET** key.
- Rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to select Sub Menu Item “5. RX Save,” then press the **SET** key.
- Press the **SET** key again to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to select the desired “duty cycle” (receive:sleep). The selections available are 1:1, 1:2, 1:3, 1:4, 1:5, and ABS* or off. The default value is ABS.
- When you have made your selection, press the **SET** key to save the new setting, then press the **PTT** key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.

*ABS: Automatic Battery Saver, based on activity on the receiver.

The setting of 1:5 will promote the greatest conservation of battery capacity, but the receiver’s response time to incoming calls will be slowed somewhat.

Note: The Receive Battery Saver feature does not operate during Scan, Dual Watch, or Spectrum Scop Monitoring.
The **FTA-720** provides 70 user-programmable Main memories, labeled “MR1” through “MR68”, “MRLch,” and “MRUch,” up to 90 pre-programmed memories, designated “Book” Memories, labeled “BMR1” through “BMR90,” and one Home channel, allowing storage and quick recall of favorite operating frequency.

The Main memories and “Book” Memories can be assigned alpha-numeric names of up to eight characters.

**Memory System Operation**

The **FTA-720**’s Main Memory system allows the user to store, label, and recall channel frequencies which you may want to use frequently. You may store VFO frequencies, “Book” Memory frequencies, and/or Weather Channel frequencies (USA version only) into the Main Memory system.

**Memory Storage**

- Select the desired frequency in the VFO mode, or recall the “Book” Memory channel or Weather channel to be stored in the Main Memory.
- Press and hold in the **key** for 2 seconds. The display will indicate “MW” and a channel number will blink on the LCD.
- Within five seconds of pressing the **key**, rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to select the desired memory channel number for storage. In order to prevent writing over memory channels, an “[ ]” icon will appear at the right of the channel number to indicate if the memory channel is vacant.
- Now press and hold in the **key** for 2 seconds; you will now see the blinking “A” character on the LCD. To attach an alpha/numeric name (label) to the memory, proceed to the next step; otherwise press and hold in the **key** for 2 seconds to save the entry and exit.
- To label a memory with an alpha/numeric name, the next step is to use the **DIAL** selector knob to select any of the 125 available characters (including letters, numbers, and special symbols). Press the **key** repeatedly to recall the desired letter, number, and symbol in the first character slot (a → . → 0 → A → a ...). When the desired first character appears, press the **key** momentarily to select it and move on to the next character.
- Select succeeding characters in the same manner, pressing the **key** momentarily after each selection.
- After entering the entire name (eight characters maximum), press the **key** for 2 seconds to save all data for the channel and exit.
MEMORY OPERATION

Recalling the Memories

- Press the \[ MR \] key, repeatedly if necessary, until “MR” (Memory Recall) appears on the display. In the MR mode, you will see the previously-selected channel number appearing at the bottom of the “MR” icon on the LCD.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the desired memory channel.
- You may change the readout structure of the Memory display between “Frequency Indication” and “Frequency Indication plus Alpha-numeric Label” by pressing the \[ F \] key followed by the \[ NAME \] key.
- To exit the Memory mode, press the \[ MR \] key four times to return to the VFO mode.

Note 1: In either the Memory mode or the “Book” Memory mode, an easy way to recall memories is to key in the memory channel number (except memory channel “Lch” and “Uch”). For example, to recall memory channel #06, press \[ 6 \] \[ NAME \] \[ 0 \] \[ 6 \].

Note 2: In either the Memory mode or the “Book” Memory mode, you can change memory channels in 10-channel steps: press the \[ F \] key momentarily, then rotate the DIAL selector knob. The “F” icon will show at the left bottom of the display when the 10-channel-step tuning mode is active. Press the \[ F \] key once more to resume normal channel selection in one-channel steps.

Memory Offset Tuning

Once you have recalled a particular memory channel, you may easily tune off that channel, as though you were in the “VFO” mode.

- With the FTA-720 in the Memory Recall mode, select the desired memory channel.
- Now press and hold in the \[ MT \] key for 2 seconds. The “MR” indicator will be replaced by one which says “MT” (Memory Tuning).
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob, as desired, to tune to a new frequency. The synthesizer steps selected for VFO operation on the current band will be the steps used during Memory Tuning.
- If you wish to return to the original memory frequency, press and hold in the \[ MT \] key for 2 seconds. The “MT” indicator will be replaced by “MR”.
- If you wish to store a new frequency set during Memory Tuning, just press and hold in the \[ MR \] key for 2 seconds, per normal memory storage procedure.

Note: The Memory Offset Tuning feature will not engage on any memories on which BRS channels are stored.
Deleting Memories

- With the FTA-720 in the Memory mode, rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the memory channel you wish to delete.
- Press the key, then press and hold the key for 2 seconds. The previously-selected memory will be deleted.

Note: Once deleted, channel data cannot be recovered!

Home Channel Memory

A special “HOME” channel is available, to allow quick recall of a favorite operating frequency. Memory storage is simple to accomplish:

- Select the desired frequency in the VFO mode, or recall the “Book” Memory channel or Weather channel to be stored in the “HOME” channel.
- Press and hold in the key for 2 seconds. The display will indicate “MW” and a channel number will blink on the LCD.
- Within five seconds of pressing the key, press and hold in the key for 2 seconds. The frequency and other data (if any) will now be stored in the special “HOME” channel register.
- To recall the “HOME” channel, press the key followed by the key.

You may also attach an alpha/numeric name (label) to the “HOME” channel.

- Recall the “HOME” channel, by pressing the key followed by the key.
- Now press and hold in the key for 2 seconds; you will now see the blinking “A” character on the LCD. Use the DIAL selector knob to select any of the 125 available characters (including letters, numbers, and special symbols). Press the key repeatedly to recall the desired letter, number, and symbol in the first character slot (a → . → 0 → A → a ...). When the desired first character appears, press the key momentarily to select it and move on to the next character.
- Select succeeding characters in the same manner, pressing the key momentarily after each selection.
- After entering the entire name (eight characters maximum), press the key for 2 seconds to save all data for the channel and exit.
- Press the key followed by the key to change the readout structure of the Memory display between “Frequency Indication” and “Frequency Indication plus Alpha-numeric Label.”
Basic Scan
The FTA-720 allows you to scan automatically in the VFO*¹, Main Memory, “Book” Memory, Weather Channel*² or BRS Memory modes. It pauses on signals encountered, so you can talk to the station(s) on that frequency, if you like.

