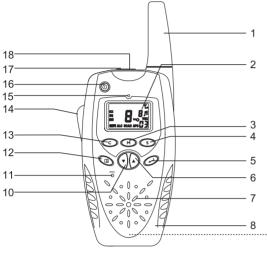
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# COMMUNICATOR MODEL DC1023/DC1025/DC1026/DC1028 **OWNER'S MANUAL AND OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**

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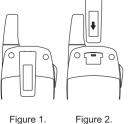
#### Communicator Controls

## 1. Antenna

- 2. LCD Screen: Displays current channel selection and other radio status symbols.
- Monitor M button: Press to tune in and hold onto weak signals.
   Scan S button: Used to activate/deactivate CHANNEL SCAN.
   Enter/Back Light button: Used to turn LCD Screen LAMP ON/OFF.
- Buttons are locked when pressed and held
- 6 . Up 🛦 button (VOLUME/CHANNEL): Press to adjust volume level and change channels.
- 7. Speaker
- 8. Battery Compartment (LOCATED ON THE REAR): Houses 3 x 1.5V "AAA" Battery Compariment (LCOVICAA" Ni-MH rechargeable battery pack (Rechargeable battery pack supplied in DC1025 and DC1028 only.).
   Battery Compartment Cover Latch (LOCATED ON THE REAR): Secures
- Battery Compartment cover 10. Down ▼ button (VOLUME/CHANNEL): Press to adjust volume level and
- change channels. 11. *Mic* : Microphone. 12. *Menu* III button: Allows you to change channels.
- Call C button: Press to transmit CALL TONES.
   PUSH TO TALK PTT button: Press to transmit.
- 15. TX(Transmission) /RX(Receiving) LED indicator : Illuminates red when transmitting and green when receiving.
- Power On/Off O button: Press and hold the button to turn your unit ON/OFF. Press once to perform Repeater function.
   External Sp./Mic./Charger Jack : Use for direct recharging with the
- car cigarette lighter charger (option)
- 18. Belt Clip (LOCATED ON THE REAR)

## Getting Started

Carefully remove your communicator from its Packing. If there is any visible damage, do not attempt to operate this communicator. Return it to the place of purchase.



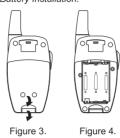
Removing the Belt Clip:

- 1. Pull the BELT CLIP LATCH away from the unit
- 2. While pulling the BELT CLIP LATCH, push up on the BELT CLIP to remove it from the unit. See Figure 1.

Installing the Belt Clip

- Slide the BELT CLIP into the BELT CLIP SLOT. See Figure 2.
- 2 A "click" indicates the BELT CLIP is locked into position.

Battery Installation.



- 1. Release the BATTERY COMPARTMENT COVER LATCH located on the rear side of the unit (see Figure 3) and remove the BATTERY COMPARTMENT COVER from the BATTERY COMPARTMENT (See Figure 4)
- 2. Install 3x1.5V AAA alkaline batteries or 3.6V "AAA" Ni-MH rechargeable battery pack (not included) as shown.
- Reinstall the BATTERY COMPARTMENT 3 COVER and lock the BATTERY COMPARTMENT COVER LATCH into

position.

The COMMUNICATOR has a built in POWER SAVER feature for maximum battery life. But when the COMMUNICATOR is not being used, conserve battery power by pressing the ① button to OFF. Remove the batteries if the unit will not be used for a long period of time

LCD Screen: P	Sub Channel Number	op Watch
Baby Monitor TX Icon — Main Channel — Number RX Icon — Dual Watch — REP Icon — Battery level — Indicator	TX Baby Monitor © PT <sub>int</sub> RX T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T	Scrambler Antenna icon Call Tone Melody VOX icon Key Lock Numerical
Ch	nannel Scan Selection Auto Power Off	digits
TX TX	X icon light on in Transmission mode	

