

IC-A20

VHF AIR BAND TRANSCEIVER

OWNER'S MANUAL

FOREWORD

Thank you for choosing the IC-A20 VHF AIR BAND TRANSCEIVER. The IC-A20 is designed with the latest computer technology and precision VHF engineering at ICOM, and has the following advanced features:

- •VOR reception for navigation systems
- •Weatherproof and dust-tight case with molded frame design
- 5W PEP (typical) output power
- 16 user-programmable memory channels
- ●720 COM channels and 200 NAV channels

Please read this owner's manual carefully before using your IC-A20 transceiver. With proper care, the IC-A20 will provide years of dependable and enjoyable communication.

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2	CM-16U WALL CHARGER.			1
3	Flexible antenna			1
4	Rainproof cap			1
5	DC power plug			1
	Microphone plug			1
7	Earphone plug			1
	Belt clip mounting screws			
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10	IC-CM1 CIGARETTE LIGHT	TI	ΞR	
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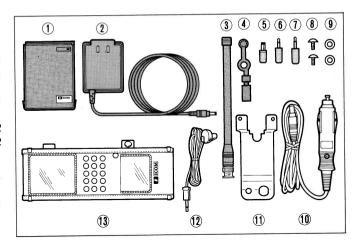
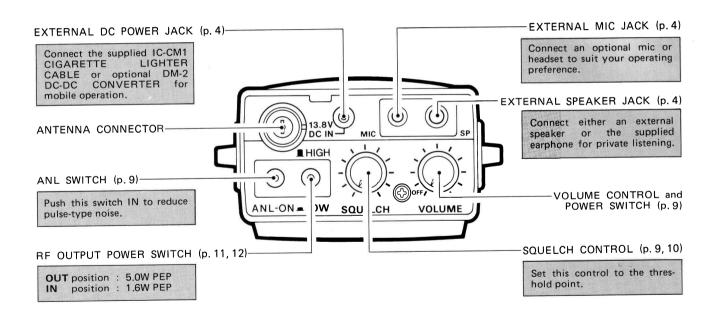


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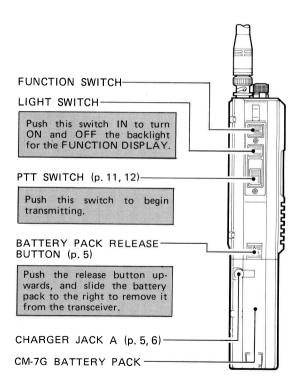
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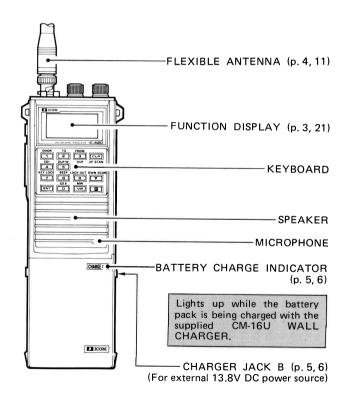
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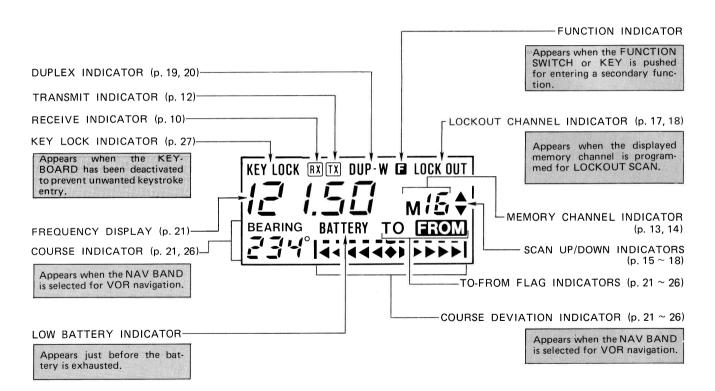
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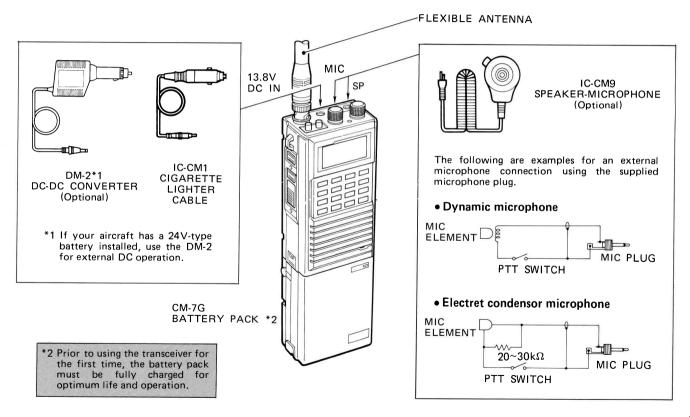