*1: In the VFO mode, the automatic scanner is only available in the current operating band (AIR band or FM BC band). Furthermore, on the AIR band, the automatic scanner is only available in the COM band (118.000 - 136.975 MHz); when the scanner reaches the uppermost frequency in the COM band, it will revert to the bottom end of the COM band and repeat the scanning process until you cancel the scanning process.

*2: USA version only.

If you wish to scan in the NAV band (108.000 - 117.975 MHz), you can do so manually, as described below.

Scanning operation is basically the same in each of the above modes.

Press the key momentarily to start the automatic scanner upward (toward a higher frequency or a higher channel number).

When the scanner encounters a signal, scanning pauses and the radio remains on that channel until one second after the signal disappears, after which scanning will resume.

While the scanner remains paused on a frequency, the decimal point of the frequency display blinks. The display will be illuminated unless the Scan Lamp Feature is turned off.

To change the scan direction, turn the DIAL selector knob one click in the opposite direction.

To stop the automatic scanner, press the PTT switch or the key momentarily.

The FTA-720’s automatic scanner is not operational in the NAV band (108.000 - 117.975 MHz), because the NAV stations (ILS, etc.) transmit constantly (thereby causing the scanner to stop repeatedly). However, you can scan manually in the NAV band, per the following procedure:

Press and hold the key to start the manual scanner. Scanning will continue as long as the key is depressed.

Release the key to stop the manual scanner immediately.

Note: When scanning upward in frequency, when the frequency reaches the COM Band (118.000 - 136.975 MHz) via manual scanning, the FTA-720 will switch to the automatic scanner mode.
SCANNING OPERATION

Channel-Skip Scanning
Continuous-carrier stations like ATIS (Automatic Terminal Information Service) or Weather Broadcast stations inhibit scanner operation. Since these stations are always active, the scanner will be halted repeatedly on their channels. Such channels can be set to be “Skipped” during Memory scanning (MR, Book, WX, or BRS modes), if you like, so as not to interfere with automatic channel scanning:

☐ Recall the Memory Channel to be skipped during scanning.
☐ Press and hold the **SKIP** key for 2 seconds. The “취” icon will appear at the left of the frequency display, indicating that the channel is to be ignored during scanning.
☐ Later, to re-enable the memory channel for scanning, repeat the first two steps. The “취” icon will disappear by the channel you have just re-enabled.

*Note:* A memory set to be “Skipped” is still accessible for manual memory selection using the **DIAL** selector knob.

Programmable (Band Limit) Memory Scan (PMS)
This feature allows you to set sub-band limits for either scanning or manual VFO operation. For example, you might wish to set up a limit of COM band (118.000 MHz to 136.975 MHz. Here’s how to do this:

☐ Set the radio to the VFO mode by pressing the **SEL** key and set the radio to the AIR band by pressing the **AIR** key, if necessary.
☐ Using the techniques learned earlier, store 118.000 MHz into Memory Channel “Lch” (the “Lch” designates the Lower sub-band limit).
☐ Likewise, store 136.975 MHz into Memory Channel “Uch” (the “Uch” designates the Upper sub-band limit).
☐ Switch to the Memory mode by pressing the **SEL** key once, then rotate the **DIAL** to select Memory Channel “Lch.”
☐ Press and hold in the **SEL** key for 2 seconds to start PMS operation; the “MR” label will be replaced by “PMS” in the upper left-hand corner of the display.
☐ Tuning and scanning (pressing the **SEL** key) will now be limited within the just-programmed range.

*Note:* The PMS feature will not engage if a BRS channel is stored in either the “Lch” or “Uch” memory slot.
The Dual Watch feature automatically checks for activity on a “Priority” channel* while you are operating on another channel. During Dual Watch operation, the current channel and the Priority channel will each be polled for a 500 ms interval, as the FTA-720 looks for activity on each channel.

- To start Dual Watch, press the \textbf{F} key followed by the \textbf{MT} key.
- The “DW” icon will appear on the display.
- While receiving on the “current” channel (not the Priority channel), you may push the \textbf{PTT} switch at any time to transmit on that channel.
- When a signal is received on the Priority channel, operation immediately shifts to the Priority channel; the “DW” icon will blink, and the display will become illuminated.

- While receiving on the priority channel, if you momentarily press the \textbf{PTT} switch, Dual Watch will be disabled. You may then transmit on the Priority Channel.
- To stop Dual Watch, press the \textbf{F} key followed by the \textbf{MT} key.
- If you wish, you may use both the Dual Watch and Scan features simultaneously. To do this, start the Dual Watch first, then start the Scanner.

* The “Priority” channel is defined as the last-used Memory Channel (when using the VFO, “Book” memory, and “BRS” modes) or Memory Channel “1” (when using the Main Memory mode).
Similar to Dual Watch operation (described on previous page), Priority Dual Watch is an enhanced version which includes the following additional features:

- The receiving time interval (ratio) between the current channel and the Priority channel may be customized via the Menu Item “PRI Time.” See page 51 for details.
- Irrespective of which channel is currently being received, when the PTT button is pushed transmission will always occur on the Priority channel.

Before initiating Priority Dual Watch, Menu Item “DW/PRI” must be set to the “PRI” mode (instead of “DW”). See page 50 for details.

To start Priority Dual Watch, press the key followed by the key. The “DW” icon will appear on the display.

While receiving on the “current” (non-Priority) channel, pressing the PTT button once causes the radio to switch to the Priority channel and cancels Dual Watch. Press the PTT button again to transmit on the Priority channel.

When a signal is received on the Priority channel, reception immediately shifts to the Priority channel; the “DW” icon will blink, and the display will become illuminated unless the Scan Lamp Feature is turned off.

While receiving on the Priority channel, if you momentarily press the PTT switch, Priority Dual Watch will be disabled. You may then transmit on the Priority Channel.

To stop Priority Dual Watch, press the key followed by the key.
SPECTRUM SCOPE MONITOR

If you assign the Spectrum Scope Monitor feature to the key (see page 40), you may view operating activity on channels above and below the current operating channel while operating in the VFO, Memory Tune, and PMS modes.

The display indicates the relative signal strength on channels immediately adjacent to the current operating frequency.

☐ Set the radio to the VFO mode by pressing the key, if necessary.

☐ Press (or press and hold in) the key to activate the Spectrum Scope Monitor.

☐ Once the Spectrum Scope Monitor is activated, press the key to change the visible bandwidth between ±15 channels and ±30 channels (default: ±30 channels). The visible bandwidth, however, depends on the selected channel step size, so match the channel step to those typically used in your area.

☐ To turn the Spectrum Scope Monitor off and operate on the centered (and displayed) channel, simply press the PTT switch.

