

# SAFETY AND GENERAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SAFE AND EFFICIENT OPERATION READ THIS INFORMATION BEFORE USING YOUR RADIO

The information provided in this document supersedes the general safety information contained in user guides published prior to October 2000. For information regarding radio use in a hazardous atmosphere please refer to the Factory Mutual (FM) Approval Manual Supplement or Instruction Card, which is included with radio models that offer this capability.

### **RF OPERATIONAL** CHARACTERISTICS

Your radio contains a transmitter and a receiver. When it is ON, it receives and transmits radio frequency (RF) energy.

### EXPOSURE TO RADIO FREQUENCY ENERGY

Your Motorola radio is designed to comply with the following national and international standards and guidelines regarding exposure of human beings to radio frequency electromagnetic energy (EME):

- United States Federal Communications Commission, Code of Federal Regulations; 47 CFR part 2 sub-part J
- American National Standards Institute (ANSI) / Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) C95. 1-1992
- Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) C95.1-1999 Edition
- National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) of the United States, Report 86, 1986
- International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) 1998
- National Radiological Protection Board of the United Kingdom 1995
- Ministry of Health (Canada) Safety Code 6. Limits of Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields in the Frequency Range from 3 kHz to 300 GHz, 1999

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Australian Communications Authority Radiocommunications (Electromagnetic Radiation - Human Exposure) Standard 1999 (applicable to wireless phones only)

### PORTABLE RADIO OPERATION AND EME EXPOSURE

To assure optimal radio performance and make sure human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy (EME) is within the guidelines set forth in the above standards, always adhere to the following procedures:

#### Antenna Care

Use only the supplied or an approved replacement antenna. Unauthorized antennas, modifications, or attachments could damage the radio and may violate FCC regulations.

**DO NOT hold the antenna when the radio is "IN USE.**" Holding the antenna affects call quality and may cause the radio to operate at a higher power level than needed.

Two-way Radio Operation

When using your radio as a traditional two-way radio, **hold** the radio in a vertical position with the microphone 1 to 2 inches (2.5 to 5.0 cm) away from your lips.

## **Body-worn Operation**

To maintain compliance with FCC RF exposure guidelines, if you wear a radio on your body when transmitting, always place the radio in a **Motorola supplied or approved clip**, **holder**, **holster**, **case**, **or body harness**. Use of non-Motorola-approved accessories may exceed FCC RF exposure guidelines. If you do not use a body-worn accessory, ensure the antenna is at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) from your body when transmitting.

#### **Data Operation**

When using any data feature of the radio, with or without an accessory cable, **position the antenna of the radio at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) from the body**.

#### **Approved Accessories**

For a list of approved Motorola accessories look in the appendix or accessory section of your radio's User Guide.

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discuss alternatives.

• Other Medical Devices

ELECTROMAGNETIC

compatibility.

Facilities

RF energy.

Aircraft

Medical Devices

Pacemakers

INTERFERENCE/COMPATIBILITY

susceptible to electromagnetic interference

(EMI) if inadequately shielded, designed or

To avoid electromagnetic interference and/or

compatibility conflicts, turn off your radio in

any facility where posted notices instruct you

to do so. Hospitals or health care facilities may

be using equipment that is sensitive to external

When instructed to do so, turn off your radio

when on board an aircraft. Any use of a radio

The Health Industry Manufacturers Asso-

ciation recommends that a minimum sep-

aration of 6 inches (15 cm) be maintained

between a handheld wireless radio and a

pacemaker. These recommendations are

by, and recommendations of, Wireless

• ALWAYS keep the radio more than 6

when the radio is turned ON.

inches (15 cm) from their pacemaker

not carry the radio in the breast pocket.

use the ear opposite the pacemaker to

turn the radio OFF immediately if you

Some digital wireless radios may interfere

consult your hearing aid manufacturer to

with some hearing aids. In the event of

such interference, you may want to

If you use any other personal medical

device to determine if it is adequately

device, consult the manufacturer of your

shielded from RF energy. Your physician

may be able to assist you in obtaining this

have any reason to suspect that

interference is taking place.

minimize the potential for interference.

