# **OPERATIONS MANUAL**

# FRS22-NL

# General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) 22 Channel 2-Way Radios

GMRS/FRS Frequencies Voice-Activated Earpiece Included





Owners Manual and Instructions

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#### **CAUTION**

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#### **GMRS LICENSE**

USE OF THIS RADIO WITHIN THE UNITED STATES REQUIRES AN FCC GMRS LICENSE. AN INDIVIDUAL 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO IS NOT A REPRESENTATIVE OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A GMRS SYSTEM LICENSE. YOU WILL NEED TWO FORMS FROM THE FCC; FCC FORM 159 AND FCC FORM 605 MAIN FORM AND SCHEDULE F. YOU CAN FIND THE FORMS ONLINE

AT:HTTP// WWW.FCC.GOV/FORMPAGE.HTWL ,OR CALL 1-800-418-3676.

To maintain compliance with the FCC's RF exposure guidelines, hold the transmitter at least 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) from your face and speak in a normal voice, with the antenna pointed up and away. If you wear the handset on your body while using the headset accessory, DO NOT TRANSMIT.

The FRS-22 supplied belt clip is for storage purposes ONLY. Use only the supplied antenna.

Unauthorized antennas, modifications, or attachments could damage the transmitter and may violate FCC regulations.

Normal Position :Hold the transmitter approximately 1" from your face and speak in a normal voice, with the antenna pointed up.

MODIFICATIONS OR CHANGES NOT EXPRESSLY APPROVED BY COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. COULD VOID THE USER'S AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT.

#### SAFETY TRAINING INFORMATION

Safety Information For GMRS UNIT

Your wireless handheld portable transceiver contains a low power transmitter. When the TALK button is pushed it sends out radio frequency (RF) signals . This device is authorized to operate at a duty factor not to exceed 50% In August 1996,the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) adopted RF exposure guidelines with safety levels for handheld wireless devices.

- . DO NOT operate the radio without a proper antenna attached, as this may damage the radio and also cause you to exceed FCC RF exposure limits. A proper antenna is the antenna supplied with this radio by the manufacturer or an antenna specifically authorized by the manufacturer for use with this radio.
- . DO NOT transmit for more than 50% of total radio use time (50% duty cycle) Transmitting more than 50% of the time can cause FCC RF exposure compliance requirements to be exceeded.
- .ALWAYS use authorized accessories antennas, batteries, belt clips, speaker/mic, etc). Use of unauthorized accessories can cause the FCC RF exposure compliance requirements to be exceeded.

ALWAYS keep the antenna at least 2.5cm (1 inch) away from the body when transmitting ,If you wear the handset on your body while using the headset accessory, DO NOT TRANSMIT. The FRS-22 supplied belt clip is for storage purposes ONLY. This is to ensure FCC RF exposure compliance requirements are not exceeded. To provide the recipients of your transmission the best sound quality, hold the antenna at least 5cm(2 inches) from the mouth, and slightly off to one side.

# **FCC Warnings**

ADJUSTMENT: REPLACEMENT or substitution of transistors, regular diodes or other parts of a unique nature, with parts other than those recommended by Columbia, may cause a violation of the technical regulations of part 95 of the FCC Rules, or violation of Type Acceptance requirements of Part 2 of the Rules.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, 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. However, 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.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following condition: this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

#### Introduction

#### Included in your package

When you unpack your FRS-22 radios, you should find the following items enclosed in the package.

- \* GMRS/FRS radio-2pcs
- \* Belt clip (attached)-2pcs
- \* Neckstrap-2pcs
- \* This manual

Please check for these carefully. If any items are missing, please call COLUMBIA Telecommunications Customer support at 1-800-889-7434 between 9am and 5pm EST (Eastern Standard Time).

