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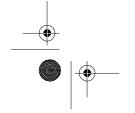
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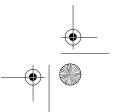
40-Channel Mobile CB Radio with On-Mic Channel Selector



















FEATURES

Your RadioShack TRC-504 Compact 40-Channel Mobile CB Radio is a breakthrough in CB design technology. You can mount it in a vehicle for mobile use, or in your home for use as a base station.

Your CB has these advanced features:

Dual Channel Controls — let you tune the channel from the transceiver or the handset.

RF Gain Control — lets you adjust the receiver's gain to match the strength of the signal.

Emergency Channel Switch — lets you quickly switch to Channel 9 or 19 so you can monitor or report emergency situations.

Two-Digit Channel Display with TX (Transmit) and RX (Receive) Indicators — lets you see the CB's operating status at a glance.

External Speaker Jack — lets you connect your CB to an external speaker.

Built-In PA (Public Address) Amplifier — lets you use your CB as a public address system when you add an optional PA speaker.

Backlit Controls — help you easily find the right control when you use the CB at night.

Phase-Locked Loop (PLL) Frequency Synthesizer — provides highly accurate and stable tuning.

Two Built-In Ceramic Filters — ensure superior channel selectivity and freedom from adjacent channel interference.

Automatic Modulation Control — prevents the transmitter signal from overmodulating and distorting.

Automatic Noise Limiter — reduces impulse-type noises while receiving.

Universal Mounting Bracket — lets you mount your CB securely in your vehicle or on a table or shelf in your home.

Note: To use this CB, you must connect a mobile or base station antenna. Your local RadioShack store has a wide variety of antennas. For more information, see "Connecting an Antenna" on Page 6.

We recommend you record your CB's serial number here. The number is on the CB's bottom cabinet.

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FCC INFORMATION

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) does not require you to have a license to operate this CB radio. However, you must know Part 95 of *FCC Rules*. It explains the proper operation of a Class D citizen's band transceiver. We enclosed a copy of Part 95 with your CB radio.

Warning: Do not open the CB radio to make any internal adjustments. A CB radio is set up to transmit a regulated signal on an assigned frequency. It is against the law to alter or adjust the settings inside the unit to exceed these limitations.

To be safe and sure:

- Never open your CB radio's case.
- Never change or replace anything in your CB radio.

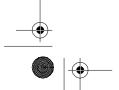
Your CB radio might cause TV or radio interference even when it is operating properly. To determine whether your CB radio is causing the interference, turn off your CB radio. If the interference goes away, your CB radio is causing it. Try to eliminate the interference by:

- moving your CB radio away from the receiver
- contacting your local RadioShack store for help

This device complies with Part 95 of FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.





















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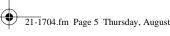














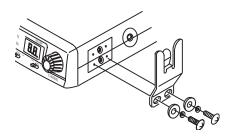


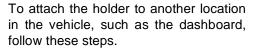
INSTALLATION

ATTACHING THE **MICROPHONE HOLDER**

You can attach the microphone holder to either side of the transceiver or to another location in your vehicle.

To attach the holder to the transceiver, secure the holder to either side using the supplied 3 mm screws and lock washers.

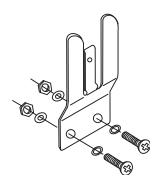




- 1. Using the holder as a template, mark the positions for the mounting screw holes at the desired location.
- 2. At each marked position, drill a hole slightly smaller than the supplied mounting screws.

Caution: Be careful not to drill into anything behind the mounting surface.

3. Attach the holder at the mounting location using the supplied machine screws, spring washers, plain washers, and nuts.



Note: If you cannot reach behind the mounting surface to attach the nuts on the machine screws, use the supplied 3 mm plain washers and self-tapping screws.

