Belcom LS-202E
SSB&FM HANDY TRANSCEIVER
OPERATING MANUAL
INTRODUCTION

You are the proud owner of our latest product, the LS-202E Transceiver. Please read this operating manual carefully before placing your transceiver in service. The unit has been carefully engineered and manufactured to rigid quality standards, and should give you satisfactory and dependable operation for many years.

After unpacking

Save the box and packing material in the event your unit needs to be transported for remote operation, maintenance, or service.

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Optional Accessories
LA-207 Mobile console with front speaker and mobile mount.
LU-2 25W VHF linear amplifier unit.
NP-6 Quick rechargeable Ni-Cd battery pack 7.2V.
NP-9 Quick rechargeable Ni-Cd battery pack 10.8V
CA-910E AC charger for NP-6
CA-110E AC charger for NP-9
CS-912 DC charger for NP-6
CS-112 DC charger for NP-9
SH-1 Speaker/Microphone
SH-2 Headset with built-in VOX
SFT-207 Soft case
AN-2 1/4 λ BNC rod antenna
SPECIFICATIONS

GENERAL
Frequency Range: 144.000-145.995 MHz in 5KHz steps (up to 147.995 MHz possible)
SSB VXO ± 5 kHz or more
Mode: F3(FM), A3J (SSB)
Frequency Stability: ± 20 ppm (-10°C - +60°C)
Operating Voltage Range: 7V - 12V DC (9V nominal)
Grounding: Negative
RF Output Impedance: 50 ohm unbalanced
Current Drain: 30mA in receive mode with no input signal
(at 9V)
200mA in receive mode with maximum signal
750mA in transmit mode with FM
200mA in non-modulated SSB
700mA in modulated SSB
Dimensions: 165(H) x 62(W) x 40(D) mm excluding projections
179(H) x 64(W) x 44(D) mm including projections
Weight: Approx. 500 g including batteries and a flexible rubber antenna
Operating Temperature: -10°C - +60°C

TRANSMITTER
RF Power Output: Hi = 2.5W (at 9V) SSB (PEP), FM
3.5W (at 10.8V)
1.5W (at 7.2V)
Lo = 0.5W (at 9V)
Modulation: SSB = Balanced Modulation
FM = Reactance Direct Shift
Bandwidth: Less than 3kHz SSB
Maximum Frequency Deviation:
± 5 kHz FM
Spurious Radiation: Better than $-60\, \text{dB}$
Carrier Suppression: Better than $40\, \text{dB}$
Microphone: 2 Kohm Built-in Electret Condenser microphone

**RECEIVER**

**Circuitry:**
- $\text{FM} = \text{Double Conversion Superheterodyne}$
- $\text{SSB} = \text{Single Conversion Superheterodyne}$

**Intermediate Frequency:**
- 1st IF = 10.695 MHz (FM, SSB)
- 2nd IF = 455 kHz (FM)

**Sensitivity:**
- $\text{FM} = -12 \, \text{dBm} \quad \text{Better than } 0.25 \, \mu \text{V}$
  $(S/N = 10 \, \text{dB})$
- $\text{SSB} = -12 \, \text{dBm} \quad \text{Better than } 0.25 \, \mu \text{V}$
  $(\text{SINAD} = 12 \, \text{dB})$

**Spurious Response:** Better than $60\, \text{dB}$

**RIT Control:** more than $\pm 1\, \text{kHz}$

**Selectivity:**
- $\text{FM} = \pm 7.5\, \text{kHz/} -6\, \text{dB},$
  $\pm 15\, \text{kHz/} -60\, \text{dB}$
- $\text{SSB} = \pm 1.2\, \text{kHz/} -6\, \text{dB},$
  $\pm 3\, \text{kHz/} -60\, \text{dB}$

**AF Output Power:** More than $400\, \text{mW}$ (10% distortion, 8 ohm loading)

* Circuit and ratings may change without notice due to development in technology.
2. BATTERY INSTALLATION

1) Battery installation
Insert the six AA size batteries (high power leakproof type recommended) into the battery case as shown in the diagram. Be very careful to observe battery polarity when installing. When the batteries are failing, replace all six batteries with new ones of the same type.

* Be sure to insert batteries with correct polarity.

2) Battery loading

To load the battery case, slide the case onto the transceiver until the catch engages ("clicks") as shown in the diagram.
3) Operating time

The voltage/power versus time characteristics is shown in the above illustration. SSB operation normally extends battery life 3 to 4 times longer than FM. Also, use of low power reduces battery consumption resulting in longer operating life.

