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## ***LVR-250***

VHF Radio

# Installation and Operation Instructions

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	CAUTION used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

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## Installation

This Lowrance radio is designed to generate a digital maritime distress call to facilitate search and rescue. To be effective as a safety device, this radio must be used only within the geographic range of a shore-based VHF marine Channel 70 distress and safety watch system. The geographic range may vary but under normal conditions is approximately 20 nautical miles.

### Installation Options

There are two ways to install the radio. You can choose:

- *A deck or overhead mounted gimbil installation.* The reversible mounting gimbal is fixed to a suitable site and the radio is placed into it. The radio can be removed for storage and the viewing angle can be adjusted.
- *A recessed installation.* The radio is recessed into a cavity cut into a bulkhead. The radio fixture is permanent and the viewing angle cannot be adjusted.

### Location Requirements

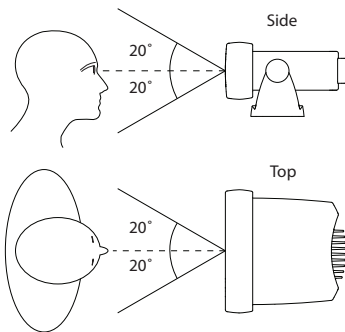
Please check these **before** doing any cutting or drilling.

Whichever installation method you choose, ensure that the chosen location:

- Is at least 3' (1 m) from the antenna
- Allows easy connection to (at least) a 10 Amp fused 13.6 V DC electrical source and the antenna
- Is at least 1.5' (45 cms) from the compass to avoid creating magnetic deviation of the compass during radio operation
- Has a suitable space close by for installing the microphone bulkhead mount
- Provides easy access to the controls on the front panel
- Provides reasonable access to the wiring at the back of the radio
- Provides enough room to fix the DSC warning label

The VHF has a large LCD screen with an optimum viewing angle of approx.  $\pm 20$  deg. Ensure the chosen location provides a suitable view of the display. Ideally, the user should be directly in front of the display or no more than  $\pm 20$  deg from the front of the display.

**Note:** If unsure, temporarily power up the radio and check for a suitable location.



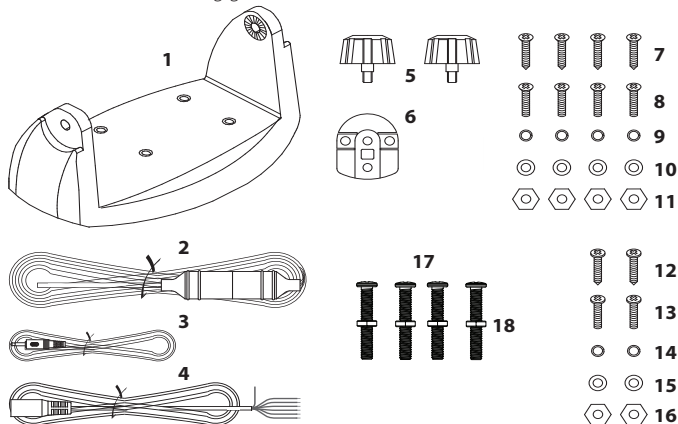
## Checklist

The following items should be supplied in the box. Check before starting the installation and contact your dealer if an item is missing.

**Note:** An antenna is **not** provided. Consult your Lowrance dealer for advice if necessary.

1. Mounting gimbal for the VHF radio
2. Power supply cable with in built 7 Amp fuse
3. External speaker connection cable with white (+) wire and black (-) wire
4. GPS connection cable
5. Two mounting knobs
6. Microphone bulkhead mount
7. Four self-tapping screws for the mounting gimbal
8. Four flat screws for the mounting gimbal
9. Four spring washers for the mounting gimbal
10. Four plain washers for the mounting gimbal
11. Four nuts for the mounting gimbal
12. Two self-tapping screws for the microphone bulkhead mount
13. Two flat screws for the microphone bulkhead mount
14. Two spring washers for the microphone bulkhead mount
15. Two plain washers for the microphone bulkhead mount
16. Two nuts for the microphone bulkhead mount
17. Four M5x32 screws for recessed installation
18. Four nuts for the recessed installation

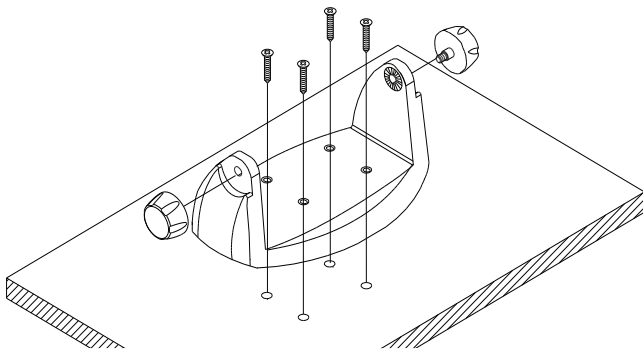
**Not pictured:** Two plastic stoppers for the recessed installation. Installation template. One 7 Amp spare fuse in case of accidental reverse of battery polarity. Base unit and microphone. Protective cover.



## ***Gimbal Installation***

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1. Hold the mounting gimbal at the chosen location and use a soft pencil to mark the screw hole positions onto the mounting surface.
2. If you can't reach behind the mounting surface to attach the nuts, use the self-tapping screws instead of the flat screws shown in the picture. If you're drilling into fibreglass, use a drill bit smaller than 3/16" (5mm) to drill the pilot holes.  
  
Otherwise, drill the four screw holes where marked, using a 3/16" (5mm) drill bit. Drill completely through the mounting surface.
3. Use a Philips screwdriver and the set of four flat screws, spring washers, plain washers, and nuts to attach the mounting gimbal to the location site.
4. Slide the radio into the mounting gimbal.
5. Insert the two mounting knobs through the holes and tighten them sufficiently to hold the radio at the desired viewing angle.



## ***Change the Viewing Angle***

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The viewing angle on the gimbal mount has a 20° tilt range. To change the current viewing angle on the gimbal mount:

1. Support the radio, then cautiously loosen the mounting knobs until the radio can be moved.
2. Re-position the radio then tighten the mounting knobs again.

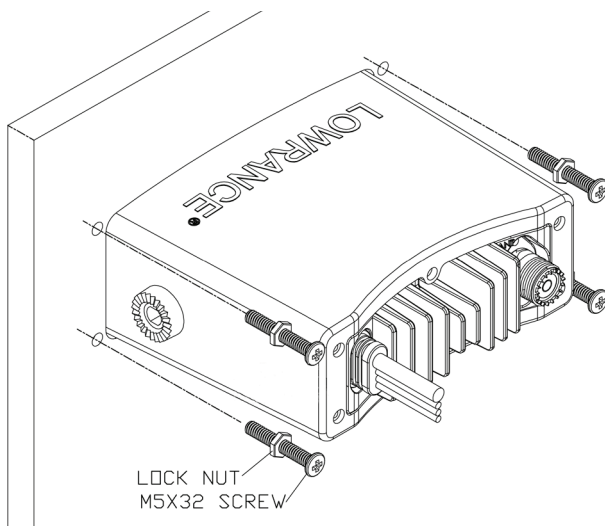
## ***Recessed Installation***

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1. Tape the installation template onto the chosen location site.
2. Cut out the area marked by the solid dark line. (The dashed line indicates the total area

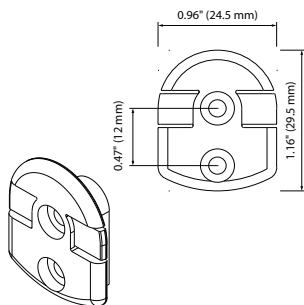
that will be covered by the radio fascia after installation.) Drill the 4 mounting holes.

3. Remove the installation template and slide the radio into the cavity.
4. Screw each M5x32 screw through the screw hole in the mounting bracket, then attach the stopper. If your bulkhead exceeds 0.51" (13mm), the stopper can be discarded if necessary.
5. Tighten the M5x32 screws until the radio is held firmly against the rear of the bulkhead.



## ***Install the Microphone Bulkhead Mount***

1. Hold the microphone bulkhead mount at the chosen location and use a soft pencil to mark the screw hole positions on the mounting surface. *Ensure that the microphone curly cable will comfortably reach this location BEFORE you drill.*
2. Drill the two pilot screw holes where marked.
3. Use a short length Philips screwdriver and the set of two flat screws, spring washers, plain washers, and nuts to secure the microphone bulkhead mount at the location site.
4. Hang the microphone on its mount.



## Fix the DSC label

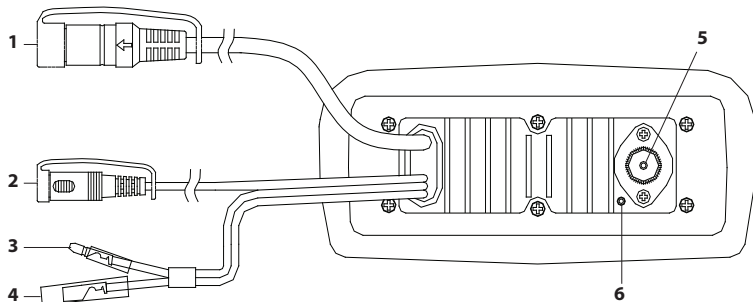
### CAUTION

A DSC warning label is supplied with the LVR-250. To comply with FCC regulations, this warning label must be affixed in a location that is clearly visible from the operating controls of this Lowrance radio. Make sure that the chosen location is clean and dry before applying this label.

## Connect the Radio Cables

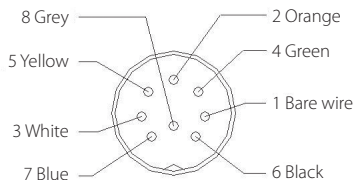
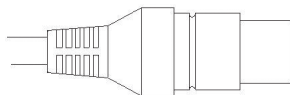
The connectors are on the rear of the base unit, as follows:

1. **GPS/COM connector.** For connection to GPS device via NMEA. See the following table for wiring and color codes. (If you're not using this, be sure to put the protective cap securely over the connector to protect it from moisture and dust.)
2. **External Speaker connector.** Plug the external speaker cable jack into the connector BEFORE powering on the radio. Use a 4 Ohm 4 Watt external speaker.
3. **Red Power wire.** Connect this to the Positive (+) battery terminal. Check that a 10 Amp fuse is installed on this power cable close to the battery.
4. **Black Power wire.** Connect this to the Negative (-) battery terminal.
5. **ANT.** A radio antenna is not supplied. A suitable radio antenna must be mounted and connected before operating the LVR-250 radio. Consult your dealer for advice if necessary.
6. **GND.** A ground connection is not usually required.



## Wiring for GPS/COM connector

Pin	Wire	Function	Notes
1	Red	No connection	(Not used)
2	Orange	NMEA OUT (+)	(To GPS)
3	White	Program/clone	(Not used)
4	Green	NMEA IN (-)	(From GPS)
5	Yellow	NMEA IN (+)	(From GPS)
6	Black	NMEA OUT (-)	(Ground)
7	Blue	No connection	(Not used)
8	Grey	No connection	(Not used)



## Set Up the Radio



### CAUTION

You can't make any DSC transmissions until you've obtained a user MMSI and entered it into your LVR-250.

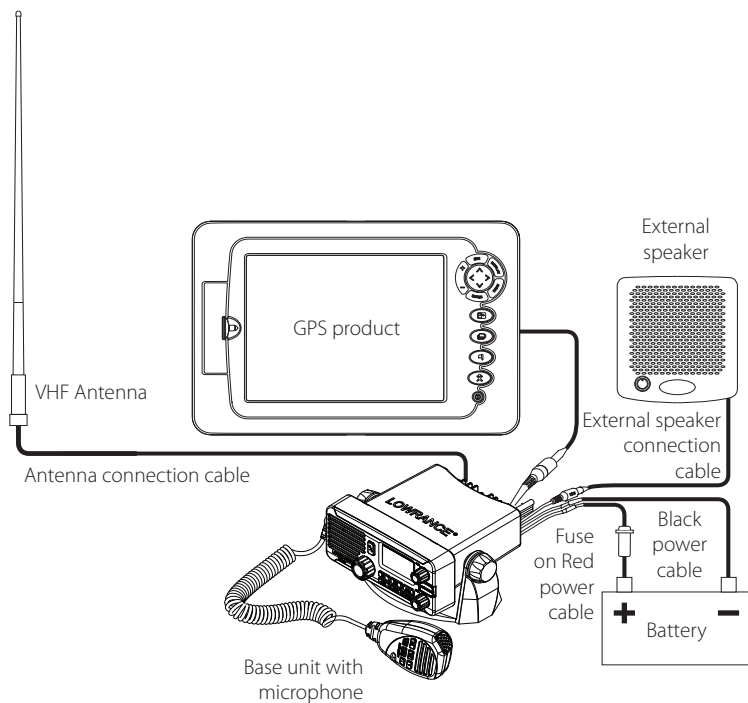
The user MMSI is a unique nine digit number, similar to a personal telephone number. It is used on marine transceivers that are capable of using DSC (Digital Select Calling).

