CE versions of the IC-M33 which display the “CE” symbol on the serial number label, comply with the essential requirements of the European Radio and Telecommunication Terminal Directive 1999/5/EC.

This warning symbol indicates that this equipment operates in non-harmonised frequency bands and/or may be subject to licensing conditions in the country of use. Be sure to check that you have the correct version of this radio or the correct programming of this radio, to comply with national licensing requirement.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

If your vessel requires assistance, contact other vessels and the Coast Guard by sending a distress call on Channel 16.

● USING CHANNEL 16

DISTRESS CALL PROCEDURE

1. “MAYDAY MAYDAY MAYDAY.”
2. “THIS IS .......................” (name of vessel)
3. Your call sign or other indication of the vessel.
4. “LOCATED AT .................. ” (your position)
5. The nature of the distress and assistance required.
6. Any other information which might facilitate the rescue.

RECOMMENDATION

CLEAN THE TRANSCEIVER THOROUGHLY WITH FRESH WATER after exposure to saltwater, and dry it before operation. Otherwise, the transceiver’s keys, switches and controllers may become unusable due to salt crystallization.

NOTE: DO NOT wash the transceiver in water if there is any reason to suspect the waterproof protection may not be effective. For example, in cases where the battery pack rubber seal is damaged, the transceiver/battery pack is cracked or broken, or has been dropped, or when the battery pack is detached from the transceiver.
FOREWORD

Thank you for purchasing this Icom radio. The IC-M33 VHF MARINE TRANSCIEVER is designed and built with Icom’s state of the art technology and craftsmanship. With proper care this radio should provide you with years of trouble-free operation.

IMPORTANT

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS carefully and completely before using the transceiver.

SAVE THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL—This instruction manual contains important operating instructions for the IC-M33.

EXPLICIT DEFINITIONS

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FEATURES

☞ Submersible construction
Built tough to withstand the punishing marine environment, the transceiver’s submersible construction meets IPX7* requirements for waterproof protection (1 meter depth for 30 min.).
* Only when the BP-251 (option) or BP-252, flexible antenna, [SP MIC] cap is attached.

☞ Floating on water
The transceiver floats on fresh or salt water even when the supplied accessories are attached.
- When a third-party battery pack, strap, antenna, etc. is used, it may sink.
- The battery contacts may be prone to rust if the transceiver is kept floating in fresh or salt water.

☞ Large, easy-to-read LCD
With dimensions of 16(H)×32(W) mm, the function display is easy to read and shows operating conditions at a glance. Backlighting and contrast can be adjusted to suit your preferences.

☞ Easy to use, easy to hold
9 large buttons on the front panel provide user-friendly operation. The transceiver weighs only 305 g, and the easy-to-hold rounded body fits comfortably in your hand.
PRECAUTIONS

⚠️ WARNING! NEVER connect the transceiver to an AC outlet. This may pose a fire hazard or result in an electric shock.

⚠️ WARNING! NEVER hold the transceiver so that the antenna is closer than 2.5 cm from exposed parts of the body, especially the face or eyes, while transmitting. The transceiver will perform best if the microphone is 5 to 10 cm away from the lips and the transceiver is vertical.

NEVER connect the transceiver to a power source other than the BP-251 (option) or BP-252. Such a connection will ruin the transceiver.

DO NOT use or place the transceiver in direct sunlight or in areas with temperatures below –15°C or above +55°C.

KEEP the transceiver out of the reach of children.

KEEP the transceiver at least 0.9 meters away from your vessel’s magnetic navigation compass.

BE CAREFUL! The transceiver’s right-side panel will become hot when operating continuously for long periods.

BE CAREFUL! The transceiver meets IPX7* requirements for waterproof protection. However, once the transceiver has been dropped, waterproof protection cannot be guaranteed because of possible damage to the transceiver’s case or the waterproof seal.

* Only when the BP-251 (option) or BP-252, flexible antenna, [SP MIC] cap is attached.

MAKE SURE the flexible antenna and battery pack are securely attached to the transceiver, and that the antenna and battery pack are dry before attachment. Exposing the inside of the transceiver to water will result in serious damage to the transceiver.

After exposure to water, clean the battery contacts thoroughly with fresh water and dry them completely to remove any water or salt residue.

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Priorities

• Read all rules and regulations pertaining to priorities and keep an up-to-date copy handy. Safety and distress calls take priority over all others.

• You must monitor Channel 16 when you are not operating on another channel.

• False or fraudulent distress calls are prohibited under law.

Privacy

• Information overheard but not intended for you cannot lawfully be used in any way.

• Indecent or profane language is prohibited.

Radio licenses

(1) SHIP STATION LICENSE
When your craft is equipped with a VHF FM transceiver, you must have a current radio station license before using the transceiver. It is unlawful to operate a ship station which is not licensed.

Inquire through your dealer or the appropriate government agency for a Ship-Radiotelephone license. This license includes the call sign which is your craft’s identification for radio purposes.