IX	I X Icon, light on in Transmission mode
Till	Antenna icon, light on in Receiving mode
RX	Rx icon, Light on in Receiving mode
DW	Dual Watch icon, Displayed during Dual Watch mode.
	Battery level indicators. Displays current Battery level.
Baby	Baby icon, light on in Babysitter unit selection menu and Standby mode when the System is set to become a Babysitter unit.
Monitor	Monitor icon, light on in Parent-monitor unit selection menu and Standby mode when the System is set to become a Parent-monitor unit.
28	Main Channels , Channel number changes from 1 to 40 as selected by user.
SCAN	SCAN icon, light on in Channel scanning mode.
Ö	Stop watch icon, light on in stop watch mode.
38	CTCSS code. Sub Channel Number changes from 1 to 38 selected by user.
F	Music icon, Light on in Call Tone Melody selection menu.
що	Key lock icon, light on when buttons are locked.
APO	Auto-Power-Off icon, light on in APO selection menu and Standby mode when APO timer is enabled.
VOX	VOX icon, light on in VOX selection menu and Standby mode when VOX function is enabled.
XX	Numerical digits
Ø	Scrambler icon, light on in Scrambler selection menu and Standby mode when the Scrambler function is enabled.
RFP	REP icon displays Repeater function

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NOTE:SQ icon only briefly display on LCD screen once turn ON the unit in SELF-TEST mode.

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*Turning the Unit ON:* Press and hold the ① button. The unit will "beep" with dual tone and the LCD SCREEN will briefly display a SELF-TEST Screen.

Turning the Unit OFF

Press and hold the 0 button. The unit will "beep" with a signal tone and the LCD Screen will turn blank.

- Setting Auto Power Off Timer 1. Press III button 9 times to enter Auto Power Off timer selecting page. 2. Press A / V button to set the desired Timer (0, 1, 2, 3, 6 hours). Press The PMR will automatically power off when the timer is time out.

Adjusting Speaker Volume:

- Adjusting Speaker Volume.
  Press the Up ▲ button to increase the Speaker Volume.
  Press the Down ▼ button to decrease the Speaker Volume.
  The Speaker Volume level is indicated by the numbers (1 to 8 level), displayed in the lower right corner of the LCD Screen.
- NOTE: Volume Up ▲ and Down ▼ buttons are disabled during BUTTON LOCK mode

#### Receiving & Transmitting Radio Signal

#### Receiving a Signal.

The unit is continuously in the RECEIVE mode when the unit is ON and not Transmitting. When you receive a signal on the current channel, the LED illuminates GREEN and the RX icon and the Antenna icon are displayed.

- NOTE: 1. The System is continuously in the receiving mode for 6 seconds after Power On and if no any key pressing.2. After 6 seconds for the last key pressing, the System enters to
  - the power saving mode.
  - When a radio signal matches with the existing channel and sub-code setting, the speaker will be turned on.
  - 4. If a radio signal matches with the existing channel only but the
  - 4. If a ratio signal matches with the existing channel only but the sub-code is wrong, the speaker will be muted.
    5. In order for other people to receive your transmission, they must also be on the same channel you are currently using. Refer to the "Channel Selection" section for more information.

Transmitting a Signal:

- 1. Press and hold the PTT button to TRANSMIT. The TX LED Indicator will light up in red and the TX icon is displayed. Hold the unit in a vertical position with the MICROPHONE 2 to 3 inches from the mouth. While holding the PTT button, speak into the unit using a normal tone of voice.
- 2. Release the PTT button when you have finished transmitting.
- NOTE: Check the channel activity by pressing and holding the MONITOR M button. You'll hear static if the channel is unoccupied. Don't TRANSMIT if someone is talking on the channel.

#### Channel Selection

40 basic channels and 38 sub channels are available.

Changing Basic Channels

- 1. Press the MENU 
  block of the manual number flashes on the LCD Screen.
- 2. While the channel number is flashing:
  - Press the Up A button to move to a higher channel.
    Press the Down V button to move to a lower channel.

