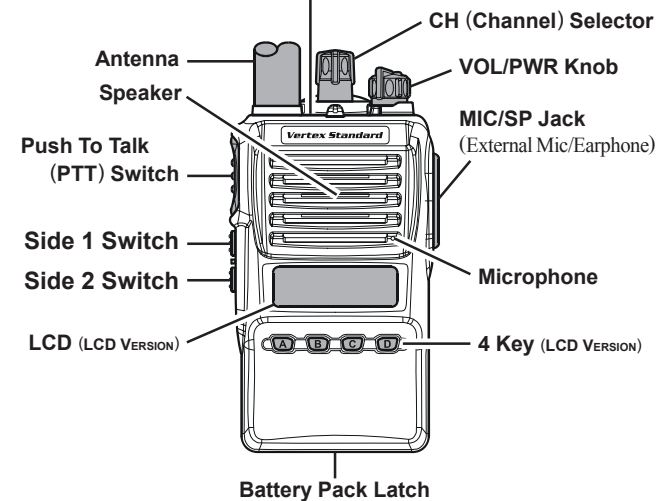


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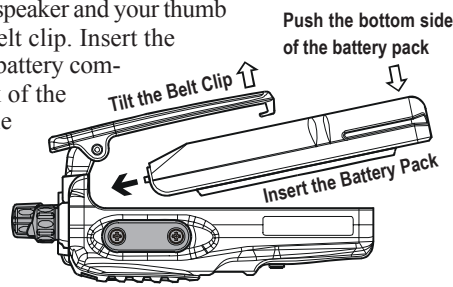
| LED Indicator | |
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| Glows Green | Monitor on (or Side 1, or 2 switch is activated: Non-LCD version) |
| Blinking Green | Busy Channel (or SQL off) |
| Glows Red | Transmitting |
| Blinking Red | Battery Voltage is Low |
| Yellow | Receiving a Selective Call |



Before You Begin

BATTERY PACK INSTALLATION AND REMOVAL

- To install the battery, hold the transceiver with your left hand, so your palm is over the speaker and your thumb is on the top of the belt clip. Insert the battery pack into the battery compartment on the back of the radio while tilting the Belt Clip outward, then push the bottom side of the battery pack until the battery pack locks with the Battery Pack Latch.
- To remove the battery, turn the radio off and remove any protective cases. Slide the Battery Pack Latch on the bottom of the radio, then slide the battery downward and out from the radio while holding the Belt Clip.



Caution!
Do not attempt to open any of the rechargeable Lithium-Ion packs, as they could explode if accidentally short-circuited.

LOW BATTERY INDICATION

As the battery discharges during use, the voltage gradually becomes lower. When the battery voltage becomes to low, substitute a freshly charged battery and recharge the depleted pack. When the battery voltage is low, the **TX/BUSY** indicator on the top of the radio will blink **red** and "Battery Indicator" on the LCD will blink on the LCD version. Furthermore, if your Dealer sets the "Low Battery Alert" feature into the transceiver, an alert beeper will sound when the battery voltage is low.

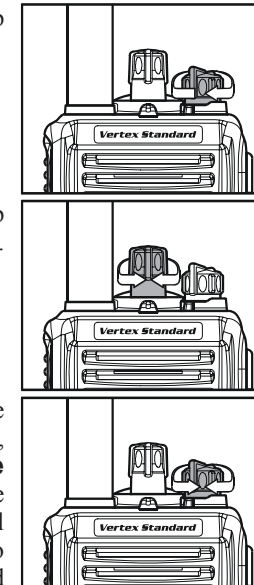
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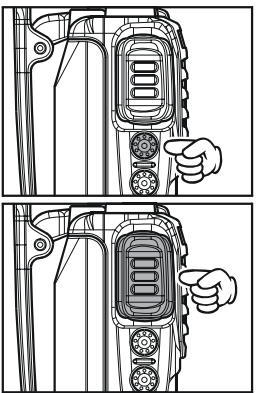
- Install a charged battery pack onto the transceiver, as described previously.
- Screw the supplied antenna onto the Antenna jack. Never attempt to operate this transceiver without an antenna connected.
- If you have a Speaker/Microphone, we recommend that it not be connected until you are familiar with the basic operation of the **VX-350**.