If you don't have a user MMSI contact the appropriate authorities in your country. If you're unsure who to contact, consult your Lowrance dealer.

## Enter Your User MMSI

Refer to 4.2 Enter your user MMSI.

## The Completed Installation



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## **Section 1 - General Information**

### **1-1 Features**

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Congratulations on your purchase of a Lowrance LVR-250 marine band VHF radio. It provides the following useful features:

- Prominent channel display
- Adjustable contrast settings for the LCD
- Adjustable keypad backlighting for easy night-time use
- Waterproof and submersible to comply with JIS-7
- GPS latitude and longitude (LL) and time display (when connected to a GPS)
- Choice of High or Low (25 W or 1 W) transmission power
- Top centred PTT button for comfortable left- or right-handed use
- Powerful 4 W external audio output
- Access to all currently-available marine VHF channel banks (USA, Canada, International) including weather channels where available
- Special CH16 or CH16/9 key for quick access to the priority (international distress) channel
- Special 3CH key to select your three favourite channels
- PSCAN (similar to dual watch) facility

In addition, the LVR-250 US/EU models also provide:

- DSC (Digital Select Calling) capability that meets USCG SC101/Class D Standards. LVR-250 US only.
- DSC (Digital Select Calling) capability that meets EC Class D Standards. LVR-250 EU only.
- DISTRESS call button to automatically transmit the MMSI and position until an acknowledgement is received
- Easy access to a buddy list of up to 20 favourite people
- MMSI storage for three favourite groups
- Group Call and All Ships Call facility
- LL position polling information
- Weather alert facility where available. LVR-250 US only.
- ATIS facility for inland waterways. LVR-250 EU only.

## 1-2 Customizing your Lowrance VHF Radio

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You can customize the radio to suit your individual preferences. Some preferences can be set directly through the keys as explained in this Section.

Other preferences are set up through the built-in menus and these are explained in the other Sections.

## 1-3 How to Display and Navigate Menus

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1. Press MENU (or CALL). Note that only three menu items can be displayed at any one time on the screen.
2. Rotate the Rotary knob, or use + / - keys on the microphone to scroll up and down the menu until the cursor is positioned at the desired option. Press ENT (press the Push To Select) to display that option.
3. Make any entries or changes as explained in the following section.
4. Press ENT to confirm changes. Otherwise, press EXIT to keep the original entry.
5. Press EXIT to backup one screen (this key is equivalent to an ESC function on a PC)

## 1-4 How to Enter Alphanumeric Data

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If your radio does not have the optional alphanumeric microphone, you can Rotate the Rotary knob, or use + / - keys on the microphone key to enter alphanumeric data.

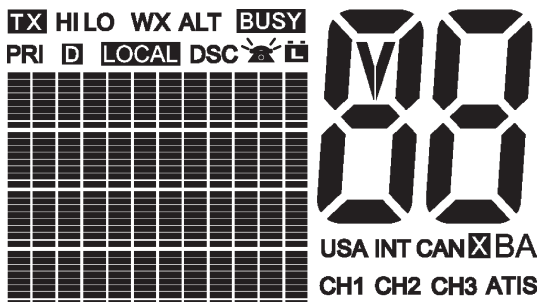
Press - to count through numbers, or hold down to scroll rapidly to the desired number.

Press + to step through the alphabet, or hold down to scroll rapidly to the desired character.




If you make an error, press - until < is displayed, then press ENT to backup and correct the entry.

## 1-5 LCD Symbols and Meanings

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**This simulation shows the locations of all the following information symbols:**

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
TX	Transmitting.
HI LO	Transmission power. High (HI) 25W or Low (LO) 1W.
WX	Weather channel. LVR-250 US only.
WX ALT	Weather Alert. Alarm beeps will sound. LVR-250 US only.
BUSY	Receiver busy with an incoming signal.
PRI	Priority channel is selected.
D	Duplex operation. Otherwise, blank for Simplex operation.
LOCAL	Local calling is selected. Otherwise, blank for distance calling.
DSC	DSC capability is available.
	Incoming DSC call.
	Low Battery warning (activates at 10.5 V).
	Channel selected.
USA INT CAN	Selected channel bank for VHF radio operations and regulations.
X	Channel is temporarily deleted from the ALL SCAN operation.
B A	Channel suffix, if applicable.
CH1 CH2 CH3	Shows which of the 3 favourite channels, if any, are selected. Otherwise blank.
ATIS	LVR-250 EU only, and enabled for radios in European inland waterways.

**A typical operational display is shown here.**



The latitude and longitude of the vessel and the local time are shown.

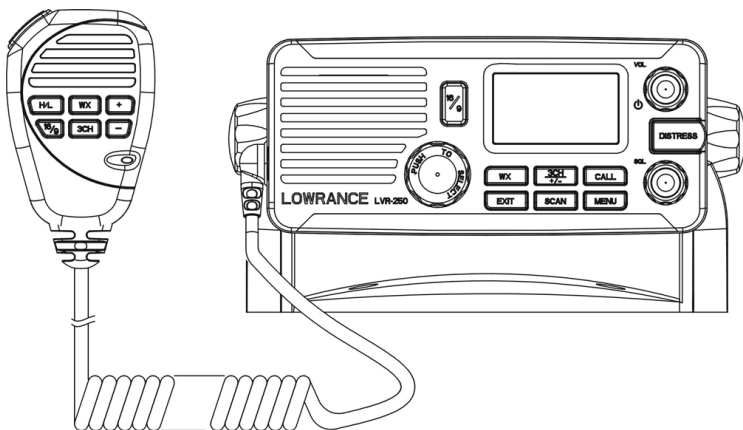
A transmission on Channel 16 is being made at high power using the International channel bank.

Channel 16 is set as the Priority channel. It is also set as favourite channel 1.

There is an incoming DSC call so the receiver is busy.

## 1-6 Basic Operation and Key Functions

All possible keys and their functions are listed here. Note that some of the keys may not be available depending on your Lowrance VHF radio model.



Key	Function
VOL/PWR	Volume and Power. Turn clockwise to power on. Continue to turn until a comfortable volume is reached. VOL/PWR will also adjust the settings of an external speaker, if connected.
SQL	<b>Squelch or Threshold Level.</b> Sets the threshold level for the minimum receiver signal. Turn fully counterclockwise until random noise is heard, then turn slowly clockwise until the random noise disappears. Make another 1/4 turn clockwise for best reception in open sea conditions.  In areas of high noise (eg close to large cities) reception may improve if sensitivity is reduced. Either turn SQL slowly clockwise or use the LOCAL setting. See section 2.3.
16/9	<b>Priority Channel.</b> Also on the microphone. Press to cancel all other modes and to tune into the priority channel. Press again to return to your original channel.  The default is Channel 16. To make Channel 09 the priority channel, hold down 16/9 until a beep sounds and 09 is displayed.
16	<b>Priority Channel.</b> LVR-250 EU only. Also on the microphone. Press to cancel all other modes and to tune into the priority channel. Channel 16, on high power. Press again to return to your original channel.

WX	<p><b>Weather Channel.</b> LVR-250 US only. In USA and Canadian waters, press to hear the most recently selected weather station. The WX symbol is displayed on the LCD.</p> <p>Rotate the dial or + / - on the microphone to change to a different weather channel. Press WX again to return to the most recent channel.</p> <p>If the weather alert mode (ALT) is ON and an alert tone of 1050Hz is broadcast from the weather station, it is picked up automatically and the alarm sounds. Press any key to hear the weather alert voice message.</p>
	<p><b>H/L</b></p> <p><b>Transmission Power.</b> (Located on the microphone). High (HI) 25W or Low (LO) 1W. Press to toggle between high or low transmission power for the entire channel bank. The HI or LO selection is shown on the LCD.</p> <p>Some channels allow only low power transmissions. Error beeps will sound if the power transmission setting is incorrect.</p> <p>Some channels allow only low power transmissions initially, but can be changed to high power by holding down H/L and PTT at the same time. See Appendix C for a complete listing of channel charts.</p>
3CH	<p><b>Three Favourite Channels.</b> Also on the microphone. Press to toggle between your favourite channels. The CH1, CH2, or CH3 symbol appears on the LCD to show which favourite channel is selected.</p> <p>To scan only one of your favourite channels, press 3CH then immediately press and release SCAN. If you want to scan all three favourite channels, press 3CH then immediately press and hold SCAN.</p> <p>To add a favourite channel for the first time, select that channel then hold 3CH to store it in the CH1 location. Repeat the procedure to store two more favourite channels in the CH2 and CH3 locations respectively.</p> <p>If you try and add another favourite channel it will overwrite the existing CH3. CH1 and CH2 remain unless you delete them.</p> <p>To delete a favourite channel, select that channel then hold down 3CH until the CH1, CH2 or CH3 symbol disappears off the LCD.</p>
SCAN	<p><b>Scan.</b> Press to scan between your current channel and the priority channel in DUAL or TRI WATCH mode. The weather channel is also scanned if the USA channel bank is selected and the weather alert mode (ALT) is ON.</p> <p>Hold down SCAN to enter ALL SCAN mode where the priority channel is checked every 1.5 seconds.</p> <p>When a signal is received, scanning stops at that channel and BUSY appears on the screen. If the signal ceases for more than 5 seconds, the scan restarts.</p> <p>Press ENT to temporarily skip over (lock out) an "always busy" channel when in ALL SCAN mode and resume the scan. An X is shown on the screen to</p>

designate a skipped channel. Note that it is not possible to skip over the priority channel.

Press SCAN to stop at the current channel.

**PUSH TO SELECT** **Enter (ENT).** Use ENT when navigating menus, to confirm entries and edits.

**EXIT** **Escape (ESC).** Use EXIT when navigating menus, to clear incorrect entries, to exit from a menu without saving changes, and to back up to the previous screen.

**CALL** **Radio and DSC Call Menu.** Press to enter the DSC Call Menu and make DSC calls. See Section 6.

**MENU** **DSC Setup Menu.** Press to enter the DSC Setup Menu and to customize your radio. See Section 2-5.

**DISTRESS** **Send DSC Distress Call.** See Section 6.

**PTT** **Press To Talk.** (located on the microphone). Press PTT to transmit at any time on an allowable channel. This automatically exits you from menu mode and stops scanning. You must release PTT to receive a signal.

If PTT sticks, a built-in timer will automatically shut down a transmission after five minutes and sound the error beeps.

**Rotary knob** **Channel Select.** Turn to select a channel. The current channel is shown on the LCD in BIG digits an A or B designator suffix (if applicable) in small letters below the channel number. (See appendix C for a listing of channel frequencies).

Push to activate the **ENT** function.

You can also use the rotary knob for alphanumeric entry. Turn to step through alphanumeric characters one at a time then push to confirm each selection. If you make an error, select the < character then push to backup.

**+ / -** **Channel Select.** (Located on the microphone). The current channel is shown on the screen in BIG digits with an appropriate designator suffix A or B in small letters below the channel number.

Press + or - to step through the available channels one at a time, or hold down to scroll rapidly through all the available channels. See Appendix C for a listing of channel charts.

**Alphanumeric Entry.** This key can also be used for menu selection and for alphanumeric entry. Press + or - to scroll the cursor up or down menu options when navigating menus.

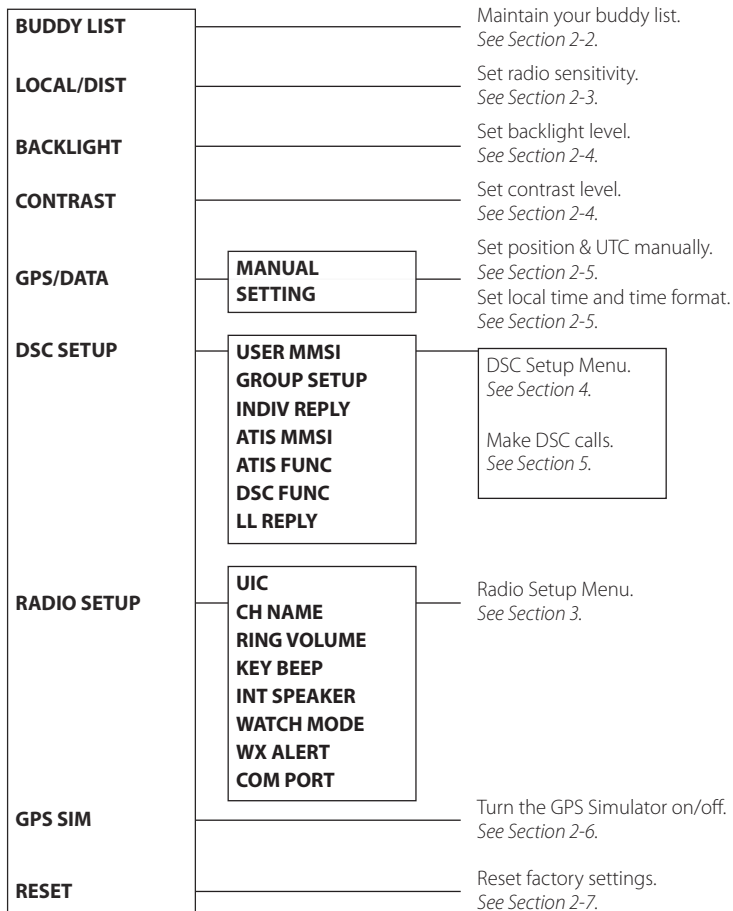
When editing an item containing only numbers, press - to count through the numbers or hold down to scroll rapidly.

