> **Congratulations on selecting the BRM1250™ from
> RCA Communications Systems - *The most trusted name in radio!*

Our new series of professional communications products establishes a new benchmark in premium radio products made to perform flawlessly under the most demanding commercial conditions. Cutting edge design, professional grade materials and components, simple operation and superior assembly quality: RCA Communications Systems has it all, including our exclusive no-nonsense, two-year "Warranty Protection Program," one of the most comprehensive warranties in the communications industry.

To ensure you achieve maximum performance from your BRM1250™ mobile radio, please be sure to carefully read this manual.

MODELS COVERED IN THIS MANUAL:
- BRM1250™ VHF Mobile Two-Way Radio
- BRM1250™ UHF Mobile Two-Way Radio

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PRODUCT INSPECTION

Prior to unpacking the BRM1250™ mobile radio, please inspect the packaging for signs of damage and report any damage or missing components immediately to your RCA Communications Systems Sales and Service Outlet. Every BRM1250™ mobile radio comes with the following items:

Item	Qty.(PCS)
Palm Microphone	1
Microphone Hanger	1
Microphone Hanger Screws	3
Mounting Bracket	1
Mounting Bracket Screws	6
Adjustment Knobs	4
Spring Washers / Flat Washers	5 / 5
Fuses	2
Vehicle Power Cord	1
Radio Unit	1
Owner's Manual	1

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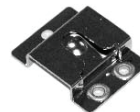
Microphone Hanger

Microphone Hanger Screws

Mounting Bracket Kit

Fuses

Vehicle Power Chord

Radio Unit

RCA BRM1250™ Overview

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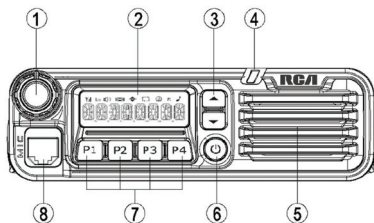
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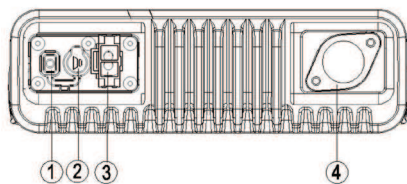
Front Panel
(1) Volume Control Knob
(2) LCD Display
(3) Programmable Keys ▲ / ▼
(4) LED Indicator
(5) Speaker
(6) Radio Power On / Off Key
(7) Programmable Keys P1-P4
(8) Microphone Jack
Rear Panel
(1) Audio Connector
(2) External Speaker Jack
(3) Power Inlet
(4) Antenna Connector

PROGRAMMABLE FUNCTION KEYS

For added convenience, you may request your dealer to program the keys P1, P2, P3, P4, ▲ and ▼ as shortcuts to the functions listed below:

No.	Shortcut Keys	Qty.(PCS)
1	CH Up (▲ by default)	To select a channel quickly
2	CH Down (▼ by default)	
3	Zone Up (**P3** by default)	To select a zone quickly
4	Zone Down (**P4** by default)	
5	MONI A	To adjust the condition for incoming signal match.
6	MONI B	
7	MONI C (**P1** by default)	
8	MONI D	
9	Display Frequency	To display current frequency quickly
10	Display Mode	To switch display mode quickly
11	User Selectable Tone (UST)	To change the CTCSS frequency of current channel temporarily
12	2-Tone Select	To select 2-Tone code quickly
13	TX Power Select	To adjust power level through one button press
14	Scan (**P2** by default)	To monitor the signals on the predefined channel
15	Add/Delete	To add or delete the scan channel in non-scan status
		To delete the nuisance channel temporarily in scan status

No.	Shortcut Keys	Qty.(PCS)
16	Frequency Reverse	To reverse the TX and RX frequencies, and the CTCSS/CDCSS encoding and decoding frequencies
17	Talk Around	To transmit with the RX frequency and CTCSS/CDCSS frequency
18	SEL SQL	To select the squelch level quickly
19	Home Channel	To switch to the home channel quickly
20	Public Address	To output the amplified audio signals
21	Scrambler	To safeguard the privacy of your talk through voice encryption
22	Compander	To bring clearer voice under noisy environment
23	Emergency Call	To summon help in emergent situations
24	RDC	To select RDC call quickly
25	Lone Worker	To ensure the safety of lone workers
26	Whisper	To hear clearly even if the transmitting party speaks in low voice
27	Short Message	To quickly access the short message operation
28	Rental	To time the rental service
29	Aux A	To control the output from the port AUX A
30	Aux B	To control the output from the port AUX B
31	Transparent Transmit Mode	To enter the Transparent Transmit Mode quickly