  - The channel changes from 1 to 40, or from 40 to 1.
- 3. Press the ENTER Jutton to confirm the selected channel and return to the NORMAL mode

#### Changing CTCSS Code - Subchannels

The COMMUNICATOR has 38 available CTCSS subchannels. The sub-codes (CTCSS) help minimize interference by providing you with a choice of code combinations.

- To set the CTCSS code: 1. Press the MENU III button twice until the CTCSS digits flash.
- 2. While the CTCSS code digits are flashing:
   Press the UP ▲ button to move to a higher subchannel.
  - Press the Down V button to move to a lower subchannel.
- The subchannel changes from 00 to 38, or from 38 to 00. 3. Press the ENTER button to confirm your selection and return to the NORMAL mode.
  - NOTE: 1. To communicate with other PMR units, both units must be switched to the same channel and CTCSS subchannel. 2. Channel change operations are disabled during BUTTON LOCK
    - mode.
    - 3. Refer to the "Channel Table" section of this Owner's Manual for detailed frequency listings.

#### Selecting Scramble mode

- Press menu III 3 times to enter to Scrambler selecting page.
   While Scrambler icon is displayed, and the "OF" icon or digit is flashing, press ▲/ ▼ button to select the desired scambler mode (off, 1, 2, 3, 4)
- Press ENTER 🛹 or PTT button to confirm. 4.
- Both of the Transmission and Receiving units must be set into the same Scrambler mode or disable Scrambler function. NOTE: Scrambler feature adds an extra layer of privacy but does not

## guarantee full secrecy.

Sending Call Tones You can use CALL TONES to alert the other when you are attempting to contact them. You can also use CALL TONES to signal the beginning or the end of a transmission

- 1. Press the CALL C button, the red TX LED indicator will light up and the
- CALL TONE continues for 2 seconds. Release the CALL C button, your CALL TONES will transmit to nearby receivers set to the same channel. 2

NOTE: Call tones can only be sent once in any 60 second interval.

Selecting Call Tone melodies

- 1. Press the MENU III button 4 times to enter Call tone melodies selecting
- Press ▲ / ▼ button. The Call Tone melody number will be changed ascending or descending in one step (1-10). 10 songs can be selected.
   Press ➡ or PTT button to confirm your selection.

- Monitoring Radio Signal: You can use the MONITOR feature to check for weak signals in the current channel for 15 seconds. 1. Press the MONITOR M button once to activate this function.
- Rx icon will display on the LCD Screen while this function. Is activated. Press again the MONITOR M button to deactivate the function.

ENTER / LCD Back-light / Button Lock:

- 1. Press and immediately release the ENTER button to light up the LCD Screen. The BACKLIGHT will automatically shut off after 4 seconds
- if no other buttons have been pressed. 2. Press and hold the ENTER button until the BUTTON LOCK icon is displayed on the LCD Screen.
  - NOTE: Volume and Channel Change Operations are disabled during BUTTON LOCK mode. Press and hold the ENTER 
    button
    again to deactivate BUTTON LOCK mode.

#### Channel Scan:

CHANNEL SCAN performs searches for active signals in an endless loop from basic channel 1 to 40.

- 1. Press SCAN SC button to activate CHANNEL SCAN. The channel number on the LCD Screen changes rapidly until an active signal is detected.
- Press ENTER ← button to confirm the selected channel.
  Press the CALL C button to change to CALL function and to send a CALL TONE on that active channel.
- Press the SCAN SC button again to deactivate CHANNEL SCAN mode
- 2. When an active signal (one of 40 channels) is detected. CHANNEL SCAN pauses, keeping the active signal broadcasted.
- 3. Press the PTT button to communicate through the active signal channel
- and CHANNEL SCAN is deactivated. When an active signal (one of 40 channels) is detected, but another channel is desired, press the Up ▲ or Down ▼ button to bypass the current channel and continue to search for another active channel.

#### Dual Watch:

You can use Dual Watch to monitor 2 channels.