To enter a character, press + to step through the alphabet or hold down to scroll rapidly.

## Section 2 - The Radio Menu (MENU)

### 2-1 Radio Menu Options (Menu)

The following options are available through MENU key:



Sections 1-3 and 1-4 explain how to navigate around the menu and enter, save and change data.

## 2-2 Maintain Your Buddy List (BUDDY LIST)

MENU SELECT  
>BUDDY LIST  
LOCAL/DIST  
BACKLIGHT

Use the Buddy List to store the names and associated MMSIs of 20 favourite people. Names are stored in the order of entry, with the most recent entry shown first.

The following sections show to use BUDDY LIST to add, edit, and delete entries on your buddy list.

Section 5 explains how to call a buddy.

### 2-2-1 Add an Entry

BUDDY LIST  
>MANUAL NEW  
ALEX  
TOM

ENTER NAME  
-----  
ENTER MMSI  
-----

ENTER NAME  
BOB  
ENTER MMSI  
123456789

BOB  
123456789  
>STORE  
CANCEL

1. Select BUDDY LIST. The cursor is at MANUAL NEW. Press ENT.
2. Enter the buddy name, one character at a time (this may be alphanumeric) then press ENT repeatedly until the cursor moves to the MMSI entry line.
3. Enter the MMSI associated with that buddy name (this must be numeric) then press ENT.
4. The new buddy name and MMSI are displayed. Press ENT to store the new entry, which is displayed at the top of your buddy list.

**Note:** When the BUDDY LIST is full (20 entries), you can make a new entry and the buddy at the end of the list is automatically erased.

### 2-2-2 Edit an Entry

BUDDY LIST  
>MANUAL NEW  
ALEX  
TOM

ALEX  
>EDIT  
DELETE

EDIT NAME  
ALEX  
EDIT MMSI  
112233445

ALEX  
111223344  
>STORE  
CANCEL

1. Select BUDDY LIST. Press ENT to display the list of entries.
2. Scroll down (if required) to the incorrect entry and press ENT.
3. Select EDIT. The cursor is at the first character of the name.
4. Edit the buddy name or, to edit only the MMSI, press ENT repeatedly until the cursor moves to the MMSI line.
5. When you are finished, press ENT (repeatedly if necessary) to display the next screen.
6. Press ENT to store the changes. The buddy list is displayed again. If more changes are required, repeat Steps 2 through 6. Otherwise, press EXIT to ESC.

## 2-2-3 Delete an Entry

BUDDY LIST  
>MANUAL NEW  
ALEX  
TOM

BUDDY LIST  
MANUAL NEW  
ALEX  
>TOM

TOM  
EDIT  
>DELETE

DELETE BUDDY  
TOM  
>YES  
NO

1. Select BUDDY LIST. Press ENT to display the list of entries.
2. Scroll down (if required) to the entry you want to delete and press ENT.
3. Select DELETE then select YES.
4. The entry is deleted immediately and the buddy list is displayed again.

## 2-3 Local or Distance Sensitivity (LOCAL/DIST)

MENU SELECT  
BUDDY LIST  
>LOCAL/DIST  
BACKLIGHT

Use LOCAL/DIST to improve the sensitivity of the receiver either locally (LOCAL) or over distances (DIST).

LOCAL is not recommended for use in open sea conditions. It is designed for use in areas of high radio noise; for example, close to cities.

See also SQL (Squelch Control) in Section 1.6.

### 2-3-1 Set Distance Sensitivity

SENSITIVITY  
>DISTANT  
LOCAL

1. Select LOCAL/DIST then select DIST.
2. Press ENT to activate the DIST setting. This disables local sensitivity and the menu is displayed again.

### 2-3-2 Set Local Sensitivity

SENSITIVITY  
DISTANT  
>LOCAL



3. Select LOCAL/DIST then scroll to LOCAL.
4. Press ENT to activate the LOCAL setting. This disables distance sensitivity and the menu is displayed again.

LOCAL is displayed on the LCD as a reminder that local sensitivity is selected.

## 2-4 Backlighting (BACKLIGHT) and Contrast (CONTRAST)

MENU SELECT  
LOCAL/DIST  
>BACKLIGHT  
CONTRAST

Use BACKLIGHT to set the backlight levels for the LCD and the keypad at a comfortable level.

The microphone keypad backlighting is either ON or OFF.

Use CONTRAST to set the contrast level for the LCD.

## 2-4-1 Set the Backlighting Level

BACKLIGHT

LO HI  
■ ■

1. Select BACKLIGHT.
2. Select a comfortable backlight level using + or - to change the setting.
3. Press ENT to enable the setting and return to the menu.

**Note:** The DISTRESS key backlighting cannot be switched off.

## 2.4.2 Set the Contrast Level

CONTRAST

LO HI  
■ ■ ■

1. Select CONTRAST.
2. Select a comfortable contrast level using + or - to change the setting.
3. Press ENT to enable the setting and return to the menu.

## 2-5 GPS Data and Time (GPS/DATA)

MENU SELECT  
BACKLIGHT  
CONTRAST  
>GPS/DATA

If the boat has an operational GPS navigation receiver, the VHF radio automatically detects and updates the vessel position and the local time.

However, if the GPS navigation receiver is disconnected or absent, you can specify the vessel position and the local time manually, using the GPS/DATA option.

This information is important because it will be used if a DSC distress call is transmitted.

You can also select GPS Alert and GPS Simulator options.

### 2-5-1 Manually Enter Position and UTC Time (MANUAL)

*Note that this function is available only if an operational GPS receiver is not connected.*

GPS/DATA  
>MANUAL  
SETTING

MANUAL LL  
--'--'-----N  
--'--'-----W  
MAN --:--UTC

1. Select GPS/DATA, then MANUAL.
2. Enter the latitude, then the longitude, then the UTC.
3. Press ENT when all the information is correct.

The vessel's latitude and longitude are shown on the screen, with the UTC time. The prefix MAN indicates a manual entry. The manual entries are cancelled if a real GPS position is received.

## 2-5-2 Local Time (TIME OFFSET)

The local time can be set by entering the time offset between UTC and local time as follows.

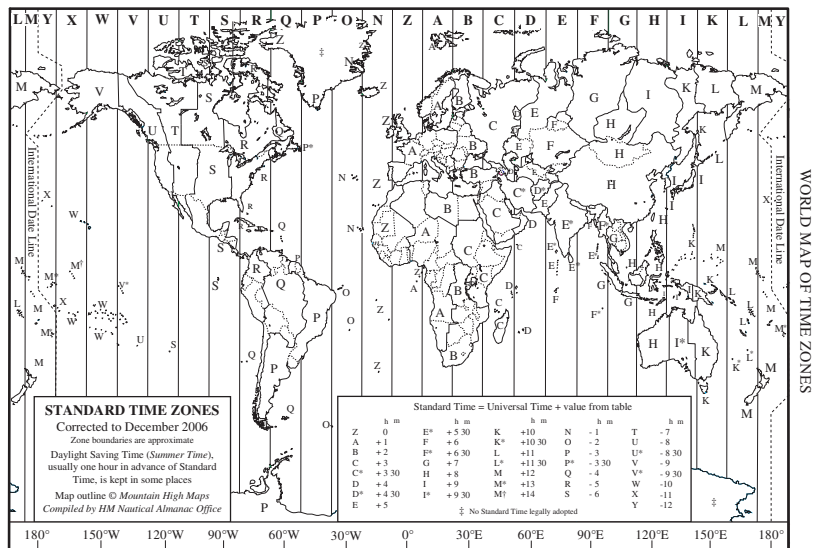
GPS/DATA  
MANUAL  
>SETTING

SETTING  
>TIME OFFSET  
TIME FORMAT  
TIME DISPLY

TIME OFFSET  
>+01:30  
  
02:30PM LOC

1. Select GPS/DATA, then SETTING.
2. Select TIME OFFSET to enter the difference between UTC and local time. Half hour increments can be used with a maximum offset of  $\pm 13$  hours.

In this example, a difference of +1.5 hours has been entered and the local time is displayed with the suffix LOC.



## 2-5-3 Time Format Options (TIME FORMAT)

Time can be shown in 12 or 24 hour format.

GPS/DATA  
MANUAL  
>SETTING

SETTING  
TIME OFFSET  
>TIME FORMAT  
TIME DISPLY

TIME FORMAT  
>12 Hr  
24 Hr  
07:15AM LOC

1. Select GPS/DATA, then SETTING.
2. Select TIME FORMAT.
3. Select 12 Hr or 24 Hr as desired. In this example, 12 hour format has been selected and so the LCD shows the AM or PM suffix.

### **2-5-4 Time Display Options (TIME DISPLAY)**

If you have entered the time manually as described in the previous sections, the time is always shown on the screen with the prefix M.

However, if the vessel position is being updated through a GPS navigation receiver, you can switch the time display on the screen ON or OFF as follows:

SETTING  
TIME OFFSET  
TIME FORMAT  
>TIME DISPLAY

TIME DISPLY  
ON  
>OFF

1. Select GPS/DATA, then SETTING.
2. Select TIME DISPLAY.
3. Select ON (on) or OFF (off) as desired. In this example, OFF has been selected and so the screen no longer shows the time.

If the time display is set ON, course and speed data are not displayed on the LCD (see section 2-5-6).

### **2-5-5 Position Display Options (LL display)**

If you have entered the vessel position manually as described in the previous section, the vessel position is always shown on the screen with the suffix M.

However, if the time is being updated through a GPS navigation receiver, you can switch the vessel position display on the screen on or off as follows:

SETTING  
TIME FORMAT  
TIME DISPLAY  
>LL DISPLAY

LL DISPLAY  
ON  
>OFF

1. Select GPS/DATA, then SETTING.
2. Select LL DISPLAY.
3. Select ON (on) or OFF (off) as desired. In this example, OFF has been selected and the screen no longer shows the vessel position.

### **2-5-6 Course & Speed Display Options (COG/SOG)**

Use this option to display course over ground (COG) and speed over ground (SOG) data on the screen.

SETTING  
TIME DISPLAY  
LL DISPLAY  
>COG/SOG

COG/SOG  
>ON  
OFF

1. Select GPS/DATA, then SETTING.
2. Select COG/SOG.
3. Select ON (on) or OFF (off) as desired. In this example, ON has been selected and so the screen shows the bearing and speed.

If COG/SOG is set ON (on), the time is not displayed on the screen (see section 2-5-4).

## 2-5-7 GPS Alert Options (ALERT)

The GPS alert is usually set to ON (on) so that if the GPS navigation receiver is disconnected, the alarm sounds.

SETTING  
LL DISPLY  
COG/SOG  
>GPS ALERT

GPS ALERT  
>ON  
OFF

1. Select GPS/DATA, then SETTING.
2. Select GPS ALERT.
3. Select ON (on) or OFF (off) as desired.

## 2-6 GPS Simulator (SIMULATOR)

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The GPS Simulator is set to OFF whenever the radio is turned ON or whenever real GPS data is available through the COM port. However, if you want to test it, turn it on.

MENU SELECT  
DSC SETUP  
RADIO SETUP  
>GPS SIM

1. Select GPS SIM, then select ON (on) or OFF (off) as desired.

Whenever the GPS Simulator is turned ON (on), simulated Speed Over Ground (SOG), Course Over Ground (COG), and LL position appear on the screen. This data is updated automatically during the simulation.

*It is not possible to send a DSC transmission when in Simulator mode.*

## 2-7 Reset to Factory Defaults (RESET)

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Use this to return every setting to the factory defaults except all MMSI settings and the entries in your buddy list.

MENU SELECT  
RADIO SETUP  
GPS SIM  
>RESET

RESET RADIO  
ARE YOU SURE  
>YES  
NO

1. Select RESET. The radio asks for confirmation.
2. Select YES to reset the radio and return to the menu.

## Section 3 - Radio Setup Menu (RADIO SETUP)

### 3-1 Radio Setup Menu (RADIO SETUP)

The following options are available through MENU key:

<b>UIC</b>	Channel band. <i>See Section 3-2.</i>
<b>CH NAME</b>	Edit or delete channel names. <i>See Section 3-3.</i>
<b>RING VOLUME</b>	Set the volume level of the incoming call notification beeps. <i>See section 3-4.</i>
<b>KEY BEEP</b>	Set the volume level of the beeps. <i>See section 3-4.</i>
<b>INT SPEAKER</b>	Switch ON/OFF (on/off) the radio's internal speakers. <i>See section 3-5.</i>
<b>WATCH MODE</b>	Selects the operation of Dual or Tri watch scanning. <i>See section 3-6.</i>
<b>WX ALERT</b>	Selects if the WX Alert scanning mode is ON (on) or OFF (off). LVR-250 US only. <i>See section 3-7.</i>
<b>COM PORT</b>	Select NMEA protocol for communications between the VHF radio and any other instruments. <i>See section 3-8.</i>

Sections 1-3 and 1-4 explain how to navigate around the menu and enter, save and change data.