INSTALLATION

Before you install the radio in a vehicle, be sure to read the following instructions carefully:

Instructions

» The radio operates with a negative grounded power supply of **13.6 ± 15%V** only. Please check the power supply's polarity and voltage before you install the radio.
» Please check how far the screws will extend from the bottom surface of the radio before you install it. Be sure to drill mounting holes with caution to avoid damage of the vehicle wiring and parts.
» Please connect the supplied antenna and power cord to the radio, before you install the radio in the bracket.
» Install the radio with RCA supplied mounting bracket to keep it secure. A loose radio may cause bodily injury in the event of an accident.
» Install the radio in a location where the front panel controls may be easily reached.
» Please determine the location of mounting hole before drilling.

» Please make sure there's sufficient space at back of the radio for wiring.
» When the fuse for DC power cord needs replacement, it must be replaced by a fuse with the same specification.

Installation Tools

» Electric drill: ˘6mm or above
» Cross head screwdriver
» Hex socket sleeve (used for mounting 4.8 × 20 mm self-tapping screw)

Installation Steps

1. Install the bracket in a location where it's easy to operate the radio.
2. Connect accessories such as antenna and power cord to the radio.
3. Slide the radio into the mounting bracket and secure it using the locking knobs.
4. Install the microphone hanger in a location where it's easy to reach the microphone.
5. Plug the palm microphone into the microphone jack on the front panel, and place it on the hanger when not in use.
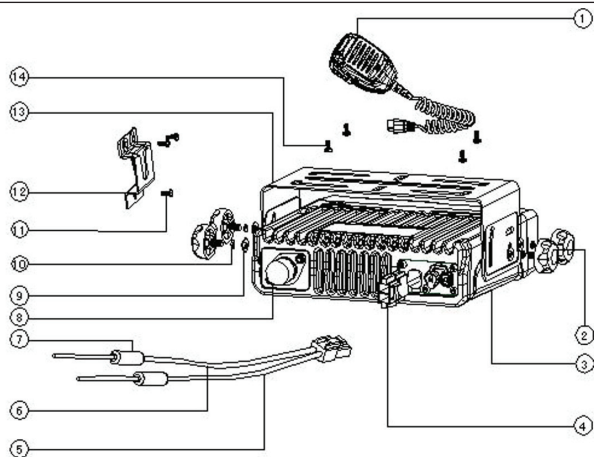
No.	Part Name	No.	Part Name
1	Palm Microphone	2	Adjust Knobs
3	Radio Unit	4	Power Inlet
5	Black Power Cord	6	Red Power Cord
7	Fuses	8	Antenna Connector
9	Flat Washers	10	Spring Washers
11	4 × 16 mm Self-tapping Screws	12	Microphone Hanger
13	Mounting Bracket	14	4.8 × 20 mm Self-tapping Screws

STATUS INDICATORS

LCD Icons

Your radio's LDC displays the radio status. The following are the icons that appear on the radio's display.

LCD Panel

Indicator	Description
	Displays CH number/name, zone number/name, DTMF number, frequency, menu and options, etc.
Lo	Indicates low power output.
	Press the Monitor key: 1. The icon is displayed when CTCSS/CDCSS and 2-Tone decoding is off. 2. The icon is displayed when the speaker is unmuted.
	Appears when the radio begins to scan.
	Appears when the radio is transmitting a selected call.
	C indicates that the current channel is in the scan list. **Z** indicates multi zone scan.
	Appears when the Scrambler feature is enabled.
	Appears when the Compander feature is enabled.

Indicator	Description
📶	Appears when the current channel is already in use.
P:	Indicates the current channel is the priority channel. P• indicates priority channel 1, P. indicates priority channel 2, P: indicates priority channels 1 and 2.

LED Indicator
The LED indicator will help you easily identify current radio status.

LED Indicator	Radio Status
LED glows red	Transmitting
LED glows green	Receiving
LED flashes orange	After the 2-Tone, MDC1200 or RDC2400 or DTMF signaling is decoded, and during the auto reset time.
	After the 2-Tone, MDC1200, RDC2400 or DTMF signaling is transmitted, and during the auto reset time.

BASIC OPERATIONS
Turning the Radio On/Off
Press the **Power On/Off** key to turn on the radio.

Press and hold down the **Power On/Off** key for about 1 second to turn off the radio.

Adjusting the Volume
Turn the **Volume Control** knob clockwise to increase the volume, or counter-clockwise to decrease the volume.