OPERATION QUICK START

- Turn the top panel's **VOL/PWR** knob clockwise to turn on the radio on.
- Turn the top panel's **CH** selector knob to choose the desired operating channel.
- Rotate the **VOL/PWR** knob to set the volume level. If no signal is present, press and hold in the **Programmable** key assigned to "SQL OFF" for more than one second; background noise will now be heard, and you may use this to set the **VOL/PWR** knob for the desired audio level.



- Press and hold in the **Programmable** key assigned to "SQL OFF" for more than one second (or press the key twice) to quiet the noise and resume normal (quiet) monitoring.



- To transmit, monitor the channel and make sure it is clear.

THIS IS AN FCC REQUIREMENT!

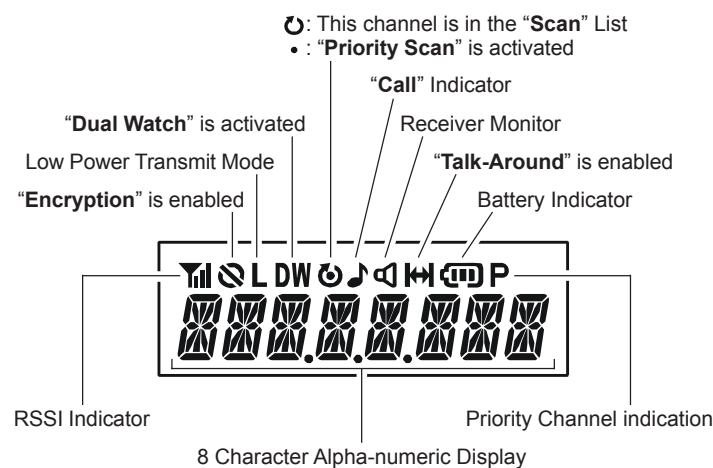
- To transmit, press and hold in the **PTT** switch. Speak into the microphone area of the front panel grille (lower right-hand corner) in a normal voice level. To return to the Receive mode, release the **PTT** switch.
- If a Speaker/Microphone is available, remove the plastic cap and its two mounting screws from the right side of the transceiver, then insert the plug from the Speaker/Microphone into the **MIC/SP** jack; secure the plug using the screws supplied with the Speaker/Microphone. Hold the speaker grille up next to your ear while receiving. To transmit, press the **PTT** switch on the Speaker/Microphone, just as you would on the main transceiver's body.

Note: Save the original plastic cap and its mounting screws. They should be re-installed when not using the Speaker/Microphone.

Accessories & Options

| | |
|------------------|--|
| FNB-V95LI | 7.4 V 1800 mAh Lithium-Ion Battery |
| FNB-V96LI | 7.4 V 2000 mAh Lithium-Ion Battery |
| VAC-300 | Desktop Rapid Charger |
| VAC-6300 | 6-unit Multi Charger |
| PA-42 | AC Adapter (for VAC-300) |
| PA-41 | AC Adapter (for VAC-6300) |
| MH-45B4B | Speaker/Microphone |
| MH-360S | Speaker/Microphone |
| MH-450S | Speaker/Microphone |
| VC-25 | VOX Headset |
| VCM-2 | Vehicle Charger Mount Adapter (for VAC-300) |
| FVP-25 | Encryption/DTMF pager Unit |
| FVP-35 | Encryption Unit (Rolling code voice scrambler) |
| FVP-36 | Encryption Unit |
| VME-100 | MDC1200®/GE-Star® ANI Encoder Unit |
| ATU-6A | Rubber Antenna 400-430 MHz |
| ATU-6B | Rubber Antenna 420-450 MHz |
| ATU-6C | Rubber Antenna 440-470 MHz |
| ATU-6D | Rubber Antenna 450-485 MHz |
| ATU-6F | Rubber Antenna 485-520 MHz |
| ATV-6XL | Rubber Antenna 134-174 MHz (Untuned) |
| ATV-8A | Rubber Antenna 134-151 MHz |
| ATV-8B | Rubber Antenna 150-163 MHz |
| ATV-8C | Rubber Antenna 161-174 MHz |
| CLIP-18 | Belt Clip |
| CE86 | Programming Software |
| FIF-10A | USB Programming Interface |
| CT-106 | PC Programming Cable (for FIF-10A) |

