Important Information and Customer Assistance

Introduction

Federal Laws Governing the Use of Radar Detectors
It is not against federal law to receive radar transmissions with your Cobra radar/laser detector. The Communications Act of 1924 guarantees your right to receive radio transmissions on any frequency. Local laws that contravene this Act, while illegal, may be enforced by your local law enforcement officials until and unless they are prohibited from doing so by federal court action.

Safety Alert
Use of this product is not intended to, and does not, ensure that motorists or passengers will not be involved in traffic accidents. It is only intended to alert the motorist that an emergency vehicle equipped with a Cobra Safety Alert transmitter is within range as defined by that product. Please call local fire and police departments to learn if coverage exists in your area.

Safe Driving
Motorists, as well as operators of emergency or service vehicles, are expected to exercise all due caution while using this product, and to obey all applicable traffic laws.

Security of Your Vehicle
Before leaving your vehicle, always remember to conceal your radar detector in order to reduce the possibility of break-in and theft.

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:

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Display and Product Features

Product Features

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- **Xtreme Range**
  - Superheterodyne Technology
  - With super-fast sweep circuitry, XRS provides extra detection range and the best possible advance warning to even the fastest radar guns.

- **Detection and Separate Alerts For:**
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  - For 360° detection of laser and strobe signals.

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  - Detects radar guns with “instant-on” (very fast) speed monitoring capabilities.

- **Tone Alert or Voice Alert**
  - With adjustable volume.

- **DigiView Data Display**
  - With easy-to-read alpha/numeric dot matrix text readout.

- **City or Highway**
  - Modes to reduce false alerts.

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  - Traffic warning system distinguishes important safety alerts from other K band signals.

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  - Emergency vehicle warning system.

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Installation

Where to Mount Your Unit
You will get optimum performance from your detector if you mount it at a point approximately in the center of the vehicle, as low as possible on the front windshield without obstructing the unit's view of the road either to the front or rear. Make sure the unit is level with the road. You can also mount it directly on the dashboard.

Windshield Mounting

The unit's lens must not be blocked and the LaserEye should have a clear view out the back window to allow 360° detection.

Radar and laser signals pass through glass but not through other materials and objects. Objects that can block or weaken incoming signals include:
- Windshield wiper blades
- Mirrored sun screens
- Dark tinting at the top of the windshield
- Heated windshields currently available on some vehicles (Instaclear for Ford, Electriclear for GM.) Consult your dealer to see if you have this option.

Windshield Mounting

Dashboard Mounting

1. Attach the rubber cups to the bracket.
2. Make sure the rubber cups and your windshield are clean.
3. Push the bracket firmly onto the windshield.
4. Attach the detector to the bracket. Check the angle of the unit.
5. To adjust the angle if necessary, gently push or pull on the bracket to bend it. DO NOT use the detector to bend the bracket.
6. Plug the power cord into the detector.
7. Plug the cigarette lighter adapter on the power cord into your vehicle's cigarette lighter.
8. You can temporarily remove the detector whenever you wish by pressing the bracket release button and sliding it off the bracket.
Getting Started and Settings

Installation

Dashboard Mounting

1. Place the detector on the dashboard to find a location where the unit has a clear, level view of the road. The angle cannot be adjusted after mounting.
2. Remove the paper backing from one side of the hook-and-loop fastener.
3. Attach the pad to the dashboard at your chosen location and remove the other paper backing.
4. Attach the detector to the hook-and-loop fastener. You can remove and reattach the unit as often as you like.
5. Plug the power cord into the detector.
6. Plug the cigarette lighter adapter on the power cord into your vehicle’s cigarette lighter.

Settings

• When changing the Settings on your detector, please keep in mind:
  ■ Buttons can have multiple functions.
  ■ Depending on your choice of Voice Alert or Tone Alert mode, you will hear either voice messages or tones confirming changes in settings.
  ■ All settings will be stored in memory when the power is turned off and recalled when the power is turned back on.

Getting Started

To Turn On the Unit and Adjust the Audio Volume

Rotate the On-Off/Voice Alert control clockwise (away from you).

The display will cycle through and show the user modes.

