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iSCAN Trunking Scanner

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Scanner

Antenna

PC-USB Cable

SD Card Memory (inside the scanner)

User's Guide

CD-ROM

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NOTE

A NOTE symbol is used to indicate an operational note that relates to the current paragraph of the manual

A HINT symbol is used to indicate a usage hint that relates to the current paragraph of the manual

HINT

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

The iSCAN handheld scanner is designed to receive analog transmissions only, and cannot be used to monitor digital or encrypted radio traffic.

Please take the time to read this manual completely before using your new scanner.

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This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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Introduction

Welcome to iSCAN! iSCAN is an exciting new way to enjoy the hobby of scanning police, fire, EMS, amateur, government and other two-way analog radio communications.

iSCAN combines the simplicity and ease of use of a portable media player with the power and sophistication of a state of the art scanning receiver. iSCAN is designed to provide

unprecedented ease of use, especially for beginners.

Additionally, iSCAN is equipped with the entire USA RadioReference database in a special on-board Library, giving you instant access to the frequencies and systems used by public safety, local government and business all over the United States!

Please take a few moments to read this manual carefully before using iSCAN. iSCAN is unlike any other scanner ever produced, and we want you to fully understand how it can maximize your enjoyment of the scanning hobby.

Features

Easy to Understand Media Player User Interface - A simplified keypad and display with familiar Play, Pause and Navigation controls make it easy for you to use your iSCAN.

The Complete USA RadioReference Database On SD Card - The entire USA database from www.radioreference.com is stored on a standard SD Card that is included with iSCAN, giving you access to the most comprehensive radio data available without connecting iSCAN to a computer or the Internet - a RadioShack first!

Upgradeable CPU Firmware and Library - Keep your radio's firmware current with enhancements and updates as they become available with free upgrades from www.radioshack.com!

SKYWARN Storm Spotter Functionality - Instant access to frequencies used by storm spotter networks. You can monitor storm conditions as they occur, and become aware of dangerous conditions before the media or emergency management officials are able to announce them to the general public.

SAME and All Hazards Weather Alerting - iSCAN features a Dedicated SAME Weather Alert Receiver mode, alerting you to severe weather and other hazards in the specific area(s) that you select, or, iSCAN can check your local NOAA weather frequency periodically, even while scanning, and alert you when an All Hazards alert occurs.

Multi-System Trunking - Scans most common analog trunked radio system signaling

formats, including Motorola, EDACS and LTR. Both talkgroup and individual call monitoring are supported.

Powerful Signal Stalker II - Quickly sweeps iSCAN's frequency ranges for transmissions from nearby sources. When a nearby transmission is found, iSCAN automatically tunes to that frequency and receives the traffic.

Built-in Service Searches - Predefined service search ranges make it easy to find activity in your area.

Audible alarms - Programmable audible alarms can be configured to sound when certain objects are active.

Signal Strength Meter – Shows relative strength of received signals.

Slim, compact case design with large speaker - Designed for one-handed operation and ease of use.

The FCC Wants You To Know

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a scanning receiver, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

There is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- . Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- . Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- . Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause harmful interference.
2. This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Scanning Legally

Your scanner covers frequencies used by many different groups including police and fire departments, ambulance services, government agencies, private companies, amateur radio services, military operations, pager services, and wireline (telephone and telegraph) service providers. It is legal to listen to almost every transmission your scanner can receive. However, there are some transmissions you should never intentionally listen to. These include:

- . Telephone conversations (cellular, cordless, or other means of private telephone transmission)
- . Paging transmissions
- . Any intentionally scrambled or encrypted transmissions

According to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), you are subject to fines and possible imprisonment for intentionally listening to, using, or divulging the contents of such a transmission unless you have the consent of a party to the communication (unless such activity is otherwise illegal).

This scanner has been designed to prevent illegal reception of protected transmissions. This is done to comply with the legal requirement that scanners be manufactured so as to not be easily modifiable to pick up those transmissions. Do not open your scanner's case to make any modifications that could allow it to pick up transmissions that are illegal to monitor. Doing so could subject you to legal penalties.

We encourage responsible, legal scanner use.

In some areas, mobile use of this scanner is unlawful or requires a permit. Check the laws in your area. It is also illegal in many areas to interfere with the duties of public safety

officials by traveling to the scene of an incident without authorization.

Installing the iSCAN PC Application

iSCAN comes with an easy to use computer application that you can use to modify your iSCAN's programming or to add your own custom programming. To begin the installation process, insert the CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive. The iSCAN Application installer will then start.

Add "iSCAN CD-ROM" window

The iSCAN Application installer will install the following components by default:

- . The iSCAN PC Application and help files
- . The currently available frequency database library
- . The current USB cable drivers

The following install procedure is used to install the software. Screen captures of each screen the user may see while installing will be shown alongside the steps needed.

Welcome Screen:

Add Welcome screen window

This screen is the initial welcome screen for the installer. This is an informational screen only. Click on the "Next" button to begin the installation.

Click the "Cancel" button to abort the install.

Add License Agreement window

License Agreement:

In keeping with the agreement with RadioReference.com LLC, license text is displayed regarding the use of the frequency database library files that are included in the installer package. The user must click on the Accept message before they may install the software. Check the accept box and then click the “Next” button to begin the install.

Add Setup Type window

Setup Type:

This screen allows the user to limit what options will be installed. A complete install will install all parts of the iSCAN package.

A custom install will allow the user to disable the installation of some portions of the package. Select the install type desired, and then click the “Next” button.

Add Custom Setup window

Custom Setup:

If the user selects a custom install, this screen will appear. This screen allows the user to limit what components will be installed.

Once the components have been selected, click on the “Next” button to continue to the next step.

Add Destination Folder window

Destination Folder:

This screen allows the user to select the destination folder for the application and the USB Cable install. The database library files will be installed in the iSCAN¥DB folder located in the user’s My Documents folder regardless of this setting.

Click “Next” to continue.

Add Select Program Folder window

Select Program Folder:

This screen allows the user to set the name of the folder used to store shortcuts in the Start menu.

Click “Next” to continue.

Add Completing the install window

Completing the install:

This screen is the final check for the user before the installation actually begins. Click “Next” to perform the actual installation.

Add Installing iSCAN window

Installing iSCAN:

This screen is shown while the selected files are being copied to the computer. When this process completes, click the “Next” button to continue.

Add Completing the install window

Completing the Install:

This is the final screen shown to the user during the install. If the option to install the USB Cable drivers was selected, a DOS window with the install will be shown briefly while this screen is visible.

If the “Run iSCAN now” checkbox is checked, the iSCAN Application will be started when the “Finish” button is clicked.

Getting Familiar With Your iSCAN

The following illustrations are provided to help you get familiar with your iSCAN controls and display.

iSCAN Front View

Squelch

Control

Keypad

Speaker

PC/IF

DC Power

Jack

BNC Antenna Connector

Headset

Connector

Add Front View Photo

Main PowerFigure 1 - iSCAN front view

Understanding the Keypad

Your iSCAN features a simplified backlit keypad with 9 keys that are used to operate the unit. The keys and their functions are similar to those found on typical portable media players. Figure 2 highlights the various keys and their basic functions.

Add Keypad Photo/Illustration

Figure 2 - Keypad layout

POWER/Backlight

The **POWER** key is located to the top right of the keypad. Press and hold for two seconds to turn iSCAN on and off. Press briefly to toggle the backlight on and off.

PLAY/PAUSE/SELECT Key

The PLAY/PAUSE/SELECT key **▶/II/SEL** controls iSCAN's Play and Pause modes, and is used in menus to select, enable or disable options.

UP Arrow Key

The UP Arrow key **▲** is used to increase the volume when iSCAN is scanning or monitoring (i.e., "playing") objects. When browsing objects, the **▲** key scrolls up through objects in a Playlist. When using menus or the Library, the **▲** scrolls up through the available items.

DOWN Arrow Key

The DOWN Arrow key **▼** is used to decrease the volume when iSCAN is scanning or monitoring (i.e., "playing") objects. When browsing objects, the **▼** key scrolls down through objects in a Playlist. When using menus or the Library, the **▼** scrolls down through the available items.

