

General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) Model: GMRS121-2



Owner's Manual



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SAFETY INFORMATION

Your wireless hand-held portable transceiver contains a low power transmitter. When the PTT button is pushed (or the VOX mode is enabled) it sends out radio frequency (RF) signals. The device is authorized to operate at a duty factor not to exceed 50%. In August 1996, the Federal Communications Commissions (FCC) adopted RF exposure guidelines with safety levels for hand-held wireless devices.

Important: To maintain compliance with the FCC's RF exposure guidelines hold the transmitter at least 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) from your face and speak in a normal voice, with the antenna pointed up and away. If you wear the handset on your body while using the headset accessory, use only the Audiovox supplied carry clip for this product and ensure that the antenna is at least 1 inch (2.5 centimeters) from your body when transmitting. Use only the supplied antenna. **Do not use your transceiver with a damaged antenna.** Unauthorized antennas, modifications, or attachments could damage the transmitter and may violate FCC regulations.

Performance:

Your transceiver will only achieve its maximum operating range when communicating with other transceivers across open and flat areas or between elevated points. Normally occurring environmental factors such as buildings, trees, terrain and weather, or interference from other radio or electrical equipment, may have adverse effects on the transceiver's effective range. These are not indicative of a fault condition.

Avoid placing the GMRS121-2 radio transceiver for prolonged periods of time in direct sunlight or temperatures below $-4^{\circ}F(-20^{\circ}C)$ or above $140^{\circ}F$ ($60^{\circ}C$).

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WARNINGS:

Battery Care

Never attempt to charge alkaline or dry cell batteries, as batteries may burst causing personal injury and damage to the product.

Battery Disposal

In general, if handled improperly, batteries pose a risk of fire or burns. Do not disassemble, crush, puncture, short external contacts, or dispose of the batteries in fire or water. Dispose of the batteries in a environmentally safe manner and recycle whenever possible.

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.

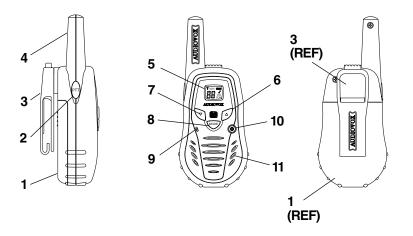
GMRS LICENSE:

USE OF THIS RADIO WITHIN THE UNITED STATES REQUIRES AN FCC GMRS LICENSE. AN INDIVIDUAL 18 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, WHO IS NOT A REPRESENTATAIVE OF A FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR A GMRS SYSTEM LICENSE. YOU WILL NEED TWO FORMS FROM THE FCC: FCC FORM 159, AND FCC FORM 605 (MAIN FORM AND SCHEDULE F). YOU CAN FIND THE FORMS ONLINE AT: HTTP://WWW.FCC.GOV/FORMPAGE.HTML, OR CALL 1-800-418-3676.

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Model GMRS121-2 (FCC License Required)



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- 1. Battery Cover
- 2. Push-To-Talk (PTT) and Function Confirmation Button
- 3. Detachable Carry Clip
- 4. Antenna
- 5. Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)
- 6. Up Channel/Volume Button
- 7. Down Channel/Volume Button
- 8. MODE Button
- 9. Built-in Microphone
- 10. Power On/Off and SCAN Button
- 11. Built-in Speaker

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Model GMRS120 DISPLAY



- **1. Busy Indicator:** This icon appears when the unit is receiving a transmission.
- **2. Transmit Indicator:** Icon appears when the unit is in the transmit mode (PTT button activated or VOX mode active).
- **3. Large Segment Display:** Indicates the channel number in use between 1 and 22.
- **4. Scan Indicator:** This function allows the user to scan a channel every 0.5 second to search for a valid signal.
- 5. Battery Level Indicator: Icon indicates the battery charge level.
- **6.** Roger Beep Tone Indicator: This icon appears when the Roger Beep tone is on, and disapppears when the tone is not in use.
- **7. Voice Activated Transmission (VOX) Indicator:** This function allows hands-free conversation. The icon appears when the VOX mode is activated.

Equipment and Accessories Supplied

1. Radio (2)

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Powering the transceiver:

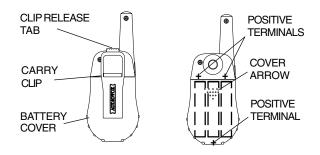
Your GMRS121-2 radio transceiver operates on three AAA Alkaline batteries.

