

Thank you for purchasing a RadioShack Radar Detector with Safety Alert. Your radar detector can alert you to many traffic radar and laser systems with its distinct visual and audio alerts. It receives X-, K-, and Ka-band radar signals, and detects both the instant-on and laser systems many law enforcement agencies use to measure vehicle speed. Plus, your detector can give you advance warning of potential road hazards by detecting signals from transmitters that broadcast Safety Alert System™ alerts.

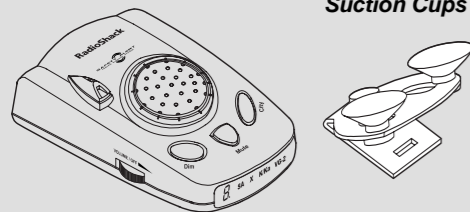
**Note**

Before reading this Owner's Manual, read the supplied booklet *Questions and Answers About Vehicle Speed Detection* to familiarize yourself with the terms and uses associated with your detector.

**PACKAGE CONTENTS**

Radar Detector

Windshield Bracket with Suction Cups



Coiled Power Cord

Hook and Loop Tape



Questions and Answers About Vehicle Speed Detection Booklet

**SAFETY ALERT SYSTEM**

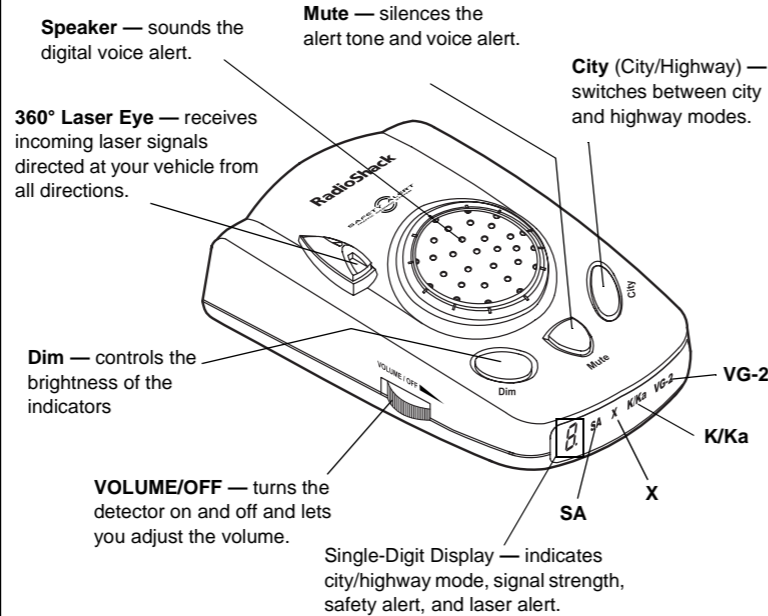
The Safety Alert System employs low-powered transmitters used by some emergency services and road crews to alert drivers to hazardous road conditions. The system can indicate stationary, moving, or railroad hazards.

The system has the potential to dramatically decrease the occurrence of traffic accidents by increasing drivers' awareness of local road hazards. Having this safety alert compatible radar/laser detector will ensure that you are ready to benefit from this system wherever it is in use.

**ARE RADAR DETECTORS LEGAL?**

Federal law lets you install and use a radar detector in automobiles and light trucks under 10,000 pounds in the United States. Presently, Virginia and the District of Columbia have some laws regulating or prohibiting the use of radar detectors in all vehicles.

**CONTROLS & INDICATORS**

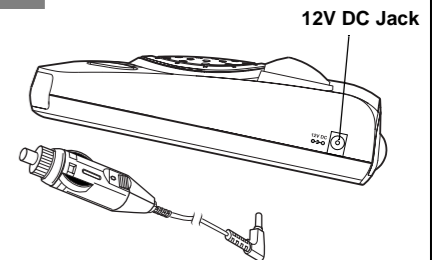


**Indicators**

- VG-2** — lights when a VG-2 signal is detected.
- X** (X-Band Radar) — appears when the detector encounters an X-band radar signal.
- K/Ka** (K/Ka Band Radar) — appears when the detector encounters either a K- or Ka-band radar signal.
- SA** (Safety Alert) — lights when a safety alert signal is detected. The following also appear on the single-digit display.
  - E** (Emergency Vehicle) — flashes when the detector encounters a signal related to an emergency vehicle from a safety alert transmitter. The radar detector announces "Caution, emergency vehicle".
  - H** (Road Hazard Situation) — flashes when the detector encounters a signal related to a stationary road hazard from a safety alert transmitter. The radar detector announces "Caution, road hazard".
  - R** (Railroad) — flashes when the detector encounters a signal related to a moving train from a safety alert transmitter. The radar detector announces "Caution, moving train".