Start-Up Complete

In some vehicles, power is supplied to the cigarette lighter even while the ignition is off. If this is the case with your vehicle, you should turn off or unplug your detector when parking for lengthy periods.

NOTE
**Highway/City Mode**

Setting your detector to City mode delays all X band audio alerts until the signal strength reaches Level 3. (A single beep will sound when the signal is first detected.) This will reduce false alarms while you are driving in, or near, urban areas where there are many sources for conflicting X band signals such as microwave towers and automatic door openers.

To change settings, follow the procedure listed below, which indicates what you will see and hear (either in Voice Alert or Tone Alert mode) as you complete each step. The factory setting is Highway mode.

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<td>City</td>
<td>One beep</td>
<td>C. appears in the display</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City Mode</td>
<td>Dim</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Dimmer appears further</td>
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<td>To Change From Highway Mode to City Mode</td>
<td>Dim Button</td>
<td>Press and release</td>
<td>City button</td>
</tr>
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<td>To Change From City Mode Back to Highway Mode</td>
<td>Dim Button</td>
<td>Press and release</td>
<td>Highway button</td>
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**DigiView Data Display Brightness**

You can choose from four (4) settings for Brightness of the display. You can cycle through the settings by repeatedly pushing the Dim button. The factory setting is Bright.

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<tr>
<td>Bright</td>
<td>Bright</td>
<td>Two beeps</td>
<td>Display returns to full brightness</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dark</td>
<td>Dim</td>
<td>One beep</td>
<td>Dim (no visual alerts will be seen)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dimmer</td>
<td>Dimmer</td>
<td>Dim Button</td>
<td>Display dims further</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dim</td>
<td>Dim</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>Dimmer appears further</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>To Change the Brightness to Dim</td>
<td>Dim Button</td>
<td>Press and release</td>
<td>Dim button</td>
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Muting an Alert
Your detector allows you to quickly turn off an audio Alert by momentarily pressing the Mute button. If you press the Mute button a second time during the Alert, the audio Alert will be turned back on.

Auto Mute Mode
Auto Mute will automatically reduce the audio volume of all alerts after four seconds for as long as the signal is detected. The factory setting is Auto Mute on.

IntelliMute
IntelliMute is a unique new feature that allows you to avoid alerts you don’t need to hear because you are stopped or moving slowly. By sensing the “revs” (RPMs) of your engine, IntelliMute knows when you are at low speed and automatically mutes alerts (except for strobe signals from emergency vehicles).

Before IntelliMute will work, you must set an activation point for your engine’s revs (see page 11). Whenever the revs are below that point, IntelliMute will begin muting. The activation point will be stored in memory and recalled each time the power is turned on. The factory setting is IntelliMute off.

NOTE
IntelliMute may not work with some vehicles because it cannot sense the engine’s revs. In such cases, you can reduce unwanted audio alerts by using Auto Mute and City mode when appropriate.

IntelliMute Button
Press and release
To Turn Auto Mute On
Press and release the Mute button again when no alert is occurring.

To Turn Auto Mute Off
Press and release the Mute button while no alert is occurring.

To Turn IntelliMute On
Press and release the IntelliMute button.

To Turn IntelliMute Off
Press and release the IntelliMute button again.

Tone	Voice	Visual Display
One beep	Auto Mute Off	None
Two beeps	Auto Mute On	None

Tone	Voice	Visual Display
One beep	IntelliMute Off	None
Two beeps	IntelliMute On	i appears in the display

Tone	Voice	Visual Display
One beep	IntelliMute Off	None
Two beeps	IntelliMute On	i appears in the display
To Set the IntelliMute Activation Point

Press and hold the IntelliMute button for two seconds.

Tone
Voice
Visual Display

Below Activation Point
Above Activation Point

None
None
None

If, for any reason, the unit stops sensing your engine’s revs, IntelliMute will indicate an error and automatically turn off.

The rev point you set will be stored in the unit’s memory when power is turned off and recalled each time the power is turned on.

NOTE
The rev point must be reset if you use your detector in a different vehicle.

NOTE
Whenever engine revs are below the activation point, an arrow pointing down will appear in the display. Above the activation point, an arrow pointing up will appear.