Note 1: Audio output will be interrupted during Spectrum Analyzer operation. This is normal.

Note 2: The Spectrum Scope Monitor may not be activated on the BRS Memories.
VOR NAVIGATION (AIR BAND)

General VOR Equipment

- COURSE Indicator
- COURSE Deviation Needle
- TWO-Degree Deviation Marks
- TO-FROM Flag Indicator

COM BAND

(118.0000 - 136.9750 MHz)

NAV BAND (108.0000 - 117.9750 MHz)

VOR MODE
- COURSE Indicator
- "TO" - "FROM" Flag Indicator

CDI MODE
- COURSE Indicator
- COURSE Deviation Needle
- OVERFLOW Indicator
- "TO" - "FROM" Flag Indicator
To Select the VOR Mode

- When entering the NAV band (108.000 - 117.975 MHz), the FTA-720 selects the VOR mode automatically. The “Course Indicator” will appear on the display, and the “TO” or “FROM” indicator will appear at the right of the “Course Indicator” on the display.

Note: The “Course Indicator” indicates “- - -” when either your aircraft is too far away from the VOR station or if the frequency is not correctly set to that of the VOR station. Conversely, the “Course Indicator” will indicate “Loc” when receiving a localizer channel. The FTA-720 cannot decode a localizer signal.

- The “TO” or “FROM” flag indicators indicate whether the VOR navigation information is based on a course leading to the VOR station or leading away from the VOR station.

- To change the flag from “TO” to “FROM” or vice versa, press the key followed by the key or key, respectively.

- The (small) frequency indication may be toggled to display using larger characters (but “Course Indicator” and “TO”/“FROM” flag are reduced in size), if you assign the “XFER” feature to the key. See page 40 for details.
Flying to a VOR Station
The FTA-720 can indicate the deviation from the direct course to a VOR station.

- Select a VOR station on your aeronautical chart and turn the DIAL selector knob (or enter the frequency directly with the keypad) to the frequency of the VOR station.
- To indicate the deviation between your current flight path and the desired course, press the [F] key followed by the [C] key to change to the CDI (Course Deviation Indicator) mode. The “Course Deviation Arrow” will appear on the display when your aircraft is off the direct course to the VOR station.
- When your aircraft is off course to the right, the Course Deviation Arrow display will show bars to the left side of the diamond (“|||”), When your aircraft is off course to the left, the Course Deviation Arrow display will show bars to the right side of the diamond (“|||”). Correct your course until no bars appear on either side of the CDI “diamond” (only (“”) will be visible when the heading is correct).
- To return to the DVOR mode, press the [F] key followed by the [1] key.

The Aircraft is “ON COURSE”

OFF COURSE to the “right” 6 degrees

OFF COURSE to the “left” 6 degrees
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The Aircraft is “ON COURSE”

VOR (TAC)  
Los Angeles  
LAX - 113.600MHz

The Aircraft is “OFF COURSE”

VOR (TAC)  
Los Angeles  
LAX - 113.600MHz
Entering a Desired Course

The FTA-720 can also be configured to indicate the deviation from the desired course, not only the deviation from the path to the VOR station.

- Set the frequency to the desired VOR station.
- Change the “TO” or “FROM” indication to “TO,” if it is not in that mode already.
- Press the F key followed by the 4 key to change to the CDI mode.
- Set the desired course to the VOR station using the DIAL selector knob or keypad (three-digit input; e.g. for 47°, press 40 → 44 → 7).

**Note 1:** The (“|||”) or (“|||”) indication will appear on the display when your aircraft is off the desired course.

**Note 2:** When your heading is correct, the ABCS function (see below) may be more useful than the course input option.

- The Course Deviation Arrow points to the right when your aircraft is off course to the left, and it points to the left when your aircraft is off course to the right.

**Note 1:** To get back on course, fly right more than the number of degrees indicated by the Course Deviation Arrow.

**Note 2:** If the overflow indicator “►” appears on the right side, select a heading plus 10 degrees to the desired course; if the overflow indicator “◄” appears on the left side, select a heading minus 10 degrees.

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**Auto Bearing Center System (ABCS) Mode**

In the CDI mode, the Auto Bearing Center System (ABCS) adds or subtracts the number of degrees indicated by the CDI from the Omni Bearing Selector (OBS).
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**Position Cross-checking**

- Select two VOR stations on your aeronautical chart.
- Set the frequency of one of the VOR stations in the VOR mode. The course indicator will show the course deviation from the VOR radial. Note the radial you currently are on.

- Now set the frequency of the other VOR station in the VOR mode. Note the radial from the station you are on.
- Extend the radials from each VOR station on the chart. Your aircraft is located at the point where the lines intersect.

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**Cross-checking Position**

- VFO 115.7000
  - 4.5° FROM ANL
  - AM

- VFO 113.6000
  - 28.5° FROM ANL
  - AM
Split Operation
The split operation feature allows you to transmit a call to a Flight Service Station using the COM band frequencies, while receiving a VOR station (in the NAV band). VOR stations equipped with this capability typically are shown, on navigation charts, with the voice calling frequency in parenthesis above the navigation frequency.

- Press the $SEL key, repeatedly if necessary, to select the VFO mode.
- Set the desired VOR station’s frequencies in the NAV band (108.000 - 117.975 MHz) using the DIAL selector knob or keypad.
- Press the $F key followed by the $D key. The “$S” icon will blink, and the transmit frequency will appear on the display.
- Now set your radio’s transmit frequency, where the Flight Service Station will be listening for calls, using the DIAL selector knob or keypad.

- Press and hold in the $SPL key for 2 seconds to save the transmit frequency and return to the NAV band frequency.
- Press and hold in the PTT switch to transmit on the split transmit frequency.
- Release the PTT switch to return to the receive mode.
- To disable the “Split” function, set the receiving frequency to any frequency outside of the NAV band (the “$S” icon will disappear).

**Note:** A split frequency can be programmed into each memory channel independently. Set a transmit frequency before programming the memory channel, if desired. The split function on/off setting can also be programmed into a memory channel.
Recalling the BRS Channels

- Press the key, repeatedly if necessary, until “BRS” (Business Radio Service) appears on the display. In the BRS mode, you will see the previously-selected channel number appearing at the bottom of the “BRS” icon on the LCD.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the desired BRS channel.
- You may engage a CTCSS/DCS “Decoder” temporarily during BRS operation. Refer to the next chapters for information on how this may enhance operation.

To exit the BRS mode, press the key momentarily to return to the VFO mode.