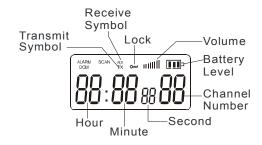


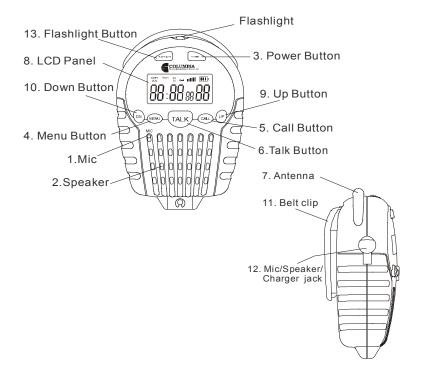


#### Controls and Displays

- 1. Mic
- 2. Speaker
- 3. Power Button
- 4. Menu Button
- 5. Call Button
- 6. Talk Button
- 7. Antenna
- 8. LCD Panel
- 9. Up Button (Change Channel and Volume)
- 10. Down Button (Change Channel and Volume)
- 11. Belt clip
- 12. Mic/Speaker/Charger Jack
- 13. Flashlight Button

# **Component Guide**





# Setting Up Your GMRS/FRS Radio

#### **Battery Installation**

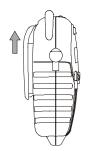
Batteries are not installed with you GMRS/FRS 2-way radios. To use the radio, you must install 3 AAA size alkaline batteries or 3 AAA size Ni-MH rechargeable batteries.

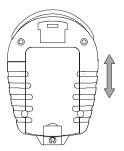


# Caution: incorrect positioning of the batteries can damage both the batteries and the unit.

#### To install the batteries:

- Remove the belt clip by pulling the tab on the top of the belt clip back, and sliding it up and off of the unit.
- Pull the battery door lock tab down to release the battery cover.
- Insert three AAA batteries. Position the batteries according to the polarity markings on the plastic.
- Replace the battery cover. Snap the lock tab and belt clip back into place.





# **Setting Up Your GMRS/FRS Radio**



#### **WARNING**

# DO NOT CHARGE THIS UNIT USING AN AC DC ADAPTOR WITH REGULAR AAA ALKALINE BATTERIES INSTALLED.USE ONLY THE AC/DC ADAPTOR WITH AAA RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES

- Do not mix old and new batteries.
- Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc), or rechargeable batteries.



#### **Battery Meter**

The battery meter is located in the top right corner of the LCD display panel on the unit. It looks like a battery with 3 vertical bars inside. These indicate the amount of power available. As the power is used, the bars will disappear.

#### **Low Battery Indicator**

When the batteries need to be changed, the battery meter icon will flash. To ensure uninterrupted communication, replace the batteries as soon as possible.

#### Note:

Always use alkaline batteries or Ni -MH type rechargeable batteries for replacements. If you store your radio for long periods of time, always remove the batteries. Batteries may

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corrode and leak when left unused over long periods of time, and permanently damage your radio.

DO NOT PUT BATTERIES INTO FIRE OR EXPOSE TO HIGH HEAT. THEY MAY EXPLODE.



#### **Turning On Your GMRS/FRS**

Push & hold **Power** button, to turn the GMRS/FRS radio on or off. The unit will beep, the LCD panel will display information about your radio, and the panel will be illuminated by a green light for several seconds.

#### Communication

You can communicate two ways with your new GMRS/FRS radio. There are 22 channels available to you. You can either talk directly to others and hear their response, or you can call or page them with an audible tone.

In all cases, both units must be set to the same channels, or they will not communicate.

The GMRS/FRS radios can only communicate when either the TALK button (for speech), or the CALL button (for paging) is pressed. The unit can only receive when both buttons are fully released.

#### **Receiving Communications**

When your GMRS/FRS unit is turned on and is not being used to transmit voice communication or pages, it is always in the listening mode.

You cannot receive any transmissions when the **TALK** or **CALL** buttons are pressed, even if you aren't saying anything. Pressing these buttons automatically overrides and turns off the receive mode.