MOUNTING THE TRANSCEIVER

The most common mounting location for this CB is under a vehicle's dashboard. However, if you plan to use the TRC-504 as a base station, you can place it on a desk, shelf, or table (see "Using the Transceiver as a Base Station" on Page

If you are mounting the CB in a vehicle, choose a location where:

- · You can easily reach the CB.
- · Wires and cables are clear of the vehicle's pedals or other moving parts.
- The CB is not directly in front of heating vents.
- · All wires and cables can reach their connection points.























Cautions:

- If you use the CB in a vehicle, mount it securely to avoid damage to the CB or vehicle or injury to anyone in the vehicle during sudden starts or stops.
- Do not mount the CB where it could damage or interfere with the operation of any passive restraint safety device (an airbag or seat belt).

Follow these steps to mount the CB using the supplied hardware.

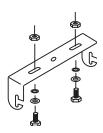
 Using the mounting bracket as a template, mark the positions for the screw holes on the mounting surface.



2. In each marked location, drill a hole slightly smaller than the supplied mounting screws.

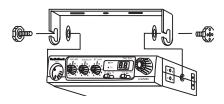
Caution: Be careful not to drill into objects behind the mounting surface.

Mount the bracket to the mounting surface with the supplied 5 mm bolts, spring washers, plain washers, and nuts.



Note: If you cannot reach behind the mounting surface to attach the nuts on the bolts, use the supplied 5 mm self-tapping screws and plain washers to secure the bracket.

4. Attach the CB to the mounting bracket using the supplied rubber washers and mounting knobs.





CONNECTING AN ANTENNA

There are many different types of CB antennas for mobile CBs. Each type has its own benefits, so choose the one that best meets your needs. Your local RadioShack store sells a wide variety of antennas.

Note: If you are using this CB as a base station, see "Using the Transceiver as a Base Station" on Page 9.











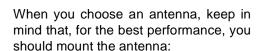






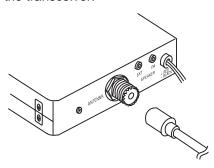






- · as high as possible on the vehicle
- as far as possible from sources of electrical noise
- vertically

Once you choose an antenna, follow its mounting instructions. Then route the cable to the transceiver and connect the cable to the **ANTENNA** jack on the back of the transceiver.



Cautions:

- Avoid routing the cable next to sharp edges or moving parts, which might damage the cable.
- Do not run the cable next to power cables or other radio antenna cables.
- Do not run the cable through the engine compartment or other areas that produce extreme heat.

To take advantage of your radio's maximum range, adjust the antenna's Standing Wave Ratio (SWR) using an SWR meter (not supplied).

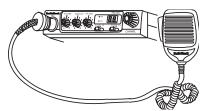
Follow the instructions supplied with the SWR meter and antenna to adjust your antenna's SWR to the lowest possible value. SWR values of 2.0:1 are generally acceptable, with readings of 1.5:1 or lower being more desirable.

CONNECTING THE MICROPHONE

 Align the tab on the side of the supplied microphone's plug with the notch in the microphone jack (on the side of the transceiver). Then insert the plug into the jack.



2. Slide the microphone onto the microphone holder.



To disconnect the microphone from the transceiver, press the tab on the side of the plug, then pull out the plug.

Caution: Never pull on the microphone cable.





















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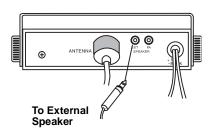
EXTERNAL SPEAKER

You can connect your transceiver to an external CB speaker, so you can hear an incoming call when you are outside your vehicle, or use the CB as a PA system.

Connecting a CB Speaker

The external speaker you use with the transceiver should have an impedance of 8 ohms and be able to handle 3 to 10 watts of power (such as RadioShack Cat. No. 21-549). The speaker cable must have a 1/8-inch plug.

To connect the external speaker to the transceiver, insert the speaker cable's plug into EXT SPEAKER on the back of the CB.



Note: When you connect an external speaker, the CB's internal speaker disconnects.