- To enter Dual Watch mode:
  1. Press MENU 
  µ button 7 times.
  2. Press Up ▲ and Down ▼ buttons to select desired channel.
  3. Once Dual Watch is on, automatically scan the channel that between 2 prefixed channel and the carrier stop on either activated channel to receive. Dual Watch restarts when the carrier disppears. 4. Press MONITOR M button to monitor weak signal.
- 5. Press ENTER , PTT or CALL C button to end the Dual Watch mode.

#### Stop-Watch:

- 1. Press the MENU III button 10 times to enter Stop-watch page.
- 2. Press the Up 🛦 button once, the Stop-watch will start to count
- Press the Down V button once to hold the Stop-watch. Press Down 3. V button again to reset the counter.

## Troubleshooting

SYMPTOM	SOLUTION
No power.	<ul> <li>Check batteries. Ensure that the batteries are installed properly.</li> <li>The batteries may be weak.</li> <li>Replace old batteries with three (3) new "AAA" alkaline batteries or 3.6V "AAA" NI-MH *rechargeable battery pack .</li> </ul>
Reception is weak.	<ul> <li>Press the Up A button to increase VOLUME.</li> <li>The receiving signal may be weak and/or out of range.</li> <li>If this happens, press the MONITOR M button.</li> </ul>
Cannot change channels.	<ul> <li>To change channels, press the MENU ↓ button until the channel number flashes on the LCD Screen.</li> <li>Press the Up ▲ or Down ▼ buttons to change channels.</li> <li>Batteries may be weak.</li> <li>BUTTON LOCK ← must be deactivated.</li> </ul>
Range is limited.	<ul> <li>BATTERIES may be weak.</li> <li>Replace with new batteries if the BATTERY LEVEL indicator is low.</li> <li>The maximum range will vary depending on terrain and environment.</li> <li>Open fields provide the maximum range, while steel/concrete structures, heavy foliage and use in buildings and in vehicles may limit the range significantly.</li> <li>Wearing the radio close to the body, such as in a pocket or on a belt, will decrease range; change the location of the radio.</li> </ul>
Sound distortion problems.	<ul> <li>If you are transmitting, speak in a normal tone of voice, 2 to 3 inches away from the MICROPHONE.</li> <li>If you are receiving, lower the volume to a comfortable level.</li> <li>Radios too close. Radios must be at least 5 feet apart; increase your distance.</li> <li>Radios too far apart. Obstacles interfere with transmission. Talk range is up to 3 miles in clear unobstructed conditions.</li> </ul>
oi 2. B th yc 3. D	g batteries he units operate with 3 x 1.5V AAA/LR03 regular Alkaline • Ni-MH (nickel metal hydride) batteries. atteries and *rechargeable battery packs should not be irown with domestic rubbish. You may hand them in at our nearest collection point. o not leave batteries installed over a long period of time s leakage may occur and this can destroy the radio.

\* Rechargeable battery pack supplied in DC1025 and DC1028 only.

## Specifications:

Channels Available			40 Ch	annels		
	CTCSS Sub-channel		38 for each Channel			
	Output Power (TX)		0.5W			
			0.000			
Battery Life			30 Ho	urs (typical	)	
Range			About	5 km		
	CHANNEL T	ABLE		CHANNEL TABLE		
CHANNEL NUMBER	FREQUENCY (MHz)	ALLOCATION	CHANNEL NUMBER	FREQUENCY (MHz)	ALLOCATION	
* 1	476.425	Repeater Output	21	476.925	General Use	
*2	476.450	Repeater Output	+22	inhibited	Data Only - No Speech	
*3	476.475	Repeater Output	+23	inhibited	Data Only - No Speech	
*4	476.500	Repeater Output	24	477.000	General Use	
* 5	# 476.525	Emergency Use Only	25	477.025	General Use	
* 6	476.550	Repeater Output	26	477.050	General Use	
*7	476.575	Repeater Output	27	477.075	General Use	
* 8	476.600	Repeater Output	28	477.100	General Use	
9	476.625	General Use	29	477.125	Pacific Hwy, Bruce Hwy	
10	476.650	General Use	30	477.150	General Use	
11	476.675	Calling Channel	*31	477.175	Repeater Input	
12	476.700	General Use	*32	477.200	Repeater Input	
13	476.725	General Use	*33	477.225	Repeater Input	
14	476.750	General Use	* 34	477.250	Repeater Input	
15	476.775	General Use	*35	# 477.275	Emergency Use Only	
16	476.800	General Use	*36	477.300	Repeater Input	
17	476.825	General Use	* 37	477.325	Repeater Input	
18	476.850	Caravan & Camper Convoy	*38	477.350	Repeater Input	
19	476.875	General Use	39	477.375	General Use	
20	476.900	General Use	40	477.400	Road Channel	