(2) OPERATOR’S LICENSE
A restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit is the license most often held by small vessel radio operators when a radio is not required for safety purposes.

The Restricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit must be posted near the transceiver or be kept with the operator. Only a licensed radio operator may operate a transceiver.

However, non-licensed individuals may talk over a transceiver if a licensed operator starts, supervises, ends the call and makes the necessary log entries.

A current copy of the applicable government rules and regulations is only required to be on hand for vessels in which a radio telephone is compulsory. However, even if you are not required to have these on hand it is your responsibility to be thoroughly acquainted with all pertinent rules and regulations.
SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES AND ATTACHMENTS

■ Supplied accessories

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■ Attachments

◊ Flexible antenna
Connect the supplied flexible antenna to the antenna connector.

CAUTION:
• NEVER carry the transceiver by holding the antenna.
• Transmitting without an antenna may damage the transceiver.

◊ Handstrap
Pass the handstrap through the loop on the side of the transceiver as illustrated at right. This facilitates carrying.

◊ Belt clip
Attach/detach the belt clip to the transceiver as illustrated below.

To attach the belt clip
To detach the belt clip

Be careful! Not to break your nails.
**Battery pack**

*To remove the battery pack:*

Turn the screw counterclockwise one quarter turn, then pull the battery pack in the direction of the arrow as shown below.

*To attach the battery pack:*

Insert the battery pack in the transceiver completely, then turn the screw clockwise one quarter turn.

**NEVER** remove or insert the battery pack when the transceiver is wet or soiled. This may result water or dust getting into the transceiver/battery pack and may result in the transceiver being damaged.

**NOTE:** When removing or attaching the battery pack, use a coin or standard screwdriver to loosen or tighten the bottom screw.

**CAUTION:**

When attaching or removing a battery pack, make sure the rubber seal is set in the groove of the battery pack correctly. If the seal is not neatly in the groove it may be damaged when attaching the battery pack. If the seal is damaged, waterproof protection is not guaranteed.

**NOTE:**

When attaching a battery pack, make sure dust or other material does not adhere to the rubber seal. If dust or other material is on the seal when attaching a battery pack, waterproof protection may be compromised.

Make sure the rubber seal (purple) is properly seated in the groove and dust or other material does not adhere to it.
Front, top and side panels

1. **POWER SWITCH [PWR]**
   - Push and hold to turn power ON and OFF.

2. **SPEAKER-MICROPHONE CONNECTOR [SP MIC]**
   - Connects the optional external speaker-microphone.
   - **NOTE:** Attach the [SP MIC] cap when the optional speaker-microphone is not used. Otherwise, water will get into the transceiver.

3. **ANTENNA CONNECTOR**
   - Connects the supplied antenna.

4. **CHANNEL KEY [CH]**
   - Selects the regular channel when pushed. (p. 9)
   - Selects the U.S.A.*1, International, Canadian*2 or ATIS*3 channel group when pushed and held for 1 sec. (p. 9)
   - Push to return to the previous channel before selecting Channel 16 or the call channel.
   - *1 U.K. and China versions only.
   - *2 China version only.
   - *3 German and Holland versions only.

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6 FAVOURITE/TAG KEY [FAV•TAG]

- While pushing and holding this key, push [▲]/[▼] to select the favourite (TAG) channels with ignoring untagged channels in the selected channel group in sequence. (p. 8)
- Pushing this key only advances the displayed TAG channel.
- Push and hold for 1 sec. to set or clear the displayed channel as a TAG (scanned) channel. (p. 15)
- While pushing and holding this key, turn power ON to clear or set all TAG channels (when no TAG channel has been set) in the selected channel group. (p. 15)

SQUELCH/MONITOR KEY [SQL•MONI]

- Push this key, then adjust the squelch level with [▲]/[▼]. (p. 12)
- Manually opens the squelch for monitoring the channel while pushing and holding. (p. 13)
- While pushing and holding this key, turn power ON to enter the set mode. (p. 17)

7 TRANSMIT POWER/LOCK KEY [H/L•LOCK]

- Selects high or low power when pushed. (p. 10)
- Toggles between the key lock function ON/OFF when pushed and held for 1 sec. (p. 12)

8 CHANNEL UP/DOWN KEYS [▲]/[▼]

- Selects an operating channel. (pgs. 8, 9)
- Selects the set mode setting of the item. (p. 17)
- Checks TAG channels or changes scanning direction during scan. (p. 15)

9 SCAN/DUAL KEY [SCAN•DUAL]

- Push to start or stop normal or priority scan. (p. 15)
- Push and hold for 1 sec. to enter watch mode. (p. 16)
- Push and hold this key and [H/L], to activate the AquaQuake function. (p. 13)
- Exits watch mode when pushed during watch operation. (p. 16)

10 VOLUME KEY [VOL•MUTE]

- Push this key, then adjust the volume level with [▲]/[▼]. (p. 11)
- Push and hold for 1 sec. to activate the volume mute function. (p. 11)