When you are using the unit in conversation, you must release the **TALK** and/or **CALL** buttons to hear the responses of the other people. Failure to do so will keep your unit in transmission mode, preventing you from hearing other units.



#### **Respond Prompt Tone**

When the person talking to you from another radio finishes speaking and releases his **TALK** button, you will hear a tone from your unit. This means that the other radio is now in receive mode, and you can begin your transmission.



#### **Adjusting the Speaker Volume**

The Up and Dn(DOWN) Buttons control the volume, change channels, codes and program the GMRS/FRS

- . Press the **UP** button to increase volume.
- Press the **DN** button to decrease volume.
- . The LCD displays the volume level by the number of bars on the screen.

#### Channel selection

Your GRMS/FRS operates on one of twentytwo preset channels. You can only talk to other radios that are set to the same channel as your unit. The chart on page 23 gives the frequencies on which your radio operates.









To change the channel:

- Press the MENU (Channel Set) button.
   The large 2-digit channel number on the display panel will begin to flash.
- While the number is flashing, press the UP or DN button until you reach the desired channel.
- Press the MENU (Channel Set) button
   6 times or simply press the TALK button
   to set the channel.

If you do not press **MENU** or **TALK** button, the unit will automatically set the channel in ten seconds.

#### **Frequencies**

Other GMRS/FRS radio models may have only 2 channels. If you want to communicate with these units, you must set the channels as follows:

22-ch radios Frequency 2-ch radios Chan 8 467.5625 MHz Chan 1 Chan 12 467.6625 MHz Chan 2



#### To speak to Another Radio

- Make sure both units are on and set to the same channel.
- Turn the volume up to an audible level.
- Press and hold the TALK button. The Tx icon will appear on the LCD display.
- While pressing on the TALK button, speak into the microphone with your mouth 2 to 3 inches from the unit.
- When you finish speaking, release the TALK button immediately to hear the response.

#### Range

Your GMRS/FRS unit has a range of up to 2 miles. This range can be decreased by certain atmospheric and environmental conditions at the time of your conversation. Some conditions that affect range are:

- Buildings
- Dense trees or foliage
- Hilly or mountainous terrain

The best range will be in flat, open terrain, without obstructions.

Your range is also dependent on the battery condition of the radio, the type of terrain where you are located, and the strength of the signal from the transmitting radio.



#### Calling (Paging) Another Radio

The volume of the incoming **CALL** (Page) tone is set by **UP** and **DN** button.

To send a page, or CALL

- Make sure both units are on.
- Turn the volume up to an audible level.
- Set both units to the same channel.
- Press and release the Call button on the front of your radio.



The other unit will make a 2 second call (page) tone. They can then respond to your call by either:

- Pressing the TALK button and speaking into the radio, or
- Pressing the Call button, which activates a 2 second call (page) tone on your radio.

When Call-Ring number is setted to Call-Ring Off  $\mathit{CR}\ \mathit{OF}$ , press call key will send the default Call-Ring tone number 1 to another radio, but the GMRS/FRS you held will not sound.

#### **Setting Call-Ring Tone**

1. Press the **MENU** button 3 times, the GMRS/FRS will enter to Call-Ring Setting mode, LCD will display *ER 1* press **UP** or **DN** button to change the Call-Ring number (5 different tones) or Call Off, the different Call-Ring tone can heard during changing .When Call-Ring number is setted to Call-Ring Off *ER DF*,



3 times

- pressing Call key will send the default Call-Ring tone number 1 to another radio, but the GMRS/FRS you held will not sound.
- 2. To exit from the Calling-Ring Tone Setting mode, press **MENU** 4 times or simply press the **TALK** button.



4 times

#### **Key Tone ON/OFF**

This feature allows the radio to sound a confirmation beep tone whenever keys are pressed.

To turn the key tones on or off

- Press the **MENU** Button 4 times until the ( )icon is flashing on the LCD screen.
- 2. Press the **UP** or **DN** button to enable (" DN" will appear on the LCD) or disable(" DF" will appear on the LCD) the key tone feature.
- 3.To exit from the selecting mode, press the MENU button 3 times, or simply press the TALK button once.