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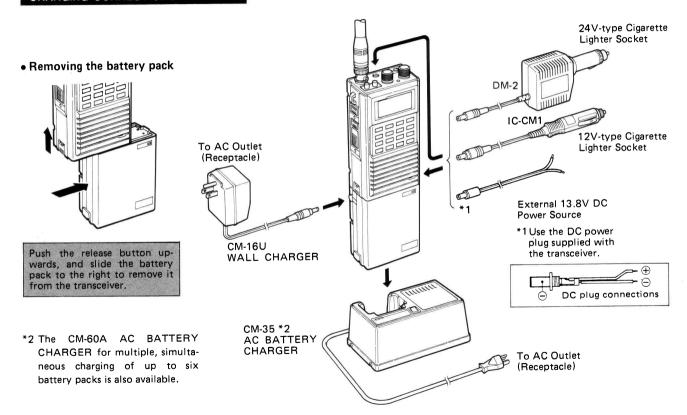


2. PRE-OPERATION

OPERATING CONNECTIONS



CHARGING CONNECTIONS



BATTERY CHARGING

■ USING THE CM-16U WALL CHARGER

■ USING OTHER CHARGERS

BATTERY PACK NOTE

■ BATTERY PACK CAUTIONS

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

- 1) Connect the supplied CM-16U WALL CHARGER.
- 2) Charge the battery pack for about 15 hours.
 - The BATTERY CHARGE INDICATOR lights up while charging.
 - The battery pack need not be installed on the transceiver for charging. However, if it is, be sure to turn the transceiver OFF.

CHARGER MODEL	CM-35	IC-CM1, DM-2
CHARGE TIME	1.5 hours	15 hours

The full charge capacity of NiCd batteries may be reduced if repeatedly charged with only partial discharge periods. This is called the Battery Memory Effect. If the battery capacity seems lower than when new, discharge the battery pack completely through normal use, then charge fully using the proper charger.

- NEVER throw the battery pack into a fire since internal battery gas could cause an explosion.
- NEVER put the battery pack in water. If the battery pack is wet, be sure to wipe it dry.
- NEVER short the terminals on the top panel of the battery pack.
 Use the plastic insulator strip provided to prevent this.

