

OWNER'S MANUAL

PRO-29 60-Channel Direct Entry Programmable Scanner

Please read before using this equipment.













FEATURES

Your new Radio Shack PRO-29 60-Channel Direct Entry Programmable Scanner lets you in on all the action! This scanner gives you direct access to 30,000 exciting frequencies that include police department, fire department, ambulance, amateur radio, and transportation services. You can select up to 60 channels for your scanner to scan and you can change your selection at any time.

The secret to your scanner's ability to scan so many frequencies is its custom-designed microprocessor — a tiny, built-in computer. Your scanner also has these special features:

Frequency Search — scans through every available frequency.

Six Channel-Storage Banks — let you store 10 channels in each of six banks to group frequencies. This helps you identify calls.

Monitor Memories — let you temporarily save up to six channels you locate during a frequency search.



Two-Second Automatic Scan Delay — delays scanning for 2 seconds before moving to another channel, so you can hear more replies.

Memory Backup — keeps the channel frequencies stored in memory for up to 1 hour during a power loss.

Lock-Out Function — keeps channels you select from being scanned.

Priority Channel — checks your most important channel every 2 seconds so you don't miss important calls on a channel you specify.

Weather Band Key — scans seven preprogrammed weather frequencies so you can hear about current weather conditions.

Display Backlight — makes the scanner easy to read in low light situations.

Search Skip — lets you select up to 30 frequencies for the scanner to skip during a limit or direct search to avoid unwanted frequencies.

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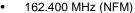


Your scanner can receive all of these bands:

- 29–29.7 MHz (10-Meter Amateur Radio)
- 29.7–50 MHz (VHF Lo)
- 50-54 MHz (6-Meter Amateur Radio)
- 108–136.975 MHz (Aircraft)
- 137-144 MHz (Government)
- 144–148 MHz (2-Meter Amateur Radio)
- 148-174 MHz (VHF Hi)
- 406-420 MHz (Government)
- 420-450 (70-cm Amateur Radio)
- 450–470 MHz (UHF Standard)
- 470-512 MHz (UHF "T" Band)
- 806–823.9375 MHz (Public Service)
- 851-868.9375 MHz (UHF Hi)
- 896.1125–956 MHz (UHF Hi)

In addition, your scanner is preprogrammed with the following weather service channels:



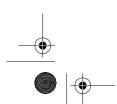


- 162.425 MHz (NFM)
- 162.450 MHz (NFM)
- 162.475 MHz (NFM)
- 162.500 MHz (NFM)
- 162.525 MHz (NFM)
- 162.550 MHz (NFM)

This owner's manual also includes the section "A Guide to the Action Bands," which lets you target services in your area by giving you frequency ranges to search. You can then store any of these frequencies into memory for easy scanning.

For your records, we recommend you record your scanner's serial number in the space provided. The serial number is on the scanner's back panel.

Serial Number _____



















FCC NOTICE

Your scanner might cause TV or radio interference even when it is operating properly. To determine whether your scanner is causing the interference, turn off your scanner. If the interference goes away, your scanner is causing the interference. Try the following methods to eliminate the interference.

- Move your scanner away from the receiver
- Connect your scanner to an outlet that is on a different electrical circuit from the receiver
- Contact your local Radio Shack store for help

If you cannot eliminate the interference, the FCC requires that you stop using your scanner.

Note: Mobile use of this scanner is unlawful or requires a permit in some areas. Check the laws in your area.



SCANNING LEGALLY

Your scanner covers frequencies used by many different groups including police and fire departments, ambulance services, government agencies, private companies, amateur radio services, military operations, pager services, and wireline (telephone and telegraph) service providers. It is legal to listen to almost every transmission your scanner can receive. However, there are some transmissions you should never intentionally listen to. These include:

- Telephone conversations (either cellular, cordless, or other private means of telephone signal transmission)
- · Pager transmissions
- · Any scrambled or encrypted transmissions

According to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), you are subject to fines and possible imprisonment for intentionally listening to, using, or divulging the contents of such a transmission unless you have the consent of a party to the conversation (unless such activity is otherwise illegal). Radio Shack encourages responsible, legal scanner use.

























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PREPARATION

POWER SOURCES

You can power your scanner from any of three sources:

- Internal batteries
- Standard AC power (using an optional AC adapter)
- Vehicle battery power (using an optional DC adapter)

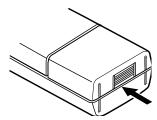
USING INTERNAL BATTERIES

You can power your scanner with four AA batteries. For the longest operation and best performance, we recommend alkaline batteries (Radio Shack Cat. No. 23-552). Or, you can use rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries (Cat. No. 23-125).

Warning: The scanner has a built-in circuit that lets you recharge nickel-cadmium batteries inside the battery compartment. However, you must never use this circuit when you have installed non-rechargeable batteries in the scanner. Be sure to read "Important Information about the External Power Jacks" and "Charging Nickel-Cadmium Batteries."

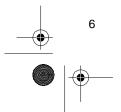


1. Press down the tab on the battery compartment cover, and lift open the compartment.



2. Remove any old batteries from the compartment and cover.

Caution: Always dispose of old non-rechargeable batteries promptly and properly. Do not bury or burn them.











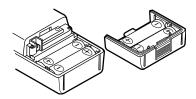








3. Install two batteries in the compartment and two in the cover as indicated by the polarity symbols (+ and -) marked inside.



Caution: Use only fresh, AA alkaline, nickel-cadmium, or general purpose batteries of the required size. Never mix fresh and old batteries or different types of batteries.

4. Replace the cover.

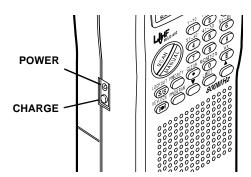
If BATT.Lo flashes on the display and the scanner beeps every 15 seconds, immediately replace or recharge all four batteries.