\* These channels may also be in use as repeater channels using 750kHz offset. Channels 1 to 4, and 6 to 8 are used for mobile reception, and channels 31 to 34, and 36 to 38 are used for mobile transmission. # Channels 5 and 35 are for Emergency Use Only and must not be used for

 Final communications.
 The other restricted channels are 22 and 23, which are reserved for Data Transmission. According to Clause 6.1.2 of AS/NZS 4365:2002, the transmission of speech telephony signals on channels 22 and 23 is inhibited.

NOTE: The maximum transmission range will vary depending on terrain and environment.

CTCSS ( Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System) Frequency Table.

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Sub Channel	Frequency (Hz)	Sub Channel	Frequency (Hz)	Sub Channel	Frequency (Hz)
1	67.0	14	107.2	27	167.9
2	71.9	15	110.9	28	173.8
3	74.4	16	114.8	29	179.9
4	77.0	17	118.8	30	186.2
5	79.7	18	123.0	31	192.8
6	82.5	19	127.3	32	203.5
7	85.4	20	131.8	33	210.7
8	88.5	21	136.5	34	218.1
9	91.5	22	141.3	35	225.7
10	94.8	23	146.2	36	233.6
11	97.4	24	151.4	37	241.8
12	100.0	25	156.7	38	250.3
13	103.5	26	162.2	0	No Tone

NOTE: The maximum transmission range will vary depending on terrain and environment.

## BABY-SITTER and PARENT-MONITOR Function

Setting BABY Unit On/Off

- 1. Follow the instruction of 'Internal VOX Control function' as shown below and adjust the sensitivity level to 4.
- 2. Press the MENU III button 5 times to enter Baby Unit selection page. 3. Press ▲ / ▼ button to toggle the Baby unit ON or OFF. ( If the System
- has been set to become a Monitor Unit, Baby unit cannot be enabled)
- Press Enter or PTT button to confirm and the BUTTON LOCK is on during Baby-Sitter mode. 5. When the System is set as a Baby unit, VOX function would be also
- enabled. It allows transmission without pressing the PTT button. But receiver function would be disabled. 6. Press & Hold the Enter 🛁 button again to deactivate the Baby Sitter
- function
- NOTE: It is recommended to place the unit as close to the Baby as possible and within 1 metre

#### Setting Monitor Unit On/Off

- 1. Follow the instruction of 'Adjusting Speaker Volume' as shown on page 2 and adjust the volume to level 8.
- 2. Press the MENU III button 6 times to enter Monitor Unit selecting page. 3. Press ▲ /▼ button to toggle the Monitor unit ON or OFF. (If the System has been set to become a Baby Unit, Monitor unit cannot be enabled). Press Enter ← or PTT button to confirm.
- 4. When the System is set as a Monitor unit, transmittor function would be disabled
- 5. Press the MENU III button 6 times again to turn OFF the MONITOR function

#### Internal VOX Control Function

On VOX mode, automatically transmitting and receiving signals without pressing any button.