NOTE
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NOTE
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Setting the IntelliMute Activation Point

Your detector must be installed in your vehicle.

CAUTION
Do not attempt to set the rev point while driving. Your vehicle should be parked and idling.

IntelliMute must be turned on before setting the activation point. Depending on whether the unit is in Tone Alert or Voice Alert mode, you will hear a series of beeps or voice messages as you follow the steps on page 11.
Voice/Tone Setting

You can set your detector to sound alerts with either a Voice or a Tone. You can change settings by using the Mute button.

In Voice Alert mode, you will first hear several tones, then a voice message announcing the type of signal detected, followed by more tones. In Tone Alert mode, you will hear the tones only. The factory setting is Voice Alert mode.

- **Mute Button**: Press and hold for two seconds

### Voice Alert

- **Visual Display**: Two beeps
- **Voice**: Spectre 1 & VG 2 On

### Tone Alert

- **Visual Display**: One beep
- **Voice**: Spectre 1 & VG 2 Off

To Change From Voice Alert to Tone Alert

While no signal is being detected, press and hold the Mute button for two seconds.

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<tr>
<td>None</td>
<td>Voice Alert</td>
<td>None</td>
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To Change From Tone Alert Back to Voice Alert

While no signal is being detected, press and hold the Mute button for two seconds again.

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### Settings

**Spectre 1, VG-2 Alert Audio Settings, K & Ku Band Detection**

The detector is undetectable by police Spectre 1 and VG-2 radar detector detectors and will alert you when such a device is in use near your vehicle. During the alert, the unit continues to detect other signals. You can choose whether or not you want your unit to show Spectre 1 and VG-2 alerts. The factory setting is Spectre 1 and VG-2 alert off.

To Turn Spectre 1 and VG-2 Alerts On and Off

While no signal is being detected, press and hold the Dim button for two seconds.

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<tr>
<td>Two beeps</td>
<td>Spectre VG-2 On</td>
<td>Spectre &amp; VG 2 On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One beep</td>
<td>Spectre VG-2 Off</td>
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To Turn K Band On and Off

While no signal is being detected, press and hold both the Dim and City buttons for two seconds.

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<tr>
<td>Two beeps</td>
<td>K On</td>
<td>K On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One beep</td>
<td>K Off</td>
<td>K Off</td>
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To Turn Ku Band* On and Off

While no signal is being detected, press and hold the City button for two seconds.

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<tr>
<td>Two beeps</td>
<td>Ku On</td>
<td>Ku On</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One beep</td>
<td>Ku Off</td>
<td>Ku Off</td>
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</table>

*The new Ku band may not be introduced to North America in the future. To prevent false alerts until it is, the factory default for Ku band detection is off.

Mute Button

Press and hold for two seconds

To Change From Voice Alert to Tone Alert

While no signal is being detected, press and hold the Mute button for two seconds.

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<td>Tone Alert</td>
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Signals Detected
The tables on the following pages show you the types of Signals your detector will detect, as well as the voice and visual alerts it provides for each of them.

Audio Alerts
In Voice Alert mode you will first hear several tones, then a voice message announcing the type of signal detected, followed by more tones. In Tone Alert mode, you will hear the tones only.

In both Voice Alert and Tone Alert modes, a distinctly different alert tone is used for each type of signal detected (including separate tones for each laser signal). For X, K, Ka and Ku band radar signals, the tones will repeat faster as you approach the signal source. The repeat rate of the tones gives you useful information about the signal detected. (See responding to alerts on page 17.)

Visual Display
An indication of the type of signal detected will appear in the DigiView Data Display. During X, K, Ka and Ku alerts, you will also see from 1 to 5 vertical bars, indicating the strength of the signal detected.

