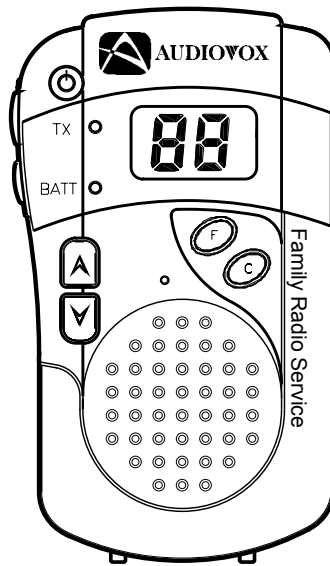




**Owner's Manual**  
**Model FR-230**  
**Two Way Family Radio**



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Rev D 5/27/99 3rd production-removed batt low indicator from all functions except low batt condition, added dim verticle bar flash on pwr save, beep tones on function button press.

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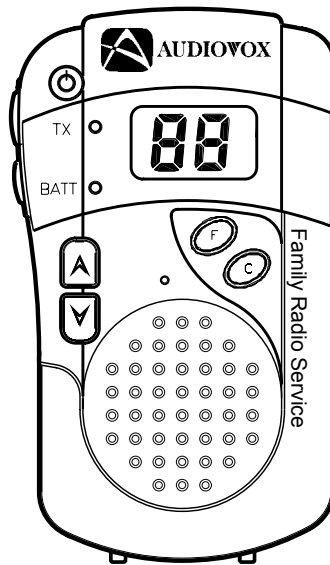
BEFORE OPERATING YOUR FR-230 (FAMILY RADIO)  
READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY

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## ■ FEATURES

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Your FR-230 Family Radio is a portable, easy to use, two-way radio that you can carry almost anywhere. It is skillfully constructed to give you reliable communications for many different applications. The FR-230 is ideal for use around the house, in your boat, on hunting and camping trips, on the ski slopes or at the mall.



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**■ PERFORMANCE**

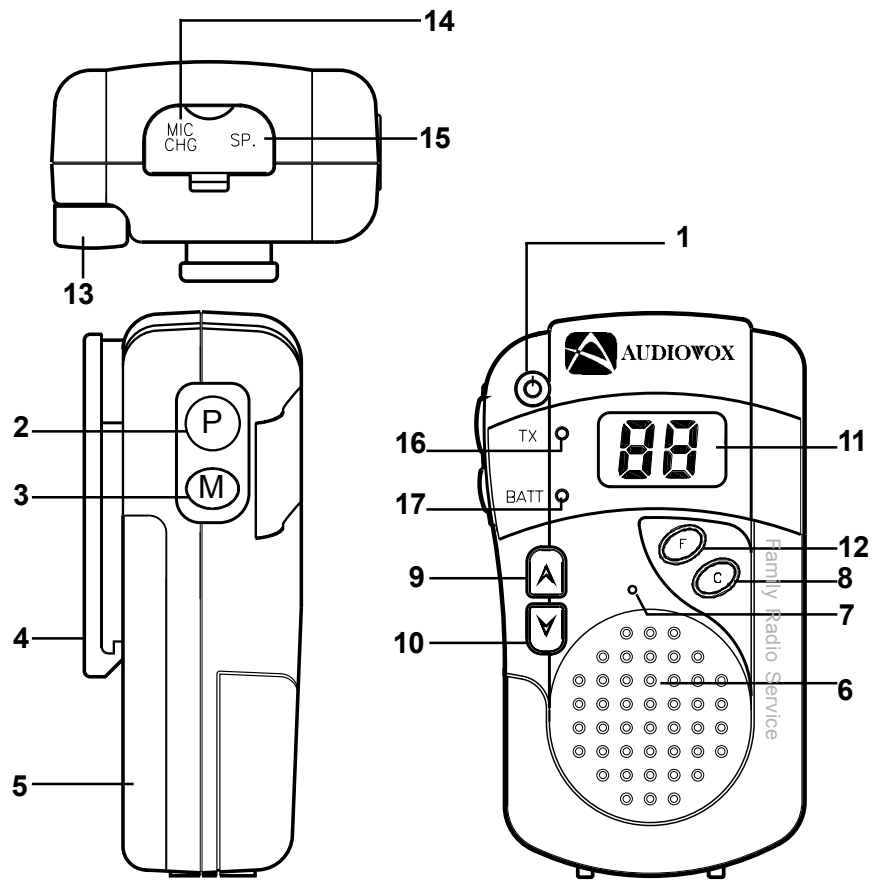
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Your transceiver will achieve its maximum operating range when communicating with other transceiver(s) in a flat open area with no trees or buildings obstructing its signal. Range may be up to two miles under such conditions. Obstacles such as buildings, trees or mountains will tend to reduce the transceiver's effective range.