CTCSS Operation

The FTA-720 can be used to silently monitor for calls on busy channels of the BRS band. The CTCSS decoder monitors receiver audio through a narrow filter at the same subaudible frequency, keeping the squelch closed until a matching tone is received.

The CTCSS setup involves two actions: setting the Tone Mode and then setting of the Tone Frequency. These actions are set up by using the and keys, or Menu Items (SQL Type) and (TONE Set).

- Press and hold the key for 3 seconds. This instantly recalls Menu Item (SQL Type).
- Press the key again to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob so that “TSQ” appears; this means that the CTCSS Decoder is active, which mutes your FTA-720’s receiver until it receives a call from another radio sending out a matching CTCSS tone. This can help keep your radio quiet until a specific call is received, which may

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The “TSQ” icon will appear at the bottom of the display when the CTCSS Decoder is activated.

Note: The **FTA-720** will not “remember” the CTCSS Tone Mode and Tone Frequency. If you would like to maintain the CTCSS information permanently, we recommend you store the channel information, including the CTCSS data, into a Memory Channel. See page 20 for details regarding Memory storage.

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be helpful while operating in congested areas.

**Note:** You may notice an additional “DCS” icon appearing while you rotate the **DIAL** selector knob in this step. We’ll discuss the Digital Code Squelch system shortly.

- When you have made your selection of the CTCSS Tone Mode, press the key momentarily, then rotate the **DIAL** selector knob one click clockwise to select Menu Item (TONE Set). This Menu selection allows setting of the CTCCSS Tone Frequency to be used.

- Press the key to enable the adjustment of the CTCSS Tone Frequency.

- Rotate the **DIAL** selector knob until the display indicates the CTCSS Tone Frequency you need to be using.

- When you have made your selection, press the key to save the new setting, then press the **PTT** key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.
DCS Operation
Another form of tone access control is Digital Code Squelch, or DCS. It is a newer, more advanced tone system which generally provides more immunity from false paging than does CTCSS Decoder. The DCS Decoder is built into your FTA-720, and operation is very similar to that just described for CTCSS Decoder.

Note: Just as in CTCSS Decoder, DCS Decoder requires that you set the Tone Mode to DCS and that you select a “Tone” Code.

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When you have made your selection, press the key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.

The “DCS” icon will appear at the bottom of the display when the DCS Decoder is activated.

Note: The FTA-720 will not “remember” the DCS on/off status and DCS Code. If you would like to maintain the DCS information permanently, we recommend you store the channel information, including the DCS data, into a Memory Channel. See page 20 for details regarding Memory storage.

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CTCSS/DCS Bell Operation
During CTCSS Decoder or DCS Decoder operation, you may set the FTA-720 up such that a ringing “bell” sound alerts you to the fact that a call is coming in. Here is the procedure for activating the CTCSS/DCS Bell:

- Set the transceiver up for CTCSS Decoder or DCS Decoder operation, as described previously.
- Press the \( \text{F} \) key, then press the \( \text{SEL} \) key to activate the Menu (“SET”) mode.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Menu Item “2. Sound,” then press the \( \text{SEL} \) key.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Sub Menu Item “2. Bell,” then press the \( \text{SEL} \) key.
- Press the \( \text{SEL} \) key again to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select “ON” (to enable the CTCSS/DCS Bell).
- Press the \( \text{SEL} \) key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.

When the CTCSS/DCS Bell feature is enabled, the “\( \text{Bell} \)” icon appears at the bottom center of the display. When a station calls you whose transceiver is sending a CTCSS tone or DCS code which matches that set into your decoder, the “\( \text{Bell} \)” icon will blink, the BUSY/TX indicator will flash in sequential colors, and a ringer will sound to get your attention.
**Automatic Power-Off (APO) Feature**

The APO feature helps conserve battery life by automatically turning the radio off after a user-defined period of time within which there has been no dial or key activity. The available selections for the time before power-off are 0.5/1/8 hours, as well as APO Off.

The default condition for the APO is OFF, and here is the procedure for activating it:

- Press the \( \text{key} \), then press the \( \text{key} \) to activate the Menu ("SET") mode.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Menu Item "6. Misc Setup," then press the \( \text{key} \).
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Sub Menu Item "1. APO," then press the \( \text{key} \).
- Press the \( \text{key} \) again to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the desired time period after which the radio will automatically shut down.
- When you have made your selection, press the \( \text{key} \) to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.

When the APO is activated, the "\( \text{key} \)" icon will appear at the center bottom on the LCD. If there is no action by you within the time interval programmed, the microprocessor will shut down the radio automatically.

Just press and hold in the \( \text{(PWR)} \) switch for 3 seconds to turn the transceiver back on after an APO shutdown, as usual.

**Transmitter Time-Out Timer (TOT)**

The TOT feature provides a safety switch which limits transmission to a pre-programmed value. This will promote battery conservation by not allowing you to make excessively-long transmissions, and in the event of a stuck PTT switch (perhaps if the radio or a Speaker/Mic is wedged between aircraft’s seats) it can prevent interference to other users as well as battery depletion. As configured at the factory the TOT feature is set to OFF, and here is the procedure for activating it:

- Press the \( \text{key} \), then press the \( \text{key} \) to activate the Menu ("SET") mode.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Menu Item "4. Transmit," then press the \( \text{key} \).
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Sub Menu Item "1. T.O.T." then press the \( \text{key} \).
- Press the \( \text{key} \) again to enable adjustment of this
Menu Item.

- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to set the Time-Out Timer to the desired “Maximum TX” time (1 minute, 3 minutes or 5 minutes).
- When you have made your selection, press the key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exit to normal operation.

Note: Because battery life is significantly enhanced by making only brief transmissions from your radio, try setting your FTA-720’s TOT function to time out at one minute.

Programming the Key Assignments

The key is a user-programmable key that may be set up for a pair of functions you use particularly frequently. The default key functions, as set up at the factory, have been assigned to the ANL feature (press key) and to the “Large Font” feature (press and hold key) at the factory. These may be changed by the user, if you wish to utilize another function or functions.

To program the function assigned to a key:

- Press the key, then press the key to activate the Menu (“SET”) mode.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Menu Item “5. Key Set,” then press the key.

- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Sub Menu Item “3. USER 1” (for the “press key” function) or “4. USER 2” (for the “press and hold key” function), then press the key.
- Press the key again to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the function you wish to assign to the button you selected in the previous step. The available choices are:
  - ANL: Activates the Automatic Noise Limiter in the AM mode.
  - XFER: Exchanges the display locations between the “frequency” and “Alphanumeric Tag” modes while operate on the “Memory,” “Book Memory,” and “WX” modes. This also may be used to exchange the display location between the “frequency” and “Course Indicator and TO/FROM flag” options while operating on the “NAV” band.
  - SPEC Start: Activates the Spectrum Scope Monitor feature.
  - Large Font: Switches the frequency display between the “Large Character” and “Small Character” modes.
  - None

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- When you have made your selection, press the key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.