**CONNECTING POWER**

Plug the supplied power cord's barrel plug into the detector's 12V DC jack. Then plug the cord's cigarette-lighter plug into your vehicle's cigarette-lighter socket.



**Note**

- To prevent the detector from draining your vehicle's battery if you leave the detector on when you turn off the ignition, unplug the power cord from your vehicle's cigarette lighter socket.
- If the detector does not operate when you turn it on, remove the cigarette-lighter plug from your vehicle's socket and check the socket for debris. Also, check the fuse in the detector's plug and your vehicle's cigarette lighter fuse.

**CAUTION**

- Use only the supplied 12V DC, Positive (+) Tip power cord. Use of any other power source may cause damage.
- Before plugging the power cord's cigarette-lighter plug into your vehicle's cigarette-lighter socket, make sure the plug's tip is screwed firmly onto the plug.

**INSTALLATION**

**SELECTING A MOUNTING LOCATION**

For the best performance, select a location where the detector has a direct view of the road. The detector's radar antenna is at the opposite end of the indicators.

**Mounting Guidelines**

- Choose a location that does not block the driver's view of the road.
- Mount the detector in a level position with a clear view of both the front and rear of your vehicle.
- Choose a location that gives the detector a view unobstructed by metal objects.
- Some vehicles have InstaClear® or ElectriClear® defogging windshields, which have metal coatings that block signals. Check your vehicle's owner's manual to see if your vehicle has one of these features. A detector installed in a vehicle with one of these features might not detect a signal.
- Since window tinting reduces the received strength of laser signals, you should not mount the detector behind any tinted glass.
- Do not mount the detector where the driver or a passenger might hit it in a sudden stop or accident.

**Note**

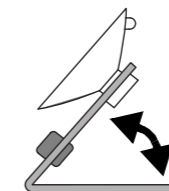
Though the detector has a 360° laser and radar detection range, the radar detection is most sensitive in the front range.

**CAUTION**

Do not use the mounting bracket in a vehicle that has a plastic safety coating on the inside of the windshield designed to protect passengers during an accident. If you use the bracket on this type of windshield, you might permanently mar the windshield's surface. Mount the radar detector on the dashboard instead.

**Adjusting the Bracket**

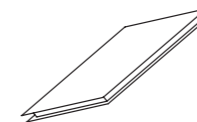
If the mounted detector is not at the optimum viewing angle, you can adjust the mounting bracket for better viewing. Carefully bend the bracket to adjust it to the desired angle.



**DASHBOARD MOUNTING**

In some vehicles, the dashboard may be the best location to mount the detector. Use the supplied hook-and-loop tape to mount your radar detector to the dash.

- Use a damp cloth to clean the bottom of the detector and the dashboard. Let both surfaces dry.
- Remove the tape's paper backing and stick the tape to the bottom of the detector.
- Remove the backing from the other side of the tape and firmly press your detector onto the dashboard.

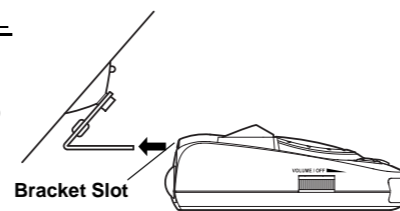


**Dashboard Mounting Notes**

- The tape's adhesive might not stick to a surface treated with vinyl cleaner or protectant.
- Do not place the hook-and-loop tape over the detector's serial number.
- On a curved dashboard, cut the supplied strip in half and use one strip on each side of the bottom of the detector.
- Be sure to place the detector out of view when you leave the vehicle. This keeps the detector out of sight of thieves and prevents exposure to extremely high temperatures, which can temporarily impair your detector's performance.

**WINDSHIELD MOUNTING**

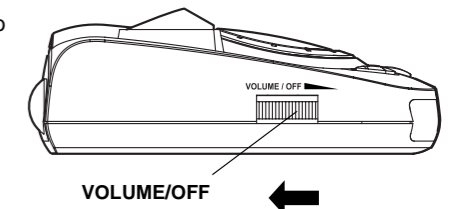
- Clean the selected windshield area, position the bracket on the windshield, and press firmly on each suction cup to secure the bracket.
- Slide the detector's bracket slot onto the bracket until it snaps into place.