Note: While adjusting, if the radio is programmed with CTCSS/CDCSS or 2-Tone, MDC1200, RDC2400 Signaling squelch, noise will not be heard from local speaker even if you fully turn the Volume Control knob clockwise.

Selecting a Channel
The ▲/▼ and **P1-P4** function keys are programmable by your dealer to select a channel. The RX/TX frequency on each channel is set by your dealer.

Press the programmed **CH UP** key to select a higher numbered channel; press the programmed **CH DOWN** key to select a lower numbered channel.

Selecting a Zone
The ▲/▼ and **P1-P4** function keys are programmable by your dealer to select a zone. The RX/TX frequency on each channel is set by your dealer.

Press the programmed **Zone UP** key to select a higher numbered zone; press the programmed **Zone DOWN** key to select a lower numbered zone.

Receiving a Call

If CTCSS/CDCSS, 2-Tone, MDC1200 or RDC2400 is set on the current channel by your dealer, you can only receive calls with matched signaling. If CTCSS/CDCSS, 2-Tone, MDC1200 or RDC2400 is not set, you can hear from all the users on the same channel.

Transmitting a Call

When transmitting a call, please follow the steps below:

1. Hold down the PTT key on the microphone.
2. Speak into the microphone. The red LED lights during calling.
3. Release the PTT key to return to the RX mode.
4. When the transmission ends, put the microphone on the hook.

Selecting the Power Level

If the current channel is programmed with high power by your dealer, the power output toggles between high and low upon each press of the programmed Tx Power Select key. The LO icon is displayed on LCD to indicate low power.

A lower power level saves battery and reduces the possibility of interference. Use the high power setting only when necessary.

Note:
• If the current channel is programmed with lower power, any Tx Power Select key press will prompt an error tone, and the power level will not change.

• If you switch to low power on a channel that was set with high power, this configuration will work on all other channels that were set with high power.

BOT ID and EOT ID

Your dealer may configure whether to transmit Connect ID (BOT ID) and Disconnect ID (EOT ID), when connecting or disconnecting a repeater or telephone system. The following modes are programmable:

1. Press the PTT key, and the BOT ID is transmitted.
   Release the PTT key, and the EOT ID is transmitted.

2. Press the * key while holding down the PTT, and the BOT ID is transmitted.
   Press the # key while holding down the PTT, and the EOT ID is transmitted.

FUNCTIONS AND OPERATIONS

Monitor

If the Monitor function is set by your dealer, press the programmed **Monitor** key in Rx mode to gain access to the activities on the current channel.

The **Monitor** key is programmable with one of the following four operating modes by your dealer:

1. *Carrier Squelch-Momentary:* Hold down the **Monitor** key to open CTCSS/CDCSS/2-Tone Signaling squelch, and release the key to close the Signaling squelch.

2. *Carrier Squelch-Toggle:* Press the **Monitor** key to open CTCSS/CDCSS/2-Tone Signaling squelch. Press again to close the Signaling squelch.

3. *Squelch Off-Momentary:* Hold down the **Monitor** key to open carrier squelch, and release the key to close the carrier squelch.

4. *Squelch Off-Toggle:* Press the **Monitor** key to open carrier squelch. Press again to close the carrier squelch.

Scan

Scan Type

1. *Single Zone Scan:* The radio scans all the channels added into the scan list on the current zone.

2. *Multi Zone Scan:* Multiple zones added into a multi scan list can be scanned. All channels within the zones added into the scan list can be scanned.

Scan Start

1. Add one or more non-priority channels into the scan list.

2. Press the programmed Channel Scan key to initiate scan from the current channel (please scan the channels one by one in accordance with the list). The LCD displays SCAN (-SCAN- for multi zone scan) and the ⌷ icon.

Scan Cease

The scanning pauses or ceases upon the following:

1. Press the programmed **Channel Scan** key and cease the scanning, so that the radio may exit the scan mode.

2. Activate the Monitor function.

3. The radio receives the carriers, which satisfy radio unmute condition.

Scan Resume

If the scanning pauses on an active channel, it will resume according to the scan resume mode. The scan resume mode can be programmed by your dealer with Carrier operated scan or Time operated scan.

1. *Time Operated Scan:* Scanning remains on an active channel for a programmed time period (programmable by your dealer). Once the timer expires, the radio will begin scanning other channels even if the active channel is still busy.

2. Carrier Operated Scan: If carriers are detected during the scan sequence, scanning will remain on the active channel until there is no activity.

Dual Priority Scan

If dual priority channels are programmed by your dealer, the radio will check the dual priority channels for activity regularly on the non-priority channels. If carriers are detected on a priority channel, the radio will immediately switch to this active priority channel.