11 CHANNEL 16 KEY [16•C]

- Push to select Channel 16. (p. 8)
- Push and hold for 1 sec. to select the call channel. (p. 8)
- Enters call channel programming condition when the call channel is selected and this key is pushed and held for 3 sec. (p. 11)
- Push to exit set mode during set mode operation. (p. 17)

12 PTT SWITCH [PTT]

Push and hold to transmit; release to receive. (p. 10)
3 PANEL DESCRIPTION

■ Function display

1. TRANSMIT INDICATOR (p. 10)
   Appears while transmitting.

2. BUSY INDICATOR
   - Appears when receiving a signal or when the squelch opens. (p. 10)
   - Blinks while monitoring. (p. 13)

3. TAG CHANNEL INDICATOR (p. 15)
   Appears when a TAG channel is selected.

4. CALL CHANNEL INDICATOR (p. 8)
   Appears when the call channel is selected.

5. LOCK INDICATOR (p. 12)
   Appears while the lock function is activated.

6. BATTERY INDICATOR
   Indicates remaining battery power.
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   - Blinks when the battery is over charged.
   - Blinks when the battery is exhausted.

7. SCAN INDICATOR (p. 15)
   Blinks while scanning.

8. DUALWATCH/TRI-WATCH INDICATORS (p. 16)
   “DUAL” appears during Dualwatch; “TRI” appears during Tri-watch.

9. DUPLEX INDICATOR
   Appears when a duplex channel is selected.

10. SUB CHANNEL READOUT
    - Indicates Channel 16 during priority scan, Dualwatch or Tri-watch. (p. 16)
    - Indicates the set mode item while in set mode. (p. 17)
    - Indicates the squelch level while squelch setting. (p. 12)
    - Indicates the volume level while volume setting. (p. 11)
11 SQUELCH LEVEL INDICATOR
  Shows the squelch level.

12 VOLUME LEVEL INDICATOR
  ➡ Shows the volume level.
  ➡ Blinks when the volume mute is activated. (p. 11)

13 VOLUME LEVEL ADJUSTING INDICATOR (p. 11)
  Blinks while adjusting the volume level.

14 SQUELCH LEVEL ADJUSTING INDICATOR (p. 12)
  Blinks while adjusting the squelch level.

15 CHANNEL NUMBER READOUT
  ➡ Indicates the selected operating channel number.
  ➡ In set mode, indicates the selected condition.

16 CHANNEL GROUP INDICATOR (p. 9)
  "U" appears when U.S.A.*1; "I" appears when International;
  "C" appears when Canadian*2 channel group is selected.
  *1 U.K. and China versions only.
  *2 China version only.

17 ATIS INDICATORS (p. 9)
  "ATIS" appears when the channel group, which ATIS function is activated, is selected. (Available with German and Holland versions only)

18 LOW POWER INDICATOR (p. 10)
  ➡ "LOW" appears when low power is selected.
  ➡ "LOW" blinks when switching forced low power mode because of a high temperature error or low voltage.
BASIC OPERATION

Channel selection

IMPORTANT: Prior to using the transceiver for the first time, the battery pack must be fully charged for optimum life and operation. To avoid damage to the transceiver, turn the power OFF while charging.

♦ Channel 16
Channel 16 is the distress and safety channel. It is used for establishing initial contact with a station and for emergency communications. Channel 16 is monitored during both Dualwatch and Tri-watch. While standing by, you must monitor Channel 16.

2. Push [CH] to return to the channel used before Channel 16, or push [▲]/[▼] to select a channel.

Convenient!
While pushing and holding [FAV], push [▲]/[▼] to select the favourite (TAG) channels with ignoring untagged channels in the selected channel group in sequence.

• Pushing [FAV] only advances the displayed TAG channel.
• The favourite channels are selected using the TAG channel setting. (p. 15)

♦ Call channel
Each regular channel group has separate leisure-use call channels. The call channel is monitored during Tri-watch. The call channels can be programmed (p. 11) and are used to store your most often used channel in each channel group for quick recall.

1. Push and hold [C] (16) for 1 sec. to select the call channel of the selected channel group.
   • “CALL” and call channel number appear.
   • Each channel group may have an independent call channel after programming a call channel. (p. 11)
2. Push [CH] to return to the channel used before call channel, or push [▲]/[▼] to select a channel.

Push and hold for 1 sec.
**U.S.A., International, Canadian and ATIS channels**

The transceiver is pre-programmed with U.S.A.*1, International, Canadian*2 and ATIS*3 channels. These channel groups may be specified for the operating area.

1. Push [CH] to select a regular channel.
2. Push and hold [CH] for 1 sec. to change the channel group. Repeat to advance to the next group.
   - The usable channel groups are different, depending on the transceiver version.
3. Push [▲]/[▼] to select a channel.
   - “DUP” appears for duplex channels.

*1U.K. and China versions only.  *2China version only.  
*3German and Holland versions only.

**For U.K. version**

- Push and hold for 1 sec.
- Push and hold for 1 sec.