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Installing the batteries:

Battery installation is made more convenient when the carry clip is rotated either left or right to the upside-down position, or is removed completely. Simply rotate the clip in either direction to the vertical position. Be careful not to use excessive force. To remove the clip, press down on the the release tab and pull the clip straight out from the radio body. Next, press down with the thumb at the embossed arrow, slide the battery cover down and lift it away from the compartment. Insert three AAA batteries (alternate positive ends (+) toward the top of the transceiver, starting left-to-right).



1. Using thumb, press down on battery cover at arrow and slide cover down. 2. Then lift cover at bottom to open. Remove cover.

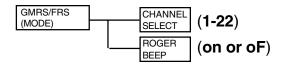
3. Insert three AAA batteries (positive (+) end toward the top begining at left side and alternating positive terminals as shown).

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128-7005 7 of 20 The following guidelines will improve performance and provide longer operating times for the GMRS121-2:

- 1. Do not mix old and new batteries.
- 2. The use of alkaline-type batteries is recommended to provide the longest operating time.
- 3. Do not mix alkaline, standard (carbon-zinc) or rechargeable batteries.
- 4. If the unit is not to be used for an extended period of time, remove the batteries. Old or leaking batteries can cause damage to the unit and will void the warranty.

GMRS121-2 OPERATIONAL MODES



NOTE: Refer to the appropriate section of this manual for detailed operating instructions for each mode. Channels 1 through 7 are shared GMRS/FRS. Channels 8 through 14 are FRS only, and channels 15 through 22 are GMRS only.

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Controls:

Power On-Off/SCAN Button (10)

Press and hold the PWR on/off button for at least 2 seconds. You will hear a confirming melody to indicate the unit is on. To turn the unit off, press and hold the button for at least 2 seconds.

Adjusting the Volume (6, 7)

With the unit powered on, press the Up Channel/Volume button (\blacktriangle) to increase volume and the Down Channel/Volume button (\blacktriangledown) to decrease volume. The display will indicate the current volume level (\lor) followed by the number (1-7). As volume is increased upward, the unit will beep at each step, and vice-versa. When the minimum and maximum volume settings are reached, a unique tone will sound.

Monitoring a Call

Whenever an incoming call occurs, the BUSY icon will apppear on the display and you will hear static if frequency is clear. **Do not transmit if you hear conversation.** The monitor function will temporarily bypass the squelch setting and play all signals on a given channel. This feature is useful when communicating with other parties at extreme range.

Push To Talk (PTT) Button (2)

Pressing and holding this button will allow you to speak to any transceiver that is set to the same channel as yours. Hold the transceiver approximately 1 to 2 inches from your face as you speak into the built in microphone (9). After you have finished speaking, release the PTT Button to allow reception of incoming signals. It is not possible to transmit and receive at the same time. Whenever the button is pressed, the transmit signal icon (Ψ) will appear in the upper left corner of the display. Releasing the button allows the unit to revert to standby mode. When receiving an incoming signal, the BUSY icon will appear.

The PTT Button can also be used as a two-way call ringer. Pressing the button twice quickly will call another party on the same channel. The transmit icon (Ψ) will be displayed for 3 seconds and then disappear.

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Up Channel/Volume Button (6)

In the standby mode, pressing this button will increment the listening volume. When in function edit mode this button will be used to adjust the unit's settings.

Down Channel/Volume Button (7)

In the standby mode, pressing this button will decrement the listening volume. When in function edit mode this button will be used to adjust the unit's settings.

MODE Button (8)

This button is used to select various feature settings in the GMRS and FRS modes.

Scan Button (10)

With the unit in standby mode, press the Power On/Off Button momentarily to enable or disable the scan function; **SCAN** will appear on the display.

Operating Modes and Features

GRMS/FRS Operation:

- Press and hold the Power On/Off button for 2 seconds to turn on power.
- Press the MODE button so the Channel number flashes.
- Select the desired channel with the Up (6) and Down (7) Buttons. When receiving a call, the BUSY icon appears to indicate an incoming call.
- Press and hold the PTT button (2) to transmit, then speak into the microphone clearly and slowly. The Transmit icon (Ψ) appears on the display while the button is pressed.
- Release PTT Button (2) to receive.
- Communication can only be accomplished when the channel of at least two parties are the same.

