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# CHATNOW™

## Communicator

THANK YOU FOR PURCHASING THE CHATNOW COMMUNICATOR. BE SURE TO READ AND FOLLOW ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE USING THIS PRODUCT.

CHATNOW IS THE 3-IN-1 PERSONAL COMMUNICATOR DESIGNED JUST FOR YOU! NOW YOU CAN CHAT WITH YOUR FRIENDS UP TO 2 MILES AWAY, SEND THEM TEXT MESSAGES, AND TAKE THEIR PHOTOS! STORE 30 PHOTOS TO YOUR ELECTRONIC BUDDY LIST AND WHEN YOUR FRIENDS CALL, THEIR STORED PHOTO POPS UP! YOU CAN EVEN CUSTOMIZE OR ANIMATE THE PHOTOS TO MAKE YOUR FRIENDS LOOK FUNKY!

Images appear in black and white. Range based on unobstructed line of sight and will vary depending on terrain and conditions. This is a 2-Way Radio. Range will be less than 2 miles under typical conditions. It will be reduced substantially due to factors such as obstructions (buildings, trees, mountains) and interference. 1-on-1 call and text features work only with other CHATNOW Communicators.

EACH COMMUNICATOR REQUIRES 4 x 1.5V "AAA" ALKALINE BATTERIES (NOT INCLUDED). PHILLIPS/CROSS HEAD SCREWDRIVER (NOT INCLUDED) NEEDED TO INSERT BATTERIES.

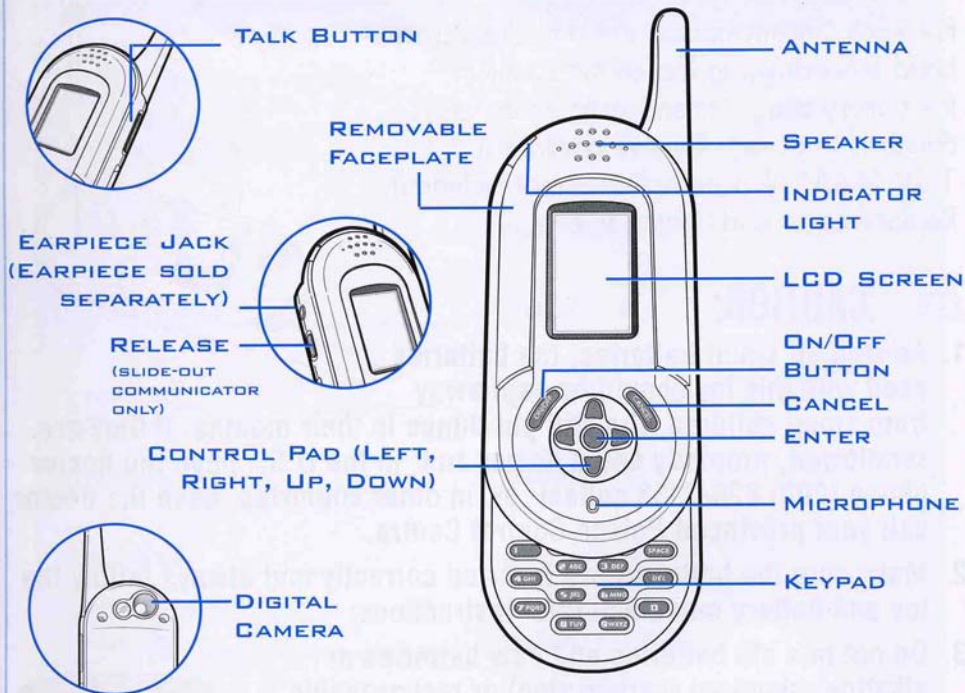


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## PRODUCT FEATURES & CONTROL KEYS



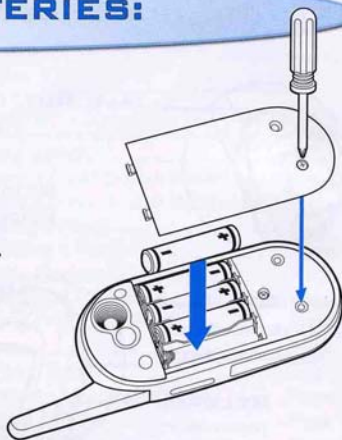
### FOR BEST USE:

When using your CHATNOW Communicator to talk to your friends, hold it in a vertical position with the microphone 1 to 2 inches away from your mouth.