RIGHT Arrow Key

The RIGHT Arrow key **▶** is used to resume scanning when iSCAN is scanning or monitoring (i.e., "playing") objects and is stopped on an active object while scanning without locking out or skipping the object. When browsing objects, the **▶** key scrolls up through the Playlists. When using menus or the Library, the **▶** navigates forward, or in, to the next menu or Library listing or level.

LEFT Arrow Key

The LEFT Arrow key **◀** is used to resume scanning when iSCAN is scanning or monitoring (i.e., "playing") objects and is stopped on an active object while scanning without locking out or skipping the object. When browsing objects, the **◀** key scrolls down through the Playlists. When using menus or the Library, the **◀** navigates backward, or out, to the previous menu or Library listing or level.

MENU Key

The **MENU** key provides access to additional functions related to the current operating mode of the scanner, and provides access to the Home Menu, where the main iSCAN functions are controlled.

SKIP Key

When pressed while iSCAN is monitoring or paused on an object, the **SKIP** key will

temporarily disable reception on the object. Pressing **SKIP** again while the object is selected will resume normal monitoring. Skipped objects can also be restored using the Restored Skipped option from the Main Menu.

WX Key

When pressed, the **WX** key provides instant access to NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts, and is used to access Dedicated SAME Weather Alert Receiver mode, which allows iSCAN to remain silent while monitoring for severe weather conditions in the area you specify by entering NOAA SAME codes. Pressing the **WX** key a second time selects the SKYWARN Playlist for monitoring and temporarily disables all other Playlists.

Other Switches and Controls

Main Power Off

iSCAN is equipped with a Main Power Off switch which is located on the left hand side of iSCAN, underneath a protective cover. The Main Power Off switch is used to prepare iSCAN for firmware upgrades, and can be used if desired to prevent battery drain when iSCAN is not used for long periods of time.

Like many modern portable electronic devices, the iSCAN exhibits a very low level battery drain when powered off. The Main Power Off switch isolates the batteries from iSCAN completely, which will prevent this low level battery drain. It is not necessary or recommended to use the Main Power Off switch on a routine basis. Most batteries will self-discharge long before they are affected by the battery drain that iSCAN exhibits while powered off.

Always use the front panel **POWER** key to turn iSCAN off. Using the main power switch to turn iSCAN off or removing the batteries without first turning iSCAN off via the **POWER** key may result in lost data or corrupted memory on the SD Card.

WARNING: The Main Power Off switch will not protect your iSCAN from damage that may occur due to battery leakage when iSCAN is stored for long periods of time. Always remove the batteries from iSCAN when placing it into long-term storage.

Battery Type Selection

iSCAN is equipped with a Battery Type Selection switch which is located inside of the

battery compartment. The Battery Type Selection switch is used to select standard disposable alkaline batteries or rechargeable NiMH batteries. Setting the Battery Type Selection switch to the correct option for the batteries you are using selects the appropriate low battery detection threshold for the type of batteries in use and enables in-radio charging for rechargeable NiMH batteries.

WARNING: Never operate iSCAN with alkaline batteries if the Battery Type Selection switch is set to the NI-MH position. Doing so may result in battery leakage or other damage to your scanner if the scanner is connected to an external power source.

Squelch

iSCAN is equipped with a top mounted squelch control. The squelch control acts as a gate for the transmissions that iSCAN receives. When the squelch control is rotated fully clockwise, only stronger signals will pass through the squelch gate, and weaker signals may not be received. When the squelch is rotated fully counterclockwise, the squelch gate will be open even when no signal is present, causing iSCAN to operate slowly or to stop on objects where no transmission is present, playing noise only.

The ideal setting for the squelch control is between 11 and 12 o'clock. If you find that you are missing some transmissions, try setting the squelch control further counterclockwise. If you find that iSCAN seems to be scanning very slowly or stopping on frequencies with noise only, rotate the squelch control clockwise until normal scanning resumes again.

Understanding the Display

Your iSCAN features a high contrast, backlit Liquid Crystal Display (LCD) to provide you with information about the status of iSCAN while you are using it. A menu-driven user interface provides access to the settings that control what iSCAN monitors. Figure 3 shows an example of an iSCAN menu.

```
-Main Menu-  BATT
Play
Browse objects ►
Playlists
Search
```

Browse library

Figure 3 - iSCAN Main Menu

A “Now Playing” display shows a scrolling list of enabled Playlists while iSCAN is scanning. Figure 4 provides an example of iSCAN’s Now Playing display.

Now Playing ► BATT
Fire
County Police
Sheriff
City Police
State Police

Figure 4 - iSCAN Now Playing display

Individual object displays are shown when the scanner is monitoring activity on an enabled object. The LCD includes a row of icons at the top that provides information about the status of the iSCAN while monitoring an object. Figure 5 provides an example of an individual object display.

S BAR G II BATT
County Police
Channel: psD
Police North

Figure 5 - iSCAN Channel Object display

Display Icons

In the Individual Object displays, a row of icons at the top of the display provides status information about the scanner. The top row of icons are defined as follows:

- S iSCAN’s squelch circuit is open.
- BAR Signal meter indicating strength of the received signal.
- T The scanner is currently receiving trunking control channel data.

- G When present, the attenuator is set for Global mode.
- A When present, the attenuator is active.
- ▶ iSCAN is in Play mode (scanning)
- II iSCAN is in Pause mode (monitoring a single object)
- BATT Battery status indicator. All black indicates battery is fully charged. When Battery Type Selection switch is set to NI-MH and radio is connected to external power, an animated icon is displayed to indicate that battery is being charged.
- PLUG External power indicator. Indicates that iSCAN is being powered by an external source. Present when iSCAN is connected to external power and Battery Type Selection switch is set to ALKA, or, when iSCAN is connected to external power and Battery Type Selection switch is set to NI-MH and the charge cycle has completed.

psD Indicators

In the Individual Object displays there are three characters on the right hand side of the display that indicate the status of priority, skip/lockout, and delay. The following indicators are possible:

p=priority off, P=priority on

s=skip off, S=skip on, L=lockout on

d=delay off, D=delay on

How iSCAN Works

iSCAN is designed with an easy-to-use simplified keypad that includes controls that are similar to those used by portable media players, including ◀ ▶ ▲ ▼ navigation keys, a **MENU** key, a **SKIP** key and a ▶/II/SEL key. iSCAN's uncluttered keypad gives you instant access to the functions that you need most while using your scanner.

iSCAN is the first handheld scanner designed to use high capacity SD Card memory. iSCAN uses SD Card memory to hold the entire RadioReference database for the United States, giving you the unprecedented ability to automatically program your scanner anywhere without using an external software application and without connecting to the Internet. We call this special version of the RadioReference database "the Library". iSCAN also uses SD Card memory to hold all of your configuration data, providing virtually

unlimited storage space for your configurations.

For more information about the RadioReference database, please visit <http://www.radioreference.com>.

To use iSCAN, you first browse the Library to find things that you want to monitor. We call these things “scannable objects”, or simply “objects”. As you find objects in the Library that you want to add to the collection of objects that your radio will scan, you import them from the Library to iSCAN’s Playlists, which are also stored on the SD Card. There are twenty regular Playlists in iSCAN, and a special “Skywarn” Playlist where you can store objects that you want to monitor during times of severe weather, such as amateur radio repeaters and power company frequencies that you may wish to monitor when severe weather is present.

Included with iSCAN is a companion iSCAN PC Application and USB interface cable that allow you to add your own objects and edit the objects that are stored in the iSCAN’s Playlists.

Copyright Notice

The data contained in iSCAN’s Library is provided by special arrangement with RadioReference and is Copyright ©2009 RadioReference.com LLC whom retains sole ownership of the database. We ask that you respect this copyright by adhering to the following guidelines:

The Library data is intended for your personal use only in conjunction with programming and using your iSCAN. As such RadioReference.com LLC grants the customer a non-exclusive single license to only be used with the iSCAN radio and its associated PC software. The Library shall not be copied or transferred to any 3rd party in any electronic or physical form or posted on any website.

To decompile the RadioReference data base or convert it for use with another scanning receiver is expressly prohibited.

The RadioReference database is developed and maintained by unpaid volunteers who are dedicated scanning hobbyists. The accuracy of the Library data is subject to errors in the

user-submitted data reported to RadioReference, and also to the system configuration changes that a radio system operator may make from time to time. Field-testing the Library data for accuracy is not feasible.