### 3-2 Channel (UIC)

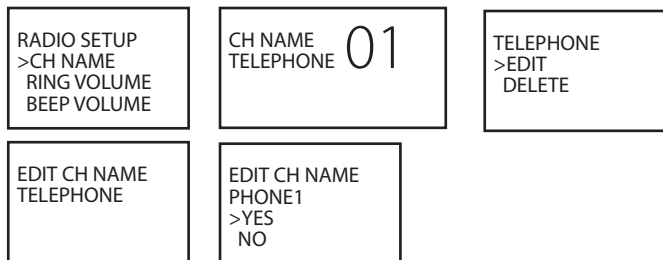
Toggle between USA, International or Canadian channel banks. The selected channel bank is displayed on the LCD along with the last used channel. All the channel charts are shown in Appendix C.

<b>RADIO SETUP</b> >UIC CH NAME RING VOLUME	UIC >USA INT'L CANADA
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### 3-3 Channel Names (CH NAME)

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The channel charts are listed in Appendix C with their default name tags. CH NAME gives you the option to edit or delete the channel name tags displayed on the screen.



1. Select RADIO SETUP, then CH NAME.
2. Use + or - to step through the channels with their name tags until you see the channel name tag you want to change, then press ENT. In this example, the channel name TELEPHONE associated with channel 01 is being changed to PHONE1.
3. Select EDIT and press ENT to edit the existing name tag. Input the new name over the existing name. It can be a maximum of 12 characters.

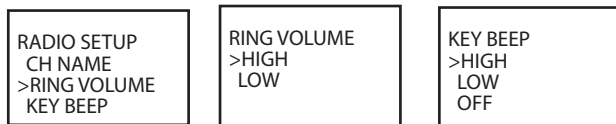
*To delete the channel name, select DELETE and press ENT.*

4. Press ENT (repeatedly if necessary) to display the YES/NO confirmation.
5. Press ENT to confirm the new channel name tag or the deletion, then press EXIT to return to the menu.

### 3-4 RING & BEEP Volume (RING VOLUME) and (KEY BEEP)

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Set the volume level of the incoming signal beeps (RING VOLUME) and/or the error and warning beeps (KEY BEEP) to HIGH (high) or LOW (low) as follows:



1. Select RADIO SETUP, then RING VOLUME or BEEP VOLUME as appropriate.
2. Select a HIGH or LOW volume. (It is possible to turn the beeps off completely by selecting KEY BEEP then OFF.)
3. Press ENT to enable the new volume setting and return to the menu.

### 3-5 Internal Speaker Connections (INT SPEAKER)

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Switch the radio's internal speaker ON (on) or OFF (off). The external speaker is always ON (on) if a speaker is plugged into the external speaker jack.

RADIO SETUP  
RING VOLUME  
KEY BEEP  
>INT SPEAKER

INT SPEAKER  
>ON  
OFF

1. Select RADIO SETUP, then INT SPEAKER.
2. Select ON (on) or OFF (off) then press ENT to enable the setting and return to the menu.

### 3-6 Set the Priority Channel (WATCH MODE)

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If you have LVR-250 EU, watch mode is similar to a dual watch, scanning between the priority channel and the working channel. CH16 is the priority channel, however if you have LVR-250 US and are operating on USA or Canadian channel banks, you can set the priority channel to cover both CH16 and CH09 as well as the working channel, as follows:

RADIO SETUP  
BEEP VOLUME  
INT SPEAKER  
>WATCH MODE

WATCH MODE  
>ONLY 16CH  
16CH+9CH

1. Select RADIO SETUP, then WATCH MODE.
2. Select ONLY 16CH for dual watch mode, or 16CH+9CH for tri watch mode.

### 3-7 Weather Alert (Wx ALERT)

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#### LVR-250 US ONLY

The NOAA provides several weather forecast channels on USA and Canadian channel banks. If severe weather such as storms or hurricanes are forecast, the NOAA broadcasts a weather alert on 1050 Hz. You can set up the radio to pick up weather alerts, as follows:

RADIO SETUP  
INT SPEAKER  
WATCH MODE  
>WX ALERT

WX ALERT  
ON  
>OFF

3. Select RADIO SETUP, then WX ALERT.
4. Select ON (on) or OFF (off) then press ENT to enable the setting and return to the menu.

When a weather alert is broadcast, the alarm will sound. Press any key to hear the weather alert voice message.

### 3-8 NMEA protocol (COM PORT)

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This radio uses NMEA0183 protocol to receive GPS data from a compatible GPS unit. The COM Port must be configured correctly before use. The radio can be added to a group of instruments using NMEA protocol.

RADIO SETUP  
WATCH MODE  
WX ALERT  
>COM PORT

NMEA  
CHECKSUM  
>ON  
OFF

5. Select RADIO SETUP, then COM PORT.
6. Select CHECKSUM ON (on) or OFF (off) then press ENT to enable the setting and return to the menu.

CHECKSUM ON is the usual setting.

The COM Port uses 4800 baud rate, and can receive the following GPS data sentence: RMC, GGA, GLL, GNS. Additionally, this radio will output the following NMEA DSC data: DSC (for DSC call), DSE (for enhanced position).

## Section 4 - DSC Setup Menu (DSC SETUP)



### WARNING

A valid USER MMSI must be entered into this radio before these DSC functions can be used. See below for instruction to Enter Your USER MMSI.

### 4-1 DSC Setup - Menu Options

The following options are available through MENU key:

<b>USER MMSI</b>	Enter your user MMSI. <i>See section 4-2.</i> (If you do not have a user MMSI, see Appendix D.)
<b>GROUP SETUP</b>	Enter or change the name and/or details of a group. <i>See section 4-3.</i>
<b>INDIV REPLY</b>	Choose an automatic or manual response to calls. (LVR-250 US only) <i>See section 4-4.</i>
<b>ATIS MMSI</b>	Enter or change your ATIS MMSI (LVR-250 EU only) <i>See section 4-5.</i>
<b>ATIS FUNC</b>	Enable/disable the ATIS function (LVR-250 EU only) <i>See section 4-5.</i>
<b>DSC FUNC</b>	Turn the DSC operation ON/OFF (on/off). <i>See section 4-6.</i>
<b>LL REPLY</b>	Select the type of response to an LL polling request. <i>See section 4-7.</i>

Sections 1-3 and 1-4 explain how to navigate around the menu and enter, save and change data.

### 4-2 Enter Your USER MMSI (USER MMSI)

This is a once-only operation. You must enter your user MMSI before you can access the DSC functions.

DSC SETUP >USER MMSI GROUP SETUP INDIV REPLY	INPUT USER MMSI -----	USER MMSI 187654321 >STORE CANCEL	USER MMSI INPUT AGAIN -----
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You can display and read your user MMSI at any time, but you get only one opportunity to enter your user MMSI.

1. Select DSC SETUP, then USER MMSI.
2. If this is the **first time** that you are entering your user MMSI, a dashed line appears.

Enter your user MMSI along the dashed line. Press ENT to confirm each correct entry and to move to the next digit. If you make an error, press - until < appears, then press ENT to backup and correct the entry.

3. Press ENT to store your user MMSI.
4. Enter your user MMSI again as a password check, then press ENT to permanently store the user MMSI and return to the menu.

You can view your stored user MMSI at anytime by selecting USER MMSI in the main menu.

## 4-3 Maintain Your Groups (GROUP SETUP)

Use GROUP SETUP to create, edit, or delete 1, 2, or 3 groups of frequently called people stored in alphanumeric order. A group MMSI always starts with 0.

### 4-3-1 Create a Group (GROUP SETUP)

DSC SETUP USER MMSI >GROUP SETUP INDIV REPLY	GROUP SETUP >MANUAL NEW 000000000	GROUP NAME ----- GROUP MMSI 0-----	FISHER1 012345678 >STORE CANCEL
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1. Select DSC SETUP, then GROUP SETUP.
2. If this is the **first time** that you are entering a group name, a line of nine zeros appears. Otherwise, any existing group names are displayed. Press ENT to display the input screen.
3. Enter the group name along the dashed line. It can be alphanumeric. Press ENT to confirm each correct entry and to move to the next digit. When you have finished, press ENT repeatedly until the cursor moves to the MMSI line.

If you make an error, press - until < appears, then press ENT to backup and correct the entry.

4. Enter the group MMSI. (Note that the first number is always 0.) Press ENT.
5. The group name and group MMSI are shown in a confirmation screen. Press ENT to store the details and return to the GROUP SETUP screen.

### 4-3-2 Edit Group Name Details

GROUP SETUP MANUAL NEW >FISHER1 FRIENDS1	FISHER1 >EDIT DELETE	EDIT NAME FISHER1 EDIT MMSI 012345678	FISHER2 012345678 >STORE CANCEL
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1. Select DSC SETUP, then GROUP SETUP. The existing group names are displayed. Press + or - to scroll to the incorrect entry then press ENT.
2. Press ENT to edit. The group name details are displayed, with the cursor at the first character of the name.

3. Edit the buddy name or, to edit only the MMSI, press ENT repeatedly until the cursor moves to the MMSI line.
4. When you are finished, press ENT (repeatedly if necessary) to display the next screen.
5. Press ENT to store the changes and return to the GROUP SETUP screen.

### 4-3-3 Delete a Group

GROUP SETUP  
MANUAL NEW  
>FISHER2  
FRIENDS1

FISHER2  
EDIT  
>DELETE

DELETE GROUP  
FISHER2  
>YES  
NO

1. Select DSC SETUP, then GROUP SETUP. The existing group names are displayed.
2. Press + or - to scroll to the incorrect entry then press ENT.
3. Select DELETE and press ENT. The radio asks for confirmation.
4. Press ENT to delete the group and return to the GROUP SETUP screen.

### 4-4 Response to Individual Calls (INDIV REPLY)

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#### LVR-250 US ONLY

You can respond to incoming individual calls with an automatic response or with a manual response.

An automatic response sends an acknowledgement and then sets the request link channel, ready for a conversation.

A manual response asks if you want to acknowledge the call, and then asks if you want to converse with the caller.

DSC SETUP  
USER MMSI  
GROUP SETUP  
>INDIV REPLY

INDIV REPLY  
>AUTO  
MANUAL

1. Select DSC SETUP, then INDIV REPLY.
2. Select AUTO for an automatic response, or MANUAL for a manual response.

3. Press ENT to confirm your choice and return to the menu.

### 4-5 ATIS MMSI & ATIS Functionality

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#### LVR-250 EU ONLY

You must enter your ATIS MMSI to access ATIS functionality if you are navigating inland waterways within Europe.

ATIS sends a digital message any time that you release the PTT key. Inland waterways rules require 1 WTx power on Channels 06, 08, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 71, 72, 74 and 77.

#### 4-5-1 Enter or Edit YOUR ATIS MMSI

DSC SETUP  
GROUP SETUP  
INDIV REPLY  
>ATIS MMSI

INPUT ATIS  
MMSI  
9-----

INPUT ATIS  
MMSI  
> STORE  
CANCEL

INPUT AGAIN  
ATIS MMSI  
9-----

ATIS MMSI  
923456789  
> STORE  
CANCEL

An ATIS MMSI always starts with the number 9.

To enter or edit your ATIS MMSI:

1. Select DSC SETUP, the ATIS MMSI.
2. If this is the first time that you are entering your ATIS MMSI, a dashed line appears. Enter your ATIS MMSI along the dashed line. The first number is always 9. Press ENT to confirm each correct entry and to move to the next digit.  
  
If you make an error, press - until < appears, the press ENT to backup and correct the entry. If you are editing an existing ATIS MMSI, this will be displayed. Make the required changes.
3. Press ENT to store your user MMSI.
4. Enter your ATIS MMSI again as a password check, then press ENT to permanently store the ATIS MMSI and return to the menu.

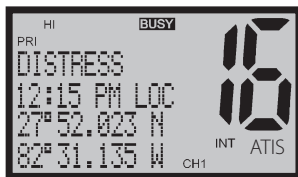
You can view your stored ATIS MMSI at anytime by selecting ATIS MMSI in the main menu

#### 4-5-2 Enable ATIS Functionality (ATIS FUNC) LVR-250 EU ONLY

ATIS functionality will operate only after the ATIS MMSI has been entered (see previous section).

DSC SETUP  
INDIV REPLY  
ATIS MMSI  
>ATIS FUNC

ATIS FUNC  
>ON  
OFF



1. Select DSC SETUP, then ATIS FUNC.
2. Select ON (on) to enable the ATIS functionality and automatically disable DSC functionality. The ATIS annunciator appears on the screen.

It is not possible to have both ATIS ON (on) and DSC ON (on) simultaneously. When you enable one, the other will turn OFF (off). If DSC and ATIS are both OFF (off), DSC will have to be switched ON (on) for normal DSC operation.

