Our Thanks to You

Thank you for purchasing a CobraMarine® VHF radio. Properly used, this Cobra® product will give you many years of reliable service.

How Your CobraMarine VHF Radio Works

This radio is a battery-powered portable transceiver for use afloat. It gives you two-way vessel-to-vessel and vessel-to-shore station communications, primarily for safety and secondarily for navigation and operational purposes. With it, you can call for help, get information from other boaters, talk to lock or bridge tenders, and make radiotelephone calls to anywhere in the world through a marine operator.

Besides two-way communications, the radio can provide quick access to receive all the NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration) weather channels and alert you to weather emergencies with a tone on a weather channel you can select for your area.

Customer Assistance

Should you encounter any problems with this product, or not understand its many features, please refer to this owner’s manual. If you require further assistance after reading this manual, Cobra Electronics offers the following customer assistance services:

For Assistance in the U.S.A.

Automated Help Desk English only.
24 hours a day, 7 days a week 773-889-3087 (phone).

Customer Assistance Operators English and Spanish.
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central Time Mon. through Fri. (except holidays) 773-889-3087 (phone).

Questions English and Spanish.
Faxes can be received at 773-622-2269 (fax).

Technical Assistance English only.
English and Spanish. productinfo@cobra.com (e-mail).

For Assistance Outside the U.S.A.

Contact Your Local Dealer
Radio Controls and Indicators

Backlit LCD Screen and Product Features

Backlit LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) Screen

Product Features

Power Settings
Selectable power settings produce 1, 3 or 5 watts of output power for near or distant calling.

USA/International/Canada Channels
Allows operation on any of the three (3) different channel maps established for these areas.

All NOAA Weather Channels
Instant access to all National Weather Channels, 24 hours a day.

Submersible to JIS7 Standards
Waterproof to 3.3 ft (1 m) of water for 30 minutes.

Button/Key Lock
Prevents accidental setting changes when button lock is set.

Channel Scan/Memory Scan
Use to scan through unlimited channels or memory locations to find conversations in progress.

Instant Channel 16/9
Provides instant access to priority Channel 16 and calling Channel 9.

Tri-Watch
Use to monitor three (3) channels at once — Channel 16 and two (2) programmable channels.

NiMH (Nickel-Metal Hydride) Battery
Sealed battery pack provides extended operating time when compared to alkaline batteries with no memory effect. Six (6) high-quality AA alkaline batteries may also be used for emergency backup power — requires optional AA battery tray (P/N CM 110-011).

120V/12V Charger Included
Use to charge battery pack, at home, in a car or in a boat.

Locking Desktop Charger
Holds the radio or battery in place while charging. Vertical or horizontal mounting.

Call Tones (Selectable)
10 selectable call tones.
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Before installing and using your CobraMarine VHF radio, please read these general precautions and warnings.

Warning and Notice Statements

To make the most of this radio, it must be installed and used properly. Please read the installation and operating instructions carefully before installing and using the radio. Special attention must be paid to the WARNING and NOTICE statements in this manual.

WARNING

Statements identify conditions that could result in personal injury or loss of life.

NOTICE

Statements identify conditions that could cause damage to the radio or other equipment.

Safety Training Information

This CobraMarine® radio is designed for, and classified as, “Occupational Use Only.” The radio must only be used in the course of employment by individuals aware of both the hazards and the ways to minimize those hazards. This radio is NOT intended for use in an uncontrolled environment by the “General Population.” This radio has been tested and complies with the FCC RF exposure limits for “Occupational Use Only.” This CobraMarine VHF radio also complies with the following guidelines and standards regarding RF energy and electromagnetic energy levels as well as evaluation of those levels for human exposure:


The following WARNINGS and NOTICE information will make you aware of RF exposure hazards and how to assure you operate the radio within the FCC RF exposure limits established for the radio.

WARNINGS

Your radio generates electromagnetic RF (radio frequency) energy when it is transmitting. To ensure that you and those around you are not exposed to excessive amounts of that energy, DO NOT touch the antenna when transmitting and KEEP yourself and all others on your vessel the required distance away from the antenna while transmitting. See page 31 in the antenna requirements section for further information.

DO NOT operate the radio without a proper antenna or equivalent dummy load attached. Doing so may expose you to excessive RF energy and will damage the radio.

DO NOT transmit more than 50% of the time the radio is in use — 50% duty cycle. The radio is transmitting when the Talk button is pressed and the transmit information shows on the LCD screen.

ALWAYS use only Cobra authorized accessories.

DO NOT operate the radio in an explosive atmosphere, near blasting sites, or in any area where signs are posted prohibiting radio transmissions.

NEVER connect the transceiver directly to AC power. It can be a fire hazard, may cause an electric shock and may damage the transceiver.

NEVER mount the transceiver or microphone/speaker where they might interfere with operation of your vessel or cause injury.

DO NOT allow children or anyone unfamiliar with proper procedures to operate the radio without supervision.

Failure to observe any of these warnings may cause you to exceed FCC RF exposure limits or create other dangerous conditions.
NOTICE
Your radio is waterproof only when the antenna and batteries are properly installed.

**AVOID** using or storing the radio at temperatures below -4°F (-20°C) or above 140°F (60°C).

**KEEP** your radio at least 3 ft (0.9 m) away from your vessel’s magnetic navigation compass.

**DO NOT** attempt to service any internal parts yourself. Have any necessary service performed by a qualified technician.

This radio is supplied with an NiMH (Nickel-Metal Hydride) rechargeable battery pack.

- Use only the Cobra charger to recharge NiMH battery in the radio.
- Do not short circuit the battery pack.
- When replacing the battery, dispose of the old battery properly. The NiMH battery may explode if disposed of in a fire.

Changes or modifications to your radio MAY VOID its compliance with FCC (Federal Communications Commission) rules and make it illegal to use.

**Recommendations for Marine Communication**

The frequencies your radio uses are set aside to enhance safety afloat and for vessel navigation and operational messages over a range suitable for nearshore voyages. If the 5 watt maximum output of your radio is not sufficient for the distances you travel from the coast, consider installing a Cobra Marine fixed mount radio with up to 25 watts of output power. (Visit www.cobra.com or your local dealer for model availability.)

If traveling far offshore, you should consider adding even more powerful radio equipment such as HF single side band or satellite radio for your vessel.

The U.S. Coast Guard does not endorse cellular telephones as substitutes for marine radios. They generally cannot communicate with rescue vessels and, if you make a distress call on a cellular telephone, only the party you call will be able to hear you. Additionally, cellular telephones may have limited coverage over water and can be hard to locate. If you do not know where you are, the Coast Guard will have difficulty finding you if you are using a cellular telephone.