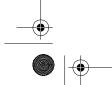
IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE **EXTERNAL POWER JACKS**



The scanner has two external power jacks — POWER and CHARGE. It is important that you understand the purpose of each jack before you connect any adapter to the scanner.



The POWER jack powers the scanner and disconnects the internal batteries. You can use this jack to connect an external power source (AC or DC adapter) regardless of the type of batteries you install.



















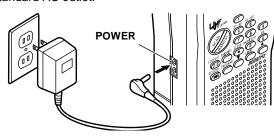
The CHARGE jack supplies power to operate the scanner and also charges the internal batteries. Use the CHARGE jack only when you install rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries.

Warning: Never use the CHARGE jack with non-rechargeable batteries. If you try to recharge non-rechargeable batteries, they become very hot and could explode.

USING STANDARD AC POWER

To power the scanner from AC power, you need an AC adapter such as Radio Shack Cat. No. 20-188. Plug the adapter's barrel plug into the scanner's DC 9V POWER jack. Then plug the adapter's power module into a standard AC outlet.







Warning: Do not use an AC adapter's polarized plug with an extension cord, receptacle, or other outlet unless the blades can be fully inserted to prevent blade exposure.

Cautions:

- You must use an AC adapter that supplies 9 volts and delivers at least 300 milliamps. Its center tip must be set to negative, and its plug must correctly fit the scanner's DC 9V POWER jack. The recommended adapter meets these specifications. Using an adapter that does not meet these specifications could seriously damage the scanner or the adapter.
- When you finish using the AC adapter, disconnect it from the AC outlet first. Then disconnect it from the scanner.

Note: If you installed rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries in the scanner, remove the cap from the CHARGE jack and connect the AC adapter to it. This powers the scanner and recharges the batteries at the same time. See "Charging Nickel-Cadmium Batteries."





















USING VEHICLE BATTERY POWER

You can power the scanner from your vehicle's battery power, if the vehicle has a 12-volt, negative ground electrical system. To do so, you need a Radio Shack DC Universal Adapter, Cat. No. 270-1560.

Cautions:

- You must use a DC adapter that supplies (regulated) 9-volt power and delivers at least 300 milliamps. Its center tip must be set to negative, and its plug must correctly fit the scanner's DC 9V POWER jack. The recommended adapter meets these specifications. Using an adapter that does not meet these specifications could seriously damage your scanner or the adapter.
- To protect your vehicle's electrical system, always plug the adapter into the scanner before you plug it into your vehicle's cigarettelighter socket. Always unplug the adapter from the vehicle's cigarette-lighter socket before you unplug it from the scanner.







- Connect the DC adapter's orange barrel-plug to the adapter's cable, with the tip set to –.
- 2. Set the adapter's voltage switch to 9V.
- 3. Insert the barrel plug into the scanner's DC 9V POWER jack.
- 4. Plug the other end of the adapter into your vehicle's cigarette-lighter socket.

Notes:

If you installed rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries in the scanner, remove the cap from the CHARGE jack and connect the AC adapter to it. This powers the scanner and recharges the batteries at the same time. See "Charging Nickel-Cadmium Batteries."











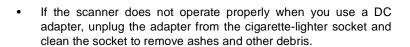












CHARGING NICKEL-CADMIUM BATTERIES

The scanner has a built-in charging circuit that lets you recharge nickel-cadmium batteries while they are in the scanner. To charge the batteries, remove the plug from the scanner's **CHARGE** jack and simply connect an AC adapter or a DC Universal Adapter to the jack (see "Using Standard AC Power" or "Using Vehicle Battery Power").

Warning: Do not connect either adapter to the scanner's **CHARGE** jack if you installed non-rechargeable batteries (standard, extra-life, or alkaline). Non-rechargeable batteries become hot and can even explode if you try to recharge them.



It takes about 14 to 16 hours to recharge batteries that are fully discharged. You can operate the scanner while recharging the nickel-cadmium batteries, but the charging time is lengthened.

Note: Nickel-cadmium batteries last longer and deliver more power if you occasionally let them fully discharge. To do this, simply use the scanner until it begins beeping every 15 seconds and **BATT.LO** appears on the display. Then fully charge the batteries.

Important! At the end of a rechargeable battery's useful life, it must be recycled or disposed of properly. Contact your local, county, or state hazardous waste management authorities for information on recycling or disposal programs in your area. Some options that might be available are: municipal curb-side collection, drop-off boxes at retailers, recycling collection centers, and mail-back programs.



















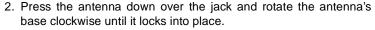


CONNECTING THE ANTENNA

Follow these steps to attach the supplied flexible antenna to the connector on the top of your scanner.

 Align the slots around the antenna's connector with the tabs on the jack.







Connecting an Optional Antenna

The antenna connector on your scanner makes it easy to use the scanner with a variety of antennas. Instead of the supplied antenna, you can attach a different one, such as an external mobile antenna or outdoor base antenna. Your local Radio Shack store sells a variety of antennas.

Always use 50-ohm coaxial cable, such as RG-58 or RG-8, to connect an outdoor antenna. For lengths over 50 feet, use RG-8 low-loss dielectric coaxial cable. If your antenna's cable does not have a BNC connector, you will also need a BNC adapter (available at your local Radio Shack store).

Warning: Use extreme caution when installing or removing an outdoor antenna. If the antenna starts to fall, let it go! It could contact overhead power lines. If the antenna touches a power line, contact with the antenna, mast, cable or guy wires can cause electrocution and death! Call the power company to remove the antenna. Do not attempt to do so yourself.