3. BASIC OPERATION

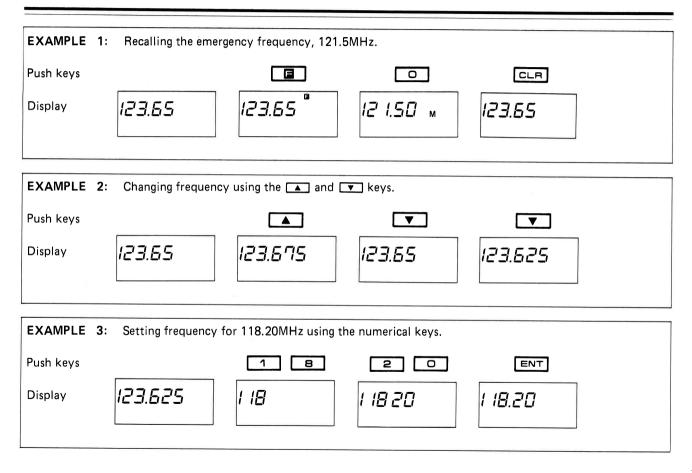
SETTING FREQUENCY

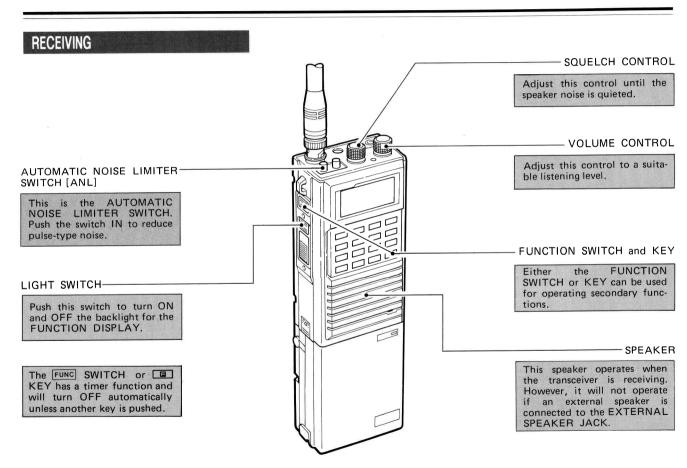
■ RECALLING THE EMERGENCY FREQUENCY (See EXAMPLE 1) The IC-A20 can quickly recall the emergency frequency, 121.5MHz.

- 1) Turn power ON.
- 2) Push either the FUNC SWITCH on the side panel or E KEY on the KEYBOARD.
- 3) Push the □ KEY on the KEYBOARD.
 "121.50" and "M" appear on the FUNCTION DISPLAY.
- 4) Push the CLR KEY to return to NORMAL MODE.
- USING ▲ AND ▼ KEYS
 (See EXAMPLE 2)
- 1) Turn power ON.
- 2) Push either the ▲ or ▼ KEY on the KEYBOARD to change the frequency by 25kHz steps.

■ USING NUMERICAL KEYS (See EXAMPLE 3)

- 1) Turn power ON.
- 2) Push the desired numerical keys for setting the frequency then push the $\[\]$ KEY.
 - The frequency should be entered from the 10MHz digit.
 - The decimal point appears on the FUNCTION DISPLAY if the frequency is set completely.





1) Turn power ON.

2) Set the desired frequency.

3) Adjust [VOLUME] CONTROL.

4) Adjust [SQUELCH] CONTROL.

5) Push IN [ANL] SWITCH.

6) " **RX**]" appears.

1) Turn the transceiver power ON.

2) Set the desired frequency. (See page 7)

Receive frequency range: 108.000 ~ 135,975MHz

3) Adjust the [VOLUME] CONTROL to a suitable listening level.

 Adjust the [SQUELCH] CONTROL until the speaker noise is quieted.

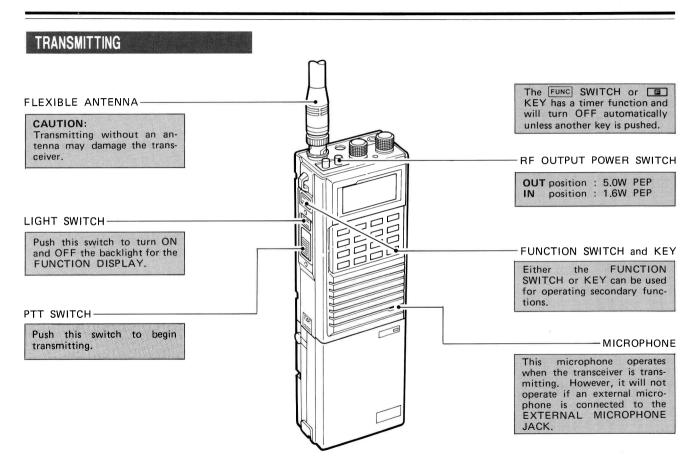
• "RX" disappears from the FUNCTION DISPLAY.

SQUELCH: If closed, the squelch mutes all noise from the speaker when no signal is received. This is useful while waiting for another station to call.

5) Push IN the AUTOMATIC NOISE LIMITER [ANL] SWITCH to reduce pulse-type noise such as that caused by engine ignition systems.

NOTE: The ANL function does not function in NAV BAND (108.000 \sim 117.975MHz) since VOR navigation errors could occur.

 "RX" appears on the FUNCTION DISPLAY when the transceiver receives a signal.



NOTE: Listen carefully before transmitting to make sure your transmission will not interfere with any other communications.

See page 19 for duplex operation instructions using NAV BAND and COM BAND.