**FCC WARNING**

Replacement or substitution of transistors, diodes or other parts of a unique nature, with parts other than those recommended by the manufacturer, may cause a violation of the technical regulations of Part 15 of FCC Rules.

**FUNCTION AND LOCATION OF THE CONTROLS**

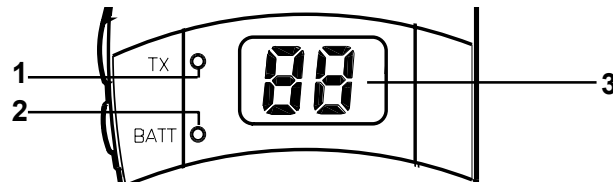


1. **Power Button:** Press and hold this button for 2 seconds to turn the transceiver on or off.
2. **Push-to-Talk Button:** Press to transmit. Release to receive.
3. **Monitor Button:** Press and hold to bypass the squelch and listen to channel activity.
4. **Belt Clip**
5. **Battery Compartment**
6. **Speaker**
7. **Microphone**
8. **Call Button:** Press and hold this button to send a ringing sound to other radios tuned to the same channel.
9. **Up Button:** Press this button to increase the volume or channel setting.
10. **Down Button:** Press this button to decrease the volume or channel setting.
11. **LED Display:** Displays the current FRS channel number.
12. **Function Select Button:** Press this button to change the channel setting
13. **Antenna:** Rotate counterclockwise when transceiver is in use
14. **Microphone / Charger Jack:** For use with an external microphone / PTT button and optional battery charger.
15. **Speaker Jack:** For use with an Audiovox approved headset accessory only.
16. **Transmit Indicator:** Illuminates while transmitting
17. **Low Battery Indicator:** Illuminates when the battery level is low.

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## ■ LED DISPLAY AND OPERATION

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The FR-230 is equipped with an LED display to indicate its settings and functions. Pressing the P (Push-to-Talk), monitor, function select or call buttons, will illuminate the display. The display will remain lit for 5 seconds after any of these buttons is pressed.

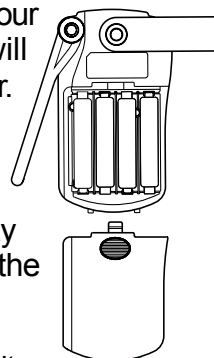
- 1    ○    Illuminates red when transmitting
- 2    ○    Illuminates green when the battery power is low.
- 3    **88**    Displays the current channel number (1 to 14).

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## ■ BATTERY INSTALLATION

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Your FR-230 requires four “AAA” alkaline cells or four rechargeable “AAA” cells. Alkaline batteries will provide the best performance from your transceiver. Remove the battery cover by rotating the belt clip away from the battery compartment. Slide the battery cover downward while applying pressure at its grooved section. Observe the polarity symbols inside the battery tray when installing the batteries.



### **CAUTION:**

- Incorrect battery installation can damage the unit.
- The microphone / charger jack is intended for use with Audiovox approved charging accessories only. Refer to the documentation included with the battery charger.
- Never attempt to charge alkaline batteries with the optional battery charger.

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## ■ BATTERY SAVER MODE

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Your FR-230 has a unique circuit designed to dramatically extend the life of its batteries. After five seconds of inactivity, the FR-230 will switch to battery saver mode. While in battery saver mode, the transceiver will remain ready to receive any incoming transmissions. A vertical bar on the display will flash dimly while the battery saver mode is active. Pressing any of the buttons, except the up or down buttons will exit the battery saver mode and illuminate the display.



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## ■ USING YOUR FR-230

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### **Turning the Transceiver on**

Pressing the power button for 2 seconds will activate the unit. The speaker will play a conformation beep tone to confirm the transceiver's activation. To turn the unit off, simply press and hold the power button for 2 seconds. The unit will confirm its shutdown with another beep tone.

### **Button Conformation Tones**

Whenever, the up, down or function select buttons are pressed, the speaker will play a tone to confirm each press. When adjusting the volume or channel number, the tone will correspond to the current setting, the lower the tone, the lower the setting. A unique tone will indicate that the limit of adjustment has been reached.