For detailed radio system information worldwide, be sure to visit <http://www.radioreference.com> frequently. We encourage you to get involved with RadioReference, and submit your own new or updated data to the database, which will result in future updated editions of the Library!

RadioShack and RadioReference are not responsible for errors, omissions or outdated Library data.

Getting Started

Unpacking iSCAN

Unpack your iSCAN carefully. Save all documentation and packing materials in case it is necessary to return your scanner for repair.

WARNING: Always protect iSCAN from exposure to extreme heat or cold temperatures.

WARNING: iSCAN is not waterproof. Do not expose it to rain, extreme high humidity or moisture.

Inserting the batteries

Remove the door covering the battery compartment by pressing gently where the door is marked **OPEN** and sliding the door downwards until it stops, approximately 1/4". Lift the door away from the radio.

Set the battery type selector switch to ALKA for non-rechargeable alkaline batteries or NI-MH for rechargeable NiMH batteries. Insert two AA batteries, taking care to ensure that the batteries are inserted according to the polarity diagram shown inside of the battery compartment. Replace the battery compartment door by placing it back over the batteries and sliding it upward gently until it locks in place.

WARNING: Never operate iSCAN with alkaline batteries if the Battery Type Selection switch is set to the NI-MH position. Intentionally or accidentally recharging non-rechargeable batteries will cause them to overheat, leak or explode. Dispose of rechargeable batteries properly by taking them to an approved battery recycling facility. Many communities offer battery recycling services - check with your local solid waste management agency.

ADD RECYCLE MARK

WARNING: Always remove old or weak batteries. Batteries can leak chemicals that destroy electronic circuits. Always turn off the scanner when not in use to prevent deep discharge and possible battery leakage. Do not mix old and new batteries, different types of batteries (alkaline, or rechargeable), rechargeable batteries of different capacities or rechargeable batteries with different charge states. If you do not plan to use the scanner with batteries for a month or longer, remove the batteries.

WARNING: Discontinue use of any battery that exhibits leakage, swelling or abnormal generation of heat. When you charge rechargeable batteries, do not over charge them. Overcharging shortens battery life.

Attaching the antenna

Remove the antenna from its protective plastic wrapper. Align the slots on the antenna's BNC male connector with the posts on iSCAN's BNC female connector and slide the antenna in place, then rotate the antenna's BNC connector 1/4 turn clockwise until it snaps in place.

NOTE: If desired, you may also connect a mobile or base station antenna equipped with a BNC male connector to the antenna connector

Turning iSCAN on

Ensure that the Main Power Off switch on the left side of iSCAN is turned on by gently lifting the switch's protective cover and checking the switch position. Move the Main Power Off switch to the ON position if necessary.

Press the **POWER** button on the front panel to turn iSCAN on. Set the **SQUELCH** knob to the mid-point (12 o'clock) position.

Battery Charge Indicator

iSCAN provides an indication when the internal battery charge circuit is active. An animated battery icon indicates that iSCAN is connected to external power and the internal battery charger circuit is active.

WARNING: The external DC power input is designed to accept external power from the USB data cable and from USB power adapters. Turn iSCAN off prior to connecting or disconnecting external power.

Low Battery Warning

Your scanner will provide an audible low battery warning every 30 seconds when the batteries are nearly depleted.

NOTE: Actual timing of low battery warnings will depend on the age and condition of the batteries you are using.

Listening Safely

To protect your hearing, follow these guidelines when you use headphones.

Set the volume to zero before putting on headphones. With the headphones on, adjust the volume to a comfortable level.

Avoid increasing the volume once you set it. Over time, your sensitivity to a volume level decreases, so volume levels that do not cause discomfort might damage your hearing.

Avoid or limit listening at high volume levels. Prolonged exposure to high volume levels can cause permanent hearing loss.

Traffic Safety

Wearing headphones while operating a motor vehicle or riding a bicycle is very dangerous and illegal. Do not operate any vehicle while listening to iSCAN with headphones or earphones.

Connecting an Optional External Antenna

The BNC antenna connector on iSCAN makes it easy to use the scanner with a variety of antennas, such as an external mobile antenna or outdoor base station antenna.

Always use 50-ohm coaxial cable, such as RG-58 or RG-8 low-loss dielectric coaxial cable. If your antenna's cable does not have a BNC connector, you will also need a BNC adapter. Follow the installation instructions supplied with the antenna, route the antenna cable to the scanner, then connect it to the antenna jack.

WARNING: Use extreme caution when installing or removing an outdoor antenna. If the antenna starts to fall, let it go! It could contact overhead power lines. If the antenna touches a power line, touching the antenna, mast, cable, or guy wires can cause electrocution and death. Call the power company to remove the antenna. **DO NOT** attempt to do so yourself.

Connecting an Earphone or Headphones

For private listening, you can plug an 1/8-inch (3.5 mm) mini-plug earphone or headphones (not supplied) in the **HEADPHONE** jack on top of iSCAN. This automatically disconnects the internal speaker.

Connecting an External Speaker

In a noisy area, an amplified speaker (not supplied) might provide more comfortable listening. Plug the speaker cable's 1/8-inch (3.5 mm) mini-plug into iSCAN's **HEADPHONE** jack.

Using AC Power

You can power the scanner using an optional AC USB power adaptor (RadioShack Catalog Number 273-114) and the supplied USB power/data cable.

To power the scanner using an AC USB power adaptor, connect the USB plug end of the supplied USB power/data cable to the AC USB power adapter, and connect the scanner data plug end of the supplied USB power/data cable to the scanner's PC/IF - PWR jack. To prevent corruption of SD Card data, always power iSCAN off using the front panel **POWER** button before connecting or disconnecting external power sources.

NOTE: Some external USB power supplies may generate RF noise that can interfere with iSCAN's reception.

Using Vehicle Battery Power

You can power the scanner using an optional car USB power adaptor (RadioShack Online Catalog Number 55026592) and the supplied USB power/data cable.

To power the scanner using a car USB power adaptor, connect the USB plug end of the supplied USB power/data cable to the car USB power adapter, and connect the scanner data plug end of the supplied USB power/data cable to the scanner's PC/IF - PWR jack. To prevent corruption of SD Card data, always power iSCAN off using the front panel **POWER** button before connecting or disconnecting external power sources.

NOTE: If you use a cigarette-lighter USB power cable and your vehicle's engine is running, you might hear electrical noise from the engine while scanning. This is normal. Some external USB power supplies may generate RF noise that can interfere with iSCAN's reception.

Browsing the Library, Picking Objects and Importing to Playlists

Overview

Programming iSCAN consists of three basic steps, and you'll follow these steps each time you want to transfer new objects from the Library to iSCAN's Playlists. The three steps are as follows:

Browse the Library

Much like a real library, you'll browse iSCAN's Library to find objects that you want to monitor. iSCAN's Library is organized primarily by US States, then by Counties/Independent Cities.

Pick objects from the Library

When you find an object or group of objects that you want to monitor, you "pick" them by selecting them, which marks them for the Import objects to Playlists step.

Import objects to Playlists

Finally, when you have picked the objects you want to import, you complete the operation by selecting one or more Playlists where you would like the selected objects to be imported. iSCAN will add your objects to the Playlists you have selected.

Detailed Step by Step Programming Instructions

Browsing the Library

Press and hold the **POWER** button for two seconds to turn iSCAN on. iSCAN will display the Main Menu. Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll to the Browse Library menu item, then press the ► key to advance to the next step, Select State.

Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll to your desired state, then press the ► key to advance to the next step.

At this point there will typically be three options to choose from, Agencies, Counties/Cities and Systems.

RadioReference uses Agencies under the State level to group agencies with statewide responsibilities, such as state troopers or highway patrol agencies, state emergency management agencies, highway departments, state parks and departments of forestry, etc. If you wish to explore Agencies for these types of users, scroll to Agencies and press the ► key to proceed to the next step.

RadioReference uses Counties/Cities to group radio systems that are used in a local county or independent city. If you wish to explore the radio systems used in counties and independent cities, scroll to Counties/Cities and press the ► key to proceed to the next step.

RadioReference uses Systems under the state level to group trunked radio systems that provide statewide coverage, such as consolidated statewide trunked radio systems used for state agency (and in some cases, local agency) use. Many states have consolidated their communications systems to a single statewide trunked radio system, which allows radio users from multiple agencies to share a single sophisticated radio system that provides coverage throughout the entire state. If you wish to explore statewide trunked radio systems, scroll to Systems and press the ► to proceed to the next step.