- 1) Set the desired frequency in COM BAND. (See page 7)
 - Transmitting in NAV BAND is not permitted.
 - \bullet COM BAND frequency range: 118.000 \sim 135.975MHz.
- 2) Select output power using the RF OUTPUT POWER SWITCH.
 - HIGH power: Greater coverage for long distance transmissions.
 - LOW power : Low output power conserving battery life.
- 3) Push the [PTT] SWITCH to begin transmitting. Speak into the microphone using your normal voice level.
 - "TX" appears on the FUNCTION DISPLAY while transmitting.
- 4) Release the [PTT] SWITCH to return to receiving.

- 1) Set the desired frequency.
- 2) Select output power.
- 3) Push [PTT] SWITCH.
- 4) Release [PTT] SWITCH.

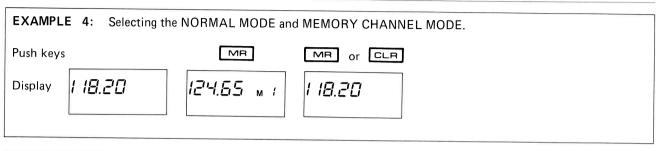
4. MEMORY CHANNEL OPERATION

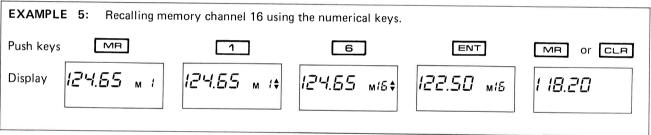
RECALLING A MEMORY CHANNEL

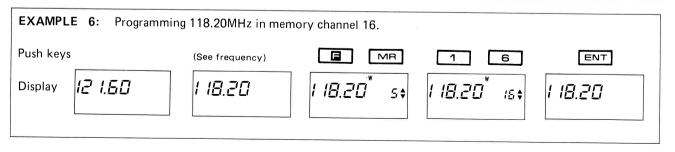
1) Push MR KEY.	1) Push the MR KEY to select MEMORY CHANNEL MODE.
2) Enter a memory channel number.	 2) The following two methods are available to select the desired memory channel. • Push either the ▲ or ▼ KEY. Move through memory channels continuously by holding down either the ▲ or ▼ KEY. • Push keys for a desired memory channel number from 1 to 16 then push the ENT KEY. (See EXAMPLE 5)
3) Push CLE or MR KEY.	3) Push the CLR or MR KEY to return to NORMAL MODE.
PROGRAMMING A MEMORY CHANNEL	
1) Set NORMAL MODE.	1) Set the NORMAL MODE. (See EXAMPLE 4)
2) Set the desired frequency.	2) Set the desired frequency using the ▲ or ▼ KEY or numerical keys. (See page 7)
3) Push 🔳 KEY then push MR KEY.	3) Push the <a>KEY KEY then push the <a>MP KEY. To cancel the programming memory channel, push the KEY KEY KEY
4) Push the desired memory channel number then	4) Push keys for a desired memory channel number from 1 to 16

then push the ENT KEY.

push ENT KEY.







5. SCANNING OPERATION

NOTE: Push the CLA KEY to indicate the course indicator when the scan stops on a VOR frequency while in ME-MORY SCAN.

OPERATING FULL SCAN

- 1) Select NORMAL MODE.
- 2) Adjust [SQUELCH] CONTROL.
- 3) Push ☐ KEY then Push ▲ or ▼ KEY.

4) Push CLB KEY.

The IC-A20 comes equipped with three scan functions, providing tremendous scanning versatility at the touch of just a few keys.

SCAN TYPE	OPERATION				
FULL SCAN	Scans full COM BAND frequency range 118 \sim 135.975MHz.				
MEMORY SCAN	Scans all memory channels, 1 \sim 16.				
LOCKOUT SCAN	Scans all memory channels while skipping locked out memory channels.				

(See EXAMPLE 7)

- 1) Select NORMAL MODE. (See EXAMPLE 4)
- 2) Adjust the [SQUELCH] CONTROL to set the transceiver for scan operations.
 - " RX " disappears from the FUNCTION DISPLAY.
- 3) Push the ☐ KEY then push either the ▲ or ▼ KEY to start the scan.
 - The decimal point blinks while in scanning operation.
 - The scan stops while receiving the signal. The scan resumes after the signal disappears.
- 4) Push the CLR KEY to cancel the scan.