There are two annunciators in the screen to show you the current mode: if the DSC annunciator is shown, DSC is operational, if the ATIS annunciator is shown, ATIS is operational.

## 4-6 DSC functionality options (DSC FUNC)

DSC functionality can be disabled but this is not recommended.

DSC SETUP  
GROUP SETUP  
INDIV REPLY  
>DSC FUNC

DSC FUNC  
>ON  
OFF



1. Select DSC SETUP, then DSC FUNC.
2. Press ENT to select ON and to operate the DSC functionality. This will automatically disable ATIS functionality. The DSC annunciator appears on the screen.

It is not possible to have both ATIS ON (on) and DSC ON (on) simultaneously. When you enable one, the other will turn OFF (off). If DSC and ATIS are both OFF (off), DSC will have to be switched ON (on) for normal DSC operation.

There are two annunciators in the screen to show you the current mode: if the DSC annunciator is shown, DSC is operational, if the ATIS annunciator is shown, ATIS is operational.

## 4-7 Response Type to LL Polling Calls (LL REPLY)

You can set up the radio to respond to an LL polling request in one of three ways:

**AUTO** Automatically replies to any incoming LL polling requests from any of your buddies.

**MANUAL** Choose whether to reply automatically or manually to any incoming buddy polling requests.

**OFF** Ignores all incoming buddy LL polling requests.

DSC SETUP  
INDIV REPLY  
DSC FUNC  
>LL REPLY

LL REPLY  
>AUTO  
MANUAL  
OFF

1. Select DSC SETUP, then LL REPLY.
2. Select your response and press ENT to confirm and return to the menu.

## Section 5 - Sending and Receiving DSC Calls

### WARNING

A valid USER MMSI must be entered into this radio before these DSC functions can be used. See 4-2 Enter Your USER MMSI (USER MMSI).

### 5-1 What is DSC?

DSC (Digital Selective Calling) is a semi-automated method of establishing VHF, MF, and HF radio calls. It has been designated as an international standard by the IMO (International Maritime Organization) and is part of the GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System).

Currently, you are required to monitor Distress Channel 16, but DSC will eventually replace listening watches on distress frequencies and will be used to broadcast routine and urgent maritime safety information.

DSC enables you to send and receive calls from any vessel or coast station that is equipped with DSC functionality, and within geographic range. Calls can be categorised as distress, urgency, safety, or routine, and DSC selects a working channel automatically.

### 5-2 Sending DSC calls

DSC CALL  
INDIVIDUAL  
>LAST CALL  
GROUP

1. Press CALL to show the types of DSC call that can be made.  
Note that only four DSC call types can be shown at any one time on the screen.
2. Press + or - to scroll up and down the DSC call types until the cursor is positioned at the desired option. Then press ENT.  
The DSC call types are:

The following options are available through CALL key:

INDIVIDUAL

Make a individual call or acknowledgement to a new caller or a buddy. See Section 5-2-1, 5-2-2, and 5-2-3.

LAST CALL

Show the details of the most recent incoming call. See Section 5-2-4.

GROUP

Make a call to one of your three groups. See Section 5-2-5.

ALL SHIPS

Make an All Ships call. See Section 5-2-6.

CALL LOG

Show the details of the 20 most recent incoming calls. See Section 5-2-7.

DIST LOG

Show the details of the 10 most recent distress calls. See Section 5-2-8.

LL REQUEST

Request the LL position of a buddy. See Section 5-2-9.

### 5-2-1 Make a Routine Call (Individual)

DSC CALL >INDIVIDUAL LAST CALL GROUP	INDIVIDUAL >ROUTINE SAFETY URGENCY	MANUAL MMSI 0-----	123456789 INDIVIDUAL ROUTINE >SET CHANNEL
123456789 INDIVIDUAL ROUTINE >SEND?	123456789 INDIVIDUAL ROUTINE CALLING...	123456789 INDIVIDUAL ROUTINE WAITING ACK	INDIV ACK 123456789 PRESS PTT ESC -> EXIT

You can call any other person that has another DSC equipped radio.

1. Press CALL to enter DSC mode, then select INDIVIDUAL. This allows you to call another person.
2. Press ENT, the arrow is pointing to <ROUTINE>. However, you can select one of the following call priorities: ROUTINE, SAFETY, URGENCY, DISTRESS.

To make a Routine call, press ENT to select MANUAL NEW to call a person that is not in your buddy list, otherwise select the name of your buddy. Press ENT.

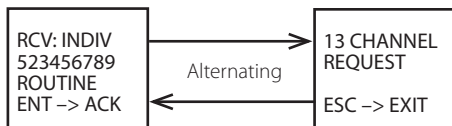
If you selected MANUAL NEW, you need to enter the user MMSI and then press ENT.

3. Select the working channel and press ENT. (Note: Duplex channels cannot usually be called and are automatically eliminated from the suggested call list. If the call is to a Coast Station, the radio will recognize this and select the correct channel.)
4. The radio summarizes the call details and asks for confirmation to send the call (SEND?). Press ENT to send the call. The radio goes to CH70 and the Tx annunciator is displayed on the screen while the DSC call is being sent.
5. If the call is acknowledged (ACK), press PTT to talk. If there is no reply, retry making the call. See Section 5-2-2.

### 5-2-2 Retrying a Routine Call

- |  |
|--|
| 123456789<br>SEND AGAIN?<br>>YES<br>NO |
|--|
6. If there is no reply to your call after one minute (UNABLE TO ACKNOWLEDGE) the radio asks if you want to retry the call (SEND AGAIN?).
  7. Select YES and press ENT to retry the call.
- The radio will repeat this cycle twice. If the call still cannot be placed, the radio returns to normal operation.

### 5-2-3 Acknowledgement of an Individual Incoming Call (INDIV)

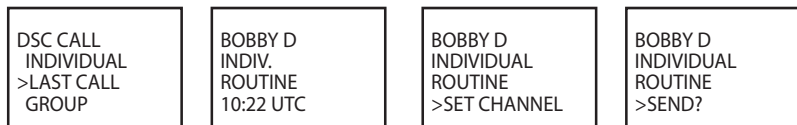


The LVR-250 EU requires the operator to manually send an acknowledgement to the requesting radio.

Press ENT to send an acknowledgement or EXIT to cancel.

The LVR-250 US will automatically send an acknowledgement to the requesting radio within 10 seconds of receiving the call.

### 5-2-4 Recall the Most Recent Incoming Call (LAST)



This facility is useful and used frequently.

1. Press CALL to enter DSC mode. LAST CALL is automatically selected. Press ENT to display the contact details of the most recent incoming call. Press ENT to next screen.
2. Select the working channel and press ENT. (Note: Duplex channels cannot usually be called and are automatically eliminated from the suggested call list. If the call is to a Coast Station, the radio will recognize this and select the correct channel.)
3. The radio summarizes the call details and asks for confirmation to send the call (SEND?). Press ENT to send the call, and continue as explained in Section 5-2-1.

### 5-2-5 Call a Group (GROUP)



1. Press CALL to enter DSC mode, then select GROUP. The radio displays the names of your groups.
2. Select the group that you want to call (the Group MMSI must be set before making the call). Then set the channel and continue as explained in Section 5-2-1.

## 5-2-6 Call All Ships (ALL SHIPS)

DSC CALL  
LAST CALL  
GROUP  
>ALL SHIPS

ALL SHIPS  
>URGENCY  
SAFETY  
ROUTINE

ALL SHIPS  
URGENCY  
>SET CHANNEL

ALL SHIPS  
URGENCY  
>SEND?

The ALL SHIPS ROUTINE call option is shown on the LVR-250 US.

1. Press CALL to enter DSC mode, then select ALL SHIPS.
2. The priority is set automatically to URGENCY. However, you can select one of the following call priorities:

**URGENCY** For use when a serious situation or problem arises that could lead to a distress situation

**SAFETY** To send safety information to all other vessels in range;

**ROUTINE** Routine call (LVR-250 US only)

**DISTRESS** To send distress information to all

3. Select one of the above priorities and then set the working channel, the radio asks for confirmation of the ALL SHIPS call. Press ENT to send the call. Continue as explained in Section 5-2-1.

## 5-2-7 Call using the Call Log (CALL LOG)

DSC CALL  
GROUP  
ALL SHIPS  
>CALL LOG

01 BOBBY D  
INDIV.  
ROUTINE  
10:45 UTC

BOBBY D  
>CALL BACK  
DELETE

BOBBY D  
INDIVIDUAL  
ROUTINE  
>SET CHANNEL

BOBBY D  
INDIVIDUAL  
ROUTINE  
>SEND?

The Call Log contains the contact details for the 20 most recent incoming calls, so that you call any of them again quickly.

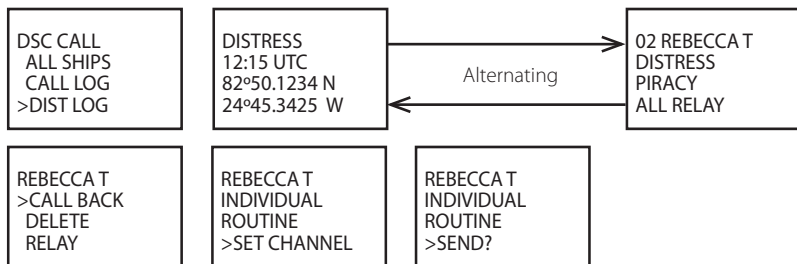
1. Press CALL to enter DSC mode, then select CALL LOG.

Scroll down to the desired contact details.

The radio displays the contact details for the most recent incoming call as the first entry (01) in the call log. In the example, the contact details for the 11th most recent call are displayed. Press ENT to advance to next screen.

2. Again press ENT to confirm the call back, then set the working channel and press ENT to send the call. Continue as explained in Section 5-2-1.

### 5-2-8 Call using the Distress Log (DIST LOG)



The Distress Log contains the Distress Log data for the 10 most recent relayed Distress Calls, so that you can call any of them quickly. Always try to make voice contact on CH16 first, as follows:

1. Press CALL to enter DSC mode, then select DIST LOG.
2. The most recently received Distress Call is the first entry (01) in the Distress Log. Select the entry that you want to call and press ENT.

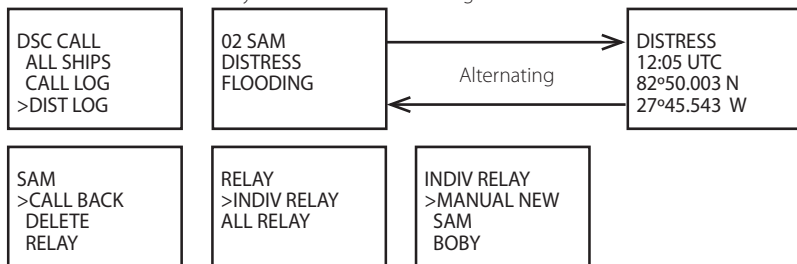
The details are displayed over two screens that alternate every 1.5 seconds; the first screen shows the location and name or MMSI of the vessel in Distress, the second screen shows the nature of the emergency (if specified) and the MMSI of the vessel that relayed the Distress Call.

3. Select CALL BACK and press ENT, then set the channel and continue as explained in Section 5-2-1.

### 5-2-9 Call distress relay using the Distress Log (DIST LOG)

#### 5-2-9-1 Call distress relay to individual using the Distress Log

You can make a distress relay to an individual in the log.

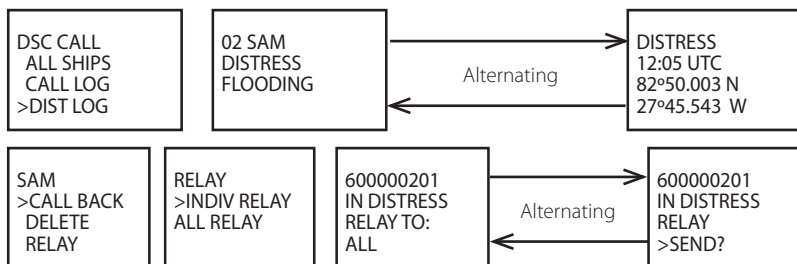


1. Press CALL to enter DSC mode, then select DIST LOG.
2. Select the entry that you want to call and press ENT. The details are displayed over two screens that alternate every 1.5 seconds; the first screen shows the location and name or MMSI of the vessel in Distress, the second screen shows the nature of the emergency (if specified) and the MMSI of the vessel that relayed the Distress Call.

- Again press, ENT, then select RELAY.
- Press ENT, the arrow is printing <INDIV RELAY>.
- Press ENT, the INDIV RELAY menu appears, which displays the buddy entries you have saved and <MANUAL NEW> for manual number entry.
- Set the channel and continue as explained in Section 5-2-1.

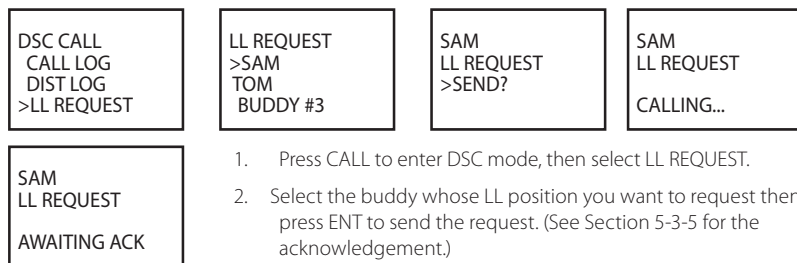
### 5-2-9-2 Call distress relay to all ship using the Distress Log

To make a distress relay to all ship in the log.