### **Low Battery Alert**

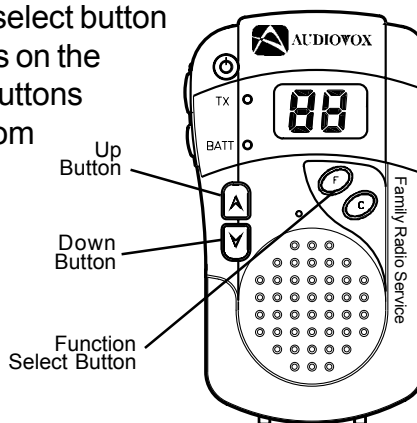
When the batteries are in need of replacement or charging, the low battery indicator LED will flash once every ½ second and the transceiver will sound a double beep to alert the user.

### **Function Select Button**

Pressing this button will allow selection of the channel number. This will be indicated by the slow flashing of the channel number display and will be confirmed with a beep tone. If no buttons are pressed for 5 seconds, the unit will return to standby mode and the channel display will turn off. Pressing the function select button again or pressing the P (Push To Talk) or monitor buttons will also return to the standby mode. A beep tone will indicate that the unit has returned to standby mode

### To Select a Channel

Press and release the function select button until the channel number flashes on the display. Use the up and down buttons to select the desired channel from 1 to 14. A unique tone will be played to confirm each channel selected and the current channel setting will be shown on the display. When the highest or lowest channel is reached, the channel setting will wrap to the opposite limit of adjustment.



Holding the up or down buttons will rapidly advance through the channels.

### Call Signals

When the call button is pressed, the FR-230 will transmit a three-second ringing sound to other transceiver's tuned to the same channel. This feature can be used to signal other parties that voice communication is desired.

### **To Transmit**

1. Set the desired channel.
2. Press and hold the P (Push-to-Talk) button while speaking slowly and clearly in a normal voice, approximately 2 to 3 inches from the microphone.
3. The transmit indicator will illuminate while transmitting.
4. Release the P (Push-to-Talk) button when you finish speaking to receive incoming signals.

### **To Receive.**

1. Set the desired channel.
2. Adjust the volume control to the desired listening volume by using the up and down buttons while listening to the button conformation tones
3. The transceiver will play strong signals through its internal speaker or through a headset if so equipped.

### **Monitor Function**

The monitor button can be used to play all signals present on a channel. This is useful when communicating with other parties at extreme range.

The monitor function can be locked on by pressing its button for three seconds. When the monitor lock has been activated, the LED display will flash and a conformation tone will be heard. Pressing the monitor button a second time will unlock the monitor function.

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**■ WARNING**

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Remove the batteries from the transceiver if it is not expected to be used for long periods. This will eliminate the possibility of battery acid leaking from the batteries and corroding the transceiver.

Avoid exposing the unit to water or extremes of temperature.

Do not use this device in or near a mining facility, which uses remotely triggered explosives or in areas labeled "Blasting Area". Premature or accidental detonation may result.

Do not attempt to modify or in any way increase the output of this transceiver. Its output is designed to meet the legal limits set by the FCC.

Do not use this device or change its batteries in potentially explosive atmospheres as sparks in such areas could result in an explosion.

Turn your transceiver off wherever posted notices restrict the use of radios or cellular telephones. Facilities such as hospitals may use equipment that is sensitive to RF energy.

Turn your transceiver off on-board aircraft when requested to do so.

Do not place your transceiver in front of a vehicle's air-bag. If the air-bag deploys, it could propel the transceiver like a projectile.

This transceiver complies with F.C.C. regulations for use in the United States. Use in other countries may be prohibited or restricted by local regulation. Please check with the local regulating agency before using this device outside of the United States.

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**■ SPECIFICATIONS\***

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Channels: 14  
Output Power: 500 mW ERP  
Battery Life  
    Alkaline: 30 - 35 Hours  
Power Source: 6.0V DC

\* These specifications are subject to change without notice.  
They represent typical values, individual units may vary.

**Channel Frequencies:**

<b>Channel</b>	<b>MHz</b>	<b>Channel</b>	<b>MHz</b>
1	462.5625	8	467.5625
2	462.5875	9	467.5875
3	462.6125	10	467.6125
4	462.6375	11	467.6375
5	462.6625	12	467.6625
6	462.6875	13	467.6875
7	462.7125	14	467.7125

## **90 DAY LIMITED WARRANTY**

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