**Display Customization**

**Display Contrast**

The LCD’s contrast may be adjusted using the Menu.

- Press the key, then press the key to activate the Menu (“SET”) mode.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Menu Item “1. Display,” then press the key.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Sub Menu Item “4. Contrast,” then press the key.
- Press the key again to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to adjust the contrast. As you make the adjustment, you will be able to see the effects of your changes.
- When you have made your selection, press the key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.

**Display Dimmer**

The LCD illumination may be adjusted using the Menu, as well.

- Press the key, then press the key to activate the Menu (“SET”) mode.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Menu Item “1. Display,” then press the key.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Sub Menu Item “5. Dimmer,” then press the key.
- Press the key again to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
- Rotate the DIAL selector knob to adjust the display illumination for a comfortable brightness level. As you make the adjustment, you will be able to see the effects of your changes.
- When you have made your selection, press the key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.
TX/BUSY Indicator Customization

Default TX/BUSY illumination colors have been assigned at the factory. These may be changed by the user, if you wish to utilize another custom-designed color hue. The Red, Green, and Blue elements of each color’s composition may be adjusted individually!

1. Press the SEL key, then press the SEL key to activate the Menu (“SET”) mode.
2. Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Menu Item “1. Display,” then press the SEL key.
3. Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select Sub Menu Item “8. RX LED” when you wish to change the BUSY indicator’s color, or Sub Menu Item “9. TX LED” when you wish to change the TX indicator’s color, then press the SEL key.
4. Press the SEL key again to enable adjustment of the selected Menu item.
5. Rotate the DIAL selector knob to adjust the “R” (red) element of the color; you will be able to see the effects of your changes. The degree of color hue is designated in a numerical scale of “000” through “255,” and you may adjust the display’s red component until it is just the way you want it. As you make the adjustment, you will be able to see the effects of your changes.

6. Press the SEL key again, then rotate the DIAL selector knob to adjust the “G” (green) element of the color.
7. Repeat the process described above to adjust the “B” (blue) element of the color.
8. Press the SEL key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.

Note: You may also change the indicator’s color of the Emergency lamp, Weather Alert lamp, and Over-Heating lamp by the Menu Items. See page 49 for details.
Changing the Channel Steps

The **FTA-720** allows you to choose channel steps in the FM broadcast band: 5/10/12.5/15/20/25/50/100 kHz per step. The **FTA-720** is set up at the factory to 100 kHz which probably is satisfactory for most operation. However, if you need to change the channel step increments, the procedure to do so is very easy.

1. Press and hold in the key for 2 seconds. This instantly recalls Menu Item (Step).
2. Press the key again to enable adjustment of this Menu Item.
3. Rotate the DIAL selector knob select the new channel step size.
4. When you have made your selection, press the key to save the new setting, then press the PTT key repetitively until the radio exit to normal operation.

**Note:** The **FTA-720** does not allow you to change the channel steps in the Air band. On the Air band, the steps are fixed at 25 kHz/step.
The **FTA-720**’s “Book” Memories also allow the user to store, label, and recall channel frequencies which you may want to use frequently by placing the **FTA-720** into the **“Field Programming mode.”**

**Memory Storage**

- Press and hold in both the PTT switch and the key, while turning the radio on, to activate the Field Programming Mode. “FD” will appear at the upper left corner on the display.
- Select the desired frequency to be stored in the Book Memory.
- Press and hold in the key for 2 seconds. The display will indicate a “Book” memory channel number will blink on the LCD.
- Within five seconds of releasing the key, rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the desired memory channel number for storage. In order to prevent writing over memory channels, a “?” icon will appear at the right of the channel number to indicate if the memory channel is vacant.
- Now press and hold in the key for 3 seconds; you will now see the blinking “A” character on the LCD. To attach an alpha/numeric name (label) to the memory, proceed to the next step; otherwise press and hold in the key for 2 seconds to save the entry and exit.
- To label a memory with an alpha/numeric name, the next step is to use the DIAL selector knob to select any of the 125 available characters (including letters, numbers, and special symbols). Press the key repeatedly to recall the desired letter, number, and symbol in the first character slot (a → . → 0 → A → a ...). When the desired first character appears, press the key momentarily to select it and move on to the next character.
- Select succeeding characters in the same manner, pressing the key momentarily after each selection.
- After entering the entire name (eight characters maximum), press the key for 2 seconds to save all data for the channel.
- Turn the radio off, then turn the radio back on again to begin normal operation.
**FIELD PROGRAMMING MODE**

**Deleting Memories**

- Press and hold in both the PTT switch and key, while turning the radio on, to activate the Field Programming Mode. “FD” will appear at the upper left corner on the display.
- Press and hold in the key for 2 seconds. The display will indicate a “Book” memory channel number will blink on the LCD.
- Within five seconds of releasing the key, rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the memory channel number you wish to delete.
- Press the key momentarily. The previously-selected memory will be deleted.
- Turn the radio off, then turn the radio back on again to begin normal operation.

**CPU RESETING**

In some instances of erratic or unpredictable operation, the cause may be corruption of data in the microprocessor (due to static electricity, etc.). If this happens, resetting of the microprocessor may restore normal operation. Note that all memories will be erased if you do a complete microprocessor reset, as described below.

To clear all memories and other settings to factory defaults:

1. Turn the radio off.
2. Press and hold in the key, and the MONITOR button, while turning the radio on.

**Notice**

Should you perform a microprocessor reset, the default setting of the LCD Contrast may be too dark for easy viewing. If so, the LCD Contrast may be easily adjusted; please follow the instructions for Set Mode Item “Display Setup 4: Contrast” as described on pages 46 and 48.
**Timer Mode**

The **FTA-720** provides both “**STOP WATCH**” and “**COUNT DOWN**” timers. These may be used for a variety of time-keeping purposes.

1. Press and hold in the key while tuning the radio on, to activate the Timer Mode.
2. Press the **MONITOR** key to toggle the Timer between “**STOP WATCH**” timer and “**COUNT DOWN**” timer. If you select the “**COUNT DOWN**” timer, rotate the **DIAL** knob to set the values for the timers (1 minutes – 59 minutes).
3. Press the **PTT** switch to start/stop the timer.
4. Turning the radio off, then on again, will return the **FTA-720** to normal operation.