More often than not, you'll probably want to explore counties and independent cities for radio systems and users in your immediate area, so for this step by step process, we'll use Counties/Cities as our example.

Scroll to Counties/Cities and press the ► key to proceed. You'll be presented with a list of counties and independent cities for your state, with the counties appearing first at the top of the list. Now, scroll to your county or independent city and press the ► key to proceed to the next step.

HINT: You can also press the ◀ key anytime to navigate backward through the Library menu system.

For counties and independent cities, there will typically be three options to choose from: Agencies, Categories and Systems. The association of objects with each of these groups depends a lot on how the RadioReference volunteers decide to group their information. You'll likely find businesses, airports, attractions, authorities and other non-governmental entities under the Agencies group. Government and public safety entities will likely be found under Categories, or, if the county or city operates a trunked radio system, under the Systems grouping.

iSCAN makes it easy for you to explore all of these groups. Just use the ◀ and ► keys to "drill in" and "drill out" of the Library's menu system.

Picking Objects from the Library

As you continue to drill in to each Library grouping using the ► key, you'll eventually see checkboxes next to the listings that appear. You can continue to drill in deeper by pressing the ► key, or, if desired, press the ►/II/SEL key to pick all of the objects associated with the grouping. A checkmark will appear instead the checkbox to indicate that the object or group of objects is selected for importing. Press the ►/II/SEL key again to unselected selected objects or groupings.

Keep in mind that picking an entire grouping for importing may result in a very large amount of objects being imported to iSCAN's Playlists. iSCAN's capacity for objects is limited only by the size of the SD Card memory, meaning that a massive number of objects can potentially be imported and saved in Playlists. We caution that iSCAN can only monitor one transmission at a time, and trying to scan too many objects may be frustrating if they are all busy all the time! We suggest that you drill into each grouping that you want to import to see the objects that are beneath it, and only select the entire grouping if you know that you want to monitor everything that it contains.

NOTE: As you browse the Library and pick objects for importing into Playlists, keep in mind that all selected objects will be imported into the same Playlist or group of Playlists that you select when you execute the import operation.

NOTE: A "D" in place of a checkbox indicates that the object or system is fully digital and cannot be monitored with this version of iSCAN.

You can continue to browse the Library and pick as many objects for importing to Playlists as you like. We suggest that first time users start out with small groups of picked objects for importing. This will ultimately help keep your setup manageable and easy to use.

Importing Objects to Playlists

This last step in the process is very important, as it determines how the objects you've picked from the Library will grouped into iSCAN's 21 Playlists. Playlists are your way of organizing your picked objects, so you should give some thought as to how you want to your iSCAN organized. At first, you may want to start with a small and simple group of picked objects and import them all to a single Playlist. As you become more familiar with

how iSCAN and its Playlists work, you can decide what strategies you want to use for grouping objects into Playlists. You may wish to group your objects into Playlists according to the type of use, for example, Police, Fire, Racing, etc. Or, you may wish to group objects by into Playlists according to geographical area.

To import your picked objects into one or more Playlists, press the **MENU** key while browsing the Library to access the Library's special menu. Scroll to Import Selected and press the **►/II/SEL** key. iSCAN will display a list of Playlists. Use the **▲ ▼** and **►/II/SEL** keys to place checkmarks next to each Playlist that you wish to import the selected objects into. After you have marked each desired destination Playlist, press the **◀** key to begin importing your picked objects into the selected Playlists. iSCAN will begin the importing process, which may take several minutes depending on the number of objects you have picked.

HINT: You can change the names of the Playlists using the "Playlists" option under the Main Menu, or with the iSCAN PC Application.

Setting Up Playlists

Once you have imported some objects into iSCAN's Playlists, you are almost ready to begin monitoring. Before you use iSCAN to monitor your imported objects, you'll want to enable the Playlists where your objects are stored, and you will also want to give your Playlists names that describe the objects that you have stored in them.

Enabling/Disabling Playlists

To enable and disable Playlists for scanning, press the **MENU** key until you reach the Main Menu, which is indicated at the top of the LCD display. Use the **▲ ▼** keys to scroll to Playlists, then press the **►** key to proceed to the list of Playlists. Each Playlist is preceded with a checkbox. To enable a Playlist for scanning, press the **►/II/SEL** key to add a checkmark to the selected Playlist. To disable a Playlist for scanning, press **►/II/SEL** again to remove the checkmark.

Renaming Playlists

Giving your Playlists descriptive names makes programming and using iSCAN much easier. To name a Playlist, navigate to the Playlists menu as described above, and press the ► key to edit the name. Follow the on-screen instructions to change the Playlist name.

Monitoring Imported Objects

Browsing Playlists and Objects

You can easily browse the objects and Playlists you have created in iSCAN. Press the **MENU** key until the Main Menu is displayed. Scroll to the Browse Objects menu item and press the ► key. Use the ◀ ▶ keys to scroll through the Playlists, and use the ▲ ▼ keys to review the objects in each Playlist.

Playing Objects

iSCAN allows you to “play” the objects that you have stored in Playlists. You can play a single object, or, you can play all of the objects that you have stored in enabled Playlists. You can also pause iSCAN on a single object while it is scanning.

Playing While Browsing

You can play objects while browsing objects and Playlists. Follow the steps for Browsing Playlists and Objects above. Press the ►/II/SEL key to play a selected object. Press the ►/II/SEL key again to scan all objects in enabled Playlists.

Scanning

To scan all active objects in enabled Playlists, press the **MENU** key to display the Main Menu. Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll to Play, then press the ► or ►/II/SEL key to begin playing. To enable or disable playlists, follow the instructions in the Enable/Disable Playlists section above.

Pausing

To pause iSCAN on an active object, press the ►/II/SEL key while iSCAN is stopped on the

object. To resume scanning, press the ►/II/SEL key again.

Skipping

While scanning, iSCAN can skip objects that you don't want to hear. When iSCAN stops on an object that you no longer wish to monitor, press the **SKIP** key. iSCAN will mark the object as skipped and you will not receive further transmissions on the object until it is un-skipped. You can un-skip all skipped objects by selecting Restore Skipped from the Main Menu, or you can review your skipped objects by browsing the objects in Playlists and un-skip them one at a time by pressing the **SKIP** key again. An object's skip status is indicated by the "s" character on the right side of the object display in the psD indicator. A lowercase "s" character in the psD indicator indicates that the object is not skipped, and "S" indicates that the object is skipped.

You can also permanently lock skipped objects out so they will not be scanned even if the Restore Skip function is used, or you can delete them from iSCAN's memory. Locked out objects are indicated by an "L" in the psD indicator, e.g., "pLD" indicates that the object is locked out. See the Editing Objects section under More iSCAN Features below.

Scan Resume

To resume scanning when iSCAN is stopped on an active object without skipping the object, press the ◀ or ▶ keys. iSCAN will interrupt the current transmission and begin scanning again, but will continue to receive further transmissions on the object.

More iSCAN Features

iSCAN PC Application

Your iSCAN includes a powerful iSCAN PC Application. You should use the iSCAN PC Application for the following operations:

- . Updating the Library to the most current version
- . Formatting and maintaining the SD Card
- . Making changes to iSCAN's programming and configuration

- . Updating iSCAN's firmware for enhancements and bug fixes

Please refer to the iSCAN PC Application's Help system for details on using the iSCAN PC Application.

SD Card

Your iSCAN ships with a 2 GB SD Card already formatted, installed and ready for use.

You can remove the SD Card from iSCAN and connect it to your computer, where you can access the card with the iSCAN PC Application and update the Library, edit iSCAN's configuration and stored objects, optimize the card, and reformat the card if necessary. You can also purchase additional cards, format them for use with iSCAN, then use them to store different configurations or backups.

Inserting and removing the SD Card

NOTE: Reading from or writing to the SD card while it is installed in iSCAN is not supported. The SD Card must be removed from iSCAN and connected to a computer using an integrated or external SD Card interface.

To remove the SD Card from iSCAN, turn the radio off using the **POWER** button on the front of the radio.

WARNING: To prevent corrupted data on the SD Card, always turn iSCAN off using the front panel power key before removing the batteries.