However, cellular telephones can have a place on board where cellular coverage is available — to allow social conversations and keep the marine frequencies uncluttered and available for their intended uses.
FCC Licensing Information

CobraMarine VHF radios comply with the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) requirements that regulate the Maritime Radio Service. The radio operates on all currently allocated marine channels and is switchable for use according to U.S.A., International or Canadian regulations. It features instant access to emergency Channel 16 and calling Channel 9 as well as NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) All Hazards Radio with Alert that can be accessed by pressing one (1) button.

Station License
An FCC ship station license is no longer required for any vessel traveling in U.S.A. waters which uses a VHF marine radio, RADAR, or EPIRB (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon), and which is not required to carry radio equipment. However, any vessel required to carry a marine radio on an international voyage, carrying an HF single side band radiotelephone, or carrying a marine satellite terminal must obtain a station license.

FCC license forms and applications for ship and land stations can be downloaded through the Internet at www.fcc.gov. Forms can also be obtained by calling the FCC at 888-225-5322.

International Station License
If your vessel will be entering the sovereign waters of a country other than the U.S.A. or Canada, you should contact that country’s communications regulatory authority for licensing information.

Radio Call Sign
Currently, the FCC does not require recreational boaters to have a license. The United States Coast Guard recommends that the boat’s registration number and state of registry (e.g., IL 1234 AB) be used as a call sign and be clearly visible on the vessel.

Canadian Ship Station License
You need a Radio Operator’s Certificate if your vessel is operated in Canadian waters. Radio Operator training and certification is available from the Canadian Power Squadron. Visit their website (http://www.cps-ecp.ca/english/newradiocard.html), contact the nearest field office or write: Industry of Canada, Radio Regulatory Branch, Attn: DOSP, 300 Slater Street, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0C8.

User Responsibility and Operating Locations
All users are responsible for observing domestic and foreign government regulations and are subject to severe penalties for violations. The VHF frequencies on your radio are reserved for marine use and require a special license to operate from land, including when your boat is on its trailer.

NOTE
This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two (2) 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.

FCC Warnings: Replacement or substitution of transistors, regular diodes or other parts of a unique nature, with parts other than those recommended by Cobra may cause a violation of the technical regulations of part 80 of the FCC Rules, or violation of type acceptance requirements of part 2 of the rules.
VHF Marine Radio Procedures

Maintain Your Watch
Whenever your boat is underway, the radio must be turned On and be tuned to Channel 16 except when being used for messages.

Power
Try 1 watt first, if the station being called is within a few miles. If there is no answer, switch to 3 watts and call again. You have the ability to go up to 5 watts of output power to increase your calling distance. Remember, the lower wattage outputs will conserve your battery and minimize interference to other users.

Calling Coast Stations
Call a coast station on its assigned channel. You may use Channel 16 when you do not know the assigned channel.

Calling Other Vessels
Call other vessels on Channel 16 or on Channel 9. (Channel 9 is preferred for recreational vessel use.) You may also call on ship-to-ship channels when you know that the vessel is listening on a ship-to-ship channel.

Initial Calling on Channel 16 or 9
The use of Channel 16 is permitted for making initial contact (hailing) another vessel. The limits on calling must be followed. Be reminded, Channel 16's most important function is for Emergency Messages. If for some reason, Channel 16 is congested, the use of Channel 9, especially in U.S. waters, may be used as the initial contact (hailing) channel for non-emergency communication.

Limits on Calling
You must not call the same station for more than 30 seconds at a time. If you do not get a reply, wait at least two (2) minutes before calling again. After three (3) calling periods, wait at least 15 minutes before calling again.

Change Channels
After contacting another station on a calling channel, change immediately to a channel which is available for the type of message you want to send.

Station Identification
Identify, in English, your station by your FCC call sign, vessel name and the state registration number, at both the beginning and at the end of the message.

Prohibited Communications
You MUST NOT transmit:
- False distress or emergency messages.
- Messages containing obscene, indecent or profane language.
- General calls, signals or messages (messages not addressed to a particular station) on Channel 16, except in an emergency or if you are testing your radio.
- When you are on land.
Voice Calling

You are required to listen to Channel 16 while standing by. Channel 16 is the distress and safety channel used for establishing initial contact with another station and for emergency communication. The Coast Guard also monitors Channel 16 for safety purposes for everyone on the water.

**NOTE**

Channel 9 may be used by recreational vessels for general-purpose calling. This frequency should be used whenever possible to help relieve congestion on Channel 16. The Coast Guard generally does not make urgent marine information broadcasts or weather warnings on Channel 9. Boaters are still asked to “keep watch” on Channel 16 whenever the radio is turned on and not in use with another station.

To call another vessel or shore installation (e.g., lock or bridge tender):

- Make sure the radio is On.
- Make sure you are in standby listening mode on Channel 16. Make sure Channel 16 is not in use.
- When the channel is open (quiet), press the Talk button and call a vessel. Hold the radio or microphone several inches from your face and speak clearly and distinctly in a normal voice tone. Say “name or station being called,” “THIS IS [your vessel name or call sign].”
- Once contact is made, you must leave Channel 16 and go to another working channel. See channel listing on pages 20-27.

**For Example**

The vessel Corsair is calling the vessel Vagabond:

**Corsair:** “Vagabond, this is Corsair. Over.”

**Vagabond:** “Please switch and answer on Channel 68 (or any proper working channel). Over.”

**Corsair:** “Switching to Channel 68. Over.”

**NOTE**

If the other does not respond, wait two (2) minutes and repeat. You are permitted to attempt contact three (3) times, two (2) minutes apart. If you still have not made contact, wait 15 minutes before trying again.

After communications are completed, each vessel must sign off with its call sign or vessel name and the word “out” and return to Channel 16.

**NOTE**

For best sound quality at the station you are calling, hold the microphone on the front of the radio at least 2 in. (51 mm) from your mouth and slightly off to one (1) side. Speak in a normal tone of voice.

**NOTE**

“Over and Out”

The most commonly misused procedure words are “over and out” within the same transmission. “Over” means you expect a reply. “Out” means you are finished and do not expect a reply.
Radiotelephone Calls

Boaters may make and receive radiotelephone calls to and from any number on the telephone network by using the services of public coast stations. Calls can be made — for a fee — between your radio and telephones on land, sea and in the air. See pages 20 through 27 for the public correspondence (marine operator) channels.

If you plan to use these services, consider registering with the operator of the public coast station that you plan to work through. These services can provide you with detailed information and procedures to follow.