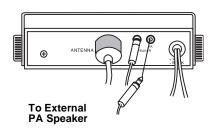
Connecting a PA Speaker

The PA speaker should:

- · have an impedance of 8 ohms
- · be able to handle at least 5 watts of power (the RadioShack Powerhorn® series speakers meet this requirement)
- have a cable with a 1/8-inch plug

If your PA speaker meets the other specifications but does not already have a 1/8-inch plug, you can connect it using a phono plug-to-wire cable, available at your local RadioShack store.

To connect the PA speaker to the transceiver, insert the speaker cable's plug into PA SPEAKER on the back of the CB.



Note: To avoid acoustic feedback, the speaker should be at least 6 feet from the CB. If you experience feedback, avoid keying the microphone until you have moved the speaker away from the CB.











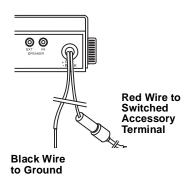








Follow these steps to connect the transceiver to vehicle battery power.



- Connect the red wire (with the inline fuse holder) on the back of the transceiver to a point in your vehicle's fuse block that has power only when the ignition is in the ACC (accessory) or ON position.
- Connect the black wire to a metal part of the vehicle's frame (chassis ground).

Caution: Do not connect the black wire to a non-metallic (plastic) part, or to any part insulated from the vehicle's chassis by a non-metallic part.

USING THE TRANSCEIVER AS A BASE STATION

Although this transceiver is designed mainly for mobile use, you can also use it as a base station with an AC power source.

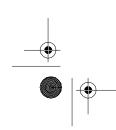
For base station installation, you need these items:

 12-volt DC power supply that can supply at least 2 amps (such as Cat. No. 22-504)

Caution: Most 12-volt DC power supplies plug into a standard AC outlet to produce DC power. Before connecting your CB to a 12-volt DC power supply, read and follow the instructions included with the power supply.

- base station antenna (such as Cat. No. 21-969)
- coaxial antenna cable and connectors, available at your local RadioShack store











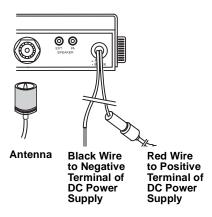


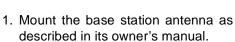




Caution: To prevent damage to the CB, be sure you connect an antenna and the microphone before you use the CB.

Follow these steps to install the CB as a base station.





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

- 2. Connect the antenna to **ANTENNA** on the back of the CB.
- Connect the transceiver's black power wire to the negative (–) terminal on the DC power supply.

- Connect the transceiver's red wire (with the in-line fuse) to the positive (+) terminal on the DC power supply.
- 5. Connect the DC power supply to a standard AC outlet.



















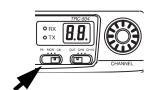


OPERATION

Before you use your CB, you should know how to use it effectively and courteously. "Operational Hints" on Page 14 contains information that will help you get more enjoyment from your CB.

RECEIVING TRANSMISSIONS AND ADJUSTING SQUELCH

1. Set PA/MON/CB to CB.



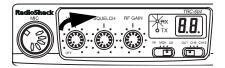
Turn SQUELCH fully counterclockwise.



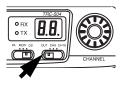
3. Turn RF GAIN fully clockwise.



 Turn on the transceiver by turning VOLUME clockwise until it clicks. The channel display lights, the channel appears, and the RX indicator lights.



Set OUT/CH9/CH19 to OUT to select a channel other than an emergency channel.



 Rotate the channel selector, or repeatedly press (or hold down) UP or DOWN on the microphone until the display shows the desired channel.



- Adjust VOLUME to a comfortable listening level.
- To cut out background noise between transmissions, wait until there is no signal, then slowly turn SQUELCH clockwise until the background noise stops.