Remove the door covering the battery compartment by pressing gently where the door is marked **OPEN** and sliding the door downwards until it stops, approximately 1/4". Lift the door away from the radio. Remove the batteries to expose the SD Card slot. Push the bottom of the SD Card upwards until a click is heard to eject the SD Card. Slide the SD Card out of the slot to remove it from the radio.

To insert the SD Card, position the SD Card face up and slide into the slot. Press the SD Card upwards gently until a click is heard to lock it in place. Replace the batteries and battery compartment door.

NOTE: Always use the iSCAN PC Application to format the SD Card to ensure that the card is properly formatted for best performance in iSCAN.

SD Card contents

The SD Card that iSCAN can be inserted into any SD Card slot on a computer or external SD Card adapter, where you can use the iSCAN PC Application to modify the configuration, update the Library, optimize the card for best performance, or reformat the card. The SD Card comes formatted for the standard FAT file system with a cluster size of 32K. (Note that this is not the same as the “FAT32” file system.)

iSCAN will work best if the SD Card is formatted for the standard FAT file system with a cluster size of 32K, with a volume name of “iSCAN”. Formatting the SD Card for other file system types may cause iSCAN to malfunction.

For reference, here is the directory structure for iSCAN’s SD Card. You may wish to make a copy of the CDAT folder on your computer as a backup. Modifying these directories or their contents is not recommended, and may cause iSCAN to malfunction.

BTMP

Contains various temporary files used by iSCAN while it is running

CDAT

Contains your iSCAN programming

DB

Contains the Library

MTMP

Contains various temporary files used by iSCAN while it is running

STMP

Contains various temporary files used by iSCAN while it is running

WARNING: Modifying these directories or their contents is not recommended, and may

cause iSCAN to malfunction.

SD Card error messages

iSCAN's SD Card must be formatted correctly for proper operation. If the SD Card is corrupted, defective, improperly formatted or missing, iSCAN will report one or more of the following errors:

Unable to get an initialization response from the SD Card at power-up:

No SD Card found

Unable to read valid low-level file system information (partition tables, etc.) from installed SD Card at power-up:

No file system on SD Card

SD Card has a cluster size other than 32kB – 32kB is required by iSCAN:

Bad file system: 32k clusters required

Unrecoverable error reading the SD Card. Power-cycle may resolve:

SD Read Error

Unrecoverable error writing the SD Card. Power-cycle may resolve:

SD Write Error

The SD Card has no more free space:

SD Card Full!

iSCAN's Main Menu

The heart of iSCAN's user interface is the Main Menu, where all of the major functions are controlled. The following options are available in the Main Menu:

Play

Begins playback (scanning) of imported objects in enabled Playlists. Use the ► or ►II/SEL keys to activate Play mode.

Browse Objects

Enters Playlist Browse mode, which allows you to browse the objects that you have imported into Playlists. Use the ► or ►/II/SEL keys to activate Playlist Browse mode.

Playlists

Accesses the Playlists utility to enable, disable or rename Playlists. Use the ► or ►/II/SEL keys to proceed to the next step, then use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll select a Playlist to modify. Press the ►/II/SEL key to toggle enabled/disabled status, or press the ► and follow the on-screen instructions to rename.

Search

Accesses iSCAN's Signal Stalker II, Service Search and Limit Search modes. See the Search section of this manual for more information.

Browse Library

Accesses the Library, where you can browse and pick objects to import into Playlists.

Restore Skipped

Restores all skipped objects so they will be scanned again in Play mode.

Settings

Accesses the Settings menu. See Appendix A for more information.

Editing Objects

From time to time you may find it necessary to edit the objects that you have imported from the library into your Playlists. This can be accomplished using iSCAN itself, or you can use the iSCAN PC Application.

To edit objects using iSCAN, follow the instructions above for Browsing Playlists and Objects to select the object you wish to edit, then press the **MENU** key to activate the Object Menu. Alternatively, you may press the **MENU** key when iSCAN stops on an active object while scanning to edit that object.

To change an option use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll to the option you wish to change, then press the ► key to toggle values or proceed to the next step.

The following options are available in the Object Menu:

Main Menu

Navigates to iSCAN's Main Menu

Cancel Changes

Exits the Object Menu without saving any changes

Save Changes

Saves your changes and exits the Object Menu

Alpha Tag

Allows you to change the name of the selected object. Follow the on-screen instructions and use the ◀ ▶ ▲ ▼ keys to change the object name.

Set Playlists

Allows you to change the Playlists that the selected object is a member of. Use the ▶/II/SEL key to change Playlist membership by adding or removing checkmarks to Playlists.

Locked Out

When checked, the selected object is Locked Out and will not be scanned. Locked Out status is not changed when the Main Menu's Restore Skipped utility is used. Use the ▶/II/SEL key to toggle Locked Out status.

Skipped

When checked, the selected object is Skipped and will not be scanned. Skipped status is restored when the Main Menu's Restore Skipped utility is used. Use the ▶/II/SEL or ▶ keys to toggle Skipped status.

Priority

When checked, Priority is enabled for the selected object. When enabled, Priority causes the scanner to check for activity more frequently on objects with Priority enabled. Priority Mode must be enabled from the Main Menu to use the Priority feature. Use the ▶/II/SEL or ▶ keys to toggle Priority status. Priority status is indicated in the object display's psD indicator. "p" indicates that priority is not enabled for the object, and "P" indicates that priority is enabled for the object.

Delay

Enables or disables delay for the selected object. When delay is enabled, iSCAN waits for two seconds after a transmission to receive reply traffic before resuming scanning.

Attenuate

When checked, attenuation is enabled for the selected object. Attenuation may help reduce interference from strong local transmitters. Use the ►/II/SEL or ► keys to toggle Attenuate status. Attenuate is not available in the Object Menu for trunked talkgroups.

Alarm

Defines an audible alarm that is heard whenever there is activity on the object. Use the ◀ or ► keys to select the desired alarm sound.

Light

Defines backlight behavior for the selected object. Use the ◀ or ► keys to select the desired light behavior. Options are Leave (use default backlight settings), On (turn the backlight on) or Flash (flash the backlight according to the Flash Pattern setting).

Flash Pattern, On Time, Off Time

Flash Pattern defines the pattern that is used for this object when the Light mode is set to Flash. Each object uses a 32 step Flash Pattern. Each step in the 32 step flash pattern defines whether the backlight is on or off for the durations specified in the On Time and Off Time settings below. The 32 step Flash Pattern consists of eight blocks with four steps for each block. The Flash Pattern within a four step block is defined using the characters 0-9 and A-F. Figure 6 illustrates the 16 individual flash patterns for each four step block.

0:	⊙	⊙	⊙	⊙
1:	⊙	⊙	⊙	•
2:	⊙	⊙	•	⊙
3:	⊙	⊙	•	•
4:	⊙	•	⊙	⊙
5:	⊙	•	⊙	•
6:	⊙	•	•	⊙
7:	⊙	•	•	•
8:	•	⊙	⊙	⊙

9:	●	⊙	⊙	●
A:	●	⊙	●	⊙
B:	●	⊙	●	●
C:	●	●	⊙	⊙
D:	●	●	⊙	●
E:	●	●	●	⊙
F:	●	●	●	●

● = ON, ⊙ = OFF

Figure 6 - Four step block flash patterns

The flash pattern is set for each block by specifying the number or letter associated with the desired flash pattern. Using this technique it is possible to define simple or complex flash patterns that you can use to identify an active object at a glance from across the room.

On Time and Off Time control the backlight on and backlight off duration for each of the 32 steps in the Flash Pattern. On Time and Off Time are specified in 10 millisecond increments, e.g., an On Time of 50 means the light will come on for 500 milliseconds (or one half second) for each Flash Pattern step where the light is set to come on.

There are many different possible Flash Patterns possible with this feature. Here are just a few that you can use to get started:

Flash Pattern: 55555555, On Time: 50, Off Time: 50

These are the default values for Flash Pattern, On Time and Off Time. When the object is active, the LED backlight will flash on and off at a rate of one flash per second, with each flash lasting half a second.

Flash Pattern: 88888888, On Time: 50, Off Time: 50

This combination causes the LED backlight to come on for a half second every two seconds.

Flash Pattern: A8A8A8A8, On Time: 1, Off Time: 5

This combination creates an interesting “strobe light” effect similar to the emergency lights on a public safety vehicle.