- To turn on the VOX function: 1. Press MENU Dutton 8 times to enter the VOX mode;
- While the VOX icon (OFF 1-4) is flashing;
   Press Up ▲ button to select higher VOX sensitivity (OFF 1-4);
  - Press Down V buttons to select lower VOX sensitivity (OFF 1-4); The most sensitivity level is 4.
- Press ENTER or PTT button to confirm the selected mode.

#### To turn off the VOX function:

- While the VOX icon (OFF 1-4) is flashing, press Up ▲ or Down ▼ button and to select the "OF" mode.
   Press ENTER ← button to confirm the VOX off mode.

To activate the VOX sensitivity:

- 1. While the VOX mode is on, plug the connector of the headset (not included) into SP /MIC jack of the communicator and then speak through the microphone of the headset to activate the transmitting mode
- 2. Transmitting mode will turn on automatically and on standby mode. 3. The TX LED indicator illuminates red when transmitting
- NOTE: 1. The VOX sensitivity is automatically activated once plug the connector of the Headset (not included) into SP./MIC jack of the communicator. You don't have to push the PTT button of
  - the communicator while transmitting.
    2. While VOX mode is on. Pressing ENTER ← button can suspend VOX transmission for 4 seconds.

#### Battery Level Indicator:

- 1. The BATTERY LEVEL is indicated by the number of squares present
- inside the BATTERY icon on the LCD Screen. 2. When the BATTERY LEVEL is low, a BEEP tone will continue in every 15 seconds to alert the batteries are in low voltage and need to be replaced

#### Repeater Function

Press 1 button one time to enter REPEATER mode, press 1 button one more time to release REPEATER function. During REPEATER on mode, display will show REP icon.

Only use this repeater function when a long distance communication via the local repeater facility is specifically required. Unless it is necessary, to avoid operation on locally used repeater input channels (channels 31 to 38) or locally used repeater receiving channels (channels 1 to 8) is recommended.

Monitoring 2 Baby Units by one Parent Unit

By using Dual Watch function, two Baby units can be monitored by one Monitor unit.

- 1. Select a channel for Baby Unit 1 and another channel for Baby Unit 2 (Refer to 'Channel Selection' on page 2) Pre-set the Monitor unit with the same channel as Baby Unit 1.
- Press MENU button 7 times or until the icon 'DW' is displayed.
- Press M/V button to pre-set the channel until it matches the same one as Baby Unit 2. 4 5. Once Dual Watch is ON, the Monitor unit will automatically scan between
- the two pre-set channels. The carrier will stop and receive signal transmitted from either of the Baby Units whenever it is activated.
- NOTE: Both Baby Unit and Monitor Unit can be left ON when being charged.

#### To Charge The COMMUNICATOR

The units must be used with orignal Charger Pod and AC -DC Adpator (optional)

- \* AC -DC Adpator: input 240 VAC 50Hz Output 6V DC 200mA.
- 1. Turn the unit OFF if it is not being used for Monitoring. It will shorten the time for charging.
- 2. Install 3.6V "AAA" Ni-MH \*Rechargeable Battery Pack into the battery compartment of unit
- 3. Connect the lead of the AC-DC adapter to the socket at the back of the charger pod (make sure the lead has been fully inserted into the jack with some force). Connect the AC-DC adapter to the mains power supply
- 4. Place the unit into the Charger Base.
- The LED light on the Charger Base will turn RED once electricity get connected.
- 6. Unplug the Adpator. Turn the unit ON. The Battery Level Indicator on the LCD Screen will display the new Battery Level.
- NOTE:1. LED Indicator on the charger base will NOT turn OFF automatically, except take out the unit from the charger base and disconnect the electricity
  - 2. It takes approximately 6 hours to fully charge the batteries if they are at their lowest level or takes around 14 hours to fully charge the new batteries
- WARNING: DO NOT attempt to charge any type of regular Alkaline in this unit. Only use the orignal AC-DC Adaptor with the supplied \*battery pack (optional) or AAA Ni-MH \*rechargeable batteries.
- \* Rechargeable battery pack not supplied in DC1023.