**For German and Holland versions**

- Push and hold for 1 sec.

**For China version**

- Push and hold for 1 sec.
4 BASIC OPERATION

■ Receiving and transmitting

CAUTION: Transmitting without an antenna will damage the transceiver.

1. Push and hold [PWR] to turn power ON.
2. Set the audio and squelch levels.
   ➤ Push [SQL], and push [▼] several times to open the squelch.
   ➤ Push [VOL], then push [▲]/[▼] to adjust the volume level.
   ➤ Push [SQL], and push [▲] until the noise disappears.
3. Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired channel.
   • When receiving a signal, “BUSY” appears and audio is emitted from the speaker.
   • Further adjustment of the audio may be necessary at this point.
4. Push [H/L] to select the output power if necessary.
   • “LOW” appears when low power is selected; no indication when high power is selected.
   • Choose low power to conserve battery power, choose high power for longer distance communications.
   • Some channels are for low power only.
5. Push and hold [PTT] to transmit, then speak into the microphone.
   • “TX” appears.
   • Channel 70 cannot be used for transmission.

IMPORTANT: To maximize the readability of your transmitted signal, pause a few sec. after pushing [PTT], hold the microphone 5 to 10 cm from your mouth and speak into the microphone at a normal voice level.

NOTE: The transceiver has a power save function to conserve the battery power. The power save function activates automatically when no signal is received for 5 sec.
Call channel programming

Call channel is used to access Channel 16 (default; may differ according to version), however, you can program the call channel with your most often-used channels in each channel group for quick recall.

1) Push and hold [CH] for 1 sec. several times to select the desired channel group (U.S.A., International, Canadian or ATIS) to be programmed. (p. 9)

2) Push and hold [C] (16) for 1 sec. to select the call channel of the selected channel group.
   "CALL" and call channel number appear.

3) Push and hold [C] (16) again for 3 sec. (until a long beep changes to 2 short beeps) to begin call channel programming.
   Channel number starts blinking.

4) Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired channel.

5) Push [16] to program the displayed channel as the call channel.
   The channel number stops blinking.

Adjusting the volume level

The volume level can be adjusted with [VOL] and [▲]/[▼].

1) Push [VOL], then adjust the volume level with [▲]/[▼].
   - "VOL" indicator starts blinking.
   - There are 31 volume levels and OFF.
   - When no key is pushed for 5 sec., the transceiver returns to normal condition.

2) Push [VOL] again to return to normal condition.

Volume mute function

The volume mute function can be activated temporarily with [MUTE] (VOL).

1) Push and hold [MUTE] (VOL) for 1 sec to activate the volume mute function.
   - The audio is muted.
   - The volume level indicator starts blinking.

2) Push [VOL] again or turn power OFF to turn the volume mute function OFF.
BASIC OPERATION

Adjusting the squelch level

To adjust the squelch level, use the [▲]/[▼] keys as described below. In order to receive signals properly, as well as for the scan to function effectively, the squelch must be adjusted to the proper level.

1. Push [SQL], then adjust the squelch level with [▲]/[▼].
   - “SQL” indicator starts blinking.
   - There are 11 squelch levels to choose from: OP is completely open; 10 is tight squelch; 1 is loose squelch.
   - If no key is pushed for 5 sec., the transceiver returns to normal operation.
2. Push [SQL] again to return to normal condition.

Lock function

This function electronically locks all keys (except for [PTT], [SQL•MONI], [VOL•MUTE], [H/L•LOCK] and [▲]/[▼]*) to prevent accidental channel changes and function access.
* After pushing [VOL•MUTE] or [SQL•MONI] only.

- Push and hold [LOCK] (H/L) for 1 sec. to turn the lock function ON and OFF.

Automatic backlighting

This function is convenient for nighttime operation. The automatic backlighting can be activated in set mode. (p. 19)

- Push any key except for [PTT] to turn the backlighting ON.
  - The backlighting is automatically turned OFF after 5 sec. of inactivity.
Monitor function

The monitor function opens the squelch. See p. 5 for details of the monitor key action.

- The monitor function activates while pushing and holding [MONI] (SQL).
  - “BUSY” blinks and audio is emitted.

Push and hold [MONI] (SQL)

Blinks while the monitor function is used.

AquaQuake water draining function

The transceiver uses a new technology to clear water away from the speaker grill: AquaQuake. AquaQuake helps drain water away from the speaker housing (water that might otherwise muffle the sound coming from the speaker). The transceiver emits a vibrating beep when this function is being used.

- Push and hold both [SCAN] and [H/L].
  - A low beep tone sounds for 9 sec. to drain water, regardless of volume level setting.
  - The transceiver does not perform key operations while the AquaQuake function is activated. The AquaQuake function can not be activated when an optional speaker-microphone is connected.
### Scan types

Scanning is an efficient way to locate signals quickly over a wide frequency range. The transceiver has priority scan and normal scan.