Notes:

- To receive very weak signals, turn SQUELCH counterclockwise. You hear noise between transmissions, but you also hear weak transmissions (those not strong enough to break through a higher squelch setting).
- If you experience interference from nearby frequencies, turn RF GAIN counterclockwise to reduce the receiver's sensitivity.

















9. To turn off the CB, turn VOLUME counterclockwise until you hear it click. The display and indicators turn off.

TRANSMITTING

Note: We recommend you try receiving before you transmit.

- 1. Follow Steps 1-8 in "Receiving **Transmissions** and Adjusting Squelch."
- 2. To transmit, hold down PUSH TO TALK on the microphone. The TX indicator lights. Hold the microphone 2-3 inches from your mouth and speak in a normal tone of voice, then release PUSH TO TALK when you finish. The TX indicator turns off.

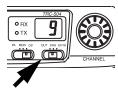


3. To turn off the CB, turn VOLUME counterclockwise until you hear it click. The display and RX indicators turn off.

EMERGENCY CHANNEL

Important: Channel 9 and Channel 19 are reserved for motorist assistance and for reporting emergency information about accidents, hazardous road conditions, and so on. Always give emergency messages priority on Channel 9 or Channel 19.

To select the emergency Channel 9 or Channel 19, set OUT/CH9/CH19 to CH9 or CH19. The selected channel number (9 or 19) flashes on the display and the transceiver stays on the channel you selected.



Note: You can also select Channel 9 or 19 using the channel selector or UP or DOWN when OUT/CH9/CH19 is set to OUT.

To select another channel, set OUT/CH9/ CH19 to OUT. The previously selected channel number appears on the display.

USING THE PA AMPLIFIER

Your CB has a built-in PA (public address) amplifier. With an optional PA speaker (see "Connecting a PA Speaker" on Page 8), you can turn your radio into a mobile public address system.

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Follow these steps to use the PA amplifier.

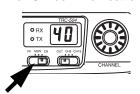
1. Turn on the transceiver. Then set PA/MON/CB to PA. PA appears on the display.



- 2. To transmit, press PUSH TO TALK on the microphone. Hold the microphone 2-3 inches from your mouth and speak in a normal tone of voice.
- 3. Turn VOLUME for the desired volume level. If you hear a high-pitched squeal, turn VOLUME counterclockwise until the squeal stops.

Note: To avoid acoustic feedback, the speaker should be at least 6 feet from the CB. If you experience feedback, avoid keying the microphone until you have moved the speaker away from the CB.

4. To turn off the PA amplifier, turn the transceiver off. Or, set PA/MON/CB to CB for CB communication.



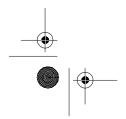
USING THE MONITOR FEATURE

You can use your CB as a receiver to listen to transmissions on an optional PA speaker. With an optional PA speaker connected, set PA/MON/CB to MON.

When PA/MON/CB is set to MON, your CB cannot transmit and you hear sound only from the external PA speaker.



















OPERATIONAL HINTS

Like most activities, CB radio has its customs and courtesies. The following tips will help you get the most enjoyment from your CB.

COMMON USES FOR A CB

Personal Uses

- Keep in touch with home while driving to work, to the store, or to a social activity. Let your family know you are tied up in traffic or that you will stop by the store on the way home.
- If you are a two-car (or more) family, CB radios are great for communicating with family members while they are in their cars.
- Contact friends or neighbors find out "what's happening" or plan a get-together.
- Ever have car trouble or run out of gas on the highway? What an assurance it is to be able to radio for assistance!
- Camping, fishing, and other sports are more fun with a CB radio.
 Locate a buddy or find out "what's cooking" back at camp.

- Truck drivers and delivery personnel can learn road and traffic conditions and get assistance in locating destinations. A CB radio is also good company on those "long hauls."
- On construction crews, a CB radio quickly pays for itself when you are calling for additional materials or coordinating the activities of different work crews.

TRANSMISSION COURTESY

Please follow these guidelines of radio courtesy when using your CB.