3. BATTERY NOTE

1) When loading, ascertain that battery polarity is correct.
2) Never use old and new batteries mixed, nor mix batteries of different type.
3) Never try to charge normal type dry batteries or alkaline batteries.
4) Manganese and alkaline batteries reduce in capacity at low temperatures (less than 10°C), and it becomes necessary to keep the batteries warm to enable normal operation.
5) It is advisable to use the optional NP-6 or NP-9 Ni-Cd battery pack for more satisfactory and longer battery life.
4. EXTERNAL POWER SUPPLY

The LS-202E is powered by batteries only. Never attempt to use external power supply beyond the operating voltage (7 to 12V DC). Do not direct wire the LS-202E to car battery (13.8V DC) by using cigarette lighter plug, etc.

5. Ni-Cd BATTERY PACK NP-6, NP-9

The optional NP-6 and NP-9 Ni-Cd battery will charge in 4 to 6 hours. The LS-202E can be operated even when charging, although charging time will be longer than normal. The CA910E AC charger and CS0912 DC charger are available for the NP-6, and CA-110E and CS-112 for the NP-9 as option.

* When the Ni-Cd batteries have been fully charged, do not attempt to continue charging. The batteries should be charged at temperatures between 0°C and 45°C.
6. CONTROLS AND TERMINALS

1. Antenna Connector
Connect the supplied rubber-flex antenna or any other 50 ohm antenna system. The optional AN-2 1/4 λ rod antenna can also be connected.

2. S/BATT Meter
This meter indicates the strength of receiver input signal (S) and the voltage of the battery in the transmit mode. The pointer comes out of the red zone to indicate the batteries have been worn out.

3. VXO Control (SSB only)
The VOX control is used to shift the transmit and receive frequency simultaneously by +/-5 kHz or more to cover the gap between frequencies set by the thumbwheel switches in 5 kHz steps.
Zero beat position varies depending on USB or LSB mode as shown in the diagram.

Example: Mode Thumbwheel switch

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<td>LO</td>
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Zero beat at the U-position
Zero beat at the L-position

Adjust the VXO control until the receive signal is heard correctly.

4. **RIT Control (SSB only)**
The RIT control can shift the receive frequency by about $+/- 1$ kHz without changing the transmit frequency. If the frequency of the station you are working changes, your receive frequency can be reset by adjusting the RIT control. The RIT control should be OFF (center click stop) if you are working with more than two stations at the same time (round QSO).

5. **Power switch/volume**
Turn clockwise to switch the set on, and continue rotating to increase receiver volume. Ensure that the set is switched off when not in use.

6. **Squelch control**
This adjusts the operating threshold of the squelch system. With the control rotated fully anticlockwise, the squelch is open and noise should be heard from the loudspeaker. To set the squelch, choose a vacant operating frequency, and adjust the squelch control slowly clockwise until the background noise is cut off. This is the most sensitive squelch setting. Further clockwise rotation of the squelch control will raise the threshold of operation, and thus only strong signals will be heard.

7. **+5 kHz switch**
This switch adds a 5KHz frequency shift to that shown by the thumbwheel switches.
8. **Mode switch**
This switch is used to select the mode: FM (F), USB (U), or LSB (L).

9. **Noise blanker switch (SSB only)**
This switch is used to reduce pulse type ignition noise.

10. **Channel selector**
These three switches are for setting the transceiver to any desired operating frequency within the specifications. The switches select MHz, 100 kHz and 10 kHz steps. A +5 kHz switch is also fitted so as to allow selection of frequency in 5 kHz steps.

11. **LED illumination**
The green LED illuminates both the S/BATT meter and the thumb-wheel switches simultaneously. In transmit, the red LED should light. If the red LED flashes on and off in the transmit mode, the batteries should be replaced or charged. If the red LED continues flashing after replacing or charging batteries, the set may be faulty. In this case, you should stop operating the set and consult your Belcom dealer at once.

12. **External speaker connector (3.5 φ plug)**
This socket is for connection of external speaker or earphone of 8 ohm impedance. When a plug is inserted into this socket, the internal loudspeaker is disconnected. Decrease receiver volume before inserting the earphone plug into the socket.