## TO INSERT BATTERIES:

For each Communicator, use a Phillips/cross head screwdriver to loosen the screw in the battery compartment cover (screw stays attached to cover). Remove cover. Insert 4 x 1.5V "AAA" alkaline batteries (not included). Replace cover and tighten screw.



### CAUTION:

1. As with all small batteries, the batteries used with this toy should be kept away from small children who still put things in their mouths. If they are swallowed, promptly see a doctor and, in the U.S., have the doctor phone (202) 625-3333 collect, or, in other countries, have the doctor call your provincial Poison Control Centre.
2. Make sure the batteries are inserted correctly and always follow the toy and battery manufacturers' instructions;
3. Do not mix old batteries and new batteries or alkaline, standard (carbon zinc) or rechargeable (nickel-cadmium) batteries.

### LOW BATTERY INDICATOR

Your CHATNOW Communicator features a Low Battery Indicator that will pop up on the Main Menu screen to alert you that it's time to change the batteries. If you wait too long it will automatically turn off.



# BUDDY DIRECTORY

WRITE YOUR FRIENDS' NAMES AND BUDDY  
NUMBERS HERE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

BUDDY #: \_\_\_\_\_

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## IMPORTANT TIPS

### PERSONAL BUDDY #

Each CHATNOW Communicator has its own private, personal, 10-digit buddy ID number. To find out what yours is, scroll to "PERSONAL" in the Main Menu and then "MY BUDDY #." Your personal buddy number will appear. Keep this handy and exchange your number with your friends so that you can receive calls and call friends directly.

### SELECTING A CHANNEL

Your CHATNOW Communicator has 14 channels shared on a "take-turns" basis. Everyone you're chatting with has to be on the same channel. (So pick a number that you'll remember!)

### COMPATIBILITY WITH OTHER FRS 2-WAY RADIOS

Your CHATNOW Communicator may also be compatible with some other FRS [Family Radio Service] 2-way radios (walkie talkies) for Chat Mode only. To use your CHATNOW communicator with another FRS 2-way radio simply make sure both units are set to the same channel (1 -14). The other FRS-2 radio's Interference Eliminator Code must be set to "0."



### CHAT ZONE COMMUNICATION RANGE

Your CHATNOW Communicator has a range of up to 2 miles. This is called the CHAT ZONE. This means you can chat, call, and text message your friends from up to 2 miles away based on an unobstructed line of sight, terrain and conditions. Make sure to stay within the CHAT ZONE so your calls and messages go through!

## GETTING STARTED

### TURNING YOUR CHATNOW COMMUNICATOR ON AND OFF

- Press the On/Off Button to turn the CHATNOW Communicator ON.
- Press and hold the On/Off Button for one second to turn the CHATNOW Communicator OFF.



### BASIC NAVIGATION

- Use the Control Pad [◀▶▲▼ keys] to scroll to and select an item.
- Press ENTER to confirm your selection.
- Press CANCEL to exit from your selection.

## MAIN MENU



**BEFORE YOU BEGIN USING YOUR COMMUNICATOR, MAKE SURE TO FOLLOW THE TIPS BELOW.**

### TIPS

#### MAKE SURE:

1. ALL THE COMMUNICATORS ARE TURNED ON.
2. EVERYONE IS WITHIN THE CHAT ZONE (UP TO 2 MILE RANGE).

## CHAT

**START CHATTING WITH YOUR FRIENDS! USE YOUR CHATNOW COMMUNICATOR LIKE A WALKIE TALKIE!**

### SELECTING A CHANNEL, HOW TO TALK, HOW TO LISTEN

- Scroll to "CHAT" on the Main Menu and press ENTER.
- Select a channel by pressing the ▲ or ▼ keys.
- Press and hold the Talk button and start chatting!
- Release the Talk button to listen to your friends.
- Press CANCEL to exit your Chat and return to the Main Menu.

**TIP: YOUR GROUP OF FRIENDS MUST ALL BE ON THE SAME CHANNEL IN ORDER TO CHAT.**





## CALL



### CALL ONE OF YOUR FRIENDS DIRECTLY!

- Scroll to "CALL" on the Main Menu and press ENTER.
- Scroll to "BUDDY" to select and call an existing buddy from your buddy list or "NUMBER" if you wish to call a new buddy.