LCD displays the "**P•** " icon to indicate the Priority Channel 1, the "**P•** " icon to indicate the Priority Channel 2, and the "**P:** " icon to indicate the channel is programmed with Priority Channel 1 and 2 simultaneously.

Scan Add/Delete

If the Scan Add/Delete feature is enabled by your dealer, the current channel can be added to/deleted from the scan list in the following procedures:

1. Select the channel to be added/deleted in the non-scan mode.
2. The current channel toggles between Add/Delete status upon each press of the programmed **Scan Add/Delete** key.

Note:
Only channels added to the scan list can be scanned.

Nuisance Channel Delete
Channels in the scan list are allowed to be temporarily deleted.
When the scan pauses on an unwanted channel, such as a nuisance channel, press the programmed **Add/Del Scan** key to temporarily delete the channel from the scan list, and the scan will re initiate immediately.

Note:
The temporarily deleted channel will recover its settings prior to the scan after the radio exits the scan mode.

Revert Channel

If you press the **PTT** key, the scan will be turned off and the radio will switch to the Revert Channel to transmit. This feature is programmable by your dealer.

Off-Hook Scan

If this feature is enabled by your dealer, the radio will be allowed to scan no matter whether the palm microphone is in an off- hook position or not. Otherwise, the scan will be disabled with an off-hook palm microphone.

BUSY CHANNEL LOCKOUT (BCL)

This feature helps prevent transmission on a channel that is already in use, and it can be enabled/disabled by your dealer. If you press the **PTT** key on a busy channel, transmission will be inhibited and an alert tone will sound. If the **PTT** key is released, the alert tone will cease, and the radio will return to Rx mode. When the channel is free, press the **PTT** key again to transmit.

BCL OVERRIDE

If this feature is enabled, you can override the BCL feature to transmit on a busy channel. If you press the **PTT** key, a BCL alarm will be heard; press the **PTT** key again within 0.5 seconds to override the BCL feature and transmit on the busy channel.

DTMF CALL
Manual Dial

Hold down the **PTT** key, and then press any key on the DTMF keypad of the microphone to transmit the corresponding DTMF signal. Meanwhile, you may hear relevant tones.

Release the **PTT** key. The radio will remain in transmission mode for 2 seconds (programmable by your dealer), and then press another numeric key within 2 seconds to continue the transmission.

Keypad Auto PTT

If this feature is enabled by your dealer, press any numeric key to transmit DTMF signal without **PTT** key press.

Store & Send

When this feature is enabled, enter a pre-stored DTMF number (up to 16 digits) in Rx mode, and then press the **PTT** key on the microphone to initiate a call; simultaneously, the dialed DTMF number scrolls across the LCD, and the corresponding DTMF tone can be heard.

Note:

•If you have dialed a wrong number or you want to cancel the dialing, simply press any key on the front panel other than the **Power On/Off** key to exit.

•"D" can be programmed by your dealer as a blank tone. In other words, if you enter "D", the tone will not be heard during transmission, but there will be a delay in time, which is programmable by your dealer.

DTMF Speed

The DTMF number is programmable by your dealer. The feature is designed to reduce decoding errors by providing a fixed interval between digits. It is 10 DTMF numbers per second by default.

Store the DTMF Number

You are allowed to store a DTMF number (up to 16 digits) in 32 Speed Dial memories respectively as follows:

1. Press the # key on the microphone keypad, and the LCD displays D ------.

2. Enter the desired number (range from 0~9, A~F) via the microphone keypad. If you want to enter A, B, C, D, E and F, hold down the **PTT** key and then enter 2, 5, 8, 0, * and # respectively.

3. Press the # key, and "D" on the LCD is followed by a symbol "--", which indicates the location to enter memory numbers.

4. Enter the desired memory number (01~32).

5. Press the # key again on the microphone, and then the entered number is stored into its corresponding memory.

If you have dialed a wrong number or you want to cancel the dialing, press any key on the front panel other than the **Power On/Off** key to exit.

Confirm the Stored DTMF Numbers

1. Press the * key on the microphone keypad, and then the LCD displays A --.

2. Enter the memory number (01~32), and the LCD displays the stored number or its alias.

3. Press any key other than the **PTT**, and the LCD resumes its initial display.

Auto Dial

1. Press the * key on the microphone keypad, and the LCD displays A --.

2. Enter the memory number (01~32), and the LCD displays the stored number or its alias.

3. Press the **PTT** key, and the number is transmitted.

Clear Stored DTMF Numbers

1. Press the # key on the microphone keypad, and the LCD displays D ------.

2. Press the # key again on the microphone keypad, and the LCD displays Clear --.

3. Enter the memory number to be cleared (01~32), and press any key other than **0~9** keys to cancel this operation.

4. Press the # key on the microphone keypad to clear stored numbers.

Redial

1. Press the * key on the microphone keypad, and the LCD displays A --.

2. Press 0 twice, and the last dialed number (up to 16 digits) is dialed and displayed on LCD.

3. Press the **PTT** key, and the number is transmitted.

Note:
The redial memory can be cleared by powering off the radio.