In addition, auto scan function is available for standby convenience. This function can be activated depending on the setting in set mode. (p. 18)

Set the TAG channels (scanned channels) before scanning. Clear any TAG channels which inconveniently stop scanning, such as digital communications.

Choose priority or normal scan in set mode. (p. 18)

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**Priority Scan**

Priority scan searches through all TAG channels in sequence while monitoring Channel 16. When a signal is detected on Channel 16, scan pauses until the signal disappears; when a signal is detected on a channel other than Channel 16, scan becomes Dualwatch until the signal disappears.

**Normal Scan**

Normal scan, like priority scan, searches through all TAG channels in sequence. However, unlike priority scan, Channel 16 is not checked unless Channel 16 is set as a TAG channel.
### Setting TAG channels

For more efficient scanning, set the desired channels as TAG channels or clear the TAG setting from unwanted channels. Channels that are not tagged will be skipped during scanning. TAG channels can be assigned to each channel group (U.S.A., International, Canadian and ATIS) independently.

1. Push and hold [CH] for 1 sec. several times to select the desired channel group, if desired.
2. Select the desired channel to be set as a TAG channel.
3. Push and hold [TAG] (FAV) for 1 sec. to set the displayed channel as a TAG channel.
   - “TAG” appears in the function display.
4. To cancel the TAG channel setting, push and hold [TAG] (FAV) for 1 sec.
   - “TAG” disappears.

#### Clearing (or setting) all tagged channels

While pushing and holding [TAG] (FAV), turn power ON to clear all TAG channels in the selected channel group.

- Repeat above procedure to set all channels as TAG channels (when no TAG channel has been set.)

### Starting a scan

Set the priority scan function, scan resume timer and auto scan function in advance, using set mode. (p. 18)

1. Push and hold [CH] for 1 sec. several times to select the desired channel group, if desired.
2. Push [SCAN] to start priority or normal scan.
   - “SCAN” blinks in the function display.
   - “16” appears on the sub channel readout during priority scan.
   - When a signal is received, scan pauses until the signal disappears or resumes after pausing 5 sec. according to the scan resume timer setting. (Channel 16 is still monitored during priority scan.)
   - Push [▲]/[▼] to check which channels have been set as TAG channels, change the scanning direction or resume the scan manually.
3. To stop the scan, push [SCAN].
   - “SCAN” disappears.
   - Pushing [PTT], [16], [CH] or [FAV] also stops the scan.

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**[Example]: Starting a normal scan.**

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<td>Push SCAN (DUAL)</td>
<td>Scan starts</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>When a signal is received</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Push SCAN (DUAL)</td>
<td>to stop the scan</td>
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DUALWATCH/TRI-WATCH (Except Holland version)

■ Description

Dualwatch monitors Channel 16 while you are receiving on another channel; Tri-watch monitors Channel 16 and the call channel while receiving another channel. Dualwatch/Tri-watch is convenient for monitoring Channel 16 when you are operating on another channel.

- If a signal is received on Channel 16, Dualwatch/Tri-watch pauses on Channel 16 until the signal disappears.
- If a signal is received on the call channel during Tri-watch, Tri-watch becomes Dualwatch until the signal disappears.
- To transmit on the selected channel during Dualwatch/Tri-watch, push and hold [PTT].

■ Operation

1. Select Dualwatch or Tri-watch in set mode. (p. 19)
2. Select the desired channel.
3. Push and hold [DUAL] (SCAN) for 1 sec. to start Dualwatch or Tri-watch (depending on set mode setting).
   - “DUAL” blinks during Dualwatch; “TRI” blinks during Tri-watch.
   - A beep tone sounds when a signal is received on Channel 16.
   - Tri-watch becomes Dualwatch when receiving a signal on the call channel.
4. To cancel Dualwatch/Tri-watch, push [SCAN] again.

[Example]: Operating Tri-watch on INT channel 07.

Tri-watch starts. Signal is received on call channel.

Tri-watch resumes after the signal disappears. Signal received on Channel 16 takes priority.
Set mode programming

Set mode is used to change the settings for 11 transceiver functions: Beep tone function, Priority scan function†, Scan resume timer†, Auto scan function†, Dual/Tri-watch function†, Monitor key action, Automatic backlighting, LCD contrast setting, Power save function, Squelch sensitivity and Low fix function*.  
*Appears only when the optional battery case is attached; Not available with German version depending on the pre-setting.  
†Not available with Holland version.

Set mode operation

1. Turn power OFF.  
2. While pushing [SQL], turn power ON to enter set mode.  
   • “bP” appears.  
3. Push [SQL] or [▲]/[▼] while pushing and holding [SQL] to select the desired item, if necessary.  
4. Push [▲]/[▼] to select the desired setting of the item.  
5. To exit set mode, push [16].

Set mode items

(The display shows the current settings, and the selected function is displayed in the dotted circle.)

