# PRO-27 20-Channel Programmable Scanner (200-0507) Searching For Active Frequencies

## SEARCHING FOR AND STORING ACTIVE FREQUENCIES

You can set your scanner to search for transmissions:

Within any one of the seven pre-programmed frequency bands (BAND SEARCH).

You can select these bands using the number keys 1-7.

1: 29 - 54 MHz 2:137 - 144 MHz 3:144 - 148 MHz 4:148 - 174 MHz 5:406 - 450 MHz 6:450 - 470 MHz 7:470 - 512 MHz

Starting from a band where you have stored a frequency (DIRECT SEARCH).

Follow these steps to search for active frequencies.

 While the scanner is stopped, enter the channel number where you want to either:

Store a frequency the scanner finds while searching any of the seven preprogrammed bands.

Replace a stored frequency with another frequency the scanner finds while searching the same band as the stored frequency.

NOTE: When you enter a two-digit channel number (10-19), the display shows only one digit at a time. After you press MANUAL, the display shows the full two-digit number. When you enter CH 20, the display shows "0".

2. Press MANUAL then B-SRCH. Then, while K/L, L/O, and WX flash on the display, do either of these things:

Start BAND SEARCH by entering the number of the frequency band you want to search. The scanner searches starting from the selected band's lowest frequency.

Start DIRECT SEARCH by pressing 8/DOWN ARROW to search downward or 9 UP ARROW to search upward. The scanner searches the band that contains the channel you selected.

NOTES: If you do not start band search or direct search while K/L, L/O, and WX flash on the display, the scanner automatically searches the previously searched band.

When the scanner searches upward, the display segments cycle clockwise. When the scanner searches downward, the display segments cycle counterclockwise. While searching, the selected band number (BAND SEARCH) or d (DIRECT SEARCH) briefly appears at each cycle.

To change the frequency band, simply select the desired band

while the scanner is searching.

To change the search direction, press 8/DOWN ARROW or 9/UP ARROW.

3. When the scanner stops on an active frequency, the channel number you selected flashes on the display.

To store the frequency into the selected channel:

 a. Press 0/HOLD to stop the search (hold mode). h (DIRECT SEARCH) or H (BAND SEARCH) appears on the display.

NOTE: If you want to see the frequency, simply press REVIEW.

- b. Press E/WX (Enter). The scanner stores the frequency into the selected channel and its number appears on the display.
- c. Press B-SRCH then 8/DOWN ARROW or 9/UP ARROW to continue the search after storing the frequency.

To continue the search without storing the frequency, you can either:

- Release the hold mode by simply pressing 0/HOLD (to continue search in the same direction).
- Press and hold 8/DOWN ARROW or 9 UP ARROW for about 1 second (to change the direction of search).

NOTE: To store the frequency into another channel, press REVIEW to see the frequency and determine which band the frequency is in. Then repeat Steps 1-4 to search the band again for the frequency and store it in the new channel.

# MANUALLY STORING FREQUENCIES

You can manually store a frequency into each of the 20 channels. Radio Shack sells some good references for active frequencies, such as "Police Call Radio Guide Including Fire and Emergency Services," "Official Maritime Frequency Directory" and "Official Aeronautical Frequency Directory,"

Radio Shack updates these directories every year, so be sure to get a current copy.

Follow these steps to manually store frequencies.

- While the scanner is stopped, enter the channel number where you want to store a frequency, then press MANUAL. The desired channel number appears on the display.
- 2. Enter the desired frequency, including the decimal point.

NOTES: The decimal point appears as a dash (-) on the display.

To confirm the frequency you entered before you store it, press REVIEW. The frequency appears on the display, one digit at a time, then the selected channel number reappears.

3. Press E/WX (enter) to store the frequency into the selected channel.

NOTES: To confirm the frequency you stored, press REVIEW. The stored frequency appears on the display, one digit at a time.

If you make a mistake in Step 2, E (error) appears on the display. If this happens press DOT/CLEAR and repeat Steps 2 and 3.

4. To program the next channel in sequence, press MANUAL then repeat Steps 2 and 3.

NOTES: VHF band frequencies (30-300 MHz) are found at .005 MHz steps. UHF band frequencies (300-3000 MHz) are found at .0025 MHz steps.

When you enter a frequency, the scanner automatically rounds it to the nearest valid number. For example, if you enter the frequency 151.473 MHz, you scanner rounds it up to 151.475 MHz.

Without battery or external adapter power, the scanner protects the frequencies stored in memory for about 60 minutes.

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To monitor a channel while scanning, press MANUAL, enter the channel number, then press MANUAL again.

NOTE: When you enter CH1 to CH19, the display shows the channel number which you enter. When you enter CH20, the display shows "0."

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### LOCKING OUT CHANNELS

You can set your scanner to scan more efficiently by locking out channels you do not want to monitor, such as channels with a continuous transmission.

Enter the channel number you want to lock out and press MANUAL. Then press LOCKOUT so L/O appears on the display.

NOTES: You can still manually select locked out channels.

You cannot lock out all channels.

To unlock a channel, manually select the channel and press LOCKOUT so L/O disappears.

## LISTENING TO THE WEATHER BAND

The FCC (Federal Communications Commission) has allocated eleven channels for use by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Your scanner is preprogrammed with seven frequencies available to NOAA.

162.400 MHz 162.500 MHz 162.425 MHz 162.525 MHz 162.450 MHz 162.550 MHz 162.475 MHz

To hear your local forecast and regional weather information, simply press E/WX. Your scanner scans through the weather band and stops on an active broadcast. WX appears on the display. If a broadcast is weak, press E/WX again to continue scanning the weather band.

# USING THE KEYLOCK

After you program your scanner, you can protect it from accidental program changes by turning on the keylock feature. When the keylock is on, the only controls you can use are SCAN, MANUAL, KEYLOCK, VOLUME/OFF, and SQUELCH.

To turn on the keylock, press KEYLOCK until K/L appears on the display. To turn it off, press KEYLOCK until K/L disappears.

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