### CALLING A BUDDY

#### **BUDDY:**

- Select a buddy and press ENTER.
- The screen will display "Calling..." and then "Connecting..."
- Once connected, your buddy's photo will pop up if you have it saved (see Page 11). See Page 13 for how to save a buddy's # to your buddy list.
- Press and hold the Talk button and start talking!
- Release the Talk button to listen to what your friends are saying.
- Press CANCEL to exit your Call and return to the Buddy List.

### CALLING A NEW BUDDY NUMBER

#### **NUMBER:**

- Enter your friend's 10-digit personal buddy number and press ENTER.
- The screen will display "Calling..." and then "Connecting..."
- Once connected, press and hold the Talk button and start talking!
- Release the Talk button to listen to what your friends are saying.
- Press CANCEL to exit your Call and return to the Number Screen.

**NOTE:** If the screen displays "FAIL" try again. Three things may have happened:

- 1- Your friend may not have his/her CHATNOW Communicator on.
- 2- Your friend may have traveled out of the 2 mile range.
- 3- Your friend may be chatting with someone else.

## TEXT

SEND AND RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGES FROM YOUR FRIENDS!

### HOW TO USE THE KEYPAD

Each numbered button features specific letters. For example, press the number 2 button and "A" will appear. Press it again to see "B", press it a third time to see "C" and a fourth time to see "2." Do this to locate your desired letter or number and to insert it into your text message. To insert a space, press the SPACE key. To insert a backspace, use the DEL key.



### WRITING A NEW TEXT MESSAGE

Scroll to "TEXT" on the Main Menu and press ENTER.

Select "WRITE" from the Menu. Then choose either "WRITE" or "PRESETS."

**WRITE:** Use the keypad to write your friend a text message! At the bottom of the screen a box with common words you may want to use will appear. Scroll through the list of suggested words and press ENTER to insert that word into your message.



### USING A PRESET TEXT MESSAGE

**PRESETS:** Select one of 10 preset messages to send to your friend!

### SENDING, SAVING AND EDITING A TEXT MESSAGE

After you have finished writing your text message press ENTER. Then select either "SYMBOL," "DELSYMBOL," "SEND," "SAVE," or "EDIT" and press ENTER.

**SYMBOL:** Choose one of 30 symbols to add to your message. Select the symbol and press ENTER to insert it into your message.

**DELSYMBOL:** Delete the symbol from your message.

**SEND:** Select "BUDDY" and choose a friend from your buddy list or select "NUMBER" and enter a new number. Press ENTER and your message will be sent!

**SAVE:** Store your message in the Outbox.

**EDIT:** Make any necessary corrections to your message and press ENTER when finished.

**NOTE:** If system is busy, try again in 30 seconds.

**NOTE:** You can only add one symbol to the end of each message.

**NOTE:** If your message does not go through, don't worry! It's saved automatically to your outbox and can be sent later.

## VIEWING YOUR INBOX, OUTBOX AND SENT MAIL

Select "VIEW" from the Text Menu. Then choose either "INBOX," "OUTBOX" or "SENT" and press ENTER.

**INBOX:** View the last 10 messages you received.

**OUTBOX:** View the 10 messages that you have saved to send.

**SENT:** View the last 10 messages you sent.

**NOTE:** Only 10 messages are stored in each box. Be sure to delete unnecessary messages in order to keep space for important ones!

When viewing each box, select a message and press ENTER for the following options:

INBOX	OUTBOX	SENT
View	Send	Send On
Reply	View	View
Delete	Edit	Delete
Delete All	Delete	Delete All
	Delete All	

## RECEIVING A TEXT MESSAGE

When you receive a new text message, your Communicator will make a sound (whichever text message alert sound you have selected), the indicator light will flash, and you will see an icon appear in the top right corner alerting you that a message has been received for you to read. To read your new message exit to the Main Menu.

Once you have located your new text message you will be given two options: READ? or SAVE?.

Select "READ" to read your new message. When you are done, you will be given the option to "SAVE," "DELETE," "SEND ON" or "REPLY."