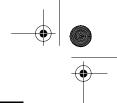








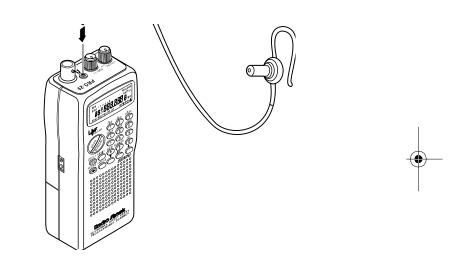






CONNECTING AN EARPHONE/ HEADPHONES

For private listening, you can plug an earphone or mono headphones (such as Radio Shack Cat. No. 33-175 or 20-210) into the Ω jack on top of your scanner. This automatically disconnects the internal speaker.



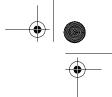


Listening Safely

To protect your hearing, follow these guidelines when you use an earphone or headphones:

- Do not listen at extremely high volume levels. Extended high-volume listening can lead to permanent hearing loss.
- Set the volume to the lowest setting before you begin listening.
 After you begin listening, adjust the volume to a comfortable level.
- Once you set the volume, do not increase it. Over time, your ears adapt to the volume level, so a volume level that does not cause discomfort might still damage your hearing.







Traffic Safety

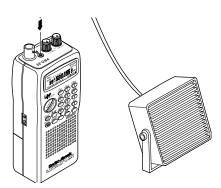
Do not wear an earphone or headphones while you drive a vehicle or ride a bicycle. This can create a traffic hazard and is illegal in some areas.

Even though some earphones and headphones are designed to let you hear some outside sounds when you listen at normal levels, they still present a traffic hazard.

CONNECTING AN EXTENSION SPEAKER

In a noisy area, an extension speaker (such as Radio Shack Cat. No. 21-549) or an amplified speaker (such as Radio Shack Cat. No. 21-541), positioned in the right place, might provide more comfortable listening. Plug the speaker cable's $^{1}/_{8}$ -inch mini-plug into your scanner's $^{\Omega}$ jack.







You can attach the supplied belt clip to make the scanner easier to use when you are on the go. Use the two supplied screws to attach the belt clip to the scanner. Then slide the belt clip over your belt or waistband.



















UNDERSTANDING YOUR SCANNER



A LOOK AT THE KEYPAD

Your scanner's keys might seem confusing at first, but this information should help you understand each key's function.

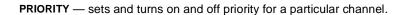


SCAN — scans through the programmed channels.

MANUAL — stops scanning and lets you directly enter a channel number.



LOCKOUT/S/S — lets you lock out a selected channel. Skips a specified frequency during limit or direct search.



CLEAR/. — clears an incorrect entry or enters the decimal point necessary when programming frequencies.

MONITOR/0 — accesses the six monitor memories. See "Moving a Frequency from a Monitor Memory to a Channel."

WX/E (enter) — scans through the preprogrammed weather channels or enters frequencies into channels.

KEYLOCK/5•5 — locks/unlocks the keypad to prevent accidental entries or turns on the display light for 15 seconds. See "Using the Keylock" and "Using the Display Backlight."

PROGRAM — programs frequencies into channels.

t, LIMIT, and s — search for active frequencies. See "Searching For and Temporarily Storing Active Frequencies."























Number Keys — each key has a single-digit label, and keys 1-6 have a range of numbers printed above them. The single digits refer to the number of a channel or frequency entered. The number range (21-30, for example) show the channels that make up a memory bank. In addition, the keypad has different functions in manual mode, scan mode, and program mode. See "Banks and Memories."

A LOOK AT THE DISPLAY

The display has several indicators that show the scanner's current operating mode. A quick look at the display will help you understand how to operate your scanner.





MON — appears when you listen to a monitor memory. A number (1-6) appears to the right of **MON** indicating which monitor memory you are listening to.

BANK — shows which channel-storage banks are turned on for the scan mode. See "Banks and Memories."

KEYLOCK — appears when you lock the keypad.

BATT.Lo — appears when the batteries are low.

CH — digits that precede this indicator show which of the 60 channels the scanner is tuned to.

P — appears when you listen to the priority channel.

 \mathbf{MHz} — digits that precede this indicator show which frequency the scanner is tuned to.

SCAN — appears when you scan channels.





















MAN — appears when you manually select a channel.

PGM — appears while you program frequencies into the scanner's channels.

PRI — appears when you select the priority feature.

L/O — appears when you manually select a locked-out channel, or during a search hold when the frequency is stored in search skip memory.

WX — appears when you scan the preprogrammed weather channels.

t and s — indicate the search direction.

SRCH — appears during a limit search, a direct search, and a weather band search. See "Searching For and Temporarily Storing Active Frequencies."

-L- — appears instead of the channel number during a limit search.

-d- — appears instead of the channel number during a direct search.

Hi — appears with a frequency to show the upper limit of the frequency range to search.

Lo — appears with a frequency to show the lower limit of the frequency range to search.

-H- — appears during a limit search hold.

-h- — appears during a direct search hold.

Error — appears when you make an entry error.













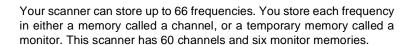








BANKS AND MEMORIES



CHANNEL-STORAGE BANKS

To make it easier to identify and select the channels you want to listen to, channels are divided into six channel-storage banks of 10 channels each. Use each channel-storage bank to group frequencies, such as the police department, fire department, ambulance services, or aircraft band (see "Guide to the Action Bands").

For example, the police might use four frequencies, one for each area of town. You could program the police frequencies starting with Channel 1 (Bank 1) and then program the fire department frequencies starting with Channel 11 (the first channel in Bank 2).

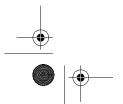


MONITOR MEMORIES

The scanner also has six monitor memories. Use these memories to temporarily store frequencies while you decide whether or not to save them into channels. This is handy for quickly storing an active frequency when you are searching through an entire band.