- Wait for a pause in someone else's transmission before you ask for a break.
- If you do not receive an answer to your call after a second attempt, sign off and wait several minutes before trying again.
- Do not hold down PUSH TO TALK when you are not talking. (This is called dead keying.)
- Assist callers with directions, information about road conditions, and any other reasonable requests.

Business Uses

 For security officers, a CB is more than a convenience — it is a must for both safety and efficiency.



















Citizen's band operators and CB radio users have largely adopted the 10-codes for standard questions and answers. These codes permit faster communication and better intelligibility in noisy areas.

This table lists codes adopted by the Associated Public Safety Communications Officers (APCO).

Code	Meaning	
10-1	Your signal is bad.	
10-2	Your signal is good.	
10-3	Stop transmitting.	
10-4	Message received and understood.	
10-5	Relay information to	
10-6	I am busy or are you busy?	
10-7	Out of service.	
10-8	In service.	
10-9	Repeat last message.	
10-10	Negative (NO).	
10-11	in service.	
10-12	Stand by.	
10-13	Report road/weather conditions.	
10-14	Information.	
10-15	Message delivered.	

Code	Meaning	
10-16	Reply to message.	
10-17	En route.	
10-18	Urgent.	
10-19	Contact	
10-20	What is your location?	
10-21	Call by telephone.	
10-22	Cancel last message.	
10-23	Arrived at the scene.	
10-24	Assignment complete.	
10-25	Meet	
10-26	Estimated time of arrival is	
10-30	-30 Use caution.	
10-31	Pick up.	
10-33	Emergency traffic. Clear the channel.	
10-34	What time is it?	
10-41	Switch to Channel xx.	
10-62 Cannot understand.		

Note: Although this table lists most of the 10-codes' meanings in the form of a statement, they can also be phrased as questions (10-6: Are you busy?, 10-20: What is your location?).



















MAXIMUM RANGE

The maximum range and quality of CB radio transmissions vary depending on the following conditions:

- The type and quality of antenna
- The height of the antenna's mounting location — the higher the antenna, the better the signal's range
- The surrounding terrain mountains and tall buildings limit the range
- Weather conditions
- The number of nearby radios operating on the same channel
- Standing wave ratio (SWR) between the antenna and the CB.

Note: Your CB radio's transmission range is generally line-of-sight.









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If your CB is not working as it should, follow these suggestions to see if you can eliminate the problem. If you cannot, take the CB to your local RadioShack store for assistance.

Symptom	Check/Try	
CB has trouble receiving.	Turn transceiver power on.	
	Microphone connected? Secure connections.	
	Antenna connected? Secure connections.	
	Too much squelch? Adjust as needed.	
	Radio not on operating channel? Switch to active channel.	
	Be sure PA/MON/CB is set to CB.	
	Adjust VOLUME.	
	Adjust RF GAIN.	
CB has trouble transmit-	Turn transceiver power on.	
ting.	Antenna connected? Secure connections.	
	All connections free of corrosion? Clean and tighten.	
	Microphone connector loose? Firmly press microphone connector into jack.	
	Microphone connected? Secure connections.	
	Be sure PA/MON/CB is set to CB.	
	Radio not on operating channel? Switch to an active channel.	
	PUSH TO TALK fully pressed? Press completely.	
CB does not work at all.	Power connected? Secure connections.	
	Microphone connected? Secure connections.	
	Fuse needs replacing? Replace with identical fuse. See "Replacing the Fuse" on Page 21.	
Cannot select a channel.	Be sure PA/MON/CB is set to CB.	
	PUSH TO TALK pressed? Release PUSH TO TALK.	
	Set OUT/CH9/CH19 to OUT.	