5 times

#### Roger Beep ON/OFF

The Roger Beep is a tone which is automatically transmitted whenever the TALK button is released, This lets the other person know that you are

transmitting your message.

To enable or disable the Roger Beep Tone.

- 1.Press the **MENU** Button 5 times until the ( )icon is flashing on the LCD screen.
- 2.Press the **UP** or **DN** button to enable(""" will appear) Beep Tone feature or disable (""" will

- appear) the Roger beef tone.
- 3.To exit from the Roger Beep Tone feature, press the **MENU** button 2 times, or simply press the **TALK** button.

#### **Dual Channel Monitor**

This feature allows you to monitor two channels at the same time. While in dual channel monitor ,the unit will continuously monitor both the primary and secondary channel. When an active signal is found, the cover sation will be heard 5 seconds after communication is completed, the unit will resume scanning the two channels. Pressing the **TALK** button during a received transmission will set the unit to transmit on the same channel. Pressing the **TALK** button when no signal is received will set the unit to transmit on the primary channel.

#### To set the Dual Chanel Monitor

- Press the **MENU** Button 6 times until the ( OF ) icon is flashing.
- 2. Select the desired channel by pressing the **UP** or **DN** button.
- Press the MENU button or TALK button to set the channel.

#### To cancel the Dual Channel Monitor

- Press the **MENU** button 6 times until the channel number is flashing.
- Press the **UP** or **DN** button until the "@F" shown on the LCD.



6 times







Press the MENU button or TALK button to exit from the DCM mode.

#### To set the Time

Your GMRS/FRS has a 24 hour Time Clock.In watch mode or after pressing and holding the **POWER** button for 3 seconds,set the time as follows:

- Enter to time set mode by pressing and holding the **MENU** for 3 senconds. When the setting menu is engated, the Hour segment in the LCD display will flash.
- Press the UP or DN button to increase or decrease the Hour number displayed, the time Setting will cycle within 24 hour. To engage auto-repeat, press and hold the UP or DN botton.
- 3. Press the **CALL** botton, then the Minute Segment in the LCD display will flash.
- Press the UP or DN button to increase or decrease the Minutes number displayed. To engage auto-repeat, press and hold the UP or DN button.
- Exit by pressing and holding the MENU button for 3 seconds. Your GMRS/FRS has a built in menu function the makes accessing its advanced fetures easy.

#### To set Alarm Clock

In watch mode or after pressing and holding the **POWER** button for 3 seconds, set alarm clock as follows:

1. Press MENU button 2 times to enter alarm

- setting mode.
- 2. Press the **UP** or **DN** button until the "DN" icon shown on the LCD.
- Press the CALL button, then the Hour segment in the LCD display will flash. setting alarm time is the same as the time(the above part).

#### **Using Stopwatch**

- 1. In watch mode, press the **MENU** button to enter the stopwatch mode.
- 2. Press **TALK** button once to start the stopwatch.
- 3. Press **TALL** button once to stop the stopwatch.
- 4. Press CALL button once to reset the timer.



#### **Automatic Squelch**

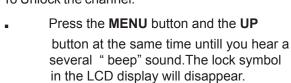
Your GMRS/FRS is equipped with automatic squelch circuitry, which filters out weak transmissions and unwanted noise. These signals may be picked up as background static, and are usually caused by terrain conditions, or if you have reached the limit of your range.

#### Channel lock

This feature locks the channel adjustment buttons on the front to the unit so that the channel cannot be changed accidentally.

To Lock the channel:

Press the MENU button and the UP button at the same time untill you hear a "beep" sound. The lock symbol (shaped like a key) will appear on the LCD display. To Unlock the channel:



#### **Channel Scan**

Your radio can scan across its 22 channels for any activity. This allows you find other radios without having to change channels.