Many more combinations are possible - just experiment to find the ones that work for you.

To set the Flash Pattern, use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll to Flash Pattern, then press the ► key to set the pattern value. Follow the on-screen instructions to set the value of the flash pattern, using Figure 6 above as your guide.

To set On Time and Off Time, use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll to On Time or Off Time, then press the ► key to set the value. Follow the on-screen instructions to set the value for On Time and Off Time.

Delete Object

Selecting Delete Object removes the object from iSCAN's working memory configuration. The Library data is never altered in any way, so if necessary, the object can be imported to iSCAN's Playlists again.

To delete the current object, use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll to Delete Object, then press the ► key to proceed with the deletion. Follow the on-screen instructions to confirm Delete Object.

Weather Modes

iSCAN is also a sophisticated and powerful NOAA weather radio receiver. You can monitor 24 hour NOAA weather radio broadcasts anytime, and, you can use iSCAN as a weather priority receiver while scanning to alert you to severe weather broadcasts as they occur, or you can activate Dedicated SAME Weather Alert Receiver mode, where your iSCAN remains quiet until a warning for the specific geographic area(s) you define is received.

NOTE: Your scanner incorporates weather alert as one of its features and is an extremely sensitive high quality receiver on the weather frequencies. However, the included flex antenna is optimized for general purpose scanning. If you use this scanner as your only means for receiving weather alerts, please check to be sure you are receiving a clear signal on the flex antenna or switch to an external antenna that gives you clear reception of

a local NOAA weather broadcast.

Weather Monitor

iSCAN's Weather Monitor mode provides instant access to NOAA weather broadcasts in your area. To activate Weather Monitor mode, press the **WX** key. Use the ◀ and ▶ keys to select the strongest NOAA transmitter for your area.

Weather Priority

Weather Priority mode samples the specified weather frequency periodically while scanning to see if the All Hazards 1050 Hz Warning Alert Tone (WAT) is present. If the WAT is present, the scanner will sound an alarm and tune to the specified weather frequency to monitor the nature of the alert.

To activate Weather Priority mode, follow the steps above listed above in Weather Monitor mode, and find the strongest weather radio transmitter for your area. Once iSCAN is tuned to the strongest weather radio transmitter for your location, note the weather channel number in the display (e.g., "WX7" is Channel 7). Press the **MENU** key. Scroll to Priority, and use the ◀ and ▶ keys to select the same NOAA weather radio channel number that you previously identified as having the best signal for your area. Press the **MENU** key to exit, following the on-screen instructions to save your changes.

When monitoring objects, iSCAN will check the specified weather frequency periodically for the 1050 Hz Warning Alert Tone (WAT). If WAT is found, iSCAN will sound an alarm and monitor the weather alert audio.

Dedicated SAME Weather Alert Receiver

Dedicated SAME Weather Alert Receiver mode monitors the specified weather frequency silently, waiting to receive a Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) alert that corresponds with a SAME location code (also known as a FIPS code) that you have entered. If there is a match between a transmitted SAME location code and one that you have previously stored, iSCAN will sound an alarm, display the alert type, and monitor the alert. Up to 10 SAME FIPS location codes can be stored in iSCAN.

To use Dedicated SAME Weather Alert Receiver mode, first you should program at least one SAME location code for your city, county or state. With the default factory setup, SAME mode will alert on any SAME message received if no SAME location codes are entered. A list of SAME location codes can be found online at this web site:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr/indexnw.htm>

Entering SAME Location and Event Codes

The following steps are used to create a SAME entry that provides all weather alerts for a given location.

Press the **WX** key to activate Weather Monitor mode, then press the **MENU** key. Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to scroll to the SAME 1 Tag parameter. Press the ► key to enter a name for the SAME 1 location. Follow the on screen instructions to create and save the name and return to the Weather menu. For this example we will use DALLAS COUNTY.

Scroll down to the SAME 1 FIPS parameter and press the ► key to enter a FIPS code for SAME 1. The FIPS code for Dallas County is 048113, which is broken down as follows:

The first digit, 0, indicates that the geographical area consists of the entire county. The SAME specification can use the first digit to define a sub-area within a county, but this is generally not used.

The second two digits, 48, indicate the state is Texas.

The last three digits, 113, indicate that the County is Dallas.

iSCAN allows you to enter all or part of the FIPS code, and supports the use of the 0 (zero) character as a wildcard. For example, if you wanted to receive alerts for any location in Texas (provided that they are transmitted by the local NOAA transmitter), you can enter 048000 in the FIPS field. For now, just follow the on-screen instructions to enter the entire FIPS code for Dallas County (048113) and return to the Weather menu.

Scroll down to the SAME 1 Enable parameter. Use the ► key to toggle the Enabled status for the SAME 1 location.

Repeat the above process to enter additional SAME information for other areas if desired. When finished, press the **MENU** key and follow the on-screen instructions to save changes and exit.

Dedicated SAME Weather Alert Receiver Mode

After you have entered information for one or more SAME locations, press the **WX** key to activate Weather Monitor mode and select the strongest weather transmitter for your area. Press the SKIP key to toggle between SAME Standby and Normal Weather Monitor mode. When Standby mode is selected, iSCAN will monitor the selected weather channel for SAME alerts that match the locations you have programmed. If a matching alert is detected, iSCAN will sound an alarm, display the type of alert on its LCD screen and monitor the alert message.

Skywarn

iSCAN's Skywarn Playlist is useful for storing objects that may be useful to monitor during times of severe weather, such as amateur radio repeaters used to provide Skywarn storm spotter reports to local National Weather Service offices. By monitoring Skywarn repeaters, you'll hear about severe weather conditions before they are reported by local radio and television media. The Skywarn Playlist works like any other iSCAN Playlist. It can be enabled and disabled for scanning along with the 20 regular Playlists. The Skywarn Playlist can also be accessed quickly by pressing the **WX** key while iSCAN is in Weather Monitor mode. When activated from Weather Monitor mode, all other Playlists are temporarily disabled, and only objects mapped to the Skywarn playlist will be monitored.

Searching

iSCAN features several search modes to help you find more objects to listen to. As you use iSCAN's search modes to find new objects, you can write them down as they are received, then use the companion iSCAN PC Application to add them to your playlists later.

Signal Stalker II

iSCAN features RadioShack's innovative Signal Stalker II technology, which can rapidly sweep through a range of frequencies and find transmissions from nearby sources.

To use Signal Stalker II, press the MENU key to access the Main Menu, then use the ▼ key to scroll down to the Search option. Press the ► key to proceed to the Search menu. Scroll to the Signal Stalker option and press the ► key to proceed to the next menu. Select All Bands to perform a Signal Stalker II search on all common land mobile radio bands, or select Public Safety to perform a faster Signal Stalker II search on frequency ranges commonly used for public safety communications. iSCAN will immediately begin to sweep the frequency ranges you have selected. To block reception of undesired signals found while using Signal Stalker II, press the **SKIP** key.

To change the Signal Stalker II options, press the **MENU** key while Signal Stalker II is active. The following options are available:

Main Menu

Navigates to iSCAN's Main Menu

Stalker Menu

Navigates to the Signal Stalker Menu

Cancel Changes

Exits the Signal Stalker Menu without saving any changes

Save Changes

Saves your changes and exits the Signal Stalker Menu

Attenuator

When checked, attenuation is enabled when using Signal Stalker II. Attenuation limits the effective range of Signal Stalker II and may help reduce interference from strong local transmitters. Use the ►/II/SEL or ► keys to toggle Attenuator status.

Zeromatic

Enables or disables iSCAN's Zeromatic circuit. Zeromatic helps iSCAN tune to exact frequencies when searching. Use the ◀ or ► keys to toggle Zeromatic enabled/disabled status.

Delay

Enables or disables delay when using the Signal Stalker II feature. When delay is enabled, iSCAN waits for two seconds after a transmission to receive reply traffic before resuming search. Use the ► key to toggle delay enabled/disabled status.

Special Mode

Signal Stalker II sweeps through frequency ranges in 1 MHz blocks, looking for transmissions from nearby strong signal sources. When Special Mode is enabled, Signal Stalker II will skip any 1 MHz block where you have skipped five or more frequencies using the **SKIP** key. Special Mode is useful when you are close to many high power transmitters that are close together in frequency. Use the ◀ or ► keys to toggle Special Mode enabled/disabled status.