When you are in the search mode, **MON** appears and the flashing number at the top of the display indicates the currently selected monitor memory. Once you have stored a frequency into that monitor memory, press t or s. The scanner shifts to the next monitor memory and restarts the search mode.

Note: To store frequencies into a monitor memory, you must first perform a limit or direct search. See "Searching For and Temporarily Storing Active Frequencies."



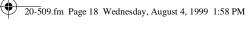


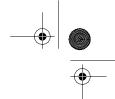














OPERATION

TURNING ON THE SCANNER AND SETTING **SQUELCH**

- 1. Make sure that SQUELCH is turned fully counterclockwise before you turn on the scanner.
- 2. Turn VOLUME clockwise until you hear a hissing sound.
- 3. Turn SQUELCH clockwise, just until the hissing sound stops.

Note: If you want to listen to a weak or distant station, turn SQUELCH counterclockwise. If reception is poor, turn SQUELCH clockwise.

STORING FREQUENCIES

Follow these steps to store frequencies into channels.

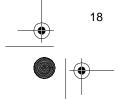
1. Press MANUAL. Enter the channel number where you want to store a frequency.



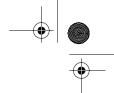


2. Press PROGRAM. PGM appears on the display to indicate the scanner is in the programming mode.











Use the number keys and CLEAR/. to enter the frequency (including the decimal point) you want to store.



4. Press WX/E to store the frequency.

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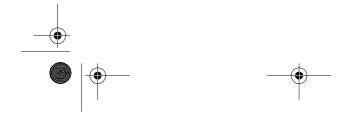
- If you made a mistake in Step 3, Error appears on the display and the scanner sounds three beeps. Simply start again from Step 3.
- Your scanner automatically rounds the entered frequency to the nearest valid frequency. For example, if you try to enter a frequency of 151.473, your scanner accepts it as 151.475.
- 5. Repeat Steps 1-4 to program more channels. Or, if you want to program the next channel in sequence, repeat Steps 2-4.

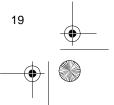
To listen to a frequency you have stored, press MANUAL, the channel number, then MANUAL again.

SEARCHING FOR AND TEMPORARILY STORING ACTIVE FREQUENCIES

Good references for active frequencies are Radio Shack's "Police Call Radio Guide Including Fire and Emergency Services," "Aeronautical Frequency Directory," and "Maritime Frequency Directory." We update these directories every year, so be sure to get a current copy.

If you do not have a reference to frequencies in your area, or if you want to search for unlisted frequencies, use a limit search or direct search. See also "Guide to the Action Bands" in this manual.











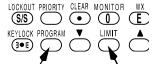




Limit Search

A limit search lets you search for active frequencies between upper and lower limits that you set. -L- appears on the display during a limit search.

1. Press **PROGRAM**, then **LIMIT**. Lo appears on the display.



- 2. Enter the lower limit of the frequency range you want to search.
- 3. Press WX/E, then LIMIT. Hi appears on the display.

Note: If the frequency you entered is not a valid frequency, Error appears. To enter a different frequency, start again from

- 4. Enter the upper limit of the frequency range.
- 5. Press WX/E, then LIMIT. Lo and the lower limit frequency appear on the display.
- 6. Press t to search from the upper to the lower limit, or s to search from the lower to the upper limit. The current monitor memory number starts flashing at the top of the display.
- 7. When the scanner stops on a transmission you want to save, press MONITOR to store the frequency in the current monitor memory. The monitor number then stops flashing.
- 8. Press either t or s to continue the search. If you saved a frequency in a monitor memory, then the monitor memory number on the display advances by one and starts flashing again. (If the last monitor memory was 6, the scanner returns to monitor memory 1.)
- 9. To hold the frequency, press **LIMIT**. **-H-** appears on the display.

To exit the hold mode and resume the limit search, press LIMIT again.

Notes:

- · You can press t or s during the hold mode to step through the frequencies toward the upper or lower limits.
- If you tune to a search skip frequency, the display shows L/O (see "Search Skip Memory").



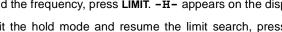


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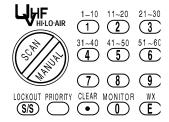




Direct Search

When you listen to a channel, you can search up or down from the currently displayed frequency. -d- appears on the display during a direct search.

1. Press MANUAL, the channel number, then MANUAL to select a frequency stored in a channel.



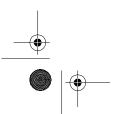
- 2. Press t or s to search up or down from the selected frequency.
- 3. When the scanner stops on a transmission, press MONITOR to store that frequency in the current monitor memory. Or, press t or s to continue the search.
- 4. To hold the frequency, press LIMIT. -h- appears on the display.

To exit the hold mode and resume the direct search, press LIMIT again.

Notes:

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LISTENING TO MONITOR MEMORIES

Once you have stored frequencies into monitor memories using a direct or limit search, you can listen to the monitor memories by pressing MAN-UAL, MONITOR, and then the number for the monitor memory you want to listen to.

MOVING A FREQUENCY FROM A MONITOR MEMORY TO A CHANNEL

Follow these steps to move a frequency stored in a monitor memory to a permanent channel.

- 1. Press MANUAL.
- 2. Enter the number for the channel where you want to store the monitor frequency. The channel number appears.





- 3. Press PROGRAM.
- Press MONITOR and the number of the monitor memory number that has the frequency you want to store. The channel number starts flashing.



5. Press **WX/E**. The scanner stores the frequency in the selected channel, and the channel number stops flashing.





















MANUALLY SELECTING A CHANNEL

You can continuously monitor a specific channel without scanning. This is useful if you hear an emergency broadcast on a channel and do not want to miss any details — even though there might be periods of silence — or if you want to monitor a specific channel.