**OPERATION**

**TURNING ON THE DETECTOR**

To turn on the detector, rotate **VOLUME/OFF** toward **VOLUME** until it clicks. After self-testing, the detector says "Welcome! Buckle your seat belt." **H** appears to indicate that the detector is in its highway mode.



To turn off the detector, rotate **VOLUME/OFF** toward **OFF** until it clicks and all the LEDs turn off.

**ADJUSTING THE VOLUME**

Rotate **VOLUME/OFF** toward **VOLUME** to increase the detector's volume, rotate it toward **OFF** to reduce the volume.

**OPERATION SETTINGS**  
**SELECTING CITY AND HIGHWAY MODES**

Your detector has two operating modes: City and Highway.

- City mode requires a stronger X-band signal before the detector sounds, or visually indicates, an alert.
- Highway mode provides maximum sensitivity for open-road driving. The detector is preset to Highway mode when you turn it on.

**Note**

- City mode helps prevent false alerts in tightly populated areas where laser/radar signals can bounce off surrounding structures.
- City mode has no effect on K or Ka-band signals or laser alerts or instant-on radar.

- To select City mode, press **City**. The detector says "City mode" and **C** appears.
- To return to Highway mode, press **City** again. The detector says "Highway mode" and **H** appears.

## OPERATION (continued)

### SELECTING DISPLAY BRIGHTNESS

Your detector has three levels of display brightness: Bright, Dim, and Dark.

1. Press **Dim** once to reduce brightness to Dim (50% darker). The detector says "Dim."
2. Press **Dim** again to reduce brightness to Dark (X, K/Ka, VG-2, and SA indicators do not light during an alert and - appears). The detector says "Dark."
3. Press **Dim** a third time to return all indicators to Bright. The detector says "Bright."

### MUTING THE AUDIO ALERT

While the detector sounds an alert signal, press **Mute** to temporarily silence the detector.

The detector automatically turns Mute off 20 seconds after the alert signal stops. To return the detector to normal operation sooner, press **Mute** before the detector resets itself.

### AUTO MUTE MODE

Your detector has Auto Mute Mode which automatically reduces the audio volume of all alerts after 4 seconds for as long as the signal is detected. If the same radar signal is encountered within 10 seconds, the detector maintains a reduced audio-volume.

### TURNING AUTO MUTE ON/OFF

When the detector is in its standby mode, press **Mute** while there is no alert. The detector sounds one beep and the indicator on the display disappears. To turn on auto mute, press **Mute** again. The detector sounds two beeps and the indicator on the display appears.

### SELECTING VG-2 MODES

VG-2 mode is preset to on. To turn off VG-2, hold down **Mute** until you hear "VG-2 Off." To turn on VG-2, hold down **Mute** until you hear "VG-2 On."

### RECEIVING AND IDENTIFYING SIGNALS

When your detector senses a radar signal, **X** or **K/Ka** lights depending on which band is selected. The detector sounds an alert tone corresponding to the type of radar detected and the signal strength appears as a number on the display.



If there is another detector in the vicinity, you might receive false signals.

## THE FCC WANTS YOU TO KNOW

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the *FCC Rules*. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult your local RadioShack store or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.
- If you cannot eliminate the interference, the FCC requires that you stop using your radar detector.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by RadioShack may cause interference and void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

## CARE

Keep the radar detector dry; if it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Handle the radar detector carefully; do not drop it. Keep the radar detector away from dust and dirt, and wipe it with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new.

## SERVICE AND REPAIR

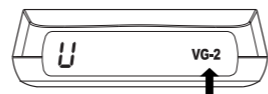
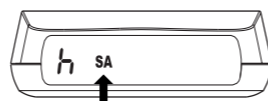
If your radar detector is not performing as it should, take it to your local RadioShack store for assistance. To locate your nearest RadioShack, use the store locator feature on RadioShack's website ([www.radioshack.com](http://www.radioshack.com)), or call 1-800-The Shack (843-7422) and follow the menu options. Modifying or tampering with the radar detector's internal components can cause a malfunction and might invalidate its warranty and void your FCC authorization to operate it. Download from [www.Somanuals.com](http://www.Somanuals.com). All Manuals Search And Download.



**Note**

The closer you get to the source of the radar, the higher the signal strength number increases. When your detector senses a laser signal, **L** flashes on the display and the detector sounds the laser alert tone.