#### To scan:

 Press the **MENU** button and the **DN** button at the same time.



# **Special Features**

- The channel display will change as it scans through the channels.
- When a signal is detected, the unit will pause and listen for 4 seconds.
- Press the TALK button to stop the scan and communicate, or the DN button to continue.
- To stop the scanning operation, press the MENU button again.

#### **Automatic Battery Save**

Your GMRS/FRS unit has special circuitry designed to extend the life of your battery. When the radio is not used for 4 seconds, it will switch itself into a low power mode.

Battery Save does not affect the radio's ability to receive transmissions. When a signal is detected, it automatically returns to full power.

#### External Microphone/Speaker/Charger Jacks Your GMRS/FRS radio can be used with an optional

external microphone and speaker, usually sold together in a ear bud/mic combination. The jacks are located under the protective rubber cover on the left of the unit.

To attach external speaker/microphone headsets or ear bud/mic.

- Lift the rubber flap on the left of the unit to expose the jacks.
- Insert the appropriate plugs into the correct jacks.



# **Customer Support**

#### **Built-in flashlight**

As an added feature, your GMRS/FRS has a built-in flashlight that can be used in sending light signals or for your lighting needs.



#### **Customer Support**

Thank you for purchasing the Columbia GMRS/FRS 2-way Radios. This is a high-quality communications device that can give you many years of reliable service. Please read these instructions carefully.

Should you encounter any problems with the product or not understand its many features, please refer to this owner's manual. If after referring to the manual, you still need help, call Customer Service at 1-800-889-7434 between 9am and 5pm EST (Eastern Standard Time).

#### Service

For your own protection, retain your original sales receipt indicating the date and place where you purchased this product. We will not be able to service your GMRS/FRS unit without a copy of this receipt.

Also, as previously suggested, retain all packing materials In case you should need to ship your unit for servicing. This product is covered by a ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY.

# **Channel Frequencies and Code Charts**

#### **GMRS/FRS** Channel Frequencies

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Channel	Frequency (MHz)	Channel	Frequency (MHz)
1	462.5625	12	467.6625
2	462.5875	13	467.6875
3	462.6125	14	467.7125
4	462.6375	15	462.5500
5	462.6625	16	462.5750
6	462.6875	17	462.6000
7	462.7125	18	462.6250
8	467.5625	19	462.6500
9	467.5875	20	462.6750
10	467.6125	21	462.7000
11	467.6375	22	462.7250

### **COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS Limited Warranty**

COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS warrants this unit to be free from defects in material and/or workmanship for a 1-year period beginning with the date of purchase. This warranty does not cover second-hand ownership or products that are purchased for sale or lease to another. This warranty does not cover damage resulting from acts of God, lightning accident, misuse, improper installation or operation, or unauthorized repair or alteration.

If this unit should become defective within the first 30 days from purchase, return it to the retailer where obtained (with all of the original packing materials and parts) for an over-the-counter exchange. If this unit becomes defective after the first 30 days but within one year of purchase, we will replace it with a new or reconditioned unit of the same or similar style. The replacement unit will be warranted for a period of 90 days or the remainder of the original one year period, whichever is longer.

To obtain warranty service on your COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS equipment, you must provide proof of date of purchase. We strongly recommend that you keep your sales receipt and all of the packing materials in order to take advantage of your products limited warranty. Include all accessories and owners manual when returning to an authorized service center (listed below.) Do not forget to include your name and return address (print please), a brief description of the defect, a \$10.00 check (for shipping and handling) and a copy or your sales receipt.

There are no expressed warranties except as listed above. COLUMBIA TELECOMMUNICATIONS will not be liable for incidental or consequential damages resulting from the use of this product, or resulting from misuse contrary to this warranty. Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, or limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts, so the above exclusions and limitations may not apply to you. This warranty gives you specific and legal rights and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Please use the shipping address below for the authorized Warranty Service center:

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