**NOTE:** Always go to the Main Menu to receive a new text message.

## SAVING A RECEIVED TEXT MESSAGE

**SAVE:** To save your message, select "SAVE" and press ENTER. Your message will be saved to your inbox.

## DELETING A TEXT MESSAGE

**DELETE:** To delete your message, select "DELETE" and you will be asked "R U SURE?" Press ENTER and your message will be deleted, or CANCEL to exit.

## FORWARDING A TEXT MESSAGE

**SEND ON:** To forward your message to one of your friends, select "SEND ON" and your buddy list will appear. Select the buddy you wish to forward your message to and press ENTER.

## REPLYING TO A TEXT MESSAGE

**REPLY:** To reply to your buddy's message, select "REPLY" and using the keypad, enter a message. Select "SEND" and your message will be sent to your buddy.

## PHOTO

TAKE PICTURES OF YOUR FRIENDS AND STORE THEM TO YOUR BUDDY LIST OR ALBUM! WATCH YOUR FRIEND'S STORED PHOTO APPEAR WHEN HE OR SHE IS CALLING. YOU CAN EVEN ANIMATE THE PHOTO TO MAKE IT LOOK LIKE YOUR FRIEND'S TALKING TO YOU!

Select "PHOTO" from the Main Menu. Then choose either "SHOOT" or "ALBUM" and press ENTER.

### TAKING A PHOTO

Select "SHOOT" to take a photo.

**SHOOT:** Use the screen to view your friend. Make sure your friend's head is within the frame of your screen. Press ENTER and check out your photo!

You can also use the mirror next to the camera to take a picture of yourself.



### NOTE:

1. Press the ▲ key to select "INDOOR" or "OUTDOOR" mode.
2. Press the ▼ key to display the head guide. This helps line up your friend's face on the screen.

Press ENTER again and now you can save your photo to your ALBUM, BUDDY LIST or DELETE it.

## SAVING A PHOTO TO YOUR ALBUM

**ALBUM:** Select "2 ALBUM" to save your photo to your personal photo album and return to the Photo Menu. You can always pull a photo out of the album and save it to your buddy list later.

## SAVING A PHOTO TO YOUR BUDDY LIST

**BUDDY LIST:** Select "2 BUDDY" to assign a photo to one of your buddy's numbers. Select the appropriate buddy from the buddy list and press ENTER. It will then ask you to animate the photo. (See Animating a Photo section below.) Now when your buddy calls you, his or her photo will pop up!

## DELETING A PHOTO

**DELETE:** Select "DELETE" to erase the photo. Be careful! Once you do this it's gone forever!

## ANIMATING A PHOTO

**ANIMATION SETUP:** After you have assigned a photo to a buddy you have the option to animate that photo. This will make your buddy look like he or she is talking to you!

- Select "YES" to animate your friend's photo or "NO" to leave the photo as is.
- A cursor will appear on the photo [ + ], as shown.
- Use the ◀▶▲▼ keys to move the cursor to the area of your buddy's face that the prompt at the bottom of the screen is telling you. You will need to do this four times for each eye and three times for the mouth. For example:

L EYE RIGHT	R EYE RIGHT	MOUTH RIGHT
L EYE LEFT	R EYE LEFT	MOUTH MID
L EYE BOTTOM	R EYE BOTTOM	MOUTH LEFT
L EYE TOP	R EYE TOP	

- Press ENTER when you've finished and watch the animation!
- Press the ▶ key to preview the eye animation.
- Press the ◀ key to preview the mouth animation.
- Press CANCEL to redo the animation setup, or press ENTER to save the animation and exit.
- Now every time your buddy calls you, that photo will pop up and animate while your buddy is talking!



## ADDING DESIGNS TO A PHOTO

Design mode lets you add text and props to your photos!

- From the Photo Menu select "ALBUM" and press ENTER.
- Select a photo and press ENTER.
- Select "DESIGN" and press ENTER for Design Mode.

**NOTE:** Other options are available such as assigning the photo to a buddy (2 BUDDY) or to delete the photo from your album (DELETE).

## ADDING TEXT TO A PHOTO

- Select "TEXT" and press ENTER.
- Use the keypad to write a caption (up to 8 characters) and press ENTER when finished.
- Your caption will appear on your photo!
- Then use the ◀▶▲▼ keys to move your caption to its desired location.
- Press ENTER to save your photo with the caption and exit.
- Press CANCEL at any time to return to the Design Menu.