**Menu (“Set”) Mode**

The Menu system allows certain aspects of your radio’s configuration to be customized for your personal operating convenience. We do not recommend that any of the default settings be changed, however, until you are thoroughly familiar with the operation of the **FTA-720**.

Here is the procedure for initiating Menu configuration changes:

- Press the **F** key, then press the **M** key, to activate the Menu (“**SET**”) mode.
- Rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to select the “**Main**” Menu, then press the **M** key.
- Rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to select the “**Sub**” Menu item you wish to view and/or modify, then press the **M** key.
- Once you have selected the desired Menu Item, press the **M** key once to view the current setting for the item.
- Rotate the **DIAL** selector knob to change the setting of the item (ON to OFF, etc.).
- Press the **M** key again to save your new setting.
- Press the **PTT** key repetitively until the radio exits to normal operation.
## MENU ("SET") MODE

A listing of the Menu items available via the SET mode may be found below.

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<td>Edits the BUSY indicator color. R: 000 - 255, G: 000 - 255, B: 000 - 255 (R: 000, G: 065, B: 000)</td>
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**1. Display**

1. **Scan Lamp**  
   **Function:** Enables/Disables the Scan lamp while paused during scanning.  
   **Available Values:** On/Off  
   **Default Setting:** On

2. **Backlight**  
   **Function:** Selects the Display illumination Mode.  
   **Available Values:** Key/Off/On  
   **Default Setting:** Key  
   **Key:** Illuminates the Display Lamp for 5 seconds when any front panel key is pressed.  
   **Off:** Disables the Display lamp.  
   **On:** Illuminates the Display lamp continuously.

3. **Large Font**  
   **Function:** Selects the frequency display between the “Large Character” and “Small Character” modes.  
   **Available Values:** Off/On  
   **Default Setting:** On

4. **Contrast**  
   **Function:** Setting of the display contrast.  
   **Available Values:** 00 - 15  
   **Default Setting:** 06

5. **Dimmer**  
   **Function:** Setting of the display brightness level.  
   **Available Values:** LV 1 - LV 4  
   **Default Setting:** LV 3

6. **Meter Symbol**  
   **Function:** Selects the S- & TX PO meter symbol.  
   **Available Values:** Four patterns  
   - ![Pattern 1]  
   - ![Pattern 2]  
   - ![Pattern 3]  
   - ![Pattern 4]  
   **Default Setting:** ![Pattern 4]

7. **Display Mode**  
   **Function:** Selects the display of the sensor units’ information.  
   **Available Values:** Off/Temp/Volt  
   **Default Setting:** Off  
   **Off:** Disables the sensor information.  
   **Temp:** Indicates the current temperature inside the transceiver’s case.  
   **Volt:** Indicates the battery voltage and battery type.
**Menu ("Set") Mode**

### 8. RX LED
**Function:** Edits the BUSY indicator color.
**Available Values:** Individual adjustments of the Red, Green, and Blue color hue may be performed, on a numerical scale of “000” to “255.” See page 42 for details.
**Default Setting:** Green (R000, G065, B000)

### 9. TX LED
**Function:** Edits the TX indicator color.
**Available Values:** Individual adjustments of the Red, Green, and Blue color hue may be performed, on a numerical scale of “000” to “255.” See page 42 for details.
**Default Setting:** Red (R111, G000, B000)

### 10. EMG LED
**Function:** Edits the Emergency lamp color.
**Available Values:** Individual adjustments of the Red, Green, and Blue color hue may be performed, on a numerical scale of “000” to “255.” See page 42 for details.
**Default Setting:** White (R127, G127, B127)

### 11. Alert LED
**Function:** Edits the Weather Alert lamp color.
**Available Values:** Individual adjustments of the Red, Green, and Blue color hue may be performed, on a numerical scale of “000” to “255.” See page 42 for details.
**Default Setting:** Green (R000, G127, B000)

### 12. TEMP LED
**Function:** Edits the Over Heating lamp color. This is a display seen when the temperature exceeds the threshold set via the “TEMP Set” setting (see page 53).
**Available Values:** Individual adjustments of the Red, Green, and Blue color hue may be performed, on a numerical scale of “000” to “255.” See page 42 for details.
**Default Setting:** Light Blue (R127, G000, B127)

### 2. Sound
#### 1. Beeper
**Function:** Select the Keypad beeper tone.
**Available Values:** On/DTMF/Off
**Default Setting:** On
**On:** Enables the keypad beeper.
**DTMF:** Enables the keypad beeper with DTMF tones.
**Off:** Disables the keypad beeper.

#### 2. Bell
**Function:** Enables/disables the Bell Ringer function.
**Available Values:** On/Off
**Default Setting:** Off
3. Power On Beep
**Function:** Selects the Power-on beep.
**Available Values:** Off/Mode 1/Mode 2/Mode 3
**Default Setting:** Mode 1

3. **Receive**

1. **SQL**
   **Function:** Sets the Squelch threshold level for the AM and FM Narrow modes.
   **Available Values:** 0 - 8
   **Default Setting:** 6

2. **FM Radio SQL**
   **Function:** Sets the Squelch threshold level for the FM BC Band.
   **Available Values:** 0 - 8
   **Default Setting:** 3

3. **Resume**
   **Function:** Selects the Scan Resume mode.
   **Available Values:** 5secs/Busy
   **Default Setting:** 5secs
   *5secs:* The scanner will hold for 5 seconds, then resume whether or not the other station is still transmitting.
   *Busy:* The scanner will hold until the signal disappears, then will resume when the carrier drops.

4. **DW/PRI**
   **Function:** Selects the Dual Watch/Priority Function.
   **Available Values:** DW/PRI
   **Default Setting:** DW

5. **RX Save**
   **Function:** Selects the Receive-mode Battery Saver “sleep” ratio.
   **Available Values:** ABS/1:1/1:2/1:3/1:4/1:5/Off
   **Default Setting:** ABS
   The setting of “1:5” will promote the greatest conservation of battery capacity, but the receiver’s response time to incoming calls will be slowed somewhat.
   **ABS:** Automatic Battery Saver, based on activity on the receiver.
   **Note:** This feature cannot be activated during Scan or Dual Watch/Priority operation.

6. **Step**
   **Function:** Setting of the synthesizer steps.
   **Available Values:** 5k/10k/12.5k/15k/20k/25k/50k/100k
   **Default Setting:** Depends on the operating band.
### 7. PRI Time
**Function:** Selects the Priority Checking Time.
**Available Values:** 500ms/1s/1.5s/2s/2.5s/3s
**Default Setting:** 2s

This Menu Item allows you to define how often the Priority Channel will be checked for activity.