NOTICE
You may disclose privileged information during a radiotelephone call. Keep in mind that your transmission is NOT private, as it is on a regular telephone. Both sides of the conversation are being broadcast and can be heard by anyone who has a radio and tunes to the channel you are using.

Emergency Messages and Distress Procedure

The ability to summon assistance in an emergency is the primary reason to have a VHF marine radio. The marine environment can be unforgiving, and what may initially be a minor problem can rapidly develop into a situation beyond your control.

The Coast Guard monitors Channel 16, responds to all distress calls, and coordinates all search and rescue efforts. Depending on the availability of other capable vessels or commercial assistance operators in your vicinity, Coast Guard or Coast Guard Auxiliary craft may be dispatched.

In any event, communicate with the Coast Guard as soon as you experience difficulties and before your situation becomes an emergency. Use the emergency message procedures only after your situation has become grave or you are faced with a sudden danger threatening life or property and requiring immediate help. Use Channel 16 to communicate your emergency message. Make sure you transmit on high power. If you are merely out of gas, do not send an emergency message. Drop your anchor and call a friend or marina to bring the fuel you need or to give you a tow.
Emergency Messages and Distress Procedure

Marine Emergency Signals
The three (3) spoken international emergency signals are:

**MAYDAY**
The distress signal **MAYDAY** is used to indicate that a station is threatened by grave and imminent danger and requests immediate assistance.

**PAN**
The urgency signal **PAN** is used when the safety of the vessel or person is in jeopardy. (This signal is properly pronounced pahn.)

**SECURITE**
The safety signal **SECURITE** is used for messages about the safety of navigation or important weather warnings. (This signal is properly pronounced see-cure-ee-tay.)

When using an international emergency signal, the appropriate signal is to be spoken three (3) times prior to the message.

If You Hear a Distress Call
You must give any message beginning with one (1) of these signals priority over any other messages. ALL stations MUST remain silent on Channel 16 for the duration of the emergency unless the message relates directly to the emergency.

If you hear a distress message from a vessel, stand by your radio. If it is not answered, YOU should answer. If the distressed vessel is not nearby, wait a short time for others who may be closer to acknowledge. Even if you cannot render direct assistance, you may be in a position to relay the message.

Marine Distress Procedure
Speak slowly — clearly — calmly.

1. Make sure your radio is On.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. **Press Talk button and say:**
   “MAYDAY — MAYDAY — MAYDAY.”
   (Or “PAN — PAN — PAN.”
   or “SECURITE — SECURITE — SECURITE.”)
4. **Say:**
   “THIS IS [your vessel name or call sign],” repeated three (3) times.
5. **Say:**
   “MAYDAY (or “PAN” or “SECURITE”)
   [your vessel name or call sign].
6. **Tell where you are:**
   (what navigational aids or landmarks are nearby).
7. State the nature of your distress.
8. State the kind of assistance needed.
9. Give number of persons aboard and conditions of any injured.
10. Estimate present seaworthiness of your vessel.
11. Briefly describe your vessel (length, type, color, hull).
12. **Say:**
    “I WILL BE LISTENING ON CHANNEL 16.”
13. **End message by saying:**
    “THIS IS [your vessel name or call sign]. OVER.”
14. Release **Talk** button and listen. Someone should answer.
    If not, repeat the call, beginning at step 3 above.

Keep the radio nearby. Even after your message has been received, the Coast Guard can find you more quickly if you can transmit a signal for a rescue boat to hone in on.
For Example

“Mayday — Mayday — Mayday”
“This is Corsair — Corsair — Corsair” [or “IL 1234 AB,” repeated three (3) times]
“Mayday Corsair (or IL 1234 AB)”
“Navy Pier bears 220 degrees magnetic — distance 5 miles”
“Struck submerged object and flooding — need pump and tow”
“Four (4) adults, three (3) children aboard — no one injured”
“Estimate we will remain afloat one-half hour”
“Corsair (or IL 1234 AB) is 26 ft sloop with blue hull and tan deck house”
“I will be listening on Channel 16”
“This is Corsair (or IL 1234 AB)”
“Over”

It is a good idea to write out a script of the message form and post it where you and others on your vessel can see it when an emergency message needs to be sent.
VHF Marine Channel Assignments

Three (3) sets of VHF channels have been established for marine use in the U.S.A., Canada and the rest of the world (International). Most of the channels are the same for all three (3) maps, but there are definite differences (see table on the following pages). Your radio has all three (3) maps built into it and will operate correctly in whichever area you choose.

The following is a brief outline of the channel assignments in the U.S.A.

Channel Map.

Distress, Safety, and Calling
Channel 16
Getting the attention of another station (calling) or in emergencies (distress and safety).

Calling
Channel 9
General-purpose (non-emergency) calling by non-commercial vessels. Recreational boaters are urged to use this channel to reduce congestion on Channel 16.

Intership Safety
Channel 6
Ship-to-ship safety messages and for search and rescue messages to Coast Guard ships and aircraft.

Coast Guard Liaison
Channel 22A
To talk to the Coast Guard, Canadian Coast Guard (non-emergency) after making contact on Channel 16.

Non-Commercial
Channels 68*, 69, 71, 72, 78A, 79A*, 80A*
Working channels for small vessels. Messages must be about needs of the vessel, such as fishing reports, berthing and rendezvous. Use Channel 72 only for ship-to-ship messages.

Commercial
Channels 1A, 7A, 8, 9, 10, 11, 18A, 19A, 63A, 67, 72, 79A, 80A, 88A*
Working channels for working ships only. Messages must be about business or needs of the ship. Use Channels 8, 67, 72 and 88A only for ship-to-ship messages.

Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
Channels 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 60, 61, 84, 84A, 85, 85A, 86, 86A, 87, 87A, 88*
For calls to marine operators at public coast stations. You can make and receive telephone calls through these stations.

Port Operations
Channels 1A*, 5A*, 12*, 14*, 18, 19, 20A, 21, 22, 63A*, 65A, 66A, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77*, 79, 80, 81, 82
Used for directing the movement of ships in or near ports, locks or waterways. Messages must be about operational handling, movement and safety of ships.

Navigational
Channels 13, 67
Channels are available to all vessels. Messages must be about navigation, including passing or meeting other vessels. These are also the main working channels for most locks and drawbridges. You must keep your messages short and power output at no more than 1 watt.

Maritime Control
Channel 17
For talking to vessels and coast stations operated by state or local governments. Messages must be about regulation and control, boating activities, or assistance.

Digital Selective Calling
Channel 70
This channel is set aside for distress, safety and general calling using only digital selective calling techniques. Voice communication is prohibited; your radio cannot transmit voice messages on this channel.