CODE SQUELCH

This feature can be enabled/disabled by your dealer. If it is enabled, the preset 2-Tone will control the radio mute/unmute. The radio will not unmute until matched signaling is received.

Clear Stored DTMF Numbers

1. Radio is unmuted when the matched 2-Tone signaling (programmed by your dealer) is received, and the user can hear from the transmitter without any other operation.
2. The ✆ icon flashes on the LCD, and the LED flashes orange.
3. The radio is muted upon the programmed Monitor key press, or no signal is received within the preset time period.
4. If the alert tone is enabled, radio will emit an alert tone when match signaling is received. If the Transpond feature is enabled, the radio will transmit a tone to the calling radio. However, the radio will not transmit if a zone call is received.

Transmit

1. Hold down the **PTT** key
2. During encoding, the LED lights red.
3. Please refer to the **TTS** key for 2-Tone encoding.
4. Upon releasing the **PTT** key, the signaling squelch is disabled, the ✆ icon flashes on the LCD, and the LED flashes orange. The LED lights green while signal is received and flash orange if signal off.
5. If the programmed **Monitor** key is pressed or no signal is received within the preset time period, the signaling squelch is enabled.

OFF HOOK DECODE

If this feature is enabled by your dealer, CTCSS/CDCSS signaling is active no matter whether the palm microphone is in an off hook position or not. If the feature is disabled, CTCSS/CDCSS signaling is disabled when the palm microphone is in the off-hook position.

TIME OUT TIMER (TOT)

Time-out Timer (TOT)

This feature is able to prevent any single user from using a channel for an extended period, and to protect the radio against damage caused by prolonged transmission. If the preset time (off, 15~1200 seconds) expires, the radio will automatically terminate transmission and keep beeping. Beeps will not stop unless the PTT key is released. The TOT default is 180 seconds, which can fully satisfy common users. Any change should be permitted by professional technicians.

TOT Pre-alert

With a TOT Pre-alert timer, the radio can generate a pre-alert tone at the programmed time (1~10 seconds before the TOT timer expires).

TOT Re-key Time

The radio features a TOT Re-key timer. If the transmission is terminated due to expiration of the TOT timer, the TOT Re-key timer will be activated. The transmission will be inhibited if the **PTT** key is pressed before the expiration of TOT Re-key timer (programmable by your dealer as off, 1-60 seconds).

TOT Reset Time

The TOT Reset timer is activated upon release of the **PTT** key. And the TOT timer will not be reset until the TOT Reset timer expires. Press the **PTT** key before the TOT Reset timer expires, and the TOT timer continues to countdown. The TOT Reset Time (Off, 1-15 seconds) is programmable by your dealer.

EMERGENCY CALL

Hold down the Emergency Call key (the exact time to hold down the key can be programmable), and the radio will enter the Emergency Call mode and switch to the preset Emergency Zone/Channel. The radio will transmit within a preset time period and then receive within a preset time period circularly.

Press and hold down the Emergency Call key (the exact time to hold down the key can be programmable), and the radio will return to its original channel.

FREQUENCY REVERSE

If communications between radios are disrupted because they're too far from the repeater, the Frequency Reverse function can be applied to re-establish communications with other radios. When this function is activated, the Tx and Rx frequencies will be reversed. The preset CTCSS/CDCSS encoding and decoding processes will also be reversed. Press the **Frequency Reverse** key (programmable function key) to toggle the Frequency Reverse function ON or OFF.

Enabled   Disabled

TALK AROUND

If the Talk Around feature is enabled, the radio will transmit at its Rx frequency, and the CTCSS/CDCSS signals will be encoded by decoding signals. Press the **Talk Around** key (programmable function key) to toggle the Talk Around function ON or OFF.

Enabled   Disabled

SELECTABLE SQUELCH LEVEL (SQL)

1. Press the SQL key (programmable function key), and the LCD displays the current squelch level as shown below:

2. Select the desired squelch level via the programmable function key ▲/▼.

3. Press any key of **P1-P4** to save the selected squelch level. The LCD resumes its initial display.

Note:

A high squelch level may cause the radio to ignore weak signals, while a low squelch level may cause noise or other unwanted interference.