### NOTE:

1. When you add props or text to a photo it is saved as a new photo. Don't worry – the original photo is still there.
2. To flip the ears or eyes, press the DEL key.

## ADDING PROPS TO A PHOTO

- Select "PROPS" and press ENTER. You will be given the option of adding: HAIR, EARS, EYES, NOSE and MOUTH to your photo.
- Select your desired feature and press ENTER. You will be able to choose from several sets of hair, ears, eyes, noses and mouths. See Note 2 to flip the ears and eyes.
- Pick one and press ENTER.
- Use the ◀▶▲▼ keys to move the prop to its desired location.
- Press ENTER to save your photo with the props and exit.
- Press CANCEL at any time to return to the Props Menu.
- Add more props to make your photo funky!

## LIST

### HERE'S WHERE YOU CAN FIND AND MANAGE YOUR LIST OF BUDDIES!

Scroll to "LIST" on the Main Menu and press ENTER. Select buddy list and press ENTER. Scroll to the buddy you wish to access and press ENTER.



### CALLING A BUDDY

CALL: Select "CALL" from the Menu and you will automatically call your buddy directly. You know what to do next!

### ACCESSING YOUR BUDDY'S INFO

INFO: Select "INFO" from the Menu. Here you can access your buddy's personal buddy #, address, home phone number, birthday, star sign and any notes you've written.

### VIEWING A PHOTO

PHOTO: Select "PHOTO" from the Menu. Here you can view your buddy's photo if it has been saved. Press CANCEL to exit back to the Buddy List Menu.

### ADDING A BUDDY

Scroll to "LIST" on the Main Menu and press ENTER.

Select "ADD" and press ENTER.

ADD: Here you can add a new buddy to your buddy list.

- Add his or her name, personal buddy #, address, home phone number, birthday and any notes.
- Press ENTER to save each entry and move on to the next.
- Press CANCEL to back up a step or exit back to the Buddy List Menu.
- See Page 11 to assign a photo to your buddy.
- Star sign will be assigned automatically after you type in your buddy's birthday.

## EDITING A BUDDY

**EDIT:** Select "EDIT" from the Menu. Here you can edit your buddy's name, personal buddy #, address, home phone number, birthday and any notes.

- Press ENTER to save each entry and move on to the next.
- Press CANCEL to back up a step or exit back to the menu shown above.

## DELETING A BUDDY

**DELETE:** Select "DELETE" from the Menu. Here you can permanently erase a buddy from your buddy list.

- Select a buddy from the list and press ENTER. You will be asked "R U SURE?"
- Select "YES" to delete that buddy from your buddy list. Select "NO" if you do not wish to delete that buddy.
- Press CANCEL to exit to the menu shown on page 13.

# PERSONAL

## SAVE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL INFO HERE!



Select "PERSONAL" from the Main Menu and you will be given several options:

### SETTING YOUR NAME

**MY NAME:** Select "MY NAME" from the Menu and use the keypad to enter your first and then last name. Press ENTER to save your name and return to the Personal Menu. Press CANCEL at any time to return to the Personal Menu.

### VIEWING YOUR PERSONAL BUDDY #

**MY BUDDY #:** Select "MY BUDDY #" from the Menu to view your personal buddy number. Keep this number handy to give to your friends so they can call you!

### SETTING YOUR BIRTHDAY

**MY BIRTHDAY:** Select "MY BIRTHDAY" from the Menu.

- Use the ◀▶▲▼ keys to enter the month, date and year you were born.
- Press ENTER to save your birthday and return to the Personal Menu.
- Press CANCEL at any time to return to the Personal Menu.



## CUSTOMIZE

HERE IS WHERE YOU CAN SELECT AND SAVE YOUR PERSONAL SETTINGS!



Select "CUSTOMIZE" from the Main Menu and you will be given several options:

### SELECTING A RING TONE

**RING TONE:** You can select one of 10 ring tones. Select the one you wish to preview. You will hear that ring tone play. Press the ► key to preview it again. If that's the one you wish to save, press ENTER and from now on when your Communicator rings, that's what you'll hear! You can also choose "SILENT."

### SELECTING A TEXT MESSAGE ALERT

**TEXT ALERT:** Select a sound effect to alert you when you have a new text message. Choose from five different sounds. Select the one you wish to preview. You will hear that text alert play. Press the ► key to preview it again. Press ENTER to save and store the text alert to your Communicator and return to the Customize Menu.