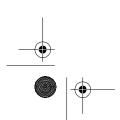
Follow these steps to manually select a channel.

- 1. Press MANUAL.
- 2. Enter the channel number.
- 3. Press MANUAL again.

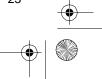
Or, if your scanner is scanning and stops at the desired channel, press **MANUAL** one time. (Pressing **MANUAL** additional times causes your scanner to step through the channels.)

To resume automatic scanning after manually selecting a channel, press **SCAN**. Your scanner then scans through all non-locked channels in the activated banks.



















SPECIAL FEATURES

USING THE KEYLOCK

Once you program your scanner, you can protect it from accidental program changes by turning on the keylock feature. In this mode, the only controls that operate are SCAN, MANUAL, KEYLOCK/≥●€, VOLUME, and SQUELCH.

Note: The keylock does not prevent the scanner from scanning channels.

To turn on the keylock, press and hold KEYLOCK/ ≥• € until the scanner beeps and KEYLOCK appears on the display. To turn it off, press and hold KEYLOCK/≥●€ until the scanner beeps and KEYLOCK disappears from the display.

LOCKING OUT CHANNELS



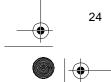
You can increase the effective scanning speed by locking out individual channels that have a continuous transmission, such as a weather channel. To lock out a channel, manually select the channel and press LOCK-OUT/S/S so L/O appears on the display.

To remove the lock-out from a channel, manually select the channel and press LOCKOUT/S/S so L/O disappears from the display.

Note: You can manually select locked-out channels.

To remove the lock-out from all channels in a memory bank, follow this procedure.

- 1. While scanning, press the number key corresponding to the memory bank you want to unlock.
- 2. Press MANUAL to enter the manual mode.
- 3. Press and hold LOCKOUT for more than 3 seconds. The scanner beeps twice, and all locked out memory channels in the selected bank are unlocked.

















You can turn each channel-storage bank on and off. When you turn off a bank, the scanner does not scan any of the 10 channels in that bank.

While scanning, press the number key corresponding to the bank you want to turn on or off. If the memory bank indicator is on, the bank is turned on and the scanner scans all channels within that bank that are not locked out. If the indicator is off, the scanner does not scan any of the channels within that bank.

Memory Banks 3 & 4 are Turned Off





Notes:

- You can manually select any channel in a bank, even if the bank is turned off.
- You cannot turn off all banks. One bank is always active.

SEARCH SKIP MEMORY

You can skip specified frequencies during a limit or direct search. This lets you avoid unwanted frequencies or ones you have already stored in a channel. You can program up to 30 skip frequencies into the scanner's memory.

To skip a frequency, press LOCKOUT/S/S when the scanner stops on the frequency during a limit or direct search.

To clear a single frequency from skip memory so the scanner can stop on it during a limit or direct search, press LIMIT to hold the search, press t or s to select the frequency, then press LOCKOUT/S/S until L/O disappears from the display.











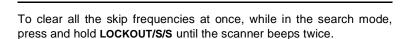










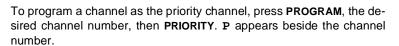


Notes:

- If you program more than 30 skip frequencies, each new frequency replaces ones you stored earlier, starting from the first stored frequency.
- You can select the skipped frequency when the scanner is in the hold mode. The scanner displays L/O when you select a skipped frequency.

PRIORITY

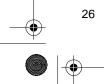
You can scan through channels and still not miss an important or interesting call on a specific channel. When a channel is selected as the priority channel and the priority feature is turned on, the scanner checks that channel every 2 seconds, and stays on the channel if there is activity. PRI appears on the display whenever the scanner is set to the pri-



To turn on the priority feature, press **PRIORITY** while the scanner is in either manual or scan mode. To turn off the priority feature, press PRI-ORITY until PRI disappears from the display.

Notes:

- You can only select one channel at a time as the priority channel.
- Channel 1 is initially set as the priority channel.
- You cannot select a monitor memory when priority is turned on.

















You can turn on the display's backlight for easy viewing in the dark. Press KEYLOCK/≥•€ to turn on the display light for 15 seconds. To turn off the light before 15 seconds elapses, press KEYLOCK/ ۥ€ again.

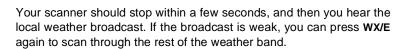
Note: Do not hold down KEYLOCK/≥•€ or it will lock up the keypad. If this happens, press and hold KEYLOCK/>●€ until the scanner beeps and **KEYLOCK** disappears from the display.

LISTENING TO THE WEATHER BAND

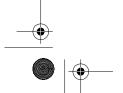
The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) has allocated 11 channels for use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). We have preprogrammed your scanner with the seven frequencies most commonly used by NOAA.



To hear your local forecast and regional weather information, simply press WX/E. Your scanner begins scanning through the weather band, and wx appears on the display.























A GENERAL GUIDE TO SCANNING

Reception of the frequencies covered by your scanner is mainly "line-ofsight." That means you usually cannot hear stations that are beyond the horizon.

GUIDE TO FREQUENCIES

National Weather Frequencies

| 161.650* | 161.775* | 162.400 | 162.425 |
|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 162.440* | 162.450 | 162.475 | 162.500 |
| 162.525 | 162.550 | 163.275* | |

^{*} Not preprogrammed in this scanner, but you can manually program them.

Ham Radio Frequencies

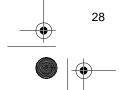


Ham radio operators often transmit emergency information when other means of communication break down.