Display Icons & Indicators (LCD Version)



Important Notice for North American Users Regarding 406 MHz Guard Band

The U.S. Coast Guard and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration have requested the cooperation of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission in preserving the integrity of the protected frequency range 406.0 to 406.1 MHz, which is reserved for use by distress beacons. Do not attempt to program this apparatus, under any circumstances, for operation in the frequency range 406.0 - 406.1 MHz if the apparatus is to be used in or near North America.

Warning - Frequency band 406 - 406.1 MHz is reserved for use ONLY as a distress beacon by the US Coast Guard and NOAA. Under no circumstance should this frequency band be part of the preprogrammed operating frequencies of this radio.

SAFETY TRAINING INFORMATION

This Radio has been tested and complies with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) RF exposure limits for Occupational Use/Controlled exposure environment. In addition, it complies with the following Standards and Guidelines:

- FCC 96-326, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radio-Frequency Radiation.
- FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01 (1997) Supplement C, Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields.
- ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1992, IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3kHz to 300 GHz.
- ANSI/IEEE C95.3-1992, IEEE Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Potentially Hazardous Electromagnetic Fields-RF and Microwave.

WARNING: This radio generates RF electromagnetic energy during transmit mode. This radio is designed for and classified as **Occupational Use Only**, meaning it must be used only during the course of employment by individuals aware of the hazards, and the ways to minimize such hazards. This radio is not intended for use by the **General Population** in an uncontrolled environment.

CAUTION: To ensure that your exposure to RF electromagnetic energy is within the FCC allowable limits for occupational use, always adhere to the following guidelines:

- This radio is **NOT** approved for use by the general population in an uncontrolled environment. This radio is restricted to occupational use, work related operations only where the radio operator must have the knowledge to control its RF exposure conditions.
- When transmitting, hold the radio in a vertical position with its microphone 1 to 2 inches (2.5 to 5 cm) away from your mouth and keep the antenna at least 1 inch (2.5cm) away from your head and body.

- The radio must be used with a maximum operating duty cycle not exceeding 50 %, in typical Push-to-Talk (PTT) configurations. **DO NOT** transmit for more than 50 % of total radio use time (50 % duty cycle). Transmitting more than 50 % of the time can cause FCC RF exposure compliance requirements to be exceeded.

The radio is transmitting when the red LED on the top of the radio is illuminated. You can cause the radio to transmit by pressing the PTT button or by using the VOX headset, model VC-25.

- DO NOT** transmit when the radio is used in Body Worn configuration with the following accessory: belt-clip (CLIP-18). It must be used **ONLY** for (1) there is a 4 cm distance from the body during transmitting, (2) monitoring purposes, using the speaker only and (3) for carrying purposes.
- Always use Vertex Standard authorized accessories.

The information listed above provides the user with the information needed to make him or her aware of RF exposure, and what to do to assure that this radio operates with the FCC RF exposure limits of this radio.

Electromagnetic Interference/Compatibility

During transmissions, this radio generates RF energy that can possibly cause interference with other devices or systems. To avoid such interference, turn off the radio in areas where signs are posted to do so.

Do not operate the transmitter in areas that are sensitive to electromagnetic radiation such as hospitals, health care facilities, aircraft, and blasting sites.

FCC LICENSE INFORMATION

This radio operates on communications frequencies which are subject to FCC (Federal Communications Commission) Rules and Regulations. FCC Rules require that all operators using Private Land Mobile radio frequencies obtain a radio license before operating their equipment.

Key Functions

All versions of the **VX-350** provide [Side 1] and [Side 2] keys. The LCD version of the **VX-350** provide [A], [B], [C], and [D] function keys. These “Programmable” keys functions can be customized (set to other functions), via programming by your **VERTEX STANDARD** dealer, to meet your communications/network requirements. Some features may require the purchase and installation of optional internal accessories. The possible **Programmable** key features are illustrated below, and their functions are explained in the next chapter. For further details, contact your **VERTEX STANDARD** dealer.