- Press CALL to enter DSC mode, then select DIST LOG.
- Select the entry that you want to call and press ENT. The details are displayed over two screens that alternate every 1.5 seconds.
- Again press, ENT, then select RELAY. Then select ALL RELAY.
- Press ENT, two alternating screens are displaying, and again press ENT to send out the call.

### 5-2-10 Request the LL Position of a Buddy (LL REQUEST)



- Press CALL to enter DSC mode, then select LL REQUEST.
- Select the buddy whose LL position you want to request then press ENT to send the request. (See Section 5-3-5 for the acknowledgement.)
- The working channel name is displayed while the radio waits for an acknowledgement from your buddy. If there is no reply after 1 minute the radio asks if you want to retry. Continue as explained in Section 5-2-2.

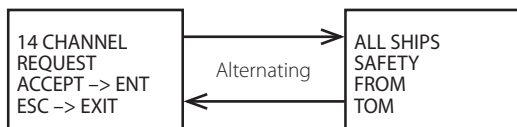
## 5-3 Receiving DSC Calls

Several types of DSC calls can be received from vessels within range at various priority levels:

<b>DISTRESS</b>	See Section 6.
<b>ALL SHIPS</b>	Urgency, Safety, Routine or Distress priority (see Section 5-3-1)
<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	Urgency, Safety, Routine or Distress priority (see Section 5-3-2)
<b>GROUP</b>	Routine priority only (see Section 5-3-3)
<b>GEOGRAPHIC</b>	Routine priority only (see Section 5-3-4)
<b>POLLED POSITION</b>	Routine or Safety priority (see Section 5-3-5)

In addition to the audible alert, the telephone icon will flash on the screen.

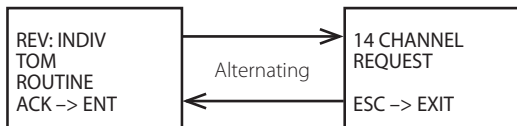
### 5-3-1 Receiving an All Ships Call (ALL SHIPS)



1. When you receive notification of an ALL SHIP call, press any key to cancel the alert. Press ENT to switch to the designated working channel manually; press EXIT to return to old CH. The priority level and the user MMSI are displayed on the screen. If the radio recognises the user MMSI as one of your buddies, the buddy's name is displayed in place of the user MMSI.
2. No acknowledgement is required. Press PTT to initiate voice contact on CH16 and then switch to the designated working channel.

The call data is stored in the Call Log (see Section 5-2-7).

### 5-3-2 Receiving an Individual Call (INDIV)



1. When you receive notification of an INDIV call, press any key to cancel the alert. The radio manually selects the channel designated in the incoming call by pressing ENT key. INDIV calls are almost always Routine priority.  
  
If the radio recognises the user MMSI as one of your buddies, the buddy's name is displayed in place of the user MMSI.
2. The LVR-250 US responds automatically to acknowledge the incoming call. The LVR-250 EU responds manually.

3. The caller should respond to your acknowledgement by making voice contact on the designated channel. If this does not happen, you can press PTT to initiate voice contact instead.

The call data is stored in the Call Log (see Section 5-2-7).

### 5-3-3 Receiving a Group Call (GROUP)

RCV: GROUP  
GP: RD GROUP  
FISHER2  
ESC -> EXIT

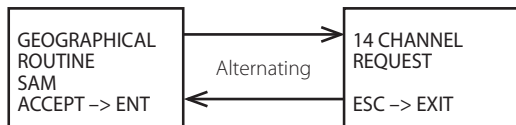
1. When you receive notification of a GROUP call, press any key to cancel the alert. The radio automatically selects the channel designated in the incoming call.

The priority level is always routine, and the group is identified on the screen. The group will be one of the three groups of frequently called people that you set up earlier (see Section 4-3).

2. You do not need to send an acknowledgement. If desired, press PTT to initiate voice contact on the designated channel.

The call data is stored in the Call Log (see Section 5-2-7).

### 5-3-4 Receiving a Geographic Call (GEOGRAPH)



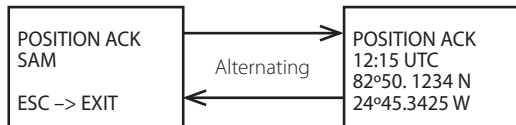
A geographic call is received by vessels within a specific geographic boundary area.

1. When you receive notification of a GEOGRAPH call, press any key to cancel the alert. The radio manually selects the channel designated in the incoming call. Press ENT.

The user MMSI or name are displayed on the screen. If the radio recognises the user MMSI as one of your buddies, the buddy's name is displayed in place of the user MMSI.

2. Monitor the working channel for an announcement from the calling vessel.

### 5-3-5 Receiving a Polled Position Call (POSITION)



1. When you receive GPS position data from a buddy in response to your LL request (see Section 5-2-9), you are recommended to make a written note of the position, especially if it is a good fishing position. If enhanced LL position information is available from your buddy, this is shown on the screen until the screen display changes.

## Section 6 - Distress Calls



### WARNING

A valid USER MMSI must be entered into this radio before these DSC functions can be used. See 4-2 Enter Your USER MMSI (USER MMSI).

### 6-1 Sending a Distress Call

DISTRESS CALL  
>FIRE  
FLOODING  
COLLISION

DISTRESS CALL  
>PIRACY  
HOLD DISTRESS  
2 SECONDS..

DISTRESS CALL  
SENT! WAIT..  
PRESS EXIT  
TO CANCEL...

1. Open the red cover labelled DISTRESS.  
If time is available to specify the nature of the distress, go to step 2. Otherwise, go directly to step 3.
2. Press the DISTRESS key to display the following categories. Scroll to the category that describes your situation, then press ENT:

**UNDESIGNATED** (Undesignated)

**FIRE** (Fire)

**FLOODING** (Flooding)

**COLLISION** (Collision)

**GROUNDING** (Grounding)

**LISTING** (Listing)

**SINKING** (Sinking)

**ADRIFT** (Adrift)

**ABANDONING** (Abandoning)

**PIRACY** (Piracy)

**OVER BOARD** (Over Board)

3. Hold down the DISTRESS key for about 3 seconds, until you see the distress call sent message (DISTRESS CALL SENT!) on the screen. The whole display starts to flash and beep loudly.

The distress call repeats five times continuously. It then repeats randomly every 3.5 to 4.5 minutes until a distress acknowledgement (DISTRESS ACK) is received from a search and rescue authority or until you cancel the distress call manually.

The radio selects CH16 automatically so that you can hear any incoming voice contacts from search and rescue authorities or other vessels within range.

*Press EXIT if you need to cancel the distress call. This is the only key that operates in distress mode.*

## 6-2 Receiving a Distress Call (DISTRESS!)

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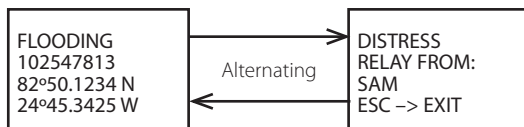
1. An alert sounds when a distress call (DISTRESS!) is received. Press any key to cancel the alert. You do not need to send an acknowledgement.
2. The radio automatically selects CH16 and displays the details of the distress call on the screen. Press PTT to establish voice contact.

The details are displayed over two screens that alternate every 1.5 seconds; the first screen shows the user MMSI and nature of the emergency (if specified), the second screen shows the time and the location (if specified). If the location and time are not specified, these are replaced with sequences of 9s and 8s respectively.

The LVR-250 is capable of receiving enhanced LL position data if the vessel transmitting the Distress Call is sending this. This provides the position of the distressed vessel to within 20 m (60ft).

## 6-3 Distress Acknowledgement (DISTRESS ACK) or Relay

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An alert sounds when a Distress Relay (DISTRESS RELAY) is received. Press any key to cancel the alert.

Try to make voice contact with the calling vessel. Maintain a listening watch on CH16 and standby to lend assistance

For a Distress Acknowledgement (DISTRESS ACK) sent from the Coast Guard, your radio automatically cancels Distress Mode transmissions and CH16 appears. Press PTT to establish voice contact with the Coast Guard.

The Coast Guard is the only agency allowed to send a Distress Acknowledgement (DISTRESS ACK).

## ***Appendix A - Technical Specifications***

### **LOWRANCE LVR-250**

#### **GENERAL**

Power Supply:	13.6V DC.
Current drain:	
Transmit	6 A at 25 W Tx / 1.5A at 1W Tx
Receive	Less than 250mA in standby
Usable channels:	International, USA, Canada, Weather (country specific)
Mode:	16K0G3E (FM) / 16K0G2B (DSC)

#### **PHYSICAL**

LCD display (viewing):	46 x 26 mm (1.8 x 1.0") matrix FSTN
Contrast and Dimming control:	Yes
Antenna connector:	SO-239 (50 ohm)
Temperature Range:	-20°C to +50°C (-4°F to 120°F) - LVR-250 US only -15°C to +55°C (5°F to 130°F) - LVR-250 EU only
Waterproof:	JIS-7
Dimensions:	161(W) x 75(H) x 147(D) mm - without bracket
Weight:	1.29 kg (2.8 lbs) - without microphone
Frequency stability:	+/- 10ppm
Frequency control:	PLL
GPS/NMEA input:	Yes
Comm. port:	4800 baud NMEA 0183
DSC:	Yes
GPS/NMEA input:	Yes
GPS data sentences can be received:	RMC, GGA, GLL, GNS.
NMEA output:	Yes
NMEA output sentences:	DSC ( for DSC call), DSE (for enhanced position).

#### **FEATURES**

Flush Mount kit and dust cover:	Yes
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Local/Distant control:	Yes
Position polling:	Yes
Group Call:	Yes
Call logs:	Yes - 20 individual and 10 distress
DSC mode:	SC101 (USA) Class D (Europe)
Channel Naming:	Yes
Tri watch, Favourite channel scan, All scan:	Yes
User programmable MMSI:	Yes
MMSI and NAME directory:	Yes - 20 numbers & group

## **TRANSMITTER**

Frequency:	156.025 - 157.425MHz
Output power:	25 W / 1 W selectable
Transmitter protection:	Open / short circuit of antenna
Max Freq deviation:	+/- 5kHz
Spurious & harmonics:	better than 2.5µ W
Modulation distortion:	Less than 4%@ 1kHz for a +/-3kHz deviation

## **RECEIVER**

Frequency:	156.025 - 163.275 MHz
12dB SINAD sensitivity:	0.25uV (distant) / 2.5uV (local) for LVR-250 US 0.25uV (distant) / 0.8uV (local) for LVR-250 EU
20db SINAD sensitivity:	0.35uV
Adjacent CH selectivity:	more than 65db
Spurious response:	more than 65 db
Intermodulation Rejection ratio:	more than 65 db
Residual Noise level:	more than -40 db unsquelched
Audio output power:	2 W (with 8 ohm at 10% distortion) 4 W with 4 ohm external speaker
Compass safe distance:	0.5 m (1.5')

Specifications are subject to change without notice.

## Appendix B - Troubleshooting

### 1. The transceiver will not power up.

A fuse may have blown OR there is no voltage getting to the transceiver.

- Check the power cable for cuts, breaks, or squashed sections.
- After checking the wiring, replace the 7 Amp fuse (1 spare fuse is supplied).
- Check the battery voltage. This must be greater than 10.5V.

### 2. The transceiver blows the fuse when the power is switched on.

The power wires may have been reversed.

- Check that the red wire is connected to the positive battery terminal, and the black wire is connected to the negative battery terminal.

### 3. The speaker makes popping or whining noises when the engine is running.

Electrical noise may be interfering with the transceiver.

- Re-route the power cables away from the engine.
- Add a noise suppressor to the power cable.
- Use resistive spark plug wires and/or use an alternator whine filter.

### 4. No sound from the external speaker.

- Check that the external speaker cable is physically connected.
- Check the soldering of the external speaker cable.

### 5. Transmissions are always on low power, even when high (HI) power is selected.

The antenna may be faulty.

- Test the transceiver with a different antenna.
- Have the antenna checked out.

### 6. Battery symbol is displayed.

The power supply is too low or too high.

- Check the battery voltage. This should be at least  $10.5V \pm 0.5V$  DC.
- Check the alternator on the vessel.

### 7. No position information is displayed.

The GPS cable may be faulty or the GPS setting may be incorrect.

- Check that the GPS cable is physically connected.
- Check the polarity of the GPS cable.
- Check the baud rate setting of the GPS if applicable. The baud rate setting should be 4800 and parity should be set to NONE.