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Channel Selection

In order to communicate with other GMRS/FRS units, both the transmitting and receiving party must be on the same frequency.

The GMRS121-2 has 22 channels (frequencies) indicated by the large digits on the LCD display panel. Channels 1 through 7 are the shared GMRS/FRS channels. Channels 8-14 are FRS only channels, while channels 15-22 are assigned GMRS only channels. Communication with Audiovox GMRS/FRS and compatible units is possible on these 22 channels. Before transmitting on the selected channel, check the activity on that channel. If there is activity on the selected channel (BUSY icon is displayed), change to another channel that is clear.

To change the channel:

- From GMRS/FRS standby mode, press the MODE button (8) once; the channel number flashes.
- Press the Up Button (6) briefly to move to the next higher main channel number.
- Press the Down Button (7) briefly to move to the next lower main channel number.
- Press the PTT button momentarily to confirm selection.

Roger Beep Tone

The Roger Beep is a tone which is automatically transmitted whenever the PTT button is released and the tone is enabled. This tone alerts the receiving party that the transmission has been terminated intentionally. To enable and disable the Roger Beep tone:

- From GMRS/FRS standby mode, press the MODE Button 2 times until the flashing Roger Beep icon (J) appears with **on** or **oF**.
- Press the Up or Down Button to select the tone on or off as desired.
- When enabled, the tone icon (J) appears steady on the display.
- Press the PTT button momentarily to confirm selection.

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VOX Selection Mode

This option enables you to have hands-free conversation. When using the internal microphone/speaker, your voice or the signal is detected and the radio transmits and receives automatically. Your voice or nearby sound is detected and the radio transmits without the need to press the PTT button.

To set the radio for VOX operation:

- From GMRS/FRS standby mode, press and hold the MODE button for 2 seconds, or until the **VOX** icon appears on the display.
- To terminate VOX operation, press and hold the MODE button for at least 2 seconds; the VOX indication will disappear.

Button Beep (Key Tone)

This feature allows the transceiver to sound a confirmation tone whenever the following keys are pressed: Power On/Off/SCAN Button, Up/Down Buttons and MODE Button. This feature is always on.

Call Ringer Selection Mode

The transceiver provides a transmit call ring melody at the receiving unit to alert you to an incoming call.

To activate the call ringer melody:

- From GMRS/FRS standby mode, press the PTT button twice in quick succession; a call ring melody will sound at the receiving unit to alert the user to an incoming transmission, provided that unit is equipped with this capability and is set to the same channel.

Channel Scan Operation

This feature allows you to monitor all channels automatically for valid signals. While scanning, you can transmit and receive. When a signal is received, the scan is interrupted and will return to scan mode approximately 5 seconds after reception is terminated.

NOTE: In addition, the scan mode will reduce the overall battery life since the battery save function is overridden.

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To enable the channel scan mode:

- From GMRS/FRS standby mode, momentarily press the Power On/Off Button; **SCAN** will appear on the LCD display.
- The radio will automatically display each channel (1-22) in ascending order to find an active main channel.
- When the unit doesn't find any signals and you want to transmit, press the PTT Button to return to primary channel operation. The transceiver will automatically resume scanning approximately 10 seconds after the communication is completed.
- If there is no activity and you want to leave the scan mode, press the Power On/Off button momentarily and the unit will return to normal operation; the **SCAN** icon will disappear from the LCD display.

Battery Alert

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NOTES FOR GOOD COMMUNICATION

- The 22 channels of the GMRS121-2 are shared on a 'take turns' basis. This means other groups may be talking on any of the channels. A common code of ethics/courtesy is to switch to another vacant channel and not to attempt to talk over someone who is already using the channel you first selected.
- 2. The GMRS121-2 has been designed to maximize performance and improve transmission range in the field. To avoid interference, it is recommended that you do not use the units closer than 5 feet apart.
- 3. For best transmission results, always keep your mouth about 2-3 inches from the microphone (9) and speak slowly in a normal voice.
- To increase battery life, use the SCAN feature sparingly. This feature will reduce operating time considerably.
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Warning

- Do not operate the transceiver unless you are licensed to do so.
- Remove the batteries from the transceiver if it is not expected to be used for long periods. This will eliminate the possibility of chemicals leaking from the batteries and corroding the transceiver.
- Avoid exposing the transceiver 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 radio in front of a vehicle's air-bag. If the air-bag deploys, it could propel the transceiver like a projectile causing bodily injury.