Persons with pacemakers should:

Technology Research.

consistent with the independent research

must be in accordance with applicable

regulations per airline crew instructions.

otherwise configured for electromagnetic

**NOTE:** Nearly every electronic device is

#### Use While Driving

information.

• Hearing Aids

Check the laws and regulations on the use of radios in the area where you drive. Always obey them.

When using your radio while driving, please:

- Give full attention to driving and to the
- road.
- Use hands-free operation, if available.
- Pull off the road and park before making or answering a call if driving conditions so require.



### FOR VEHICLES WITH AN AIR BAG

Do not place a portable radio in the area over an air bag or in the air bag deployment area. Air bags inflate with great force. If a portable radio is placed in the air bag deployment area and the air bag inflates, the radio may be propelled with great force and cause serious injury to occupants of the vehicle.

#### POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES

Turn off your radio prior to entering any area with a potentially explosive atmosphere, unless it is a radio type especially qualified for use in such areas as "Intrinsically Safe" (for example, Factory Mutual, CSA, or UL Approved). Do not remove, install, or charge batteries in such areas. Sparks in a potentially explosive atmosphere can cause an explosion or fire resulting in bodily injury or even death.

**NOTE:** The areas with potentially explosive atmospheres referred to above include fueling areas such as below decks on boats, fuel or chemical transfer or storage facilities, areas where the air contains chemicals or particles, such as grain, dust or metal powders, and any other area where you would normally be advised to turn off your vehicle engine. Areas with potentially explosive atmospheres are often but not always posted.

### **BLASTING CAPS AND AREAS**

To avoid possible interference with blasting operations, turn off your radio when you are near electrical blasting caps, in a blasting area, or in areas posted: "Turn off two-way radio." Obey all signs and instructions.



Caution

### ANTENNAS

**Do not use any portable radio that has a damaged antenna**. If a damaged antenna comes into contact with your skin, a minor burn can result.

### BATTERIES

All batteries can cause property damage and/ or bodily injury such as burns if a conductive material such as jewelry, keys, or beaded chains touch exposed terminals. The conductive material may complete an electrical circuit (short circuit) and become quite hot. Exercise care in handling any charged battery, particularly when placing it inside a pocket, purse, or other container with metal objects.

## MOBILE RADIO OPERATION AND EME EXPOSURE

To assure optimal radio performance and that human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy is within the guidelines referenced earlier in this document, transmit only when people outside the vehicle are at least the minimum distance away from a properly installed, externally-mounted antenna.

Table 1 lists the minimum distance for several different ranges of rated radio power.

Table 1 Rated Power and Distance

Rated Power of Vehicle-installed Mobile Two-way Radio	Minimum Distance from Transmitting Antenna
7 to 15 watts	1 foot (30.5 cm)
16 to 50 watts	2 feet (61 cm)
More than 50 watts	3 feet (91.5 cm)

## ANTENNA INSTALLATION

#### Mobile Antennas

#### Recommended mobile antenna installations are limited to metal body vehicles at the center of the roof and center of the trunk deck locations.

The antenna installation must additionally be in accordance with:

- a. The requirements of the antenna manufacturer/supplier
- b. Instructions in the Radio Installation Manual

#### **Fixed Site Antennas**

Mobile radio equipment is sometimes installed at a fixed location and operated as a control station or as a fixed unit. In such cases the antenna installation must comply with the following requirements in order to assure optimal performance and make sure human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy is within the guidelines set forth in the above standards.

- The antenna must be mounted outside the building.
- Mount the antenna on a tower if at all possible.
- If the antenna is to be mounted on a building then it must be mounted on the roof.
- As with all fixed site antenna installations, it is the responsibility of the licensee to manage the site in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements and may require additional compliance actions such as site survey measurements, signage, and site access restrictions in order to insure that exposure limits are not exceeded.