*Note:* The Dual Watch Polling time is 500ms (fixed).

### 8. SPECT Width
**Function:** Selects the visible bandwidth of the Spectrum Analyzer.
**Available Values:** ±30ch/±15ch
**Default Setting:** ±30ch

### 9. SQL Type
**Function:** Selects the Tone Decoder mode.
**Available Values:** Off/TSQ/DCS
**Default Setting:** Off
**TSQ:** CTCSS Decoder
**DCS:** Digital Coded Squelch Decoder

*Note:* This Menu Item may only be used on BRS Memory channels (it will not engage on other bands or channels).

### 10. TONE Set
**Function:** Setting of the CTCSS Tone Frequency.
**Available Values:** 39 standard CTCSS tones.
**Default Setting:** 67.0Hz

### 11. DCS Set
**Function:** Setting of the DCS Code.
**Available Values:** 106 standard DCS codes.
**Default Setting:** 023

#### CTCSS TONE FREQUENCY (Hz)

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4. Transmit

1. T.O.T
Function: Setting of the Time-Out Timer Countdown Time.
Available Values: Off/1min/3min/5min
Default Setting: Off
The Time-Out Timer shuts off the transceiver after continuous transmission exceeds the programmed time.

5. Key Set

1. Lock Mode
Function: Selects the Control Locking lockout combination.
Available Values: DIAL/KEY/KEY+DIAL/PTT/DIAL+PTT/KEY+PTT/ALL
Default Setting: KEY

2. [121.5]
Function: Selects the key function.
Available Values: 121.5/HOME
Default Setting: 121.5
121.5: Pressing this key instantly recall a 121.5 MHz “Emergency” channel.
HOME: Pressing this key instantly recalls a favorite “Home” channel.

3. USER 1
Function: Programming the key assignment (momentary-press mode).
Available Values: ANL/XFER/SPEC Start/Large Font/None
Default Setting: ANL
See page 40 for details.

4. USER 2
Function: Programming the key (press and holding) assignment.
Available Values: ANL/XFER/SPEC Start/Large Font/None
Default Setting: Large Font
See page 40 for details.

6. Misc Setup

1. APO
Function: Selects the Auto Power Off time (time before power goes off).
Available Values: Off/0.5h/1h/8h
Default Setting: Off
**Menu (“Set”) Mode**

2. Emergency

**Function:** Selects the Emergency feature.

**Available Values:** 121.5/LED+121.5/LED

**Default Setting:** LED+121.5

- **121.5:** Pressing the key momentarily accesses the 121.5 MHz Emergency Frequency.
- **LED+121.5:** Pressing the key momentarily accesses the 121.5 MHz Emergency Frequency and flashes the BUSY/TX lamp.
- **LED:** Pressing the key momentarily flashes the BUSY/TX lamp.

3. WX Alert

**Function:** Selects the Alert functions when receiving the Weather Alert Signal on the WX Channel.

**Available Values:** Alrt Off/Beep/LED/Beep+LED

**Default Setting:** Alrt Off

- **Alrt Off:** Disables the Alert function
- **Beep:** Sounds a loud beep when receiving the Weather Alert Signal.
- **LED:** Illuminate the BUSY/TX lamp when receiving the Weather Alert Signal
- **Beep+LED:** Sounds a loud beep and illuminates the BUSY/TX lamp when receiving the Weather Alert Signal.

4. TEMP Unit

**Function:** Selects the measurement units for the Temperature sensor.

**Available Values:** °F/°C

**Default Setting:** °F

5. TEMP Check

**Function:** Enables/Disables the Over-Heating Alarm

**Available Values:** Off/On

**Default Setting:** Off

6. TEMP Set

**Function:** When the “TEMP Check” Menu item is set to “On,” and the temperature passes through the threshold set in this step, the BUSY/TX indicator will change colors, to alert you to the high temperature condition. The color of the “High Temperature” indication is set via the “TEMP LED” Menu setting (page 49).

**Available Values:** [32.0 °F (0 °C)] - [230.0 °F (110 °C)]

**Default Setting:** [122.0 °F (50 °C)]

**NOTE:** When the temperature reaches approximately 220 °F (105 °C), the radio will disable transmission, to allow the radio to cool off.
7. Bandwidth

**Function:** Selects the receiving bandwidth of the BRS Memory Channel.

**Available Values:** Wide (±25 kHz)/Narrow (±12.5 kHz)

**Default Setting:** Wide (±25 kHz)

7. **OPTION**

1. **Internal MIC**

**Function:** Internal Microphone On/Off

**Available Values:** Off/On

**Default Setting:** Off

This controls the status of the radio’s internal microphone when an external microphone (such as the MH-44A4B Speaker Microphone or an aviation headset connected via the CT-96 Headset Cable) is in use. In most applications, set this Menu Item to “Off” for proper operation (this disables the internal microphone). The internal microphone will still function normally when the external microphone is disconnected.

2. **TEMP Offset**

**Function:** Correcting the Thermometer setting

**Available Values:** \([-22.8 \, ^\circ \text{F} (-12.7 \, ^\circ \text{C})\] - \([+22.8 \, ^\circ \text{F} (+12.7 \, ^\circ \text{C})]\)

**Default Setting:** 0.0 °F (0.0 °C)

This allows you to calibrate the internal thermometer with a known-to-be-accurate source.

3. **Clock Shift**

**Function:** CPU Clock Shift

**Available Values:** Off/On

**Default Setting:** Off

This function is only used to move a spurious response “birdie” should it fall on a desired frequency. Consult your Yaesu dealer for details regarding this function.
## Specifications

**General**

**Frequency Range:**
- TX: 118.000 - 136.975 MHz (COM Band)
- RX: 88.000 - 108.000 MHz (FM BC Band),
  108.000 - 117.975 MHz (NAV Band),
  118.000 - 136.975 MHz (COM Band),
  151.5125 - 158.400 MHz (BRS Memory Channels),
  Weather Channel (WX-01 - WX-10)

**Channel Spacing:**
- 25 kHz (AIR Band),
- 5/10/12.5/15/20/25/50/100 kHz (FM BC Band)

**Emission Type:**
- TX: AM,
- RX: AM & FM

**Supply Voltage:**
- 4.5 - 15.0 VDC

**Current Consumption (approx.):**
- 250 µA (Power off),
- 35 mA (Battery saver on, save ratio 1:5),
- 60 mA (Squelch on),
- 180 mA (Receive),
- 800 mA (Transmit AM: 1.5W Carrier @ 7.4V),
- 400 mA (Transmit AM: 0.3W Carrier @ 4.5V)