Weather
Channels Wx 1 Thru 9
Receive-only channels for NOAA and Canadian weather broadcasts. You cannot transmit on these channels.

NOTE
* These channels are restricted to the listed uses in certain parts of the country or for certain types of users only. Consult FCC rules or a knowledgeable radio operator before using them.
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**Channel Use**

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- **02**: Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
- **03**: Public Correspondence (Marine Operator)
- **03A**: Government Only
- **04**: Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
- **04A**: West Coast (Coast Guard Only); East Coast (Commercial Fishing)
- **05**: Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
- **05A**: Port Operations, VTS in selected areas
- **06**: Intership Safety
- **07**: Public Correspondence (Marine Operator), Port Operations, Ship Movement
- **07A**: Commercial
- **08**: Commercial (Intership Only)
- **09**: Boater Calling Channel, Non-Commercial (Recreational)
- **10**: Commercial
- **11**: Commercial, VTS in selected areas
- **12**: Port Operations, VTS in selected areas
- **13**: Intership Navigation Safety (Bridge-to-Bridge). In U.S. waters, large vessels maintain a listening watch on this channel.
- **14**: Port Operations, VTS in selected areas
- **15**: Environmental (Receive Only). Used by class C EPIRB's.
- **15**: Canada (EPIRB Buoys Only); International (On-Board Communication)
- **16**: International Distress, Safety and Calling
- **17**: State Controlled (U.S.A. Only)
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**NOTE**

Many of the plain-numbered channels, such as 01, 02 and 03, transmit and receive on different frequencies. This is termed duplex operation. The rest of the plain-numbered channels and all of the A channels, such as 01A, 03A and 04A, transmit and receive on a single frequency, which is termed simplex operation. Your radio automatically adjusts to these conditions. When in simplex operation, the A icon will appear on the LCD (see illustration on page A3).

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**NOTE**

All channels are preprogrammed at the factory according to international regulations and those of the FCC (U.S.A.) and Industry Canada (Canada). They cannot be altered by the user nor can modes of operation be changed between simplex and duplex.
NOAA Weather Channels and Alert

Monitoring the weather will probably be a frequent use of your radio. NOAA provides continuous, around-the-clock broadcasts of the latest weather information. Taped weather messages run every four (4) to six (6) minutes and are revised every two (2) or three (3) hours, or as needed. The Coast Guard also announces weather and other safety warnings on Channel 16. Smart boaters keep an eye on safety and an ear to the radio — and never let the weather catch them unaware.

NOAA Emergency Weather Alert

In the event of a major storm or other weather condition requiring vessels at sea or on other bodies of water to be notified, NOAA broadcasts a 1050 Hz tone that receivers such as your CobraMarine VHF radio can detect and warn you of a weather alert condition. When the Weather Alert mode on your radio is On, this signal will produce a loud tone from the speaker in the radio and will automatically switch to the alerting weather channel so the alert broadcast can be heard.

NOAA Test Alert System

To test this system, NOAA broadcasts the 1050 Hz signal every Wednesday sometime between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. in each local time zone. Any receiver that can detect the weather alert tone may use this service to verify that this system is functioning properly.

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Included in this Package

You should find all of the following items in the package with your CobraMarine VHF radio:

- Radio
- Wrist Strap
- Drop-In Battery Charger
- Flexible Antenna
- Battery Charger Power Cord
- NiMH Battery Pack
- Operating Instruction Manual
- Spring-Loaded Belt Clip
- NiMH Battery Pack

Antenna Installation

The flexible antenna is shipped separately in the package and must be attached before you use the radio.

1. Align the base of the antenna with the socket in the top of the radio.
2. Screw it all the way into the socket. Be sure that the seal seats properly.

**NOTICE**

Operating the radio without the antenna in place may damage the unit. The radio is not waterproof until the antenna and battery pack are in place with their seals properly seated.

Wrist Strap

The radio comes with the wrist strap already attached. It can be easily removed if you choose not to use it.

Belt Clip

Use the spring-loaded belt clip to carry the radio on your person.

1. Press open the belt clip, slide it over the belt and release the clip.
2. Insert the round guide on the back of the radio into the guide channel on the back of the belt clip. The radio must be upside-down, as shown, to remove it from the belt clip.
3. Once the knob is inserted all the way into the belt clip channel, the radio swings free but remains secure.
Batteries and Charger

The radio is shipped with a sealed NiMH (Nickel-Metal Hydride) (P/N CM 110-009) battery pack that is rechargeable.

**WARNING**
The charger provided for this radio is only to be used to charge the battery pack provided. Do Not charge any other type of batteries in the charger as fire, explosion or battery damage will occur. Avoiding extreme room temperatures will also help prolong the life of the battery pack for the radio.

When your rechargeable batteries begin to discharge too quickly, it is time to install a new battery pack. Your radio will also operate with six (6) high-quality AA alkaline batteries, using the optional alkaline battery tray.

Installing the Battery Pack
1. Position the battery pack to line up the two (2) external alignment tabs to the alignment slots in the radio.
2. Engage the battery pack into the radio until battery pack is fully seated against the radio housing.
3. Pivot the locking tab up until it snaps into place on the back of the battery pack.

Initial Charge

The Cobra-provided NiMH battery pack may be charged at home, in a car or in a boat using the appropriate 12V or 120V power cord with the charger.

1. Insert one (1) of the power cords into the back of the drop-in charger.
2. Insert the other end of the power cord into the appropriate 12V or 120V power source.
3. Remove the spacer from the charger and insert the entire radio/battery into the charger. The metal charge contacts on the battery will contact the mating prongs in the charger to transfer the charging current.
4. Observe that the red light on the front of the charger glows to indicate that the battery pack is properly seated and the charger is operating.
5. Allow the batteries to charge for 12 to 14 hours before use.

**WARNING**
Only the rechargeable NiMH battery pack can be recharged. You MUST use one of the charging devices provided with this radio. Do not substitute any other type of charging adapter or charger base for this radio. Battery damage, fire or explosion may result. It is equally important to prevent the NiMH battery pack from freezing to obtain best performance from the battery pack.

**NOTE**
If the drop-in charger is used on a boat, Cobra recommends you attach it to a horizontal shelf or vertical bulkhead (using the screw holes provided) to prevent possible damage due to the boat rolling or pitching. The charging base has been designed to hold the battery pack in place during rough sea conditions.
Batteries and Charger

To Remove Battery Pack from Radio
1. Pivot the locking tab off of the back of the battery pack to unlock.
2. Lift the bottom of the battery pack slightly to remove it from the radio housing.
3. Pull battery pack out of the radio housing.