For future reference, check the box next to each function that has been assigned to the **Programmable** key on your particular radio, and keep it handy.

| FUNCTION | PROGRAMMABLE KEY (PRESS / PRESS AND HOLD) | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|---|-----|-----|-----|----------|----------|
| | [A] | [B] | [C] | [D] | [Side 1] | [Side 2] |
| None | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Mon (Monitor) | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Lamp ^{*1} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Scan | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| DW (Dual Watch) | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Low Power | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| TA (Talk Around) | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| TX Save Disable | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Encryption ^{*2} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| CH Up ^{*1} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| CH Down ^{*1} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Call | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Reset | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Call 2 | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Call 3 | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Code Up ^{*1} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Code Down ^{*1} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Code Set ^{*1} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Speed Dial ^{*1} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Emergency | -/ | -/ | -/ | -/ | -/ | -/ |
| Option Switch 1 ^{*3} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Option Switch 2 ^{*3} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Lock | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| FM-Scan | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| SQL Set ^{*1} | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Lone Walker | -/ | -/ | -/ | -/ | -/ | -/ |
| TA Scan | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| SQL Off | / | / | / | / | / | / |
| Scan Set | / | / | / | / | / | / |

*1: LCD Version only

*2: Requires **FVP-25**, **FVP-35**, or **FVP-36** Encryption Unit.

*3: **FVP-35** only

Notice !

There are no owner-serviceable parts inside the transceiver. All service jobs must be referred to an authorized VERTEX STANDARD Service Representative. Consult your Authorized VERTEX STANDARD Dealer for installation of optional accessories.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the condition that this device does not cause harmful interference.

Description of Operating Functions

Call, Reset

When the 2-tone or 5-Tone selective calling unit is installed, press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to silence the receiver and reset for another call, when a communication is finished.

Call 2, Call 3

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to send a 5-Tone sequential tone group which is pre-defined.

Code Up, Code Down

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to switch to a higher (or lower) paging code number for the 5-Tone Paging System.

Code Set

Press the assigned **Programmable** key to change the encode digits for 5-tone operation. To change a specific digit, select the desired digit using the [A] key, then change the number using the [B]/[C] keys, and store the number using the [D] key.

Speed Dial

Your Dealer may have pre-programmed Auto-Dial telephone number memories (up to five memories) into your radio.

To dial a number, press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to toggle the pre-programmed Auto-Dial telephone number memory, then press the **PTT** switch. The DTMF tones sent during the dialing sequence will be heard in the speaker.

Emergency

The **VX-350** series includes an “Emergency” feature, which may be useful, if you have someone monitoring on the same frequency as your transceiver’s channel. For further details contact your **VERTEX STANDARD** dealer.

Option Switch 1, Option Switch 2

When the optional unit is installed, these functions have various uses. For further details, contact your **VERTEX STANDARD** dealer.

Lock

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to lock the **VX-350**’s knob, **Programmable** keys, and **PTT** switch. The precise lockout configuration is programmed by your **VERTEX STANDARD** dealer.

Follow-Me Scan

“Follow-Me” Scan feature checks a *User-assigned* Priority Channel regularly as you scan the other channels. Thus, if only Channels 1, 3, and 5 (of the 8 available channels) are designated for “Scanning,” the user may nonetheless any channel as the “User-assigned” Priority Channel via the “Follow-Me” feature.

Press the assigned **Programmable** key to activate “Follow-Me” scanning, then turn the **CH** selector knob to the channel which you want to designate as the “User-Assigned Priority Channel”. When the scanner stops on an “active” channel, the User-assigned Priority Channel will automatically be checked every few seconds.

SQL Set

You can manually adjust the squelch level using this function:

- Press the assigned **Programmable** key. A tone will sound, and the current squelch level will appear on the display.
- Press the [Side 1]/[Side 2] key to select the desired squelch level.
- Two seconds after releasing the [Side 1]/[Side 2] key, the display will revert to the normal channel indication.

Lone Worker

Press and hold the assigned **Programmable** key to toggle the Lone Worker feature “ON” and “OFF.”