### SELECTING A SCREEN SAVER

**SCREEN SAVER:** You can choose one of 6 screen savers to run when you're not using your Communicator. If you haven't touched any key on your Communicator for over 3 minutes, the screen saver will automatically run. It can run for approximately 4 hours. After 4 hours, your Communicator will make a sound and display "SHUTDOWN IN 1 MINUTE, PRESS ANY KEY TO PREVENT." If you do not press a key or receive any type of communication, it will turn off to conserve battery life.

- Select the one you wish to preview and press ENTER.
- Press the ► key to exit the preview and return to the Screen Saver Menu.
- After you've previewed the screen saver you'd like to use, press CANCEL to return to the Customize Menu.

### MUTING THE SOUND

**MUTE:** You can choose to mute the key tones and ring tones on your Communicator, if you wish.

- Scroll to "OFF" and press ENTER to disable the sound.
- Scroll to "ON" and press ENTER to turn the sound back on.

## CONTROLLING THE CONTRAST

**CONTRAST:** Adjust the contrast of your screen by using the ◀▶ keys to select one of the five levels. Press CANCEL to return to the Customize Menu.

## SETTING THE TIME

**TIME:** Set the current time on your Communicator.

- Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to set the hour and then minutes.
- Use the ◀ and ▶ keys to move the cursor from hours to minutes.
- Press ENTER when you are finished setting the time and you will return to the Customize Menu.

**NOTE:** The Time and Date need to be reset after replacing the batteries or pressing the reset button.

## SETTING THE DATE

**DATE:** Set the current date on your Communicator.

- Use the ▲ and ▼ keys to set the month, date, and year.
- Use the ◀ and ▶ keys to move the cursor from month, to date, to year.
- Press ENTER when you are finished setting the date and you will return to the Customize Menu.

## CHECKING THE BATTERY LEVEL

**BATTERY:** Select "BATTERY" to view your current battery level. Press CANCEL to return to the Customize Menu.



## SYSTEM DEFAULT

**SYS DEFAULT:** Select "SYS DEFAULT" to reset all of your customized settings (volume, ringtones, screen savers, time, date, etc.) and restore the factory settings.

# VOLUME

**MAKE SURE TO SET THE VOLUME LEVEL ON YOUR CHATNOW COMMUNICATOR TO A REASONABLE, AUDIBLE LEVEL.**

- Select "VOLUME" on the Main Menu.
- Use the ◀ key to decrease the volume.
- Use the ▶ key to increase the volume.

## ACCESSORIES

### CARRY CASE/FACEPLATES (SOLD SEPARATELY.)

Place your CHATNOW Communicator into this fashionable carry case, snap on a faceplate and get moving! Designed with a hip belt loop, it'll go everywhere you go and you'll always be in touch!



### EARPIECE (SOLD SEPARATELY.)

Plug it in and go! This cool earpiece allows you to chat with your friends without holding onto your CHATNOW Communicator! Simply plug it in, clip it on and press to talk!



## TROUBLESHOOTING GUIDE

### WHAT TO DO IF:

COMMUNICATOR  
FREEZES UP

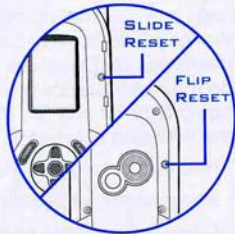
- Press the Reset Button. You will begin at the Main Menu.

SCREEN  
DISPLAYS "FAIL"

- Three things may have happened:
  1. Your friend may not have his/her CHATNOW Communicator on.
  2. Your friend may have traveled out of the CHAT ZONE.
  3. Your friend may not have the channel set to the same channel as yours.

HEAR STATIC OR  
PEOPLE TALKING ON  
THE CHANNEL YOU  
WANT TO USE.

- When selecting a channel, if the number you selected is occupied or contains static, simply scroll to the next available channel.



## SAFETY INFORMATION

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

### FCC STATEMENT

**CAUTION:** To maintain compliance with the FCC's RF exposure guidelines hold the transmitter and antenna at least 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) from your face and speak in a normal voice, with the antenna pointed up and away from the face.

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

**Warning:** Adjustment to this unit or replacement of any transmitter component (crystal, semiconductor, etc.) to this unit could result in a violation of the rules.

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.

**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 the receiver.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.



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