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Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible cause	Correction	
No transmission while pressing the PTT Button	Weak batteries Incorrect battery polarity	Replace batteries Install the batteries using the directions for correct battery installation.	
Weak or no signal received	Weak batteries Channel not set the same as target transceiver	Replace batteries Adjust the transceiver's settings to match those settings of the target transceiver	
	Volume level too low PTT Button inadvertently depressed	Increase volume level Release PTT Button	
	Excessive radio interference on a particular channel Obstruction of radio signal	Change to a different channel Avoid operating in or near large buildings or vehicles	
Unit beeps, but will not function when turned on	Batteries extremely discharged	Replace batteries	
Reception of unwanted signals	Interference from electronic devices such as computers or TVs	Turn the devices off or move farther away from them.	

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Technical Specifications:

General

Frequency Range: Channels 1 through 7 are shared with FRS radios. Channels 8 through 14 are FRS only. Channels 15 through 22 are GMRS only. Channel Spacing Dimensions (W x H x D) (Without Antenna)

Power Supply

Power Source Operating Time (Transmit: Receive: Standby) (5: 5: 90 ratio) (Based on alkaline batteries)

Receiver

Useable Sensitivity Maximum Audio Output Power Modulation Distortion

Transmitter

RF Output Power

Maximum Deviation Modulation Distortion Refer to frequency chart on next page.

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Refer to frequency chart on next page. 12.5kHz 1.96" W x 3.31" H x 1.10" D (49.8 mm x 84.0 mm x 28.0 mm)

Alkaline Batteries, AAA (3), 4.5 VDC 30 hours

>-119 dBm > 0.3 Watt maximum (8 Ohm) < 5% (1 kHz 70%)

1.8 Watts maximum (high power) 0.5 Watt maximum (low power) +/- 2.5 kHz < 5% (1 kHz 70%)

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1	GMRS/FRS	462.5625	12	FRS	467.6625
2	GMRS/FRS	462.5875	13	FRS	467.6875
3	GMRS/FRS	462.6125	14	FRS	467.7125
4	GMRS/FRS	462.6375	15	GMRS	462.5500
5	GMRS/FRS	462.6625	16	GMRS	462.5750
6	GMRS/FRS	462.6875	17	GMRS	462.6000
7	GMRS/FRS	462.7125	18	GMRS	462.6250
8	FRS	467.5625	19	GMRS	462.6500
9	FRS	467.5875	20	GMRS	462.6750
10	FRS	467.6125	21	GMRS	462.7000
11	FRS	467.6375	22	GMRS	462.7250

Main Channel Frequencies:

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15 CHANNEL GMRS	22 CHANNEL FRS/GMRS			
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3	3			
4	4			
5	5			
6	6			
7	7			
CHANNELS NOT AVAILABLE	8			
INN	9			
ELS	10			
NOT	11			
AVA	12			
JILA	13			
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14 CHANNEL FRS	22 CHANNEL FRS/GMRS		
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NOTE WHEN USING RADIOS PRODUCED BY OTHER MANUFACTURERS, COMPARE CHANNEL FREQUENCIES FOR COMPATIBILITY.

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90 DAY LIMITED WARRANTY

Applies to Audiovox Family Radio and General Mobile Service Products.

AUDIOVOX CORPORATION (the Company) warrants to the original retail purchaser of this product that should this product or any part thereof, under normal use and conditions, be proven defective in material or workmanship within 90 days from the date of original purchase, such defect(s) will be repaired or replaced with new or reconditioned product (at the Company's option) without charge for parts and repair labor.

To obtain repair or replacement within the terms of this Warranty, the product is to be delivered with proof of warranty coverage (e.g. dated bill of sale), specification of defect(s), transportation prepaid, to the warranty center at the address shown below.

The Company disclaims liability for communications range of this product.

This Warranty does not apply to any product or part thereof which, in the opinion of the Company, has suffered or been damaged through alteration, improper installation, mishandling, misuse, neglect, accident, or by removal or defacement of the factory serial number/ bar code label(s). THE EXTENT OF THE COMPANY'S LIABILITY UNDER THIS WARRANTY IS LIMITED TO THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT PROVIDED ABOVE AND, IN NO EVENT, SHALL THE COMPANY'S LIABILITY EXCEED THE PURCHASE PRICE PAID BY PURCHASER FOR THE PRODUCT.

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