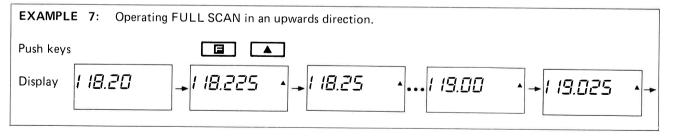
OPERATING MEMORY SCAN

- 1) Push MR KEY.
- 2) Adjust [SQUELCH] CONTROL.
- 3) Push ☐ KEY then push ▲ or ▼ KEY.

4) Push CLR KEY

(See EXAMPLE 8)

- 1) Push the MR KEY to select MEMORY CHANNEL MODE.
- 2) Adjust the [SQUELCH] CONTROL to set the transceiver for scan operations.
 - "RX" disappears from the FUNCTION DISPLAY.
- 3) Push the ☐ KEY then push either the ▲ or ▼ KEY to start the scan.
 - The decimal point blinks while in scanning operation.
 - The scan stops while receiving the signal. The scan resumes after the signal disappears.
- 4) Push the CLA KEY to cancel the scan.



OPERATING LOCKOUT SCAN

■ PROGRAMMING LOCKOUT CHANNEL

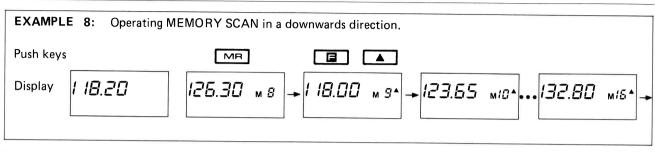
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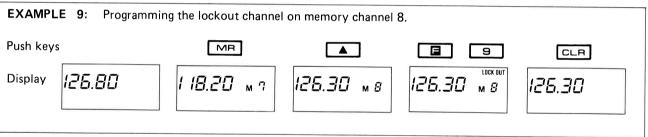
- Push MR KEY.
- 2) Select the desired memory channel.
- 3) Push KEY then push KEY.
- 4) Push CLB KEY.

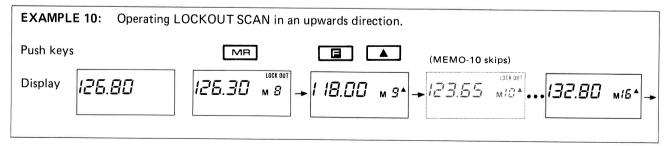
■ OPERATING LOCKOUT SCAN (See EXAMPLE 10)

- 1) Push MR KEY.
- 2) Adjust [SQUELCH] CONTROL.
- 3) Push ☐ KEY then push ▲ or ▼ KEY.

- 1) Push the MR KEY to select MEMORY CHANNEL MODE.
- 2) Push keys for a memory channel you do not want to receive in while scanning then push the ENT KEY. (See page 13)
- 3) Push the KEY then push the KEY.
- 4) Push the CLR KEY to return to NORMAL MODE.
- 1) Push the MRI KEY to select MEMORY CHANNEL MODE.
- 2) Adjust the [SQUELCH] CONTROL to set the transceiver for scan operations.
- 3) Push the ☐ KEY then push either the ▲ or ▼ KEY to start the scan.
 - The decimal point blinks while in scanning operation.
 - The scan stops while receiving the signal. The scan resumes after the signal disappears.
- 4) Push the CLR KEY to cancel the scan.





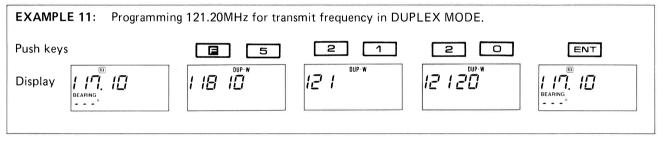


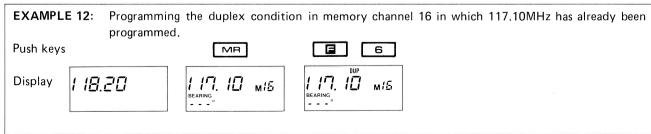
6. DUPLEX OPERATION

PROGRAMMING DUPLEX MODE

1) Set a NAV frequency.