**Temperature Range:**
- −22 °F to +140 °F (−30 °C to +60 °C)

**Case Size (WxHxD):**
- 2.36” x 3.78” x 1.12” (60 x 96 x 28.5 mm) w/FNB-80LI

**Weight (approx.):**
- 9.9 oz. (280 grams) with FNB-80LI, antenna

*Specification are subject to change without notice.*
## Specifications

### Receiver

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<td>108 MHz-137 MHz: better than 1 µV (for 6 dB S/N with 1 kHz tone @ 30 % modulation)</td>
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### Transmitter

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## Accessories & Options

### Supplied Accessories
- Li-Ion Battery Pack (7.4 V) **FNB-80LI** ........................................ 1
- Battery Charger **PA-48B** or **PA-48C** .................................. 1
- Helical Antenna **YHA-74** .................................................. 1
- Headset Cable **CT-96** ..................................................... 1
- Operating Manual .................................................................. 1
- Warranty Card ......................................................................... 1

### Available Options
- **MH-44B4B** Speaker Microphone
- **PA-48B/C** Battery Charger
- **FBA-23** Alkaline Battery Case
- **CD-15A** Desktop Rapid Charger
- **E-DC-5B** DC Cable w/Noise Filter
- **E-DC-6** DC Cable; plug and wire only

※ “B” suffix is for use with 100-240 V AC, Type-A plug or “C” suffix is for use with 100-240 V AC, Type-C plug.

- Availability of accessories may vary.
- Some accessories are supplied as standard per local requirements, while others may be unavailable in some regions.
- Consult your Yaesu Dealer for details regarding these and any newly-available options.
- Connection of any non-Yaesu-approved accessory, should it cause damage, may void the Limited Warranty on this apparatus.
- This product is designed to perform optimally when used with genuine Yaesu accessories. Yaesu shall not be liable for any damage to this product and/or accidents such as fire, leakage or explosion of a battery pack, etc., caused by the malfunction of non-Yaesu accessories.
ACCESSORIES & OPTIONS

An external PTT switch is required for use with an aviation headset.

CT-96
Headset Cable

PTT Switch (not supplied)

E-DC-5B
External Power Cable (Option)

Headset (not supplied)
## Troubleshooting

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<td>When connecting the <strong>CT-96</strong> headset cable between the radio and a headset, the red transmit LED on the radio turns on and the radio cannot be operated.</td>
<td>This happens when the connector on the <strong>CT-96</strong> headset cable is simply pushed into the <strong>MIC/EAR</strong> jack. The jack must be screwed into the <strong>MIC/EAR</strong> jack to make proper contacts within the radio.</td>
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<td>Can I purchase the optional PTT Switch from Yaesu?</td>
<td>Contact your Aviation dealer for details on purchasing an aftermarket Push-To-Talk switch.</td>
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<td>Will my headset work with this radio?</td>
<td>The <strong>CT-96</strong> headset cable is made to operate with most headsets; however to be concretely sure check with the headset manufacturer providing the wiring shown below. Please confirm the connections and connector sizes are correct.</td>
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### Headset Note:
- Earphone (speaker) Impedance: 8 Ω or above
- MIC Impedance: 150 Ω ±20%
- PTT pressed: Ground
- PTT not pressed: Open
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Quick Reference

Memory Programming
Select the desired frequency in the VFO mode, or recall the “Book” Memory channel or Weather channel to be stored in the Main Memory.

1. Press and hold in the \( \text{F} \) key.
2. Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the desired memory channel number for storage.
3. Press and hold in the \( \text{F} \) key.
4. Rotate the DIAL selector knob to select the first digit of the desired character.
5. Press the \( \text{F} \) key momentarily to select it and move on to the next character.
6. After entering the entire name (eight characters maximum), press the \( \text{F} \) key for 2 seconds to save all data for the channel and exit.

Tag Channels (Memory Display)
1. Press the \( \text{F} \) key several times to select -MR- mode.
2. Press the \( \text{F} \) key, then press the \( \text{F} \) key to change Memory display.

Band Selection
Press the \( \text{F} \) key to switch the operating band between the AIR band and FM BC band.

Mode Selection
Press the \( \text{F} \) key to switch the operating mode between the VFO mode, Memory mode, Book mode and WX mode.

Lock Function
Press the \( \text{F} \) key, Then press the \( \text{F} \) key.

VOR Navigation
1. Select the VOR station frequency.
2. Press \( \text{F} \) key, then press \( \text{F} \) or \( \text{F} \) key to change flag.
3. Press \( \text{F} \) key, course indicator display to toggle between the small display and the larger display area.
4. Press \( \text{F} \) key, then press \( \text{F} \) key to select CDI mode.
Fly to a VOR Station

1. Select a VOR station on your aeronautical chart and turn the radio back on again to begin normal operation.

2. Turn the radio off, then turn the radio back on again to begin normal operation.

3. Enter the desired frequency directly with the keypad.

4. Press the key to change the frequency.

5. Press and hold the key for 2 seconds.

6. To label a memory with an alphabetic or numeric name, proceed to the next step; otherwise press the key to save the entry and exit.

7. Press the key repeatedly to recall the desired letter, number, or symbol in the first character slot (A... à à... à 0 à... à A... à). To select the desired memory, proceed: 3. Press the key and hold for 2 seconds.

8. After entering the entire name.

9. Save all data for the channel.

(Eight characters maximum.)

Field Programming Mode

1. Press and hold in both the PTT switch and the key, while turning the radio on.

2. Select the desired frequency.

3. Be stored in the Book Memory.

4. Rotate the DIAL selector knob for storage.

5. Press and hold the key for 2 seconds.

6. To insert, exit, and move on to the next character.

7. Press the (a) key for 2 seconds to insert, exit, and move on to the next character.

8. Press the key repeatedly to recall the desired letter, number, or symbol.

9. Press the key to select CDI mode.

10. Press the key to change the size.

11. Press the key to select the desired memory channel number for storage.

12. Press and hold the key for 3 seconds.

13. To attach an alpha/numeric name (label) to the memory, proceed: 4. Press the (a) key for 2 seconds.

14. Press the key momentarily to select it and move on to the next character.

15. After entering the entire name.

16. The course indicator shows „OFF“ when the VOR signal is not received.
Part 15.21: Changes or modifications to this device not expressly approved by YAESU MUSEN could void the user’s authorization to operate this device.