- Low fix*  
- Squelch sensitivity  
- Power save  
- Beep tone  
- LCD contrast  
- Priority scan†  
- Automatic backlighting  
- Scan resume timer†  
- Auto scan†  
- Dual/Tri-watch†  
- Monitor key action

*Appears only when the optional battery case is attached; Not available with German version depending on the pre-setting.
†Not available with Holland version.
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Set mode items

◇ Beep tone function  “bP”
Select the key touch beep sound from ON or US, or turn sound OFF.
• US  : The preset beeps (e.g. do, re, mi) sound
• ON  : A fixed beep sounds
• OFF : Silent operation

◇ Priority scan function  “Pr”
(Not available with Holland version)
The transceiver has 2 scan types— normal (OFF) and priority (ON) scans. Normal scan searches all TAG channels in the selected channel group. Priority scan searches all TAG channels in sequence while monitoring Channel 16.

◇ Scan resume timer  “St”
(Not available with Holland version)
The scan resume timer can be set as a pause (OFF) or timer scan (ON). When OFF is selected, the scan pauses until a received signal disappears. When ON is selected, the scan pauses for 5 sec. after receiving a signal and then resumes even if the signal is being received.

◇ Auto scan function  “AS”
(Not available with Holland version)
The auto scan function starts the desired scan automatically when no signal is received, and no operation is performed for 30 sec.
◇ Dual/Tri-watch function “dt” (Not available with Holland version)
This item selects Dualwatch or Tri-watch as desired. See p. 16 for details.

Dualwatch function (default)

Tri-watch function

◇ Monitor key action “Sq”
The monitor key opens the squelch temporarily. This key action contains PUSH (Pu) or HOLD (Ho) settings as shown below.

- Pu (PUSH): After pushing [MONI] (SQL) for 1 sec., the squelch opens and emits audio. The squelch is held open while continuously pushing and holding [MONI] (SQL).
- Ho (HOLD): After pushing [MONI] (SQL) for 1 sec., the squelch opens and emits audio even while [MONI] (SQL) is released. To close the squelch, push any key.

Push setting (default)

Hold setting

◇ Automatic backlighting “bL”
This function is convenient for nighttime operation. The backlight can be selected from ON and OFF.
- The backlight is selected from ON and OFF.
- The backlight is automatically turned OFF after 5 sec. of inactivity.

Push setting (default)

Push setting

◇ LCD contrast setting “LC”
Set the LCD contrast level from High contrast or Low contrast.

NOTE: The LCD contrast level between High contrast and Low contrast makes no difference indoors.

High contrast (default)

Low contrast
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◊ Power save function  “PS”
The power save function reduces current drain by deactivating the receiver circuit for preset intervals.
  • ON  : The power save function is turned ON. The power save function will activate when no signal is received, and no operation is performed for 5 sec.
  • OFF  : The power save function is turned OFF.

◊ Squelch sensitivity  “SS”
When this function is turned ON, rejection of noise is improved so that the squelch is not easily affected by noise.

◊ Low fix function  “LF”
(Appears only when the optional battery case is attached; not available with German version depending on the pre-setting.)
When this function is turned ON, the output power is fixed to low except for Channel 16.
Battery caution

Misuse of Lithium-Ion batteries may result in the following hazards: smoke, fire, or the battery may rupture. Misuse can also cause damage to the battery or degradation of battery performance.

⚠️ DANGER! Use and charge only specified Icom battery pack with Icom radios or Icom charger. Only Icom battery pack is tested and approved for use and charge with Icom radios or Icom charger. Using third-party or counterfeit battery packs or charger may cause smoke, fire, or cause the battery to burst.

◊ Battery caution

⚠️ DANGER! DO NOT hammer or otherwise impact the battery. Do not use the battery if it has been severely impacted or dropped, or if the battery has been subjected to heavy pressure. Battery damage may not be visible on the outside of the case. Even if the surface of the battery does not show cracks or any other damage, the cells inside the battery may rupture or catch fire.

⚠️ DANGER! NEVER use or leave battery pack in areas with temperatures above +60°C. High temperature buildup in the battery, such as could occur near fires or stoves, inside a sun-heated car, or by setting the battery in direct sunlight may cause the battery to rupture or catch fire. Excessive temperatures may also degrade battery performance or shorten battery life.

⚠️ DANGER! DO NOT expose the battery to rain, snow, seawater, or any other liquids. Do not charge or use a wet battery. If the battery gets wet, be sure to wipe it dry before using. The battery by itself is not waterproof.

⚠️ DANGER! NEVER incinerate a used battery pack since internal battery gas may cause them to rupture or may cause an explosion.

⚠️ DANGER! NEVER solder the battery terminals, or NEVER modify the battery pack. This may cause heat generation, and the battery may rupture, emit smoke or catch fire.

⚠️ DANGER! Use the battery only with the transceiver for which it is specified. Never use a battery with any other equipment, or for any purpose that is not specified in this instruction manual.