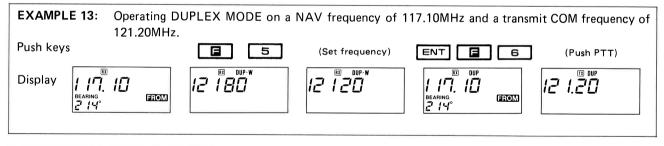
- NOTE: To cancel the programming duplex mode, push the KEY then push the CLR KEY.
- 2) Push the TKEY then push the TKEY.
- 3) Set the desired transmit frequency on COM BAND then push the ENT KEY.
 - The transmit frequency is stored. (See EXAMPLE 11)
- 4) The duplex condition can be programmed in memory channels in which the NAV frequency is programmed. (See EXAMPLE 12)

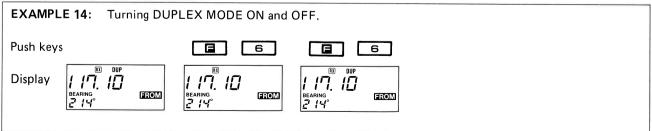




OPERATING DUPLEX MODE

- 1) Set a NAV or VOR frequency you want to receive in.
- 2) Push the E KEY then push the KEY.
- 3) Push the [PTT] SWITCH to transmit.
 - "[X]" appears and the displayed frequency is changed to the programmed transmit frequency.
- 4) Push the KEY then push the KEY again to turn DUPLEX MODE ON and OFF alternately. (See EXAMPLE 14)





7. VOR NAVIGATION

VOR INDICATORS To know your aircraft's loca-**ACOURSE INDICATORS** tion, push KEY then © OVERFLOW INDICATOR push 1 KEY. 2:4 FROM **BEARING** CDI **B2-DEGREE DEVIATION** MARKS © COURSE DEVIATION To know the deviation bet-**NEEDLES** ween your flying course and the desired course, push KEY then push [4] KEY. To change the flag from "TO" to "FROM" or vice versa, **©TO-FROM FLAG INDICATORS** push KEY then push 3 or 2 KEY respectively.

A COURSE INDICATOR

Indicates where your aircraft is located on a VOR radial.

• "GFF" or "---" appear when your aircraft is too far from a VOR station or a frequency is not set correctly.

CAUTION: Measuring error of the course may occur by a maximum of 5°.

B 2-DEGREE DEVIATION MARKS

Indicates course deviation by every 2 degrees.

© COURSE DEVIATION NEEDLES

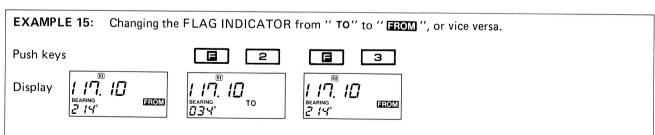
Indicates the deviation between the desired course and your actual flying course by every 2 degrees of deviation.

D TO-FROM FLAG INDICATORS

Indicates whether the entered course is on line toward a VOR station or away from a VOR station.

©OVERFLOW INDICATOR

Indicates if the deviation between the desired course and flying course is more than 10° degrees.



FLYING TO A VOR STATION

1) Select a VOR station on your map.

- 2) Correct your aircraft heading.
- 3) Push KEY then push KEY.
- 4) Enter the desired course.

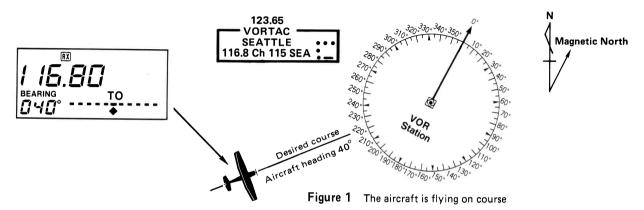
NOTE: To exit CDI MODE, access DVOR MODE and then access NORMAL MODE.

Example: Push the KEY then push the KEY.

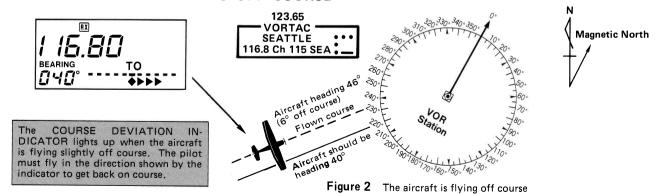
5) Correct the desired course.