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Signal Strength Chart

Type of Signal | Voice | Visual Display
--- | --- | ---
**X Band Radar** | **X Alert** | **X and Signal Strength**
**K Band Radar** | **K Alert** | **K and Signal Strength**
**Ka Band Radar** | **Ka Alert** | **Ka and Signal Strength**
**Ku Band Radar** | **Ku Alert** | **Ku and Signal Strength**

Laser Signals, Voice and Visual Displays

Type of Signal | Voice | Visual Display
--- | --- | ---
LTI 20-20 | Laser Alert | Laser 20/20
LTI Ultra-Lyte | Laser Alert | Laser UltraLyte
Kustom Signals ProLaser | Laser Alert | Laser Pro Laser
Kustom Signals ProLaser III | Laser Alert | Laser Pro Laser 3

NOTE
Beep rate changes with different laser alerts.
Detection

Interpretation

Recommended Response

Tone repeats slowly at first, then speeds up rapidly.

Probably police radar

FULL ALERT

Tone sounds one time only.

Probably a false alarm, but possibly pulsed radar, Spectre 1 or VG-2 nearby

Exercise caution

Tone instantly begins repeating rapidly.

Radar, Spectre 1 or VG-2 nearby has been activated suddenly

FULL ALERT

Tone repeats slowly as you approach a hill or bridge, then speeds up sharply as you reach it.

Probably police radar beyond the hill or bridge

FULL ALERT

Tone repeats slowly for a short period.

Probably a false alarm

Exercise caution

Any type of laser alert.

Laser alerts are never false alarms

FULL ALERT

Any Safety Alert or Strobe Alert.

You are nearing an emergency vehicle, railroad crossing, or road hazard (construction, accident, etc.)

Exercise caution

NOTE

There are different tones for each alert.

Detection

Instant-On Detection

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NOTE

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Responding to Alerts

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<td>Strobe Alert Display (Flashing)</td>
<td>Emergency Vehicle Approaching</td>
<td>FULL ALERT</td>
</tr>
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<td>Road Hazard Ahead</td>
<td>FULL ALERT</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Train Alert Signal Detected</td>
<td>Train Approaching</td>
<td>FULL ALERT</td>
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NOTE

There are different tones for each Strobe Alert.

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There are different tones for each Safety Alert.

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<td>Laser alerts are never false alarms</td>
<td>FULL ALERT</td>
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<td>Any Safety Alert or Strobe Alert.</td>
<td>You are nearing an emergency vehicle, railroad crossing, or road hazard (construction, accident, etc.)</td>
<td>Exercise caution</td>
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NOTE

There are different tones for each Instant-On Alert.

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There are different tones for each Safety Alert.

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There are different tones for each Alert.
Understanding Radar and Laser

Radar Speed Monitoring Systems
Four band frequencies have been approved by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for use by speed monitoring radar equipment:

- **X band**: 10.525 GHz
- **K band**: 24.150 GHz
- **Ka band**: 33.400 – 36.00 GHz
- **Ku band**: 13.435 GHz

Your detector detects signals in all four radar bands.

Spectre 1 and VG-2
Spectre 1 and VG-2 are "detector detectors" that work by detecting low-level signals emitted by most radar detectors. Your detector does not emit signals that can be detected by Spectre 1 or VG-2, but does detect Spectre 1 and VG-2 signals and will alert you when a device is in use near your vehicle, if you so choose.

Safety Alert Traffic Warning System
FCC-approved Safety Alert transmitters emit microwave radar signals that indicate the presence of a safety-related concern. Depending on the frequency of the signal emitted, it can indicate a speeding emergency vehicle or train, or a stationary road hazard.

Because these microwave signals are within the K band frequency, most conventional radar detectors will detect Safety Alert signals as standard K band radar. Your detector, however, is designed to differentiate between standard K band and Safety Alert signals, and give separate alerts for each.

LIDAR (Laser)
The correct name for the technology that most people refer to as laser is actually LIDAR, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging.

LIDAR operates much like radar. Its signal spreads out like a radar signal, though not as widely. Unlike radar, LIDAR must have a clear line of sight to its target vehicle throughout the entire measurement interval. Obstructions such as sign posts, utility poles, tree branches, etc., will prevent valid speed measurement.

Some common questions about LIDAR include:

- **Does weather have any affect on LIDAR?**
  Yes. Rain, snow, smoke, fog, or airborne dust particles will reduce the effective range of LIDAR and can, if dense enough, prevent its operation.