USER SELECTABLE CTCSS/CDCSS (UST)

If the UST feature is enabled by your dealer, the user can temporarily change the CTCSS/CDCSS codes preset on the current channel. Operations are as follows:

1. Select a desired channel.

2. Press the programmed **UST** key, and the radio enters the UST mode.

3. Use the ▲/▼ keys to make a selection from the preset UST codes (the newly selected CTCSS/CDCSS code is valid in the UST mode only). The CTCSS/CDCSS code on the current channel will be set as the selected UST code.

4. Press the **UST** key again to exit the UST mode, and then the LCD resumes its initial display.

Note:

The UST code will be automatically memorized after channel switch or power-off if the UST BackUp function is enabled. Otherwise, no codes will be memorized.

PUBLIC ADDRESS (PA)

The PA feature amplifies audio inputted from the microphone, and the audio can be heard from the external speaker.

1. Press the programmed **PA** to activate the PA feature, and the LCD displays PA.

Press **PA** again to disable the PA feature, and the radio returns to normal user mode.

2. In PA mode, the radio is unable to transmit and receive.

3. Speak into the microphone after **PTT** is held

down to initiate the PA process, and the LCD will display PA ON. When the PA process initiates in PA mode, you can adjust the volume via the volume control knob.

4. Release the **PTT** key to end the PA process, and the radio will return to the PA mode, and the LCD will display PA.

Note:

If operating the PA system, the optional PA accessories and external speaker must be installed by your dealer.

HOME CHANNEL

Press the programmed **Home Channel** key, and the radio will promptly go to the programmed home channel.

When dual home channels are set, press the programmed **Home Channel** key to promptly go to Home Channel 1, press again to promptly go to Home Channel 2, and press for the third time to return to the original channel.

RENTAL
Display Format:

Press the Rental key (programmable function key), and the LCD will display the remaining rental time by 2 time units such as "13D 21H". The LCD will display the hour and minute such as "14H 30M" if the remaining time is less than one day, or the minutes only such as "30MIN " if less than an hour.

Auto Reminder:

1. Reminds you of the remaining rental time every time the radio is powered on (last for 5 seconds).
2. Reminds you every 20 minutes if the remaining rental time is less than one hour. (with displayed remaining rental time and beeps for 5 seconds)
3. Reminds the rental time status during the last minute of the rental time (with displayed EXPIRING and beeps).

4.An alert tone will be heard during the last minute of the rental time. Once the time expires, the LCD displays EXPIRED, and the radio will be disabled to transmit or receive with an invalid keypad.

LONE WORKER

When this function is enabled, an alert tone will sound if the preset time elapses. The user must then press any key to indicate that he/she is safe, or the emergency procedure will be activated. This feature provides an added security and safety feature for individuals who work remotely from their team. Operations are detailed as follows:

1.Upon press of the Lone Worker function key, the LCD will display LONE ON, and the Lone Worker function will be activated.
2.If no key is pressed after the preset time, the radio will continuously sound the Lone Worker alert tone during the preset time, and then enter the emergency mode.

3.If any key is pressed before the radio enters the emergency mode, the Lone Worker timer will be reset and the Lone Worker function will be re-activated.
4.If the Lone Worker key is pressed, the LCD will display LONE OFF, and the Lone Worker function will be disabled.

2-TONE ENCODE SELECT (TTS)

1.Press the programmed **TTS** key and the LCD will display its preset 2-Tone number or alias. The LCD scrolls the alias if it exceeds 8 digits.
2.Press ▲/▼ to select 2-Tone number (01~32) or alias.
3.Hold down **PTT** to transmit the selected code.
4.Upon release of **PTT**, the signaling squelch is disabled and the LED flashes orange. The LED lights green when the signal is received, and flashes orange if the signal disappears.
5.If the programmed **Monitor** key is pressed, or no signal is received within the preset time

period, the signaling squelch will be enabled.

DISPLAY FREQUENCY
Upon pressing the programmed **Display Frequency** key, the LCD displays the frequency of the current channel.

DISPLAY MODE
Upon press of the programmed **Display Mode** key, the radio toggles among the following 5 display modes:
1. Channel alias.
2. Zone number followed by channel number, such as "1 –CH 1".
3. Zone alias.
4. Channel frequency.
5. Channel number followed by zone number, such as "CH 1– 1".

VOICE COMPANDER
Press the programmed Voice Compander key to toggle the voice Compander feature ON or OFF. When the feature is enabled, the LCD displays the ![icon] icon..