# Appendix C - VHF Marine Channel Charts

## C-1 International Channel Chart

CH	TX (MHz)	RX (MHz)	MODE	TRAFFIC TYPE	SHIP TO SHIP	SHIP TO SHORE	NAME TAG	REMARK
01	156.050	160.650	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
02	156.100	160.700	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
03	156.150	160.750	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
04	156.200	160.800	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OP	
05	156.250	160.850	D	Port Operations, Selected VTS Areas	No	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
06	156.300	156.300	S	Inter-ship Safety	Yes	No	SAFETY	
07	156.350	160.950	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
08	156.400	156.400	S	Commercial (inter-ship only)	Yes	No	COMMERCIAL	
09	156.450	156.450	S	Recreational Calling Channel	Yes	Yes	CALLING	
10	156.500	156.500	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
11	156.550	156.550	S	Commercial, VTS in Selected Areas	Yes	Yes	VTS	
12	156.600	156.600	S	Port Operations, Selected VTS Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
13	156.650	156.650	S	Inter-ship Navigation Safety (bridge-to-bridge)	Yes	No	BRIDGE COM	
14	156.700	156.700	S	Port Operations, Selected VTS Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
15	156.750	156.750	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	Ⓢ 1W only
16	156.800	156.800	S	International Distress, Safety, and Calling	Yes	Yes	DISTRESS	
17	156.850	156.850	S	State Controlled	Yes	Yes	SAR	Ⓢ 1W only
18	156.900	161.500	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
19	156.950	161.550	D	Commercial	No	Yes	SHIP - SHORE	
20	157.000	161.600	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
21	157.050	161.650	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
22	157.100	161.700	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
23	157.150	161.750	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
24	157.200	161.800	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
25	157.250	161.850	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
26	157.300	161.900	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
27	157.350	161.950	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
28	157.400	162.000	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
60	156.025	160.625	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
61	156.075	160.675	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	

62	156.125	160.725	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
63	156.175	160.775	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
64	156.225	160.825	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
65	156.275	160.875	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
66	156.325	160.925	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
67	156.375	156.375	S	Commercial, bridge-to-bridge	Yes	No	BRIDGE COM	
68	156.425	156.425	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
69	156.475	156.475	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
70	156.525	156.525		Digital Selective Calling - DSC	-----	-----	DSC	③
71	156.575	156.575	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
72	156.625	156.625	S	Inter-ship	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
73	156.675	156.675	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
74	156.725	156.725	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
77	156.875	156.875	S	Inter-ship	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
78	156.925	161.525	D	Non-Commercial	No	Yes	SHIP - SHORE	
79	156.975	161.575	D	Commercial	No	Yes	SHIP - SHORE	
80	157.025	161.625	D	Commercial	No	Yes	SHIP - SHORE	
81	157.075	161.675	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
82	157.125	161.725	D	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
83	157.175	161.775	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
84	157.225	161.825	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
85	157.275	161.875	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
86	157.325	161.925	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
87	157.375	161.975	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
88	157.425	162.025	D	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	

### ***Special Notes on International Channel Usage***

- ①. LOW POWER (1W) only.
- ②. LOW POWER (1W) initially. Override to HIGH POWER by holding down H/L key before transmitting. Used normally in bridge-to-bridge communications.
- ③. Channel 70 is designated for use exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC), such as Distress, Safety, and Ship Calls. No voice communication is allowed on CH70. This channel is only available on DSC enabled radios.

**Note:** The INTERNATIONAL mode is not legal for use in U.S. or Canada waters.

**KEY:** S = Simplex operating channel; D = Duplex operating channel.

## C-2 USA Channel Chart

CH	TX (MHz)	RX (MHz)	MODE	TRAFFIC TYPE	SHIP TO SHIP	SHIP TO SHORE	NAME TAG	REMARK
01A	156.050	156.050	S	Port Operations, Selected VTS Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
03A	156.150	156.150	S	US Government, Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
05A	156.250	156.250	S	Port Operations, Selected VTS Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
06	156.300	156.300	S	Inter-ship Safety	Yes	No	SAFETY	
07A	156.350	156.350	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
08	156.400	156.400	S	Commercial (inter-ship only)	Yes	No	COMMERCIAL	
09	156.450	156.450	S	Recreational Calling Channel	Yes	Yes	CALLING	
10	156.500	156.500	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
11	156.550	156.550	S	Commercial, VTS in Selected Areas	Yes	Yes	VTS	
12	156.600	156.600	S	Port Operations, Selected VTS Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
13	156.650	156.650	S	Inter-ship Navigation Safety (bridge-to-bridge), 1W with Power-up	Yes	No	BRIDGE COM	③ 1W
14	156.700	156.700	S	Port Operations, Selected VTS Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
15	---	156.750	S	Environmental	-----	-----	ENVIRONMEN- TAL	② RX only
16	156.800	156.800	S	International Distress, Safety, and Calling	Yes	Yes	DISTRESS	
17	156.850	156.850	S	State Controlled	Yes	Yes	SAR	① 1W only
18A	156.900	156.900	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
19A	156.950	156.950	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
20	157.000	161.600	D	Port Operations, Canadian Coast Guard	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
20A	157.000	157.000	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
21A	157.050	157.050	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
22A	157.100	157.100	S	Coast Guard Liaison	Yes	Yes	COAST GUARD	
23A	157.150	157.150	S	U.S. Government, Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
24	157.200	161.800	D	Public Correspondence, Marine operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
25	157.250	161.850	D	Public Correspondence, Marine operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
26	157.300	161.900	D	Public Correspondence, Marine operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
27	157.350	161.950	D	Public Correspondence, Marine operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
28	157.400	162.000	D	Public Correspondence, Marine operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
61A	156.075	156.075	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
63A	156.175	156.175	S	Port Operations, VTS in Selected Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
64A	156.225	156.225	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Commercial Fishing	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
65A	156.275	156.275	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
66A	156.325	156.325	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	

67	156.375	156.375	S	Commercial, bridge-to-bridge, 1W with Power-up	Yes	No	BRIDGE COM	③ 1W
68	156.425	156.425	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
69	156.475	156.475	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	Yes	PLEASURE	
70	156.525	156.525		Digital Selective Calling - DSC	-----	-----	DSC	⑥
71	156.575	156.575	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	Yes	PLEASURE	
72	156.625	156.625	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
73	156.675	156.675	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
74	156.725	156.725	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
77	156.875	156.875	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	① 1W only
78A	156.925	156.925	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
79A	156.975	156.975	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
80A	157.025	157.025	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
81A	157.075	157.075	S	U.S. Government, Environmental Protection Agency Operations	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
82A	157.125	157.125	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
83A	157.175	157.175	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
<b>84</b>	<b>157.225</b>	<b>161.825</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>85</b>	<b>157.275</b>	<b>161.875</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>86</b>	<b>157.325</b>	<b>161.925</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>87</b>	<b>157.375</b>	<b>161.975</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>88</b>	<b>157.425</b>	<b>162.025</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
88A	157.425	157.425	S	Commercial, Inter-ship Only	Yes	No	COMMERCIAL	

### Special Notes on USA Channel Usage

- ①. LOW POWER (1 W) only.
- ②. Receive Only.
- ③. LOW POWER (1 W) initially. Override to HIGH POWER by holding down H/L key before transmitting. Used normally in bridge-to-bridge communications.
- ④. Lightly shaded simplex channels 03A, 21A, 23A, 61A, 64A, 81A, 82A, and 83A cannot be lawfully used in U.S. waters unless special authorization is obtained from the U.S. Coast Guard. Not for use by the general public.
- ⑤. The letter "A" illuminated by the channel number indicates the USA channel is simplex. This same channel is always duplex when selecting International. There is no "A" reference for International channels. The letter "B" is only used for some Canadian "Receive only" channels.
- ⑥. Channel 70 is designated for use exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC), such as Distress, Safety, and Ship Calls. No voice communication is allowed on CH70. This channel is only available on DSC enabled radios.

**KEY:** S = Simplex operating channel; D = Duplex operating channel.

## C-3 CANADA Channel Chart

CH	TX (MHz)	RX (MHz)	MODE	TRAFFIC TYPE	SHIP TO SHIP	SHIP TO SHORE	NAME TAG	REMARK
<b>01</b>	<b>156.050</b>	<b>160.650</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>02</b>	<b>156.100</b>	<b>160.700</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>03</b>	<b>156.150</b>	<b>160.750</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
04A	156.200	156.200	S	Canadian Coast Guard, SAR	Yes	Yes	CANADIAN CG	
05A	156.250	156.250	S	Port Operations, VTS in Selected Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
06	156.300	156.300	S	Inter-ship Safety	Yes	No	SAFETY	
07A	156.350	156.350	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
08	156.400	156.400	S	Commercial (inter-ship only)	Yes	No	COMMERCIAL	
09	156.450	156.450	S	Recreational Calling Channel	Yes	Yes	CALLING	
10	156.500	156.500	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
11	156.550	156.550	S	Commercial, VTS in Selected Areas	Yes	Yes	VTS	
12	156.600	156.600	S	Port Operations, VTS in Selected Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
13	156.650	156.650	S	Inter-ship Navigation Safety (bridge-to-bridge) 1W with power-up	Yes	No	BRIDGE COM	③ 1W
14	156.700	156.700	S	Port Operations, VTS in Selected Areas	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS/VTS	
15	156.750	156.750	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	① 1W only
16	156.800	156.800	S	International Distress, Safety, and Calling	Yes	Yes	DISTRESS	
17	156.850	156.850	S	State Controlled	Yes	Yes	SAR	① 1W only
18A	156.900	156.900	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
19A	156.950	156.950	S	Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	CANADIAN CG	
<b>20</b>	<b>157.000</b>	<b>161.600</b>	<b>D</b>	Canadian Coast Guard	No	Yes	CANADIAN CG	① 1W only
<b>21</b>	<b>157.050</b>	<b>161.650</b>	<b>D</b>	Port Operations	No	Yes	PORT OPS	
21A	157.050	157.050	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	
21B	---	161.650	S	Port Operations	-----	-----	PORT OPS	RX only
22A	157.100	157.100	S	Canadian Coast Guard Liaison	Yes	Yes	CANADIAN CG	
<b>23</b>	<b>157.150</b>	<b>161.750</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>24</b>	<b>157.200</b>	<b>161.800</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>25</b>	<b>157.250</b>	<b>161.850</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
25B	---	161.850	S	Public Correspondence	-----	-----	TELEPHONE	RX only
<b>26</b>	<b>157.300</b>	<b>161.900</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>27</b>	<b>157.350</b>	<b>161.950</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>28</b>	<b>157.400</b>	<b>162.000</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
28B	---	162.000	S	Public Correspondence	-----	-----	TELEPHONE	RX only
<b>60</b>	<b>156.025</b>	<b>160.625</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
61A	156.075	156.075	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④

62A	156.125	156.125	S	Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	CANADIAN CG	
<b>64</b>	<b>156.225</b>	<b>160.825</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Duplex	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
64A	156.225	156.225	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Commercial Fishing	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
65A	156.275	156.275	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	
66A	156.325	156.325	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	① 1W only
67	156.375	156.375	S	Commercial, SAR	Yes	No	COMMERCIAL	
68	156.425	156.425	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
69	156.475	156.475	S	Commercial Fishing Only	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
70	156.525	156.525	S	Digital Selective Calling - DSC	-----	-----	DSC	⑤
71	156.575	156.575	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	Yes	PLEASURE	
72	156.625	156.625	S	Inter-ship	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
73	156.675	156.675	S	Commercial Fishing Only	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
74	156.725	156.725	S	Commercial Fishing Only	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
77	156.875	156.875	S	Port Operations	Yes	Yes	PORT OPS	① 1W only
78A	156.925	156.925	S	Boat Operations, Recreational	Yes	No	SHIP - SHIP	
79A	156.975	156.975	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
80A	157.025	157.025	S	Commercial	Yes	Yes	COMMERCIAL	
81A	157.075	157.075	S	U.S. Government Operations	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
82A	157.125	157.125	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
<b>83</b>	<b>157.175</b>	<b>161.775</b>	<b>D</b>	Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	CANADIAN CG	
83A	157.175	157.175	S	U.S. Government, Canadian Coast Guard	Yes	Yes	UNAUTHORIZED	④
83B	---	161.775	S	Canadian Coast Guard, RX Only	-----	-----	CANADIAN CG	
<b>84</b>	<b>157.225</b>	<b>161.825</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>85</b>	<b>157.275</b>	<b>161.875</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>86</b>	<b>157.325</b>	<b>161.925</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>87</b>	<b>157.375</b>	<b>161.975</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	
<b>88</b>	<b>157.425</b>	<b>162.025</b>	<b>D</b>	Public Correspondence, Marine Operator	No	Yes	TELEPHONE	

### Special Notes on Canada Channel Usage

- ①. LOW POWER (1 W) only.
- ②. Receive Only.
- ③. LOW POWER (1 W) initially. Override to HIGH POWER by holding down H/L key before transmitting. Used normally in bridge-to-bridge communications.
- ④. Lightly shaded simplex channels 21A, 23A, 61A, 64A, 81A, 82A, and 83A cannot be lawfully used in Canada waters unless special authorization is obtained from the Canadian Coast Guard. Not for use by the general public.