The Lone Worker feature will emit an audible alarm for 30 seconds at one second intervals when the Lone Worker Timer has expired. If the user does not reset the timer by pressing the **PTT** switch, the radio switches to the Emergency mode.

Mon (Monitor)

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key momentarily to disable the Tone squelch.

Lamp

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to illuminate the LCD for five seconds.

Scan

The Scanning feature is used to monitor multiple channels programmed into the transceiver. While scanning, the radio will check each channel for the presence of a signal, and will stop on a channel if a signal is present.

- To activate scanning:

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key.

The scanner will search the channels, looking for active ones; it will pause each time it finds a channel on which someone is speaking.

- To stop scanning:

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key.

Operation will revert to the channel to which the **CH** knob is set.

DW (Dual Watch)

The Dual Watch feature is similar to the Scan feature, except that only two channels are monitored: the current operating channel, and the “Priority” channel.

- To activate Dual Watch:

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key.

The scanner will search the two channels; it will pause each time it finds a channel on which someone is speaking.

- To stop Dual Watch:

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key.

Operation will revert to the channel to which the **CH** knob is set.

Low Power

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to set the radio’s transmitter to the “Low Power” mode, thus extending battery life. Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key again to return to “High Power” operation when in difficult terrain.

When the radio’s transmitter is set to “Low Power” mode, the “L” icon will be indicated on the display.

TA (Talk Around)

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to activate the Talk Around feature when you are operating on duplex channel systems (separate receive and transmit frequencies, utilizing a “repeater” station). The Talk Around feature allows you to bypass the repeater station and talk directly to a station that is nearby. This feature has no effect when you are operating on “Simplex” channels, where the receive and transmit frequencies are already the same.

When the “TA” function is activated, the “M” icon will be indicated on the display.

TX Save Disable

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to disable the Transmit Battery Saver, if you are operating in a location where high power is almost always needed.

The Transmit Battery Saver helps extend battery life by reducing transmit power when a very strong signal from an apparently nearby station is being received. Under some circumstances, though, your handheld radio may not be heard well at the other end of the communication path, and high power may be necessary at all times.

Encryption

When the Voice Scrambler feature is enabled, pressing the assigned **Programmable** key of the “Encryption” toggles the Scrambler “on” and “off.”

Channel Up

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to switch to a higher operating channel number.

Channel Down

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to switch to a lower operating channel number.

TA Scan

Press the assigned programmable key to toggle the TA (Talk Around) scan feature “On” and “Off.”

While TA scan is proceeding, the **VX-350** will search both the transmit and receive frequencies (the “M” icon will blink on the LCD versions). When a signal is encountered on the receive frequency, the **VX-350** will pause until the signal disappears (“M” icon will appear but not blink). When a signal is encountered on the transmit frequency, the **VX-350** will check for activity on the receive frequency every few seconds (interval programmed by your Dealer).

SQL Off

Press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to disable the Noise and Tone squelch. Again press (or Press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to resume normal (quiet) Noise and Tone squelch action.

Scan Set

Press (or press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key to delete the Current Memory Channel from the Scanning List. When you delete a channel from the Scanning List, a ringing beeper will sound, and “O” icon will disappear from the LCD (LCD version). To restore a particular channel to your Scanning List, press (or press and hold) the assigned **Programmable** key again; a ringing beeper will sound, and “O” icon will appear on the LCD (LCD version).

ARTS (Auto Range Transpond System)

This system is designed to inform you when you and another **ARTS**-equipped station are within communication range.

During **ARTS** operation, your radio automatically transmits for about 1 second every 55 seconds in an attempt to shake hands with the other station.

If you are out of range for more than two minutes, your radio senses that no signal has been received, a ringing beeper will sound, and “**OUT RANGE**” will appear on the LCD (on the LCD version). If you subsequently move back into range, as soon as the other station transmits, your beeper will sound and “**IN RANGE**” will appear on the LCD (on the LCD version).

DTMF Paging System

This system allows paging and selective calling, using DTMF tone sequences.

When your radio is paged by a station bearing a tone sequence which matches yours, your radio’s squelch will open and the alert will sound. On the LCD version, the three-digit code of the station which paged you will be displayed on your radio’s LCD.

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