SCRAMBLER
Press the programmed Scrambler key to toggle the Scrambler feature ON or OFF. When the feature is enabled, the LCD displays the ![icon] icon.

Note:
The emphasis/de-emphasis feature is disabled when the Scrambler is ON, and enabled when the Scrambler is OFF.

MDC1200
MDC call list select (MDC List)

1. Press the **MDC Call Select** key (Programmable function key) and the preset number or alias in the MDC list will be displayed on the LCD.
2. Press ▲/▼ to make a selection from the preset options in the MDC call menu, and then press **P4** to access the options.
3. Press **PTT** or **P4** to transmit the call.

The MDC signaling can achieve selective call (individual call, zone call, fleet call and broadcast), call alert and system functions (Stun, Revive and Safety Check), etc.
System call features the following functions:

Stun - permits an authorized radio to disable another radio from a remote place, making it capable of receive only.

Revive - permits an authorized radio to revive a stunned or killed radio from a remote place.

Safety Check - permits the dispatch center or an authorized radio to transmit the Safety Check message. The receiver radio will reply with a message automatically upon receipt of the Safety Check message.

RDC2400
RDC call list select (RDC List)

1. Press the **RDC Call Select** key (Programmable function key) and the preset number or alias in the RDC list will be displayed on the LCD.

2. Press ▲/▼ to make a selection from the preset options in the RDC call menu, and then press **P4** to access the options.
3. Press **PTT** or **P4** to transmit the call.

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Stun - permits an authorized radio to disable another radio from a remote place, making it capable of receive only.
Revive - permits an authorized radio to revive a stunned or killed radio from a remote place.
Safety Check - permits the dispatch center or an authorized radio to transmit the safety Check message. The receiver radio will reply with a message automatically upon receipt of the Safety Check message.

SHORT MESSAGE

The short message function is based on RDC2400™ technology platform. Thus, the optional signaling must be set to RDC2400™ on the current channel for both the transmitting and receiving radios.

The short message function is operated through multi-level menu, which can realize the function of Edit, Save, Read, Send, Protect and Delete of short message. Press the **Message** key (programmable function key) in user mode to enter the short message menu.

The short message inbox can save up to 32 short messages, each containing up to 48 alphanumeric characters.

The short message outbox can save up to 8 short messages, each containing up to 48 alphanumeric characters.

The radio supports up to 32 fixed short messages, each containing up to 31 alphanumeric characters.

The general operations of short message are shown in the flowchart on the following page.

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Message Key
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View  Message  -->  Receive  Msg  -->  Select  Msg  -->  Protect  Mode
                                                          Transfer  Msg  -->  Message Edit
                                                          Delete    Msg

                    Message Sent  -->  Select  Msg  -->  Transfer Msg
                                                         Delete Msg

Send  Message  -->  New  Message  -------------------->  Message Edit
                    Message Sent
                    FixedMessage  -->  Select  Msg  -->  Send Only   Save&Send   Save Only

Delete  All                                                          ID Select   Select Call
                                                                          Transmit Msg
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Menu operations are as follows:

1. Press **P4** to confirm;

2. Press **P1** to go back to the previous menu;

3. Press ▲/▼ to perform menu selections.

Read a Short Message

If the alert tone or short message icon is set, the radio will give the preset alert when a short message is received. (At this time, press the **Message** key to read the received message.)

Send and Delete a Short Message

When SEND MSG is selected from the main menu, three options are available:

A. Create a message: the LCD will display *NEW MSG*.

B. Sent a message: the LCD will display *MSG SEND*.

C. Fixed message: the LCD will display *FiXEDMSG*.

1. Send A Newly Created Short Message:

a. Select a zone and a channel.

b. Press the **Message** key (programmable function key) to access the short message menu, and then select the SEND MSG option.

c. Select the NEW MSG option.

d. Input the message you want to send. (See Note 1.)

e. Select SENDONLY, SENDSAVE and SAVEONLY.

f. If SENDONLY or SENDSAVE is selected, go with the following steps:

g. Choose to send to individual / group etc.

h. Use ▲/▼ to input the receiver's ID (Individual / Group, etc). (See Note 1.)

i. The user may also press **P4** to access the ID menu without inputting the ID.

j. Press **P4** or **PTT** to send the selected message.

2. Send and Delete A Sent Short Message:

a. Select a zone and a channel.

b. Press the **Message** key (programmable function key) to access the short message menu, and then select the SEND MSG option.

c. Select the MSG SEND option.

d. Use ▲/▼ to select the message you want to send. (See Note 2.)

e. Select TRANSFER or DELETE.