13. **External microphone connector (2.5 φ plug)**
This socket is for use with a remote microphone (2 Kohm impedance), such as the optional SH-1 speaker/mic. If a plug is inserted into the socket, the internal microphone is disconnected. For use of any microphone other than the SH-1, refer to the following diagram according to the type of microphone to be used.
Electret condenser mic
2-pin type

3-pin type

* A condenser (100Pf – 1000Pf) must be wired directly to the microphone unit to prevent RF feedback.

Dynamic mic

* Use 2 Kohm impedance microphone.
14. Lamp switch
This switch controls the green LED to illuminate the S/BATT meter and the thumbwheel switches on the top panel.

15. Hi/Lo switch
This switch is used to set transmit output power to 2.5 W at “H” position or 0.5 W at “L” position (at 9V). For local contacts, set the output power switch to “L” position so as to reduce battery consumption.

16. PTT switch
Depressing this switch changes the transceiver over from receive to transmit. The red LED indicates transmit mode.

17. Battery case
Refer to page 4 for battery loading and charging.

18. Charger terminal
For charging the NP-6 or NP-9 Ni-Cd battery pack using the CA-910E, CS-912 or CA-110E, CS-112. During charging, the set should be switched off.

Do not connect an external DC supply directly to the charge terminal. Use only the Belcom optional chargers.

19. +/- 600kHz repeater offset switch
This switch allows repeater offset and shifts the transmit frequency either up or down 600kHz from the receive frequency.

20. Tone switch
This switch is used to transmit a TONE burst signal to activate repeater station. The 1750 Hz burst signal is transmitted when the PTT switch is pressed.
7. HOW TO OPERATE

1. Preparations
   1) Make sure the set is switched off, and load batteries to the battery case observing correct polarity.
   2) Mount the supplied rubber-flex antenna with the BNC connector.
   3) Set the squelch control rotated fully anticlockwise.
   4) Select the desired mode and frequency.

2. Reception
   1) Turn volume control clockwise to switch on the transceiver.
   2) Set the squelch control as detailed in page 8.
   3) In SSB mode, turn the VXO control to search for signals between channels.

3. Transmission
   Set the repeater offset switch to simplex position. Press the PTT switch and speak at about 5 - 10 cm from the built-in microphone. The red LED will light.

4. Repeater operation
   Set the repeater offset switch to "+" or "-" position as required. With the Tone switch set to ON, press the PTT switch and the repeater station is operated by 1750 Hz tone burst signal.

8. CIRCUIT DESCRIPTION

General
The LS-202E is a compact handportable SSB, FM transceiver covering ranges between 144.000 and 145.995 MHz in 5 KHz steps. It incorporates the latest PLL synthesizer circuits and uses dual gate FET's to ensure high sensitivity and dynamic range.
RECEIVER SECTION

1) Antenna Switching circuit
The signal from the antenna J301 is fed to L101 through the low-pass filter since both D301 and D302 are OFF.

2) RF Amplifier
The signal from L101 is amplified by Q101, and applied to the bandpass filter consisting of L102, L103 and L104.

3) Mixer circuit
The signal is fed to Q102 to be mixed with oscillator frequency from the PLL, and the 1st IF of 10.695 MHz is derived from L105.

4) FM IF Amplifier
The 1st IF of 10.695 MHz is applied to FL101 crystal filter, when CR101 is ON, and amplified by Q103. The signal is then mixed with the PLL standard oscillator frequency of 10.24 MHz at IC101 to convert to the 2nd IF of 455 KHz and applied to FL-103 and FL-104. IC101 consists of limiter amp, quadrature detector, active filter and squelch circuit. The detected AF signal comes out at pin 1.

5) SSB IF Amplifier
The IF frequency of 10.695 MHz from L105 is fed to FL102 crystal filter, when CR102 is ON, and amplified by Q104, Q204 and Q205. The signal from the secondary side of L203 is detected by CR205, 206, 207 and 208 diode.

6) AF Amplifier
The detected AF signal is amplified by IC103 via RV101 audio volume to drive the loudspeaker.

7) Squelch circuit
In FM mode, the squelch is controlled by pin 2 of IC101. The AGC voltage is used to control the squelch in SSB. In both cases, squelch voltage is adjusted by RV202 to control Q105, 106 and 107 AF amplifier IC's.
8) **AGC circuit**
In the AGC circuit, the signal from L203 is detected by D203 and 204 to reduce the source voltage of Q203 in order to control the gain of Q101 and 204.

9) **Meter circuit**
In FM, the S-meter is driven by the 2nd IF signal from pin 7 of IC101 via IC102, D105 and 106.
In SSB, the S-meter is driven by the detected output from D205, 206 and 208 via Q206, D211 and 212.