NOTE
The NiMH battery pack can also be charged in the battery charger without being installed in the radio. Insert the spacer into the battery charger to support the battery pack during this charging process. Follow the same procedures in “Initial Charge” to charge the battery pack.

NOTE
NiMH batteries are toxic. Please dispose of properly. Some marine suppliers accept old battery packs for recycling and some municipal waste disposal agencies have special provisions for battery disposal.

Alkaline Batteries
An optional alkaline battery tray (P/N CM 110-011) can be purchased for this radio. The alkaline battery tray acts as a backup or “Emergency” power source should the battery pack run low on power and needs to be recharged. The radio will transmit at full power when using six (6) new AA alkaline batteries.

WARNING
Never attempt to recharge alkaline batteries. They are not made to be recharged, and should be disposed of in a proper manner.

Maintaining the Battery Charge
As you use your radio, the battery power icon will show the battery power remaining. When the icon begins to flash, it is time to recharge or change the batteries.

NOTICE
Use only the drop-in charger provided by Cobra. Do not use the charger with alkaline batteries; only the NiMH battery pack is rechargeable. Spent alkaline batteries must be discarded and replaced.

It is a good idea to keep a set of fresh, high-quality AA alkaline batteries with your radio. Should the rechargeable battery pack become discharged and no electrical power source is available, you can insert the optional alkaline battery tray with fresh alkaline batteries and continue to use your radio.

NOTE
Some radios with NiMH batteries have AA or AAA battery packs which only allow low-power transmit. The optional AA battery tray for the MR HH325 and a fresh set of alkaline batteries will allow for full-power emergency transmissions.
Getting Started

Refer to the foldout at the front of this manual to identify the various controls and indicators on your radio. Throughout this manual you will be instructed to “Press” or to “Press and Hold” various buttons (except “Push to Talk”) on the radio. “Press” means a momentary press of approximately one (1) second. “Press and Hold” means to hold the button down for approximately three (3) seconds.

Whenever you press any button except the Talk button on your radio, a brief tone (beep) will sound to confirm the button press. With all button presses, the appropriate icon will appear on the LCD and the backlight will turn On. The backlight will stay on for 10 seconds after the button is released.

At times, you will hear two (2) other sounds. Two (2) beeps will sound to confirm your setting changes and three (3) beeps will sound to notify you of an error.

Common Radio Functions
The following procedures define common operating functions of the radio when in either Marine Standby or Weather (WX) Standby modes.

Power/Volume/Squelch Controls

Power On/Off Control
The On/Off/Volue control is located at the upper right side of the radio. Turning the On/Off/Volue control past the detent position will turn the radio On or Off.

Volume Control
Volume is controlled by turning the On/Off/Volue control.

- To increase the volume, turn the On/Off/Volue control clockwise.
- To decrease the volume, turn the On/Off/Volue control counterclockwise.

Squelch Control
Squelch is controlled by turning the lower rotary concentric knob located directly below the On/Off/Volue switch.

With the power On, turn the knob counterclockwise until you hear a hissing sound, then turn the knob clockwise until the hissing stops. This will establish a “Baseline” squelch. By turning the knob further in a clockwise direction, you will filter weak and medium-strength signals. By turning the knob in a counterclockwise direction (further from your baseline setting), you will receive weaker signals. Squelch Control filters weak signals and radio frequency (RF) noise so that you will clearly hear the signals you want.

NOTE
If the Squelch is set so that you can hear a continuous hissing sound, the Memory Scan and Tri-Watch functions will be blocked.

Radio Speaker and Microphone
The internal Radio Speaker and Microphone are located on the bottom front face of the radio below the lower control buttons.

An optional Speaker/Microphone port is located at the top of the radio between the antenna and the Power/Volume/Squelch control. Unthread the Speaker/Microphone port cover to access and install an optional speaker or microphone into this port.

Talk Button
Press and hold the Talk button to transmit messages. Release the Talk button to stop transmitting.
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Backlight/Key Lock Button
The LCD will be illuminated by the backlight as long as any button is pressed and will remain On for 10 seconds after the button is released.

To Display the Backlight Momentarily:
Press the Backlight/Key Lock button. The backlight will remain On for 10 seconds. If the backlight is already On, another press of the Backlight/Key Lock button will turn it Off.

Key Lock
To prevent accidental changes to your settings, you can lock all of the following buttons:
- Channel Up Button
- Channel Down Button
- SCAN Button
- MEM/ESC Button
- WX/H-M-L Button
- 16/9 Button
- TRI-WATCH Button
- Call/Enter/Setup Button

To Lock or Unlock the Buttons:
Press and hold the Backlight/Key Lock button for two (2) seconds. The Key Lock icon will appear or disappear in the LCD. When Key Lock is On, pressing any of the listed buttons on the front of the radio will result in a three (3) beep error message.

Both the Backlight/Key Lock button and the Talk button are active — you can Receive (Rx) or Transmit (Tx) a message with Key Lock On, but you cannot change the channel.

Channel Up/Down Button
Your radio will Receive (Rx) and Transmit (Tx) VHF signals on the channel indicated on the LCD display. You can change the channel at any time using the Channel Up/Down button.

To Change Channels:
Press the Channel Up/Down button.
If you are on Channel 88, pressing the Channel Up button will advance to Channel 01. If you are on Channel 01, pressing the Channel Down button will advance to Channel 88.

You can press and hold the Channel Up/Down button for fast advance. The beep sound will occur only at the first press of the button and not during fast advance.

If the new channel selected is restricted to low power, the radio will automatically switch to Low Power mode and the Low Power icon will appear on the LCD.

If the radio is in the Key Lock mode, the channel will not change and the three (3) beep error signal will sound.

SCAN Button
Press and release the SCAN button to scan all channels. The SCAN icon will display on the LCD display. Scanning begins at lower channels, and scans to higher channels. Press Channel Up/Down button to change the scan direction.

When a signal is received in SCAN mode, the radio will pause 10 seconds before resuming SCAN operation. The scan will stop when the Talk button is pressed.

In Memory mode, press and release the SCAN button to scan all memory channels. Because the unit is already in the Memory Channel mode, only the channels in the memory bank will be displayed.

NOTE
Memory channels need to be saved to effectively enter the Memory Channel mode and scan all memory channels.
Getting Started

High/Medium/Low (H-M-L) Power Button
Your radio can transmit selectively at 1, 3 or 5 watts of power. Cobra suggests you maintain the low power setting for short-range communications. You will conserve battery life and avoid overpowering nearby stations with a low power setting signal. Use the high power setting for long-range communications or when you do not receive a response to a signal sent at 1 watt.