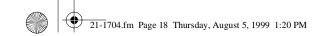


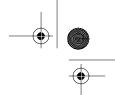










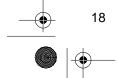




Symptom	Check/Try	
PA does not work.	Connect a PA speaker. Secure connections.	
	Be sure PA/MON/CB is set o PA.	
	Adjust VOLUME.	
Sound is distorted.	Adjust RF GAIN.	
	Adjust VOLUME.	





















Because your CB is exceptionally quiet, any noise you hear is probably from an external source in your vehicle such as the alternator, another radio or spark plugs.

The transceiver uses an ANL (Automatic Noise Limiter) circuit to reduce noise. However, if possible, try to eliminate the noise by finding its source.

You can determine the noise's source by turning off the engine and operating the CB with your vehicle's ignition set to ACC. If the noise is reduced, the problem is in your vehicle's ignition or electrical system.

Here are a few hints to help you reduce or eliminate such noise:

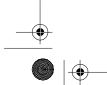
- · Make all CB power and antenna wires as short as possible.
- · Route the power wires away from the antenna wires.
- Be sure that the chassis ground connection is secure.
- · Replace old ignition wires with new, high-voltage, noise suppression wires.

- Install noise suppressors on your spark plugs, or install new spark plugs that have built-in noise suppressors.
- · If problems persist, check your alternator/generator and regulator gauges. You can reduce the noise from these sources by using bypass capacitors at the various output voltage points.

Your local RadioShack store has a wide selection of noise suppression accessories.





















CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Your RadioShack TRC-504 40-Channel Mobile CB Radio is an example of superior design and craftsmanship. The following suggestions will help you care for your CB so you can enjoy it for years.



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



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



Use and store the CB in normal temperature environments. Temperature extremes can shorten the life of electronic devices and distort or melt plastic parts.





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



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

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



















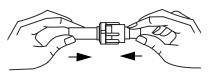
REPLACING THE FUSE

The TRC-504's 2-amp in-line fuse helps protect your CB from power surges and short circuits. When replacement is required, use a 2-amp, slow-blow glass fuse, such as Cat. No. 270-1023.

Caution: Do not use a fuse with ratings other than those specified here. Doing so might damage your CB.

Follow these steps to replace the fuse.

- Make sure the power source and CB are both off.
- 2. Hold the fuse holder by both ends, push the ends together, twist one end counterclockwise, then pull them apart.



- Remove the old fuse. If it is blown, insert a new one of the same type and rating. If it is not blown, reinsert it.
- Push the fuse holder ends together and twist one end clockwise.





















SPECIFICATIONS

RECEIVER

Frequency Coverage All 40 CB Channels (Class D) 26.965–27.405 MHz				
Sensitivity for 10dB S/N				
Squelch Sensitivity				
Overall Audio Fidelity for 450–2500 Hz –6 dB				
Maximum Audio Output Power 6 Watts				
Cross Modulation 50 dB				
RF Gain Control Range (at 10 dB Input)				
TRANSMITTER				
Frequency Coverage All 40 CB Channels (Class D) 26.965–27.405 MHz				
Frequency Tolerance				
Carrier Power at No Modulation				
Spurious Emission –67 dB				
Current Drain at No Modulation				
Modulation Frequency Response for 450–2500 Hz –6 dB				
Microphone Sensitivity for 50% Modulation				
PUBLIC ADDRESS AMPLIFIER				
Maximum Output Power				
Microphone Sensitivity for 4 Watts Output Power				
Frequency Response for 450–2500 Hz –6 dB				

















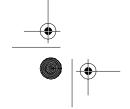


GENERAL

Power Requirements	12 Volts DC, Negative Ground
Dimensions (HWD) 15/8 ¥ 59/16	¥ 8 ³ / ₈ inches (42 ¥ 141 ¥ 213 mm)
Weight	2 lb 3 oz (1 kg)
Included Accessories Micro	ophone Hanger, Mounting Bracket
Specifications are typical, individual units might v change and improvement without notice.	ary. Specifications are subject to



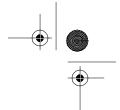












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