- Select a VOR station on your map and set the frequency of the station.
 - The COURSE INDICATOR indicates where you are located on a VOR radial from a VOR station.
- 2) Correct your aircraft heading using the COURSE INDICATOR number.
- 3) Push the KEY then push the KEY to indicate the COURSE DEVIATION INDICATOR (CDI).
- 4) Enter the desired course to the VOR station using numerical keys then push the ENT KEY.
 - "▶▶▶▶" appears on the FUNCTION DISPLAY when your aircraft is off the desired course. (See Figure 2)
 - The CDI indicates "**GFF**" when your aircraft is too far away from a VOR station, or the frequency is not set correctly at a VOR station.
- 5) When flying to a VOR station, or flying away from a VOR station, the CDI deviates to the right side of the display to show that the aircraft is off course to the left.
 - To get back on course, turn your aircraft to the right until the CDI stops indicating deviation.

■ THE AIRCRAFT IS FLYING ON COURSE



■ THE AIRCRAFT IS FLYING OFF COURSE



CROSSCHECKING POSITION

- 1) Select two VOR stations on your map.
- 2) Set a frequency of one VOR station.

3) Set the other frequency of a VOR station.

4) Extend both the radials.

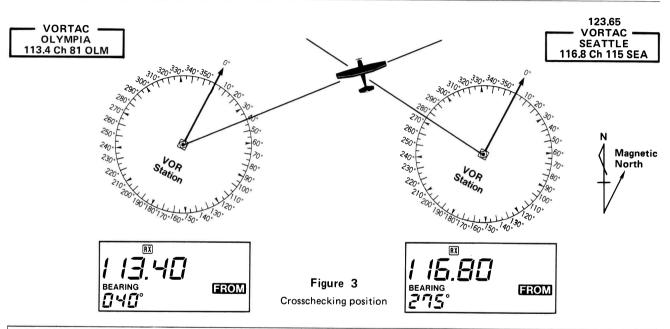
VOR INDICATOR NOTE

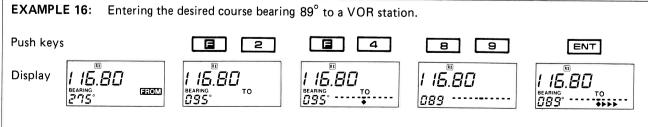


- 1) Select two VOR stations on your map.
- 2) Set a frequency of one VOR station.
 - The COURSE INDICATOR lights up and indicates which VOR radial from the VOR station the aircraft is flying on. Note the number of the COURSE INDICATOR.
- 3) Set the other frequency of a VOR station.
 - The COURSE INDICATOR lights up and indicates which VOR radial from the VOR station the aircraft is flying on. Note the number of the COURSE INDICATOR.
- 4) Extend the radials from each VOR station on your map. Your aircraft is located in the spot where both the lines cross each other. (See Figure 3)

"LIL" appears on the FUNCTION DISPLAY as shown at left when a localizer frequency is received by the IC-A20.

However, the FUNCTION DISPLAY does not indicate additional information about the localizer signal.





8. OTHER FUNCTIONS

KEY LOCK FUNCTION

"KEY LOCK" appears on the FUNCTION DISPLAY.

or other functions selected from the KEYBOARD.

1) Push the KEY then push the Z KEY.

2) To clear the KEY LOCK FUNCTION, push the KEY then push the KEY again.

This feature prevents accidental changes of the operating frequency

BEEP TONE FUNCTION

The BEEP TONE FUNCTION provides beep sounds, allowing you to make sure of key entries each time a key is pushed.

- 1) Push the <a> KEY and then the <a> KEY to turn the function ON and OFF alternately.
- 2) The volume of the tone can be adjusted by turning the [VOLUME] CONTROL.