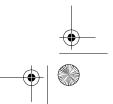
The following chart shows the frequencies this scanner receives that Hams normally use:

| Wavelength (meters) | Frequency (MHz) |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| 10-meter | 28.000-29.700 |
| 6-meter | 50.000-54.000 |
| 2-meter | 144.000-148.000 |
| 70-cm | 420.000-450.000 |
| 33-cm | 902.000-928.000 |

Note: Your scanner cannot receive some types of transmissions on these bands.















Birdie Frequencies

Every scanner has birdie frequencies. Birdies are signals created inside the scanner's receiver. These operating frequencies might interfere with broadcasts on the same frequencies. If you program one of these frequencies, you hear only noise on that frequency. If the interference is not severe, you might be able to turn SQUELCH clockwise to cut out the birdie.

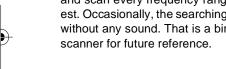
The birdie frequencies on this unit to watch for are:

31.05

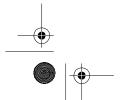
41.40

51.75

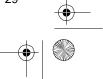
To find the birdies in your receiver, begin by disconnecting the antenna and moving it away from the receiver. Make sure that no other nearby radio or TV sets are turned on near the receiver. Use the search function and scan every frequency range from its lowest frequency to the highest. Occasionally, the searching will stop as if it had found a signal, often without any sound. That is a birdie. Make a list of all the birdies in your





















GUIDE TO THE ACTION BANDS

Typical Band Usage

HF Band (3.00-30.0 MHz)

 10-Meter Amateur
 29.00–29.70 MHz

 High Range
 29.70–29.90 MHz

VHF Band (30.00-300.0 MHz)

 Low Range
 30.00-50.00 MHz

 6-Meter Amateur
 50.00-54.00 MHz

 Aircraft
 108.00-136.97 MHz

 U.S. Government
 137.00-144.00 MHz

 2-Meter Amateur
 144.00-148.00 MHz

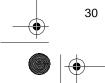
 High Range
 148.00-174.00 MHz

UHF Band (300.00 MHz-3.0 GHz)

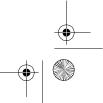
U. S. Government 406.00-450.00 MHz 0.6-Meter Amateur 420.00-450.00 MHz Low Range 450.00-470.00 MHz FM-TV Audio Broadcast, Wide Band 470.00-512.00 MHz Public Service 806.00-823.93 MHz **Conventional Systems** 851.00-856.00 MHz Conventional/Trunked Systems 856.00-861.00 MHz 861.00-866.00 MHz Trunked Systems Public Safety 866.00-868.93 MHz High Range 896.11-902.00 MHz 33-Centimeter Amateur 902.00-928.00 MHz Private Trunked 935.00-940.00 MHz General Trunked 940.00-941.00 MHz **Fixed Services** 941.00-944.00 MHz Studio-to-Transmitter Broadcast Links 944.00-952.00 MHz Private Fixed Services Paging 952.00-956.00 MHz



















Primary Usage

As a general rule, most of the radio activity is concentrated on the following frequencies:

VHF Band

| Activities | Frequencies |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Government, Police, and Fire | 153.785-155.980 MHz |
| Emergency Services | 158.730-159.460 MHz |
| Railroad | 160.000-161.900 MHz |

UHF Band

| Activities | Frequencies |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Land-Mobile "Paired" Frequencies | 450.000-470.000 MHz |
| Base Stations | 451.025-454.950 MHz |
| Mobile Units | 456.025-459.950 MHz |
| Repeater Units | 460.025-464.975 MHz |
| Control Stations | 465.025-469.975 MHz |

Note: Remote control stations and mobile units operate at 5 MHz higher than their associated base stations and relay repeater units.

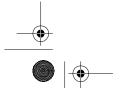


Specified Intervals

Frequencies in different bands are accessible only at specific intervals. For example:

| Band Type | Specified Interval |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| VHF, HAM, and Government | 5.0 kHz steps |
| All Others | 12.5 kHz steps |
| Aircraft | 25.0 kHz steps |

Note: Your scanner rounds the entered frequency to the nearest valid frequency. For example, if you try to enter 151.473, the scanner accepts this as 151.475.

















BAND ALLOCATION

To help decide which frequency ranges to scan, use the following listing of the typical services that use the frequencies your scanner receives. These frequencies are subject to change, and might vary from area to area. For a more complete listing, refer to the "Police Call Radio Guide including Fire and Emergency Services," available at your local Radio Shack store.

Abbreviations Services

| AIR | Aircraft |
|-------|---|
| BIFC | AircraftBoise (ID) Interagency Fire Cache |
| BUS | |
| CAP | Civil Air Patrol |
| CR | Citizens Band |
| CCA | Common Carrier |
| CCB | Conventional Systems |
| CTOD | Conventional/Trunked Systems |
| C198 | Conventional/Trunked Systems |
| FIKE | |
| HAM | Amateur (Ham) Radio |
| GOVI | Federal Government |
| GMR | General Mobile Radio |
| GTR | General Trunked |
| IND | Industrial Services |
| | . (Manufacturing, Construction, Farming, Forest Products) Military Amateur Radio |
| MAR | Military Amateur Radio |
| MARI | Maritime Limited Coast |
| | (Coast Guard, Marine telephone, |
| | Shinhoard Radio Private stations |
| MARS | |
| MED | Emergency/Medical Services |
| MII | Emergency/wedical Services |
| MOV | |
| NEW | |
| NEVV | New Mobile Narrow |
| NEWS | Relay Press (Newspaper reporters) |
| OIL | Oil/Petroleum Industry |
| POL | Police Department |
| PUB | Public Services |
| | . (Public Safety, Local Government, Forestry Conservation) |
| PSB | . (Public Safety, Local Government, Forestry Conservation) |
| PTR | |
| ROAD | Road & Highway Maintenance |
| RTV | Radio/TV Remote Broadcast Pickup |
| TAXI | Taxi Services |
| TFIR | (Aircraft, Radio Common Carrier, Landline companies) Cordless Phones |
| 1220 | (Aircraft Padio Common Carrier Landline companies) |
| TEI C | Cordose Phonos |
| TELM | Telephone Maintenance |
| TOM | Tour Truste |
| TDAN | Tow Trucks |
| I KAN | Transportation Services(Trucks, Tow Trucks, Buses, Railroad, Other)Trunked SystemsFM-TV Audio Broadcast |
| | (Trucks, Tow Trucks, Buses, Railroad, Other) |
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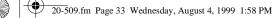


