⚠️ DANGER! If fluid from inside the battery gets in your eyes, blindness can result. Rinse your eyes with clean water, without rubbing them, and see a doctor immediately.
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⚠️ WARNING! Immediately stop using the battery if it emits an abnormal odour, heats up, or is discoloured or deformed. If any of these conditions occur, contact your Icom dealer or distributor.

⚠️ WARNING! Immediately wash, using clean water, any part of the body that comes into contact with fluid from inside the battery.

⚠️ WARNING! NEVER put the battery in a microwave oven, high-pressure container, or in an induction heating cooker. This could cause overheating, a fire, or cause the battery to rupture.

CAUTION: Always use the battery within the specified temperature range for the transceiver (–15°C to +55°C) and the battery itself (–20°C to +60°C). Using the battery out of its specified temperature range will reduce the battery’s performance and battery life. Please note that the specified temperature range of the battery may exceed that of the transceiver. In such cases, the transceiver may not work properly because it is out of its operating temperature range.

CAUTION: Shorter battery life could occur if the battery is left fully charged, completely discharged, or in an excessive temperature environment (above +50°C) for an extended period of time. If the battery must be left unused for a long time, it must be detached from the radio after discharging.

You may use the battery until the remaining capacity is about half, then keep it safely in a cool dry place with the temperature range as below;

-20°C to +50°C (within a month)
-20°C to +35°C (within three months)
-20°C to +20°C (within a year)

◊ Charging caution

⚠️ DANGER! NEVER charge the battery pack in areas with extremely high temperatures, such as near fires or stoves, inside a sun-heated car, or in direct sunlight. In such environments, the safety/protection circuit in the battery will activate, causing the battery to stop charging.

⚠️ WARNING! DO NOT charge or leave the battery in the battery charger beyond the specified time for charging. If the battery is not completely charged by the specified time, stop charging and remove the battery from the battery charger. Continuing to charge the battery beyond the specified time limit may cause a fire, overheating, or the battery may rupture.

⚠️ WARNING! NEVER insert the battery and transceiver (battery attached to the transceiver) into the charger if it is wet or soiled. This could corrode the battery charger terminals or damage the charger. The charger is not waterproof.

CAUTION: DO NOT charge the battery outside of the specified temperature range: ±0°C to +40°C. Icom recommends charging the battery at +20°C. The battery may heat up or rupture if charged out of the specified temperature range. Additionally, battery performance or battery life may be reduced.
■ Supplied battery charger

◇ Charging connections

Do not charge batteries other than the BP-252.

1. Attach the BC-173 to a flat surface, such as a desk, if desired.
2. Connect the AC adapter as shown below.
3. Insert the battery pack with/without the transceiver into the charger.
   • The charge indicator lights orange.
   • The charge indicator blinks orange (or orange/green alternately) when the protector is activated.
4. Charge the battery pack approx. 10 hours, depending on the remaining battery charge.
   • The charge indicator lights green when charging is completed.

Charge indicator lights orange when the battery pack (with/without the transceiver) is inserted.

Transceiver
Battery pack
AC adapter
Supply screws

BC-173

NOTE: The battery charger, BC-173, has a charging timer. The timer stops the charging process after 14 hours (approx.).

■ Optional battery case

When you would like to use the optional AAA(LR03) size battery case (BP-251), install the batteries as illustrated below. Be sure to observe the correct polarity.

CAUTION:

• When installing batteries, make sure they are all the same brand, type and capacity. Also, do not mix new and old batteries together.
• Keep battery contacts clean. It’s a good idea to clean battery terminals once a week.
• When using the optional battery case, output power level is 2 W at high (Depends on the pre-setting for German version).

NOTE: The transceiver floats even the optional battery case is attached. However, Icom recommends to use the following brand’s alkaline batteries that we verified. If another brand’s alkaline batteries are used, the transceiver may sink.

• DURACELL
• Energizer
• Panasonic
• VARTA
• TOSHIBA
Optional battery charger

**BC-162 installation**
- **To a desktop**
  - Supplied screws
- **To a wall**
  - Supplied screws
- **For added stability**
  - Use a rubber band to secure the transceiver, if desired.

**Charging**
1. Connect the AC adapter as shown below.
2. Insert the battery pack with/without the transceiver into the charger.
   - The charge indicator lights orange.
   - The charge indicator blinks orange (or red) when the protector is activated.
3. Charge the battery pack approx. 2 hours, depending on the remaining battery charge.
   - The charge indicator lights green when charging is completed.

**NOTE:** The battery charger, BC-162, has a charging timer. The timer stops the charging process after 4 hours (approx.).
**OPTIONAL SPEAKER-MICROPHONE**

### HM-165 descriptions

- **Alligator type clip**
  To attach the speaker-microphone to your shirt or collar, etc.

- **PTT switch**
  Transmits during push.
  Receives during release.

- **Microphone**

- **Speaker**

** Turn the transceiver power OFF when connecting the HM-165.**

**NEVER** immerse the connector in water. If the connector becomes wet, be sure to dry it BEFORE attaching it to the transceiver.