**TRANSMITTER SECTION**

1) **RF Circuit**
The VCO frequency and carrier frequency of 10.695 MHz are mixed by L317, L316, D304 and. D305, and then amplified by Q304 after filtering through L312, L313 and L314 bandpass filter. The signal is further amplified by Q303, Q302 and Q301 to the specified output power and fed to the antenna through bandpass filter.

2) **Microphone Amplifier**
In FM, the voice signal from the microphone is amplified by IC405 eliminating frequency higher than 3 KHz, and applied to the VCO circuit for frequency modulation.
In SSB, the voice signal is amplified by Q401 and applied to IC404 balanced modulator together with the 10.695 MHz carrier to generate a DSB signal. The unwanted sideband is removed by FL102., and the resultant SSB signal amplified by Q104, before being mixed with the PLL output frequency in D304 and 305. The output from D304 and 305 is now at final frequency, and is amplified by Q304, 303, 302 and 301 to the 2.5W final level.

3) **PTT Circuit**
By depressing S404 PTT switch, Q402 activates IC403 to put the transceiver in transmit mode.
PLL SECTION

1) PLL OSC Circuit
The PLL HET. Mixer oscillator is Q509, and crystal Y502 at 32.32625 MHz is doubled to 64.6525 MHz via L520 and L521 before being mixed with VCO output in Q504. The +5 KHz shift circuit is operated when Q506 is turned on so as to shift the frequency upward by 2.5 KHz. The +600 KHz repeater shift is operated when D506 is turned on to obtain 64.9525 MHz from Y506. Q507 provides the +5 KHz shift for the +600 KHz repeater crystal Y504 the −600 KHz repeater shift is operated when D507 is turned on to obtain 64.3525 MHz from Y503. Q508 provides the +5 KHz shift for the −600 KHz repeater crystal Y504.

2) Phase comparison, Master OSC, VCO circuit
The master oscillator frequency of 10.24 MHz is generated by IC502 and is frequency-divided by 1/2048 to produce 5 kHz at pin 6.
This 5 kHz reference signal and the output from IC503 programmable divider are phase-compared by IC501 phase-comparison IC, and the VCO control voltage is obtained at pin 3 of IC501. Q502 VCO oscillator generates 1/2 of VCO oscillator frequency and is tuned by D501 and 502 vari-cap. The desired frequency is obtained when it is locked.
The signal from IC501 pin 4 blocks transmission when the PLL is unlocked.
The VCO frequency is doubled by Q505 after the PLL is locked to the desired frequency.

3) Mixer, Programmable divider
The signal from the VCO is fed to Q503 buffer-amplifier and then mixed with frequency from the VXO oscillator circuit in Q504. The output from Q504 passes through a low pass filter to programmable divider IC503. The programming data for IC503 comes from the thumbwheel switches, and the 5 kHz output fed to comparator IC501.
1) **Carrier Oscillator**
   The carrier frequency is generated by Q305. In FM mode, the carrier frequency is 10.695 MHz. In USB mode, Q307 is ON and carrier frequency is 10.6935 MHz. In LSB mode, Q306 is ON and carrier frequency is 10.6965 MHz.

2) **Power Supply**
   An IC regulator with low current consumption is employed to enable the transceiver to operate from 7V to 12V. IC401 provides regulated 5.6V to IC402 and IC403 to produce appropriate transmission and receive voltage according to FM and SSB mode.

3) **Tone Circuit**
   The 1750 Hz repeater access tone is generated by IC504, which contains a 3.58 MHz crystal oscillator and 1/2048 divider.
9. TROUBLESHOOTING

If the transceiver does not operate correctly, please check the following points:

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<td>• Squelch control advanced too far Batteries</td>
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<td>• exhausted or incorrectly loaded</td>
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<td>Not operating on required</td>
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<td>frequency</td>
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<td>Red LED flashes on and off</td>
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If you have any queries on the operation of the LS-202E, simply contact the dealer who supplied the unit to you, and they will be pleased to advise.
IC103  AF AMP IC
IC401  REGULATOR POWER IC
IC402  POWER SWITCH IC
IC403  POWER SWITCH IC
IC405  FM MIC AMP IC
IC504  TONE IC
Y505   TONE CREAMIC OSC
RV401  FM DEV ADJ
RV202  TX METER ADJ
RV501  FM FREQ ADJ
RV504  TONE DEV ADJ
RV505  TONE TIME ADJ