- If your detector senses an X-band, K-band, or Ka-band radar signal, the detector says "X-band detected," "K-band detected," or "Ka-band detected" respectively.
- If your detector senses a safety alert signal, **SA** lights and **E** (emergency band), **h** (road hazard), or **r** (railroad warning) flash and the detector says "Caution, emergency vehicle," "Caution, road hazard," or "Caution, moving train" respectively, depending on the type of signal received.
- If VG-2 is detected, **VG-2** lights and **U** flashes, and the detector sounds a distinctive tone. The detector says "VG-2 detected."



## TUTORIAL MODE

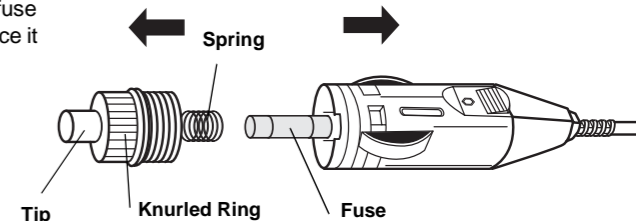
Your detector has a tutorial mode to demonstrate and check the status of all of its alert indicators.

1. To enter Tutorial mode, turn on the detector while holding down **Dim** and **City**. The detector sounds 3 beeps and **t** appears.
2. To select the demonstration for each alert, press **Dim**. The detector displays each alert with its corresponding audio alert. The detector demonstrates the alerts in the following order:
  - X-Band Alert
  - K-Band Alert
  - Ka-Band Alert
  - Pro-Laser Alert
  - Pro-Laser3 Alert
  - LT12020 Laser Alert
  - Ultralyte Laser Alert
  - Emergency Vehicle Alert
  - Road Hazard Alert
  - Railroad Alert
  - VG-2 Alert
3. To exit Tutorial mode, press **City**.

## REPLACING THE FUSE

If the detector stops operating, follow these steps to check the fuse in the power cord's cigarette lighter plug and, if necessary, replace it with a 2 amp, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$  × 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch, fast-acting fuse (supplied).

1. Carefully turn the knurled ring on the cigarette lighter plug counterclockwise to unscrew it.  
  
Take care not to lose the ring, tip, or the spring inside the plug when removing the ring.
2. Remove the ring and tip from the cigarette lighter plug, then remove the old fuse.
3. Check the fuse. If it has blown, replace it.
4. Replace the metal tip inside the ring, make sure the spring is intact, then place the fuse inside the cigarette lighter plug and screw the ring back onto the plug. Make sure the tip is visible when you reassemble the cigarette lighter plug.



### CAUTION

- Using a fuse that does not meet the requirements listed above can damage your detector, the power cable, or the vehicle's electrical system.
- If you must use pliers to loosen the ring, be careful not to crush the ring or the metal tip inside the ring.
- Never use pliers or other tools to retighten the ring on the cigarette lighter plug.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you have problems operating your detector, the suggestions in this section might help. If you cannot solve the problem after trying these suggestions, take your detector to your local RadioShack store for assistance.

| Problem   | Suggestion  |
|---|---|
| <i>The detector does not turn on</i>  | <i>Be sure all power connections are secure.</i><br><i>The cigarette lighter socket might be dirty. Clean it with fine emery cloth to ensure a good, clean connection.</i><br><i>Check the fuse in the power cord's cigarette lighter plug. See "Replacing the Fuse".</i><br><i>Check the fuse that controls power to your vehicle's cigarette-lighter socket. See your vehicle's owner's manual.</i> |
| <i>The detector gives a false alert when you use vehicle accessories such as power windows, motorized mirror, brakes, and so on</i> | <i>Check the vehicle's electrical system for a loose connection, including the main battery cable and alternator connections.</i><br><i>Install a filter capacitor (1000<math>\mu</math>F, 35 volts) on the back of the cigarette lighter socket, across the power connections.</i>   |
| <i>The detector performs the self-test, but does not respond to radar signals when you see a police car.</i>                        | <i>A police car might not be equipped with radar (see the supplied booklet, "Questions and Answers About Vehicle Speed Detection").</i><br><i>Police might be using VASCAR type speed detection (See the supplied booklet, "Questions and Answers About Vehicle Speed Detection").</i>  |
| <i>The detector has poor laser detection range</i>  | <i>Be sure the laser detection lens is not blocked.</i><br><i>Be sure the detector is properly mounted.</i><br><i>Use lens cleaning solution to clean the laser detection lens.</i>   |

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