To Toggle Between H-M-L Power Modes:
Press the H-M-L Power button. The LCD will show which mode is in effect. Some channels are restricted for a maximum use of 1 watt. Your radio will automatically set the power to Low Power mode when you select those channels.

NOTE
Some channels, frequency bands and countries of use might not be able to operate in High Power mode.

Call/Enter/Setup Button
The Call/Enter/Setup button has multiple functions. It is generally used in the following ways:

- Press and release to transmit your unique Call Tone signal to another radio.
- Press and hold to enter any Setup menu.
- Functions as an ENTER button when making a selection in any Setup menu.

Setup Mode Programming

The following series of procedures is designed to allow you to set the programmable features of your radio. Correctly following these steps results in a minimal amount of radio setup programming time.

NOTE
When in the Setup mode, if you stop programming for longer than 15 seconds, your entry will be saved and the radio will go back to the Marine Standby mode. When you return to Setup mode and continue programming you will see the last “value” displayed. While in the Setup mode, you will not receive any signal reception.

Marine (VHF) Mode Programming
Programming these features will allow you to customize certain features of this radio to enhance your “On-Water” audio needs.

Start from Marine Standby mode to begin Marine (VHF) Setup programming. Press and hold the Call/Enter/Setup button for two (2) seconds to enter the programming mode.
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Setup Mode Programming

USA/International/Canada Channel Maps
Three (3) sets of VHF Channel Maps have been established for marine use in the USA, Canada, and the rest of the world (International). Most of the channels are the same for all three (3) maps, but there are definite differences (see table on pages 20 through 27). Your radio has all three (3) maps built into it and will operate correctly in whichever area you choose.

To Set Channel Map Operating Area:
1. The Channel Map mode is the first mode that begins the Marine (VHF) Setup programming.
2. U, I and C will display, with the current setting (the U icon is the default) flashing.
3. Press Channel Up/Down button to select the U, I or C icon.
4. Press Call/Enter/Setup button to save this entry and move to the next setup programming mode.

NOTE
One or two of the channel maps might have been disabled for sales of this radio in some countries.

VibrAlert® Mode
In VibrAlert® mode, your radio can alert you to incoming signals by sounding an audible call tone, a silent vibration or both.

To set VibrAlert®:
1. The display will show either the Vibrate icon (shake bars), Call Tone icon (bell shape) or a combination VibrAlert® icon.
2. The present setting of either, 01, 02 or 03 will be flashing.
3. Press Channel Up/Down button to select one of the following:
   - 01 = VibrAlert® On (both shake bars and bell shape).
   - 02 = Vibrate On (shake bars only).
   - 03 = Call Tone Only On (bell shape only).
4. Press Call/Enter/Setup button to save this entry and move to the next setup programming mode.
Call Tone Mode

In Call Tone mode, your radio can alert you to incoming signals by sounding an audible call tone, a silent vibration or both. This setting will also allow you to transmit a unique Call Tone alert to identify your radio when you transmit messages. You can select from one of 10 different Call Tone signals.

To Set Call Tone:
1. From the previous press of the Call/Enter/Setup button, the LCD will display the letter “C” and the current Call Tone number (01 through 10).
2. Press the Channel Up/Down button to select a different Call Tone. An example of each call tone will sound for 1.5 seconds.
3. Press Call/Enter/Setup button to save this entry and move to the next setup programming mode.

NOTE
Call Tones are not usually used for Marine VHF communications. We allow you to turn it On for your unique communication needs.

Roger Beep Mode

In Roger Beep mode, your listener will hear an audible tone when you release the Talk button. This alerts your listener that you are finished talking and it is OK for them to speak.

To Set Roger Beep On or Off:
1. Display will show ROG icon and ON or OFF flashing.
2. Press Channel Up/Down button to select ON or OFF. ROG will be displayed when On.
3. Press Call/Enter/Setup button to save this entry and move to the next setup programming mode.

Key Tone Mode

In Key Tone mode, an audible tone will sound each time a button is pressed or you change a setting.

To Set Key Tone On or Off:
1. Display will show Key Tone icon and ON or OFF flashing.
2. Press Channel Up/Down button to select ON or OFF.
3. Press Call/Enter/Setup button to save entry.
You have now ended Marine (VHF) Setup programming mode and will enter Marine Standby mode.
Weather (WX) Alert Mode Programming

Programming these features will allow your radio to listen to all NOAA Hazard Alert radio channels.

Start from WX Alert Standby mode to begin WX Alert Setup programming. Press and hold the Call/Enter/Setup button for two (2) seconds to enter the programming mode.

To Set WX Alert On or Off:
1. WX Alert mode is the first mode that begins WX Alert Setup programming.
2. Display will show WX Alert icon and ON or OFF flashing.
3. Press Channel Up/Down button to select ON or OFF.
4. Press Call/Enter/Setup button to save this entry and move to the next setup programming mode.

To Set WX Auto Search (SCAN) On or Off:
1. Display will show WX Alert icon and SCAN, ON or OFF is flashing.
2. Press Channel Up/Down button to select SCAN, ON or OFF.
3. Press the Call/Enter/Setup button to save entry.

You have now ended the WX Alert Setup programming mode and will enter the WX Alert Standby mode.

NOTE
When WX Auto Search (SCAN) is set to On, weather channel scanning will start automatically and scan all available weather channels until the strongest channel is found. This will happen under the following conditions:

- WX Alert is engaged.
- Radio is in VHF Standby.
- WX received signal level falls below a preset level.
- Radio is in Power Saver mode.
Transmit (Tx) Mode

Transmit (Tx) mode gives you the ability to interact with safety services, other vessels and shore stations. When you use this capability, be sure to follow the procedures and to observe the courtesies that govern its use so everyone benefits. (See pages 20 through 27) to help you select the proper channels.

To Transmit a Message:
1. Check to see that your radio is set to a proper channel for the type of message you plan to send.
2. Toggle to the Low Power setting.
3. With the microphone about 2 in. [51 mm] from your mouth, press and hold the Talk button and speak into the microphone. The Transmit icon will appear on the LCD.
4. Release the Talk button when you are finished speaking. Your radio can only operate in either Transmit (Tx) or Receive (Rx) mode at any given time. You will not hear the response to your message unless the Talk button is released. If the Battery Power icon begins blinking on the LCD when the Talk button is pressed, the radio will NOT transmit.

NOTE
If the Talk button is held down for five (5) minutes, the radio will automatically sound a series of beeps and cease transmitting to prevent unwanted signal generation and battery drain. As soon as the Talk button is released, it can be pressed again to resume transmission.