**NOTE:** The microphone is located at the top of the speaker-microphone, as shown in the diagram above. To maximize the readability of your transmitted signal (voice), hold the microphone approx. 5 to 10 cm from your mouth, and speak in a normal voice level.

### Attachment

Turn power OFF before attaching the speaker-microphone. Then, insert the speaker-microphone’s connector onto the [SP MIC] connector and carefully screw it tight, as shown in the diagram below. Be careful not to cross-thread the connection.

**IMPORTANT: KEEP** the transceiver’s [SP MIC] cap attached when the speaker-microphone is not in use. If the cap is not attached, water will get into the transceiver. Moreover, the terminals (pins) will become rusty, or the transceiver will function abnormally if the connector gets wet.

**CAUTION:** Attach the speaker-microphone’s connector securely to prevent accidental loss, or water intrusion in the connector.

**Detaching:**
Rotate the [SP MIC] cap counterclockwise (①), then detach it (②).

**Attaching:**
Attach the [SP MIC] cap (①), then rotate it clockwise completely (②).
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## VHF Marine Channel List

### International Channels

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*1 Channels 15 and 17 may also be used for on-board communications provided the effective radiated power does not exceed 1 W, and subject to the national regulations of the administration concerned when these channels are used in its territorial waters.

*2 The output power of channels 75 and 76 are limited to low power (1 W). The use of these channels should be restricted to navigation-related communications only and all precautions should be taken to avoid harmful interference to channel 16, e.g. by means geographical separation.
### 11 VHF MARINE CHANNEL LIST

**USA channels** (for U.K. and China versions)

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*2 UK marina channels: M1=37A (Tx/Rx: 157.850 MHz), M2=P4 (Tx/Rx: 161.425 MHz) for U.K. versions only.

**NOTE:** Simplex channels, 3, 21, 23, 61, 64, 81, 82 and 83 **CANNOT** be lawfully used by the general public in U.S.A. waters.
## VHF Marine Channel List

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12  SPECIFICATIONS

◊ GENERAL
• Frequency coverage
  Transmit 156.000–161.450 MHz
  Receive 156.000–163.425 MHz
• Mode
  FM (16K0G3E)
• Channel spacing
  25 kHz
• Power supply requirement
  BP-251 and BP-252 only
• Current drain (at 7.4 V DC)
  TX High (5 W) 1.5 A
  TX Low (1 W) 0.7 A
  TX Low (0.5 W) 0.6 A
  Max. audio 0.2 A
  Power save 20 mA typical
• Frequency stability
  ±1.5 kHz
• Useable temperature range
  −15°C to +55°C
• Dimensions
  (Projections not included)
  : 62 (W) × 141.5(H) × 43(D) mm
• Weight
  : Approx. 305 g
  (incl. BP-252, FA-SC58V and MB-109)

◊ TRANSMITTER
• Output power (at 7.4 V DC)
  : 5 W (High) and 1 W (Low)
  (1 W (High) and 0.5 W (Low) for German version depending on the pre-setting.)
• Modulation system
  : Variable reactance frequency modulation
• Max. frequency deviation
  : ±5 kHz
• Adjacent channel power
  : 70 dB
• Spurious emissions
  : 0.25 µW

◊ RECEIVER
• Receive system
  : Double-conversion superheterodyne
• Sensitivity (20 dB SINAD)
  : −2 dBµ emf typical
• Squelch sensitivity
  : −6 dBµ emf typical (at threshold)
• Intermodulation
  : 68 dB
• Spurious response
  : 70 dB
• Adjacent channel selectivity
  : 70 dB
• Audio output power
  : 0.2 W at 10% distortion with an 8 Ω load

All stated specifications are subject to change without notice or obligation.
◊ BATTERY CASE AND PACK

• **BP-251 BATTERY CASE**
  Battery case for 5 × AAA (LR03) alkaline cells.
  Output power level: 2 W at high (Depends on the pre-setting for German version)

• **BP-252 LI-ION BATTERY PACK**
  Voltage: 7.4 V
  Capacity: 950 mAh (minimum) / 980 mAh (typical)

◊ CHARGERS

• **BC-173 DESKTOP CHARGER + BC-147S AC ADAPTER**
  Used for regular charging of battery pack. The AC adapter, BC-147S, is not supplied with some versions.
  Charging time: approx. 10 hours

• **BC-162 DESKTOP CHARGER + BC-145S AC ADAPTER**
  Used for rapid charging of battery pack. The AC adapter, BC-145S, is not supplied with some versions.
  Charging time: approx. 2 hours.

◊ BELT CLIP

• **MB-109 BELT CLIP**

◊ OTHER OPTIONS

• **HM-165 SPEAKER-MICROPHONE**
  Full sized speaker-microphone including an alligator clip to attach the microphone to your shirt, collar, etc. The HM-165 meets IPX7* requirements for waterproof protection.

• **FA-SC58V ANTENNA**

* Once the item has been dropped, the IP rating cannot be guaranteed because of possible damage to the case or the waterproof seal.

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