Frequency Ranges

The frequency ranges that Signal Stalker II sweeps are controlled by enabling or disabling them here. Disabling frequency ranges that are not of interest helps speed Signal Stalker II up, helping you to find nearby activity faster. Use the ► key to enable or disable frequency ranges.

For the “All Bands” Signal Stalker II mode, the following frequency ranges can be controlled:

25-54 MHz	VHF Low Band
108-137 MHz	VHF Aircraft Band
137-174 MHz	VHF High Band
216-300 MHz	220 MHz Commercial/Amateur Band
300-406 MHz	UHF Military Air Band
406-470 MHz	UHF Band
470-512 MHz	UHF-T Band
764-797 MHz	700 MHz Band
806-869 MHz	800 MHz Band
894-1300 MHz	900 MHz Band, 23 cm Amateur Band

For the “Public Safety” Signal Stalker II mode, the following frequency ranges can be controlled:

33.4-46.5 MHz	VHF Low Band
151-170 MHz	VHF High Band
453-467 MHz	UHF Band
764-797 MHz	700 MHz Band
806-869 MHz	800 MHz Band

Service Search

iSCAN features a powerful Service Search capability, which searches through the frequencies used by different radio services. Service Search is a good way for you to receive activity on local frequencies.

To use Service Search, press the **MENU** key to access the Main Menu, then use the ▼ key to scroll down to the Search option. Press the ► key to proceed to the Search menu. Scroll to the Service Search and press the ► key to proceed and select the type of Service Search you wish to perform. To block reception of undesired signals found while using Service Search, press the SKIP key.

To change the Service Search options, press the **MENU** key while Service Search is active. The following Service Search options are available:

Public Safety - Searches commonly used public safety frequencies. Groups are as follows:

33.4-46.5 MHz	VHF Low Band
151-170 MHz	VHF High Band
453-467 MHz	UHF Band
764-806 MHz	700 MHz Band
851-869 MHz	800 MHz Band

Aircraft - Searches civilian and military air frequencies. Groups are as follows:

- 108-118 MHz Navigation
- 118-137 MHz Civilian Voice
- 138-150 MHz Military Voice (excludes 2m Amateur)
- 225-400 MHz Military Voice

Railroad - searches the Association of American Railroads (AAR) VHF railroad

frequencies used in the US and Canada

Amateur - Searches amateur radio frequencies. Groups are as follows:

28.0-29.7 MHz	10m Band
50-54 MHz	6m Band
144-148 MHz	2m Band
222-225 MHz	1.25cm Band
420-450 MHz	70cm Band
902-928 MHz	33cm Band
1240-1300 MHz	23cm Band

CB - Searches the Citizens Band radio frequencies

Marine - Searches the VHF-FM marine radio band

FRS/GMRS/MURS/ - Searches the FRS, GMRS, MURS, DOT and STAR radio frequencies

The **MENU** key can be used while any Service Search is active to set the following parameters;

Main Menu

Navigates to iSCAN's Main Menu

Srvc Srch Menu

Navigates to the top Service Search Menu

Cancel Changes

Exits the Service Search Menu without saving any changes

Save Changes

Saves your changes and exits the Service Search Menu

Attenuator

When checked, attenuation is enabled when using Service Search. Attenuation limits the effective range of Service Search and may help reduce interference from strong local

transmitters. Use the ►/II/SEL or ► keys to toggle Attenuator status.

Zeromatic

Enables or disables iSCAN's Zeromatic circuit. Zeromatic helps iSCAN tune to exact frequencies when searching. Use the ◀ or ▶ keys to toggle Zeromatic enabled/disabled status. Zeromatic does not have any effect in channel-based searches such as CB, Marine and FRS/GMRS/MURS bands.

Delay

Enables or disables delay when using the Service Search feature. When delay is enabled, iSCAN waits for two seconds after a transmission to receive reply traffic before resuming search. Use the ◀ or ▶ keys to toggle delay enabled/disabled status.

RX Mode

Sets automatic RX modulation mode for the Service Search, or forces AM mode or FM mode. Use the ◀ or ▶ keys to change.

Frequency Ranges

For Service Searches that utilize frequency ranges, this option allows you to control which ranges are searched. The Frequency Ranges option is available in the Public Safety, Aircraft and Amateur Radio Service Searches. Use the ► key to enable or disable frequency ranges.

Limit Search

iSCAN's Limit Search feature allows you to configure a customized search between lower and upper frequencies that you choose.

To use Limit Search, press the **MENU** key to access the Main Menu, then use the ▼ key to scroll down to the Search option. Press the ► key to proceed to the Search menu. Scroll to the Limit Search option and press the ► key to start the Limit Search. To block reception of undesired signals found while using Limit Search, press the **SKIP** key.

To change the Limit Search options, press the **MENU** key while Limit Search is active. The following Limit Search options are available:

Main Menu

Navigates to iSCAN's Main Menu

Search Menu

Navigates to the Search Menu

Cancel Changes

Exits the Limit Search Menu without saving any changes

Save Changes

Saves your changes and exits the Limit Search Menu

Attenuator

When checked, attenuation is enabled when using Limit Search. Attenuation limits the effective range of Limit Search and may help reduce interference from strong local transmitters. Use the ►/II/SEL or ► keys to toggle Attenuator status.

Zeromatic

Enables or disables iSCAN's Zeromatic circuit. Zeromatic helps iSCAN tune to exact frequencies when searching. Use the ◀ or ► keys to toggle Zeromatic enabled/disabled status.

Delay

Enables or disables delay when using the Limit Search feature. When delay is enabled, iSCAN waits for two seconds after a transmission to receive reply traffic before resuming search. Use the ◀ or ► keys to toggle delay enabled/disabled status.

Lo

Sets the lower frequency for the Limit Search frequency range. Press the ► key, then follow the on-screen instructions to edit and save the lower frequency.

Hi

Sets the upper frequency for the Limit Search frequency range. Press the ► key, then follow the on-screen instructions to edit and save the upper frequency.

Troubleshooting

Should you experience difficulty with iSCAN, please refer to the following troubleshooting guide for assistance. If you are unable to restore iSCAN to normal operation after following these steps, contact your nearest RadioShack store for assistance.

The scanner does not function

- . Ensure that iSCAN is equipped with fresh batteries. If powering iSCAN from external power, make certain that the external power plug is fully inserted into iSCAN's PC/IF-DC POWER jack.

Low battery warning beeps and message on LCD display

- . Recharge rechargeable batteries or replace alkaline batteries.

Poor or no reception

- . Weak signals from distant stations. Reposition for best reception.
- . Attenuator in use on weak signals. Check performance with and without attenuator activated, use setting with best reception.
- . Strong signal overload from nearby transmitter. Check performance with and without attenuator activated, use setting with best reception.
- . Loose or defective antenna. Inspect antenna and connectors and correct any problems found.
- . Incorrect modulation mode selected. Ensure that proper modulation mode is selected for the type of system being monitored. If necessary, use iSCAN PC Application to change modulation mode.
- . Attenuator is in use on weak signals. Check performance with and without attenuator activated, and use the setting that results in better reception.

"Scanning not available" shown in display

- . The batteries are low and all functions that write data to the SD Card (including scanning) are disabled to prevent data corruption. Recharge or replace the batteries.

The scanner is on but does not scan

- . The squelch may not be adjusted correctly. Turn the squelch control counterclockwise.

The scanner does not recognize the SD Card

- . The SD Card is not properly formatted. Use the iSCAN PC Application to reformat the card. If using Windows to format the card, the card format must be FAT with 32k clusters.
- . The SD Card may not be inserted fully. Press the SD Card into the slot until a click is heard and the card is fully inserted in the slot.
- . The SD Card may be defective. Replace with a new SD Card.

“Init SD Card” appears when the scanner is turned on

- . The SD Card is not properly formatted. Use the iSCAN PC Application to reformat the card.
- . The SD Card may not be inserted fully. Press the SD Card into the slot until a click is heard and the card is fully inserted in the slot.

iSCAN does not upload or download to/from the PC

- . The USB cable is not plugged into the computer or the scanner. Connect the USB cable to the scanner and the computer to proceed.
- . The USB cable drivers are not installed. Use the CD to install the cable drivers.

Birdie Frequencies

Every scanner has birdie frequencies. Birdies are signals created inside the scanner's receiver, which may interfere with transmissions on the same frequencies.