Weather (WX) Standby Mode

To enter the WX Standby mode, press and hold the WX/H-M-L button. All common operating functions of the radio will work the same in WX Standby mode as they do in the normal Marine Standby mode. The radio will be monitoring for all alerts in the background when in the WX Standby mode.

WX Alert Standby Mode

NOAA broadcasts weather information as described in the NOAA weather channels section on page 29 of this manual. When NOAA broadcasts a weather alert signal and your radio is in WX Alert Standby mode, the following items will be displayed on the LCD display:
- The WX icon (cloud/sun) icon will be displayed.
- The last used weather channel will be displayed.
- The bar graph will display received signal strength level.
- The WX Alert icon (safety triangle) will be displayed.

NOTE
Only one (1) or two (2) of the weather channels will be operating in any given location (only in Receive (Rx) mode). You will need to select the channel with the strongest signal in your location.

NOTE
When in the WX Alert mode, and NOAA sends the 1050Hz alert tone, the radio will sound a series of loud beeps regardless of the volume control setting.
**WX Auto Search (SCAN) Mode Function:**
The purpose of the **WX Auto Search (SCAN)** function is to enable the receiver to automatically scan for an active WX channel under the following conditions:

1. **WX Auto Search (SCAN)** function is On.
2. **WX Alert** is On.
3. The radio is tuned to a Marine VHF channel and has entered **Power Save** mode (meaning there is no signal activity or user input for 10 seconds).
4. The radio software has detected that the current WX channel signal level has dropped below a preset minimum level or is gone completely.

Once these conditions have been met, the software will then scan the WX channels looking for an active WX channel. When an active WX channel is found, it will stop the scan and use the new WX channel to look for the standard 1050Hz alert tone.

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**Advanced Operation**

**Channel 16/9 Mode**

Channel 16/9 mode gives you quick access to calling on Channel 16 and Channel 9 from any operational mode.

**To Switch to Channel 16 or Channel 9:**

1. Press the **Channel 16/9** button to change to Channel 16.
2. Press the **Channel 16/9** button again to change to Channel 9.
3. Press the **Channel 16/9** button a third time and return to the last used **Standby** channel.
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Tri-Watch Mode

Tri-Watch mode gives you one (1) button access to scan a total of three (3) channels of most importance to you. Channel 16 is preprogrammed and will always be one (1) of the scanned locations. Two (2) other channels of your choice can be stored in the radio. These channels can be edited and/or recalled during future engagements of Tri-Watch mode.

**NOTE**
The radio must be squelched for Tri-Watch mode to function. See page 37 for Squelch procedure.

Tri-Watch Setup

To Program or Edit the Tri-Watch Channels:

1. Press and hold the TRI-WATCH button for two (2) seconds to activate Tri-Watch Setup mode. The TRI and MEM icons on the display will turn On.

**NOTE**
The main channel number will flash to indicate channel position. If there is no input activity for 15 seconds, the radio will sound two (2) beeps and return to Marine Standby mode.

2. Press Channel Up/Down button to select the desired Tri-Watch channel.

3. Press and release TRI-WATCH button or Call/Enter/Setup button to confirm entry.

4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 to program the remaining additional Tri-Watch memory channel.

5. After programming both Tri-Watch memory channels the radio will immediately engage Tri-Watch mode. (See page 53 for further details.)

Using Tri-Watch

**Tri-Watch Scan Mode:**

1. From Marine Standby mode, press the TRI-WATCH button. The TRI icon will appear on the LCD display and the radio will scan through the three (3) Tri-Watch memory channels.

2. A signal on any one (1) of the three (3) channels will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen to the traffic on that location.

**NOTE**
After the Tri-Watch scan stops to monitor a channel, as long as you do not press any buttons within 10 seconds, your radio will automatically resume scanning the Tri-Watch channels.

3. Press the Channel Up/Down button to resume scanning the Tri-Watch channels or to change the scan direction.

4. To EXIT the Tri-Watch scan, press the TRI-WATCH button again. The TRI icon will disappear from the LCD and the radio will return to Marine Standby mode.
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Memory Location Mode
Your radio has unlimited memory locations for storing your most frequently used channels. These memory locations can be selected individually or can be scanned. (See page 57 under Memory Location Scan.)

To enter Memory mode, press MEM/ESC button. The display will show the MEM icon and the Memory Channel bank will be activated and displayed.

To Program Memory Locations:
1. Press and hold the MEM/ESC button for two (2) seconds. The memory location number will start flashing and the MEM icon will be turned On.
2. Use the Channel Up/Down button to advance to the memory location (00-99) you want to program.
3. Press the MEM/ESC button to select the memory location. The memory channel number will stop flashing and the channel number will start flashing.
4. Use the Channel Up/Down button to change to the channel you want to store into the selected memory location.
5. Press the MEM/ESC button to program that channel. The memory location number will flash again. Repeat steps 2 through 5 to program as many additional memories as you want.
6. Press and hold the MEM/ESC button for two (2) seconds. This will return the radio to Memory mode.
7. Press and release the MEM/ESC button again to return to Marine Standby mode.

To Recall a Stored Memory Location:
1. Press the MEM/ESC button. The MEM icon will be turned On.
2. Press the Channel Up/Down button to select the memory location. If a memory location has been programmed, its associated channel will display on the LCD. Your radio is now in Marine Standby mode on the selected memory location.

To Exit Memory Location Mode:
Press the MEM/ESC button to return the radio to Marine Standby mode. The last channel used in Marine Standby mode will now be displayed on the LCD and the MEM icon will disappear.

To Erase Stored Memory Locations:
1. Press and hold the MEM/ESC button for two (2) seconds. The memory location number will start flashing and the MEM icon will be turned On.
2. Use the Channel Up/Down button to advance to the memory location you want to erase.
3. Press the MEM/ESC button to select the memory location. The memory channel number will stop flashing and the channel number will start flashing.
4. Use the Channel Up/Down button to change to the channel to read “00” at the selected memory location.
5. Press the MEM/ESC button to erase that channel. Repeat steps 2 through 5 to erase as many additional memories as you want.
6. Press and hold the MEM/ESC button for two (2) seconds. This will return the radio to Memory mode.
7. Press and release the MEM/ESC button again to return to Marine Standby mode.
Product Features

Channel Scan Mode
During Channel Scan mode, the radio will rapidly switch from channel to channel through all the channels. Whenever any activity is detected, the radio will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen briefly on that channel. The radio will then continue to scan unless you switch out of the Channel Scan mode.

NOTE
The radio must be squelched for Channel Scan mode to function. See page 37 for Squelch procedure.