Select DELETE to delete the selected short message;

Select TRANSFER to go with the following steps:

f. Choose to send to individual/group, etc.

g. Use ▲/▼ to input the receiver's ID (Individual / Group, etc). (See Note 1.)

The user may also press **P4** to access the ID menu without inputting ID.

h. Press **P4** or **PTT** to send the selected message.

3. Send a Fixed Short Message:

a. Select a zone and a channel.

b. Press the **Message** key (programmable function key) to access the short message menu, and then select the SEND MSG option.

c. Select the FIXEDMSG option.

d. Choose the fixed message you want to send. (See Note 2.)

e. Choose to send to individual/group, etc.

f. Use ▲/▼ to input the receiver's ID (Individual/Group, etc). (See Note 1.)

g. The user may also press **P4** to access the ID menu without inputting ID.

h. Press **P4** or **PTT** to send the message.

Read and Delete a Short Message

When VIEW MSG is selected from the menu, two options are available:

A. Read the received short message, ; the LCD will display *RECEIVED*.

B. Read the sent short message, ; the LCD will display *MSG SEND*.

1. Send a Fixed Short Message:

a. Select a zone and a channel.

b. Press the **Message** key (programmable function key) to access the short message

menu, and then select the VIEW MSG option.

c. Select the RECEIVED option.

d. Use ▲/▼ to select the ID of the short message you want to read.

e. Use ▲/▼ to select the desired short message. (See Note 1.)

f. Select PROTECT, TRANSFER and DELETE. (See Note 3).

Select DELETE to delete the selected message.

Select TRANSFER to begin with the following steps:

g. Choose to send to individual / group, etc.

h. Use ▲/▼ to input the receiver's ID (Individual / Group, etc). (See Note 1.)

The user may also press **P4** to access the ID menu without inputting ID.

i. Press **P4** or **PTT** to send the message.

2. Read and Delete a Short Message from the Outbox:

a. Select a zone and a channel.

b. Press the Message key (programmable function key) to access the short message menu, and then select the VIEW MSG option.

c. Select the MSG SEND message.

d. Use ▲/▼ to select the short message you want to read. (See Note 2.)

e. Select TRANSFER or DELETE option.

Select DELETE to delete the selected message.

Select TRANSFER to go with steps 7-9, described in *Read and Delete A Short Message from the Inbox.*

Delete All the Received Messages

When DEL ALL is selected from the menu, all the received messages except protected ones will be deleted upon press of **P4**.

1. Press the **Message** key (programmable function key) to access the short message menu, and then select the DEL ALL option.

2. Press **P4** to delete all the received messages.

Note:

1. Input content and ID of the short message through the following keys: **P1**: to delete all, **P2**: to switch between entry methods, **P3**: to move the cursor leftward, **P4**: to move the cursor right with the first press, and confirm the entry with a second press.

2. If there is no saved message, the LCD will display EMPTY, and all further operations are inhibited.

3. If the selected message is set to Protected, the LCD will display the "P" icon. Press **P4** to switch between the Protected and Unprotected modes. Messages set to Protected can not be deleted.

TROUBLESHOOTING

ISSUE	ANALYSIS	SOLUTION
You cannot power on the radio.	The power cord may be disconnected.	Connect the power cord correctly.
You cannot log on to the system.	The antenna is not connected.	Connect the antenna properly.
You cannot use the keys.	The crystal connector is inserted improperly or not inserted.	Insert the crystal connector correctly.
	The keys may fail to function temporarily.	Restart the radio.
The radio cannot lock out.	This feature may malfunction temporarily.	Restart the radio.
There is no display.	The LCD may fail to function temporarily.	Restart the radio.

CARE AND CLEANING

To guarantee optimal performance and a long service life for your mobile radio, please follow the tips below.

Radio Care

• Store the mobile radio in a place with good ventilation and heat dissipation to facilitate normal work.

• Do not place irrelevant articles on top of the mobile radio ; this ensures optimal heat dissipation.

• Do not place the mobile radio in corrosive agents, solutions or water.

Radio Cleaning

• Regularly clean dust and fine particles on the radio parts with a clean, dry lint-free cloth or a brush.

• Use a non-woven fabric with neutral cleanser to clean keys, control knobs, LCD and jacks after long-time use. Do not use chemicals such as stain removers, alcohol, sprays or oils. Make sure the mobile radio is completely dry before use.

⚠️ **Caution**: Power off the mobile radio before cleaning.

Optional Accessories

Keypad Microphone	**Palm Microphone**
External Speaker	**Desktop Microphone**

Note: Use the accessories specified by RCA only. RCA shall not be liable for any losses or damages resulting from the use of unauthorized accessories.

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