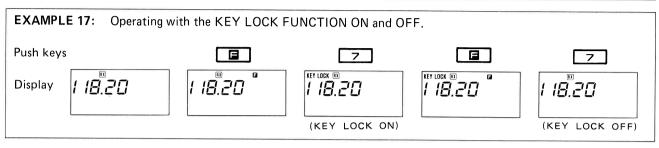
RESETTING MICROPROCESSOR

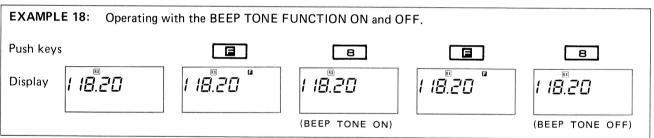
Reset the internal microprocessor:

- when the FUNCTION DISPLAY occasionally displays erroneous information during operation or when first applying power.
- when you want to erase all information in all memory channels.

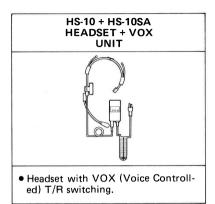
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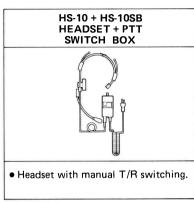
Turn the power ON while pushing down both the and CLR KEYS.

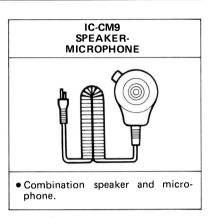


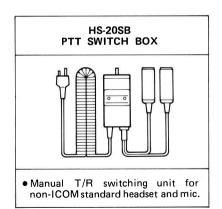


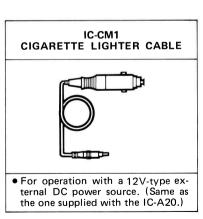
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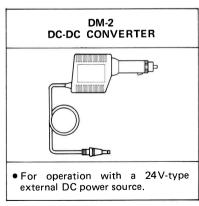




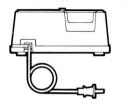








CM-35 AC BATTERY CHARGER



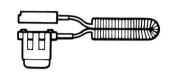
• Charges the supplied battery pack in 1.5 hours.

HAND STRAP



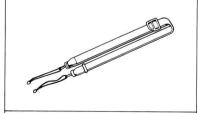
• Handy hand strap for complete mobility.

CP-10 BATTERY SEPARATION CABLE



 Handy connector cable for separating the transceiver from the battery pack.

SHOULDER STRAP



• For transporting your handheld transceiver.

CM-12G BATTERY CASE



• Output voltage : 15V Battery : 10 AA size

IC-MB16 MOBILE MOUNTING BRACKET

• To place your IC-A20 in a convenient location.

CM-7G BATTERY PACK

 An NiCd-type rechargeable battery pack. (Same as the one supplied with the IC-A20.

10. SPECIFICATIONS

■ GENERAL

Memory Channels

: 16

Channel Spacing

25kHz

• Frequency Stability

: 0.002% at -10° C $\sim +50^{\circ}$ C

• Usable Temperature Range : $-10^{\circ}\text{C} \sim +50^{\circ}\text{C} \text{ (+14}^{\circ}\text{F} \sim +122^{\circ}\text{F)}$

Dimensions

: 65(74)mm(W) x 198(208)mm(H) x 35(42)mm(D)

Bracketed values include projections.

Weight

675g (including CM-7G BATTERY PACK and flexible antenna)

Power Supply

: 13.2V DC ±15% (for EXTERNAL DC POWER JACK)

■ RECEIVER

• Frequency Range

: 108.000 ~ 135.975MHz

NAV BAND 108.000 ~ 117.975MHz COM BAND 118.000 ~ 135.975MHz

• Sensitivity (with 50 Ω load) :

NAV BAND 2µV for 6dB S/N with 1kHz, 30% modulation COM BAND $1\mu V$ for 6dB S/N with 1kHz, 30% modulation

Audio Output Power

: 0.5W at 10% distortion

Modulation Acceptance

: A3E 6K00 (6A3)

■ TRANSMITTER

• Frequency Range

: 118.000 ~ 135.975MHz

Antenna Output Power

: HIGH 5.0W PEP (1.5W carrier power)

(Typical)

LOW 1.6W PEP (0.5W carrier power)

Power shows PEP with 85% modulation by a 1kHz audio tone.

Emission Mode

: A3E 6K00 (6A3)

• Modulation System

: Low level modulation

· MEMO ·

- INLINIO -		
Please record the serial numbe	r of your IC-A20 transceiver below for future servicing reference:	
Serial number	·	
Date of purchase	:	
Place where purchased	:	



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