If you program a frequency and hear only noise on that frequency, it may be a birdie. If the interference is not severe, you might be able to turn Squelch clockwise to omit the birdie.

Your scanner may have a few birdies that are so strong, rotating the Squelch control clockwise will not solve the birdie problem.

If you suspect that a frequency you have programmed is being affected by a birdie, try removing the antenna. Removing the antenna will help determine if the interfering signal is a birdie signal being generated inside of the scanner, or the result of an external interference source. If the noise on a frequency is not affected when the antenna is removed, it is almost certainly the result of a birdie. If the noise disappears when the antenna is removed, the noise is most likely coming from an external source. Moving the scanner may reduce or solve the issue.

Care

Your scanner is not waterproof. Do not expose it to rain, moisture, or extreme high humidity. If the scanner gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Use and store the scanner only in normal temperature environments. Handle the scanner carefully; do not drop it. Keep the scanner away from dust and dirt, and wipe it with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new.

Service and Repair

If your scanner is not performing as it should, take it to your local RadioShack store for assistance.

To locate your nearest RadioShack, use the store locator feature on RadioShack's website (www.radioshack.com), or call 1-800-The Shack (800-843-7422) and follow the menu options.

Modifying or tampering with the scanner's internal components can cause a malfunction and might invalidate its warranty and void your FCC authorization to operate it.

Appendix A - iSCAN Settings Menu

iSCAN's factory default settings should be adequate for most users. You can use the Settings menu to customize these settings to suit your individual needs.

To access the Settings menu, press the **MENU** key until the Main Menu appears, then scroll to the Settings menu item and press the **►** key to access the Settings menu.

Main Menu

Jumps to the Main Menu

Back

Jumps back (typically to the Main Menu)

Save Changes

Saves the changes you've made to the Settings options.

Simple Display

By default, iSCAN operates with simplified display that only shows object and Playlist names. To see more information about objects, disable this option.

Priority Mode

Enables Priority Mode. Objects that are with Priority enabled in the Object Menu will be checked more frequently for activity, giving them priority over objects that do not have Priority enabled.

Priority Time

Controls how frequently conventional channel priority objects are checked.

G Atten Mode

Enables or disables Global Attenuator mode. When Global Priority Attenuator is enabled, iSCAN applies attenuation to every object and search regardless of individual attenuation setting when the attenuator is turned on.

G Atten On

Activates the Global Attenuation.

Key Beeps

Enables or disables Key Beep sounds.

Beep Volume

Controls the volume of Key Beep sounds.

Alert Volume

Controls the volume of object alert sounds.

Contrast

Sets the contrast of the LCD display.

LiteMode

Sets the backlight mode to On, Stealth, Normal, Key, or Ignore.

LiteArea

Controls whether the LCD, keypad or both should be illuminated when the backlight is active.

LiteTime

Controls the amount of time the backlight stays on.

Welcome Text 1-5

Sets the text displayed on five lines of the display when iSCAN is first turned on.

Blink Time 1-2

For alternating display elements, controls the amount of time each item is displayed.

Show Radio ID

When enabled, displays the individual Radio ID if it is available for trunk radio system that use the Radio ID feature.

Specifications

Frequency range

Freq.	Step	Mode (Default)
25.0000 – 26.9600 MHz	10 kHz	AM
26.9650 – 27.4050 MHz	10 kHz	AM
27.4100 – 29.5050 MHz	5 kHz	AM
29.5100 – 29.7000 MHz	5 kHz	FM
29.7100 – 49.8300 MHz	10 kHz	FM
49.8350 – 54.0000 MHz	5 kHz	FM
108.000 – 136.9916 MHz	8.33 kHz	AM
137.000 – 137.995 MHz	5 kHz	FM
138.000 – 143.9875 MHz	12.5 kHz	AM
144.000 – 147.9950 MHz	5 kHz	FM
148.000 – 150.7875 MHz	12.5 kHz	FM

150.800 – 150.8450 MHz	5 kHz	FM
150.8525 – 154.4975 MHz	7.5 kHz	FM
154.5150 – 154.6400 MHz	5 kHz	FM
154.6500 – 156.2550 MHz	7.5 kHz	FM
156.2750 – 157.4500 MHz	25 kHz	FM
157.4700 – 161.5725 MHz	7.5 kHz	FM
161.6000 – 161.9750 MHz	5 kHz	FM
162.0000 – 174.0000 MHz	12.5 kHz	FM
216.0025 – 219.9975 MHz	5 kHz	FM
220.0000 – 224.9950 MHz	5 kHz	FM
225.0000 – 379.999375 MHz	6.25 kHz	AM
380.0000 – 419.987500 MHz	12.5 kHz	FM
420.0000 – 450.000000 MHz	5 kHz	FM
450.00625 – 469.99375 MHz	6.25 kHz	FM
470.00000 – 512.00000 MHz	6.25 kHz	FM
764.00000 – 781.996875 MHz	3.125 kHz	FM
791.00000 – 796.996875 MHz	3.125 kHz	FM
806.00000 – 823.987500 MHz	12.5 kHz	FM
849.00000 – 868.987500 MHz	12.5 kHz	FM
894.00000 – 939.987500 MHz	12.5 kHz	FM
940.00000 – 960.000000 MHz	6.25 kHz	FM
1240.0000 – 1300.00000 MHz	6.25 kHz	FM

Programmable memories and searches

Object capacity (Nominal, with 2 GB SD Card): > 10 million, varies depending on user configuration

Service searches:

Programmable limit search

Conventional and trunked priority

7 preprogrammed WX frequencies with WX priority and SAME

10 SAME memory locations

Receiving modes

AM, FM, FM-MOT (Motorola), LTR (EF Johnson), EDACS wide/narrow (GE/Ericsson/HARRIS), CTCSS and DCS

Receiving system Triple conversion PLL super heterodyne

Service band search

Marine, CB, FRS/GRMS/MURS, Public safety, Aircraft, Amateur (Ham), Railroad

WX frequencies

162.400, 162.425, 162.450, 162.475, 162.500, 162.525, 162.550 MHz

Display

Full dot matrix bitmap LCD (96x48 dots)

Sensitivity (fm 20 dB Quieting unless otherwise noted)

VHF Low	0.3 μ V
VHF Aircraft (20 dBq AM)	1.0 μ V
VHF High 137-174 MHz	0.5 μ V
VHF High 216-300 MHz	0.5 μ V
UHF Low 300 - 406MHz	0.8 μ V
UHF/UHF-T 406 - 512 MHz	0.5 μ V
UHF High 764 - 960 MHz	0.7 μ V
1240 - 1300 MHz	0.7 μ V

Squelch sensitivity (Band center)

Threshold: AM/FM 0.5 μ V

Tight: (S+N)/N: AM 20 dB, FM 25 dB

Spurious rejection

VHF High at 154.1 MHz: 40 dB (Except Primary image)

Signal to noise ratio (100 μ V input signal) 35-40 dB typical

Scanning rate without Trunking 138 – 147.9 MHz: 75ch/second (in 100 kHz Intervals)

Search rate 162.25 – 167.25 MHz: 85 steps/sec.

Scan and Search delay time 2 seconds

Audio max. power RF input: 100 μ V at 154.1 MHz (DEV:3kHz at1kHz)

8 Ohms Resistor Load at speaker terminal (BTL): 280 m Watts

Intermediate frequency

1st 380.8 MHz

2nd 21.4 MHz

3rd 455 kHz

Current drain (Back Light off/with Out charging)

8 Ohm internal speaker at 154.1 MHz, 5V Ext Power, Squelched: 120mA

Antenna impedance 50 Ohms

Temperature range Operate (Need not meet spec.): -10°C – +60°C

Speaker Built-in 36 mm 8 Ohms dynamic speaker

Operating voltage	DC 2.4 Volts ("AA" cell x 2pcs. Ni-MH Batteries)
	DC 3 Volts ("AA" cell x 2pcs. ALKALINE Batteries)
	Ext. power and charge voltage
	USB Power (DC 5V 500mA)
Dimensions	Approximately 4 15/16" x 2 5/16" x 1" (127 x 60 x 27 mm) (HWD)
Weight	Approximately 6.7 oz. (190g) without antenna and batteries
PC application software	Requires Windows 2000, Windows XP, Windows Vista or Windows 7

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