- **Can LIDAR operate through glass?**
  Yes. Newer LIDAR guns can obtain readings through most types of glass. However, the laser pulse also can be received through glass to trigger an alarm by your detector.

- **Can LIDAR operate while in motion?**
  No. Because LIDAR operates by line of sight, the person using it cannot drive the vehicle, aim and operate the gun all at the same time.

- **Is LIDAR legal to use?**
  Yes. It is legal in all 50 states.

Strobe Alert
Special strobes mounted on the light bars of authorized emergency vehicles (fire trucks, police cars, ambulances) automatically change traffic signals as the vehicle approaches an intersection. These strobes and the special strobe detectors located on the traffic signals, introduced fairly recently by 3M and Tomar, are already in use in more than 1000 cities nationwide. Cobra's exclusive Strobe Alert detector will detect these special strobes and give an emergency vehicle alert.

When you receive such an alert, please watch for an approaching emergency vehicle and pull over to allow it to pass. To inquire about coverage in your area, contact your local fire and police departments.
Maintenance

Maintenance of Your Radar Detector

Your detector is designed and built to give you years of trouble-free performance without the need for service. No routine Maintenance is required.

If your unit does not appear to be operating properly, please follow these troubleshooting steps:

- Make sure the power cord is properly connected.
- Make sure the socket of your vehicle’s cigarette lighter is clean and free of corrosion.
- Make sure the power cord’s cigarette lighter adapter is firmly seated in your cigarette lighter.
- Check the power cord fuse. (Unscrew the ribbed end cap of the cigarette lighter adapter and examine the fuse. If required, replace it with a 2-amp fuse only.)

Specifications

Band and Frequencies

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Unit Dimensions and Weight

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* Dimensions and weight measurements are approximate.

This radar detector is covered by one or more of the following U.S. patents: 5,497,148; 5,594,432; 5,612,685; 6,078,279; 6,094,148. Additional patents may be listed inside the product or pending.
**Warranty**

**Limited 1-Year Warranty**

For Products Purchased in the U.S.A.
Cobra Electronics Corporation warrants that its Cobra 12 Band Radar/Laser Detectors, and the component parts thereof, will be free of defects in workmanship and materials for period of one year 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 12 Band Radar/Laser Detectors, 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 rights, and you may also have other rights which 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.

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**Product Service**

For any questions about operating or installing this new Cobra product, or if parts are missing... PLEASE CALL COBRA FIRST... do not return this product to the store! See customer assistance on page A1.

If this product should require factory service, please call Cobra first at 773-889-3087 BEFORE sending the product. This will ensure the fastest turnaround time on any repair.

If Cobra asks that the product be sent to its factory, the following must be furnished to have the product serviced and returned: 1) Send the complete unit, including power cord. (It is not necessary to include the mounting bracket.) 2) For warranty repair, enclose some form of proof-of-purchase, such as a photocopy or carbon copy of a sales receipt. If you send the original receipt, it cannot be returned. 3) Enclose a typed or clearly written description of the problem you are having with your unit, plus the name and address where you want the unit returned. 4) Pack the unit securely to prevent damage during transit. If possible, use the original packing materials. 5) Ship prepaid and insured using a traceable carrier such as United Parcel Service (UPS), Federal Express, or Priority mail with delivery confirmation.

Ship to: Cobra Factory Service, Cobra Electronics Corporation, 6500 West Cortland Street, Chicago, IL 60707 U.S.A.

6) Please allow three to four weeks before contacting us about the status of your service. Call 773-889-3087 for assistance. If your unit is under warranty, you will receive a letter informing you of the repair or replacement charge.

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Optional Accessories

You can find quality Cobra products and accessories at your local Cobra dealer, or in the U.S.A., you can order directly from Cobra. See ordering info on page 29.

- **Windshield Mounting Bracket**
  - Includes suction cups
  - Item # 545-139-N-001

- **Straight 12V DC Power Cord**
  - Includes plug and fuse
  - Item # 420-030-N-001

- **Coiled 12V DC Power Cord**
  - Includes plug and fuse
  - Item # 420-026-N-001

- **Dual Port Power Adapter**
  - Includes adjustable plug (up to 90°) and fuse
  - Item # CLP-2B

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