| USXX. Government Classified UTIL. Power & Water Utilities WTHR |
|---|
| High Frequency (HF) Hi —(3 MHz-30 MHz) |
| 10-Meter Amateur Band—(28.0—29.7 MHz) 29.000–29.700 |
| Very High Frequency (VHF)—(30 MHz–300 MHz) |
| Low Band—(29.7–50 MHz—in 5 kHz steps) |
| 29.700-29.790 IND 29.900-30.550 GOVT, MIL 30.580-31.980 IND, PUB 32.000-32.990 GOVT, MIL 33.020-33.980 BUS, IND, PUB 34.010-34.990 GOVT, MIL 36.000-36.230 GOVT, MIL 36.250 Oil Spill Clean up 36.270-36.990 GOVT, MIL 37.020-37.980 PUB, IND 38.000-39.000 GOVT, MIL 39.020-39.980 PUB 40.000-42.000 GOVT, MIL, MARI 42.020-42.940 POL 42.960-43.180 IND 43.220-43.680 TELM, IND, PUB 43.700-44.600 TRAN 44.620-46.580 POL, PUB 46.600-46.990 GOVT, TELC 47.020-47.400 American Red Cross 47.420 American Red Cross 47.440-49.580 IND, PUB 49.610-49.990 MIL, TELC |
| 6-Meter Amateur Band—(50–54 MHz) 50.00–54.00 |
| Aircraft Band (108–136 MHz) |
| 108.000-121.490 AIR 121.500 AIR Emergency 121.510-136.000 AIR |
| U.S. Government Band (138–144 MHz) |
| 137.000–144.000 GOVT, MIL |
| 2-Meter Amateur Band (144–148 MHz) 144.000–148.000 |
| VHF-Hi BAND (148–174 MHz) |
| 148.050–150.345 CAP, MAR, MIL 150.775–150.790 MED 150.815–150.965 TOW 150.980 Oil Spill Clean up |



























| 150.995–151.130 | ROAD |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 151.145–151.475 | |
| 151.490–151.955 | IND BUS |
| 151.985 | |
| 152.0075 | |
| | |
| 152.030–152.240 | |
| 152.270–152.465 | IND, IAXI |
| 152.480 | BUS |
| 152.480 | TELB |
| 152.870–153.020 | IND MOV |
| 153.035–153.725 | IND OU LITH |
| 153.035-153.725 | IND, OIL, UTIL |
| 153.740–154.445 | PUB, FIRE |
| 154.490–154.570 | IND, BUS |
| 154.585 | Oil Spill Clean-Up |
| 154.600–154.625 | BUS |
| 154.655–156.240 | MED. ROAD. POL. PUB |
| 156.255 | |
| 156.275–157.425 | MARI |
| 157.450 | MED |
| 157.470–157.515 | TOW |
| 157.530–157.725 | IND TAVI |
| 157.530-157.725 | IND, IAXI |
| 157.740 | BUS |
| 157.770–158.100 | |
| 158.130–158.460 | BUS, IND, OIL, TELM, UTIL |
| 158.490–158.700 | TELB |
| 158.730–159.465 | POL, PUB, ROAD |
| 159.480 | OIL |
| 159.495–161.565 | TRAN |
| 161.580 | OIL |
| 161.600–162.000 | MARI. RTV |
| 162.0125–162.35 | GOVT. MIL. ÚSXX |
| 162 400–162 550 | WTHR |
| 162.5625–162.6375 | GOVT MIL LISXX |
| 162.6625 | MFD |
| 162.6875–163.225 | GOVT MILLISXX |
| 163.250 | MED. |
| 162 275 166 225 | COVE MIL LISYY |
| 163.275–166.225 166.250 | COVE DTV FIDE |
| 100.250 | COVE DICC |
| 166.275–169.400 | |
| 109.445 | |
| 169.500 | |
| 169.505 | |
| 169.55–169.9875 | GOV I, MIL, USXX |
| 170.000 | BIFC |
| 170.025–170.150 | GOVT, RTV, FIRE |
| 170.175–170.225 | GOVT |
| 170.245–170.305 | Wireless Mikes |
| 170.350–170.400 | GOVT, MIL |
| 170.425–170.450 | |
| 170.475 | PUB |
| 170 4875–173 175 | GOVT PUB Wireless Mikes |
| 173.225–173.375 | MOV NFWS LITII |
| 173.3875–173.5375 | MII |
| 173.5625–173.5875 | MIL Medical/Crash Craws |
| 173.60–173.9875 | CU/L |
| 110.00 110.0010 | |
| | |



















| U. S. Government Band (406–450 MHz) 406.125–419.975 |
|--|
| 70-cm Amateur Band (420–450 MHz) |
| 420.000–450.000 |
| Low Band (450–470 MHz) 450.050–450.925 |
| 512.000 |
| Note: Some cities use the 470–512 MHz band for land/mobile service. |
| Note: Come cities use the 470 STZ WHZ Band for land/mobile service. |
| Conventional Systems Band—Locally Assigned 851.0125–855.9875 |
| Conventional/Trunked Systems Band—Locally Assigned 856.0125-860.9875 |
| Trunked Systems Band—Locally Assigned 861.0125–865.9875 |
| Public Safety Band—Locally Assigned 866.0125–868.9875 |
| Common Carrier 869.010–894.000 CCA |
| Private Trunked 935.0125–939.9875 |





General Trunked



940.0125-940.9875 GTR















AVOIDING IMAGE FREQUENCIES

You might discover one of your regular stations on another frequency that is not listed. It might be what is known as an image frequency. For example, you might find a service that regularly uses a frequency of 453.075 also on 474.675.