To Enter Channel Scan:
1. From Marine Standby mode, press the SCAN button. The radio will immediately begin to scan the entire channel map selected in the active channel map. The SCAN icon will show on the LCD.
2. A signal on any channel will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen to the traffic on that location.
3. Press the Channel Up/Down button to resume scanning the Channel Scan channels or to change the scan direction.
4. To EXIT Channel Scan mode, press the SCAN button again. The SCAN icon will disappear from the LCD and the radio will return to Marine Standby mode.

Memory Location Scan Mode
During Memory Location Scan mode, the radio will rapidly scan through all pre-assigned memory channels. Whenever any activity is detected on a channel, the radio will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen briefly on that channel. It will then continue to scan unless you switch out of Memory Location Scan mode.

NOTE
The radio must be squelched for Memory Location Scan mode to function. See page 37 for Squelch procedure.

NOTE
If there are fewer than two (2) memory locations programmed in the radio, the Memory Location Scan option will not be available. To program at least two (2) memory locations, see page 54.
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Product Features

To Enter Memory Location Scan:

1. From Marine Standby mode, press the MEM/ESC button.
2. Press the SCAN button. The radio will immediately begin to scan all pre-assigned memory channels. The SCAN and MEM icons will show on the LCD.
3. A signal on any channel will stop the scan for 10 seconds to allow you to listen to the traffic on that location.
4. Press the Channel Up/Down button to resume scanning the Memory Location Scan channels or to change the scan direction.
5. To EXIT Memory Location Scan mode, press the SCAN button again. The SCAN and MEM icons will disappear from the LCD and the radio will return to Marine Standby mode.

Maintenance

Very little maintenance is required to keep your CobraMarine VHF radio in good operating condition:

- Keep the radio and charger clean by wiping with a soft cloth and mild detergent. Do not use solvents or harsh or abrasive cleaners, which could damage the case or scratch the LCD screen.
- If the radio is exposed to salt water, wipe with a soft, moist cloth at least once a day to prevent buildup of salt deposits, which could interfere with button operation.
- If the radio will be stored for a long period, such as over the winter, remove the batteries from the battery tray and store them in a separate package. This is especially important if you are using alkaline batteries.

Troubleshooting

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<td>Batteries are exhausted</td>
<td>Recharge or replace batteries</td>
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<td>Batteries not installed properly</td>
<td>Remove batteries and reinstall according to polarity markings</td>
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<td>NIMH batteries run down quickly</td>
<td>Batteries are at the end of their life</td>
<td>Replace with new batteries</td>
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<td>Batteries are low</td>
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<td>Selected channel is limited to one (1) watt</td>
<td>Switch to another channel</td>
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<td>Will not transmit</td>
<td>Selected channel is limited to receive only</td>
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<td>No sound from speaker</td>
<td>Volume level is too low or squelch level is too deep</td>
<td>Re-adjust volume and squelch</td>
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<td>Button lock is On</td>
<td>Press Backlight/Key Lock button</td>
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<td>No answer to calls</td>
<td>Out of range of other station</td>
<td>Switch to three (3) or five (5) watts or move closer</td>
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<td>Signal is blocked by terrain</td>
<td>Move until you have a “line-of-sight” to the other station</td>
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# Specifications

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<td>5% TX, 5% RX, 90% Standby</td>
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**Receiver**

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<td>Spurious and Image Rejection</td>
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**Limited 3-Year Warranty**

**For Products Purchased In The U.S.A.**

Cobra Electronics Corporation warrants that its CobraMarine VHF radio, and the component parts thereof, will be free of defects in workmanship and materials for a period of three (3) years from the date of first consumer purchase. This warranty may be enforced by the first consumer purchaser, provided that the product is utilized within the U.S.A.

Cobra will, without charge, repair or replace, at its option, defective radios, products or component parts upon delivery to the Cobra Factory Service department, accompanied by proof of the date of first consumer purchase, such as a duplicated copy of a sales receipt.

You must pay any initial shipping charges required to ship the product for warranty service, but the return charges will be at Cobra's expense, if the product is repaired or replaced under warranty. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state.

**Exclusions: This limited warranty does not apply:**

1. To any product damaged by accident.
2. In the event of misuse or abuse of the product, or as a result of unauthorized alterations or repairs.
3. If the serial number has been altered, defaced, or removed.
4. If the owner of the product resides outside the U.S.A.

All implied warranties, including warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose are limited in duration to the length of this warranty. Cobra shall not be liable for any incidental, consequential or other damages; including, without limitation, damages resulting from loss of use or cost of installation.

Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts and/or do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations may not apply to you.

**For Products Purchased Outside The U.S.A.**

Please contact your local dealer for warranty information.

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Product Service

If you have any questions about operation or installing your new Cobra Marine VHF product or if you are missing parts...

Please call Cobra first! DO NOT RETURN THIS PRODUCT TO THE STORE!
See customer assistance on page A1.

If your product should require factory service, please call Cobra first before sending your radio. This will ensure the fastest turn-around time on your repair. You may be asked to send your radio to the Cobra factory. It will be necessary to furnish the following to have the product serviced and returned:

1. For warranty repair, include some form of proof-of-purchase, such as a photocopy of a sales receipt. If you send the original receipt, it cannot be returned.
2. Send the entire product.
3. Enclose a description of what is happening with the radio. Include a typed or clearly printed name and address of where the radio is to be returned.
4. Pack radio securely to prevent damage in transit. If possible, use the original packing material.
5. Ship prepaid and insured by way of a traceable carrier such as United Parcel Service (UPS) or Priority Mail to avoid loss in transit to: Cobra Factory Service, Cobra Electronics Corporation, 6500 West Cortland Street, Chicago, Illinois 60707 U.S.A.
6. If the radio is in warranty, upon receipt of your radio, it will either be repaired or exchanged depending on the model. Please allow approximately three (3) to four (4) weeks before contacting Cobra for status. If the radio is out of warranty, a letter will automatically be sent informing you of the repair charge or replacement charge.
7. If your radio is returned for factory repair, it will be returned to you with default settings restored.

If you have any questions, please call 773-889-3087 for assistance.

Accessories

Your Cobra radio comes with several accessories that will enhance the use of the radio and also offer convenience to the end user.

Alkaline Battery Tray

A special alkaline battery tray (P/N CM 110-011) is available as an optional accessory to have as an emergency backup. By using six (6) high-quality AA alkaline batteries, you can have a spare battery backup source for your radio.

**NOTE**

Alkaline batteries are not rechargeable.

Lapel Speaker/Microphone

A speaker/microphone, that attaches to your lapel, by ordering P/N CM 330-001. This unique accessory allows you to wear the radio on your belt while still being able to communicate with other vessels. A small Push to Talk button on the lapel speaker/microphone allows you to answer any incoming call.