To see if it is an image, do a little math.

Note the new frequency. 474.675

Double the intermediate frequency of 10.8 MHz (21.600) and subtract it from the new frequency. -21.600

If the answer is the regular frequency, 453.075 then you have tuned to an image.

Occasionally you might get interference on a weak or distant channel from a strong broadcast 21.6 MHz below the tuned frequency. This is rare, and the image signal is usually cleared whenever there is a broadcast on the actual frequency.





FREQUENCY CONVERSION

The tuning location of a station can be expressed in frequency (kHz or MHz) or in wavelength (meters). The following information can help you make the necessary conversions.

1 MHz (million) = 1,000 kHz (thousand)

To convert MHz to kHz, multiply by 1,000:

 $9.62 \text{ MHz} \times 1000 = 9620 \text{ kHz}$

To convert from kHz to MHz, divide by 1,000.

 $2780 \text{ kHz} \div 1000 = 2.780 \text{ MHz}$

To convert MHz to meters, divide 300 by the number of megahertz.

 $300 \div 7.1 \text{ MHz} = 42.25 \text{ meters}$





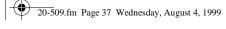


















TROUBLESHOOTING

If you have problems, here are some suggestions which might help.

| PROBLEM | POSSIBLE CAUSE | REMEDY |
|---|--|---|
| Scanner is totally inoperative. | No power. | Check the batteries, or make sure you plugged the scanner into a working outlet. |
| Scanner is on but will not scan. | SQUELCH is not correctly adjusted or channels are locked out. | Adjust SQUELCH clockwise or remove the lock-out. |
| In the scan mode, the scanner locks on frequencies that have an unclear transmission. | "Birdies." | Avoid programming frequencies listed under "Birdie Frequencies" on Page 29 or only listen to them manually. |

If none of these suggestions help, take your scanner to your local Radio Shack store for assistance.

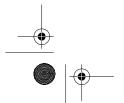




If the scanner's display locks up or does not work properly after you connect a power source, you might have to reset the scanner.

Caution: This procedure clears all the information you have programmed into the scanner. Before you reset the scanner, try turning it off and on to see if it begins working properly. Use the following procedure only when you are sure your scanner is not working properly.

- 1. Turn off the scanner.
- 2. While you press and hold down the 2 and 9 keys, turn on the scan-





















Your Radio Shack PRO-29 60-Channel Direct Entry Programmable Scanner is an example of superior design and craftsmanship. The following suggestions will help you care for the PRO-29 so you can enjoy it for years.



Keep the scanner dry. If it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Liquids can contain minerals that can corrode the electronic circuits.



Use only fresh batteries of the recommended size and type. Always remove old and weak batteries. They can leak chemicals that destroy electronic circuits.



Handle the scanner gently and carefully. Dropping it can damage circuit boards and cases and can cause the scanner to work improperly.





Use and store the scanner only in normal temperature environments. Temperature extremes can shorten the life of electronic devices, damage batteries, and distort or melt plastic parts.



Keep the scanner away from dust and dirt, which can cause premature wear of parts.



Wipe the scanner with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents, or strong detergents to clean the scanner.

Modifying or tampering with the scanner's internal components can cause a malfunction and might invalidate the scanner's warranty and void your FCC authorization to operate it. If your scanner is not operating as it should, take it to your local Radio Shack store for assistance.











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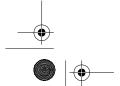


SPECIFICATIONS

| Frequency Coverage: |
|--|
| VHF Lo |
| Aircraft |
| VHF Hi |
| UHF |
| 800 MHz 806.0000–823.9375 MHz (in 12.5 kHz steps) |
| 851.0000–868.9375 MHz (in 12.5 kHz steps) |
| 896.1125–956 MHz (in 12.5 kHz steps) |
| Channels of Operation |
| combinations (10 channels x 6 banks) and 6 monitor channels |
| Sensitivity (20 dB S/N with 60% modulation for AM; |
| 3 kHz deviation for FM): |
| 29–54 MHz |
| 108–136.975 MHz |
| 137–174 MHz |
| 806–956 MHz |
| Limit Search Speed/Direct Search Speed 20 Steps/Sec. |
| |
| Scan Speed |
| Priority Sampling |
| Delay Time (Automatic) 2 Seconds |
| IF Frequencies |
| Audio Power: |
| FM |
| AM |
| Built-in Speaker 1 ⁷ / ₁₆ -inch (36mm) 8-Ohm, Dynamic Type |
| Power Requirement +6 VDC, 4 AA batteries |
| AC Adapter (Cat. No. 20-188) |
| DC Adapter (Cat. No. 270-1560) |
| Dimensions (HWD) $6^{1}/8 \times 2^{7}/16 \times 1^{11}/16$ Inches |
| $(155.6 \times 61.9 \times 42.9 \text{ mm})$ |
| |

Specifications are typical; individual units might vary. Specifications are subject to change and improvement without notice.

Weight..... 8.11 oz (230 g)

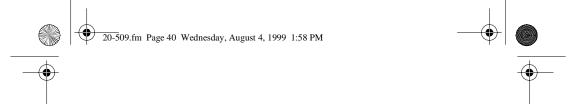












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