- ⑤. The letter "A" illuminated by the channel number indicates the Canada channel is simplex. This same channel is always duplex when selecting International. There is no "A" reference for International channels. The letter "B" is only used for some Canadian "Receive only" channels.
- ⑥. Channel 70 is designated for use exclusively for Digital Selective Calling (DSC), such as Distress, Safety, and Ship Calls. No voice communication is allowed on CH70. This channel is only available on DSC enabled radios.

**Note:** The CANADA mode is not legal to use in U.S. waters.

**KEY:** S = Simplex operating channel; D = Duplex operating channel.

## ***C-4 WEATHER Channels***

CH	RX (MHz)	TRAFFIC TYPE	NAME	REMARK
WX01	162.550	NOAA Weather Channel	NOAA WX	RX only
WX02	162.400	NOAA Weather Channel	NOAA WX	RX only
WX03	162.475	NOAA Weather Channel	NOAA WX	RX only
WX04	162.425	NOAA Weather Channel	NOAA WX	RX only
WX05	162.450	NOAA Weather Channel	NOAA WX	RX only
WX06	162.500	NOAA Weather Channel	NOAA WX	RX only
WX07	162.525	NOAA Weather Channel	NOAA WX	RX only
WX08	161.650	CANADIAN Weather Channel	CANADA WX	RX only
WX09	161.775	CANADIAN Weather Channel	CANADA WX	RX only
WX10	163.275	NOAA Weather Channel	NOAA WX	RX only

## Appendix D - EU Inland Waterway Channels

### Country Specific

For specific channel information for your country, please refer to local authorities.

CH	SPECIFIC FOOT-NOTES	TRANSMITTING FREQUENCY (MHZ)		SHIP-TO-SHIP	SHIP-TO PORT	NAUTICAL INFORMATION
		SHIP	LAND			
60	a)	156.025	160.625			x
01	a)	156.05	160.65			x
61	a)	156.075	160.675			x
02	a)	156.1	160.7			x
62	a)	156.125	160.725			x
03	a)	156.15	160.75			x
63	a)	156.175	160.775			x
04	a)	156.2	160.8			x
64	a)	156.225	160.825			x
05	a)	156.25	160.85			x
65	a)	156.275	160.875			x
06	a) b)	156.3	156.3	x		
66	a)	156.325	160.925			x
07	a)	156.35	160.95			x
67	a) c)	156.375	156.375			x
08	a) q)	156.4	156.4	x		
68	a)	156.425	156.425			x
09	a) b) c)	156.45	156.45			x
69	a)	156.475	156.475			x
10	e)	156.5	156.5	x		
70	a)	156.525	156.525	Digital selective calling for distress, safety and calling		
11		156.55	156.55		x	
71		156.575	156.575		x	
12		156.6	156.6		x	
72	a) r)	156.625	156.625	x		
13	f)	156.65	156.65	x		
73	f) g)	156.675	156.675			x
14	q)	156.7	156.7		x	
74	a)	156.725	156.725		x	
15	h)	156.75	156.75			x
75	o)	156.775	156.775		x	
16	i)	156.8	156.8			x

76	j) d) o)	156.825	156.825			x
17	h)	156.85	156.85			x
77	a) k)	156.875	156.875	x		
18		156.9	161.5			x
78		156.925	161.525			x
19		156.95	161.55			x
79	a)	156.975	161.575			x
20		157	161.6			x
80		157.025	161.625			x
21	a)	157.05	161.65			x
81	a)	157.075	161.675			x
22		157.1	161.7			x
82	l) m)	157.125	161.725			x
23	m)	157.15	161.75			x
83	a) m)	157.175	161.775			x
24	m)	157.2	161.8			x
84	m)	157.225	161.825			x
25	m)	157.25	161.85			x
85	a) m)	157.275	161.875			x
26	m)	157.3	161.9			x
86	a) m)	157.325	161.925			x
27	m)	157.35	161.95			x
87	a) d)	157.375	157.375			x
28	m)	157.4	162			x
88	a) p)	157.425	157.425			x
ALS 1	a) n)	161.975	161.975			
ALS 2	a) n)	162.025	162.025			

## General remarks to frequency table 1

- 1.1.1 The channels for service categories ship-to-ship and nautical information may also be used for vessel traffic -systems by traffic centres.
- 1.1.2 In some countries, frequencies certain channels are used for an other service category or other radio services. These countries are Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, Hungary, Moldova, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Slovak Republic, the Czech Republic (with exemption of channels 08, 09, 72, 74 and 86), Ukraine and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. The Administrations concerned should make any possible attempt to make these frequencies channels as soon as possible available for the radiotelephone service on Inland Waterways and/or the required service category.

## Explanation of specific footnotes in frequency table 1

1. In the countries mentioned under 1.1.2, it is strictly prohibited to use this channel.
2. This channel is not allowed to be used between Rhine km 150 and km 350.
3. In the Netherlands, this channel is used by its on-scene communications during safety operations on the North Sea, IJsselmeer, Waddenzee, Ooster- and Westerschelde.
4. This channel may also be used for piloting, mooring, tugging and for other nautical purposes.
5. This channel is the first ship-to-ship channel, unless the competent authority has designated an other channel.
6. In the countries mentioned under 1.1.2, it is allowed that the output power is set to a value between 6 and 25 W until 1 January 2005.  
  
In the countries mentioned under 1.1.2, this channel is used for service category ship-to-port authorities.
7. In the Netherlands, this channel is used by its national coastguard for communications during oil pollution operations on the North Sea and for safety messages for the North Sea, Waddenzee, IJsselmeer, Ooster- and Westerschelde.
8. This channel may be used only for service category on-board on board communications.
9. This channel may be used only for communications between seagoing vessels and participating land stations in case of distress and safety communications within the maritime sea-areas.  
  
In the countries mentioned under 1.1.2, this channel may be used only for distress, safety and calling.
10. The output power shall be reduced automatically to a value between 0.5 and 1 W.
11. This channel may be used for communications with a social character.
12. In the Netherlands and Belgium, this channel may be used for transmitting messages concerning bunkering and victualling. The output power has to be reduced manually to a value between 0.5 and- 1 W.
13. This channel may also be used for public correspondence.
14. This channel will be used for an automatic ship identification and surveillance system (AIS) capable of providing worldwide operating on seas and Inland Waterways.
15. The availability of this channel is on a voluntary basis. All existing equipment shall be capable to of operating on this channel within a ten-year period after the entry into force of this Arrangement.
16. After permission of the competent authority, this channel may be used only for special events on a temporary basis.
17. In the Czech Republic this channel is used for service category nautical information.
18. In the Czech Republic this channel is used for service category ship-to-port authorities.

## D-1 Special Channels <sup>2</sup>

CH	SEND (MHz)	RECEIVE (MHz)	TRAFFIC TYPE	SHIP TO SHIP	SHIP TO SHORE	NAME TAG
00 <sup>1</sup>	156.000	156.000	UK Coast Guard Users	Yes	Yes	UK COAST GRD
M1	157.425	157.850	UK Marina Channel M1	Yes	Yes	UK MARINA
M2	161.425	161.425	UK Marina Channel M2	Yes	Yes	UK MARINA
31	157.550	162.150	INT'L Duplex (Holland)	No	Yes	NL MARINA
96H	162.425	162.425	INT'L (Belgium)	No	Yes	BEL G MARINA
L1	155.500	155.500	INT'L (Skandinavia)	Yes	No	LEISURE 1
L2	155.525	155.525	INT'L (Skandinavia)	Yes	No	LEISURE 2
L3	155.650	155.650	INT'L (Skandinavia-- not in Denmark)	Yes	No	LE ISURE3
F1	155.625	155.625	INT'L (Skandinavia)	Yes	No	FISHING 1
F2	155.775	155.775	INT'L (Skandinavia)	Yes	No	FISHING 2
F3	155.825	155.825	INT'L (Skandinavia) call back	Yes	No	FISHING 3
AIS1	161.975	161.975	AIS1	----	----	----
AIS2	162.025	162.025	AIS2	----	----	----

### Note:

1. Lightly Shaded Simplex channel CH00 is only available in the UK to Coast Guard users with written authorization.
2. The special channels above maybe fitted to your radio. These are only licensed for use in the country indicated. No attempt should be made to use them in any other country.

## Appendix E - MMSI and License Information

You must obtain a user MMSI (Marine Mobile Service Identity) and enter it into your LVR-250 in order to use the DSC functions. Contact the appropriate authorities in your country. If you are unsure who to contact, consult your Lowrance dealer.

The user MMSI is a unique nine digit number, similar to a personal telephone number. It is used on marine transceivers that are capable of using DSC (Digital Select Calling).

Depending upon your location, you may need a radio station license for the LVR-250. You may also need an individual operator's license.

**Lowrance recommends that you check the requirements of your national radio communications authorities before operating DSC functions.**

### ***FCC Compliance***

This device complies with Part 15 of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

#### **Note:**

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 the factory customer service department for help.

## ***Navico Full Two-Year Lowrance VHF Warranty***

"We," "our," or "us" refers to NAVICO, the manufacturer of this Lowrance VHF product. "You" or "your" refers to the first person who purchases this product as a consumer item for personal, family or household use.

We warrant this product against defects or malfunctions in materials and workmanship, and against failure to conform to this product's written specifications, all for two (2) years from the date of original purchase by you. Battery Packs and accessory items have a one (1) year warranty. WE MAKE NO OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTY OR REPRESENTATION OF ANY KIND WHATSOEVER CONCERNING THIS PRODUCT. Your remedies under this warranty will be available so long as you can show in a reasonable manner that any defect or malfunction in materials or workmanship, or any non-conformity with the product's written specifications, occurred within two years from the date of your original purchase, which must be substantiated by a dated sales receipt or sales slip. Any such defect, malfunction, or non-conformity which occurs within two years from your original purchase date will either be repaired without charge or be replaced with a new product identical or reasonably equivalent to this product, at our option, within a reasonable time after our receipt of the product. If such defect, malfunction, or non-conformity remains after a reasonable number of attempts to repair by us, you may elect to obtain without charge a replacement of the product or a refund for the product. THIS REPAIR, OR REPLACEMENT OR REFUND (AS JUST DESCRIBED) IS THE EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AVAILABLE TO YOU AGAINST US FOR ANY DEFECT, MALFUNCTION, OR NON-CONFORMITY CONCERNING THE PRODUCT OR FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM ANY OTHER CAUSE WHATSOEVER. WE WILL NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES BE LIABLE TO ANYONE FOR ANY SPECIAL, CONSEQUENTIAL, INCIDENTAL, OR OTHER INDIRECT DAMAGE OF ANY KIND.

Some states do not allow the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations or exclusions may not apply to you.

This warranty does NOT apply in the following circumstances: (1) when the product has been serviced or repaired by anyone other than us; (2) when the product has been connected, installed, combined, altered, adjusted, or handled in a manner other than according to the instructions furnished with the product; (3) when any serial number has been effaced, altered, or removed; or (4) when any defect, problem, loss, or damage has resulted from any accident, misuse, negligence, or carelessness, or from any failure to provide reasonable and necessary maintenance in accordance with the instructions of the owner's manual for the product.

We reserve the right to make changes or improvements in our products from time to time without incurring the obligation to install such improvements or changes on equipment or items previously manufactured.

This warranty gives you specific legal rights and you may also have other rights which may vary from state to state.

REMINDER: You must retain the sales slip or sales receipt proving the date of your original purchase in case warranty service is ever required.

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## ***How to Obtain Service***

### ***In the USA***

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We back your investment in quality products with quick, expert service and genuine Lowrance replacement parts. If you're in the United States and you have technical, return or repair questions, please contact the Factory Customer Service Department. Before any product can be returned, you must call customer service to determine if a return is necessary. Many times, customer service can resolve your problem over the phone without sending your product to the factory. To call us, use the following toll-free number:

**800-324-1356**

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Central Standard Time, M-F**

*Lowrance Electronics may find it necessary to change or end our shipping policies, regulations, and special offers at any time. We reserve the right to do so without notice.*

### ***In Canada***

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If you're in Canada and you have technical, return or repair questions, please contact the Factory Customer Service Department. Before any product can be returned, you must call customer service to determine if a return is necessary. Many times, customer service can resolve your problem over the phone without sending your product to the factory. To call us, use the following toll-free number:

**800-661-3983**

**905-629-1614 (not toll-free)**

**8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, M-F**

### ***Outside Canada and the USA***

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If you have technical, return or repair questions, contact the dealer in the country where you purchased your unit. To locate a Lowrance dealer near you, visit our web site or consult your telephone directory for listings.

**[www.lowrance.com](http://www.lowrance.com)**

## ***Accessory Ordering Information for all countries***

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To order Lowrance accessories, please contact:

1. Your local marine dealer or consumer electronics store. Most quality dealers that handle marine electronic equipment or other consumer electronics should be able to assist you with these items.

To locate an Lowrance dealer near you visit our web site or consult your telephone directory for listings.

2. U.S. customers: LEI Extras Inc., PO Box 129, Catoosa, OK 74015-0129  
Call 1-800-324-0045 or visit our web site [www.lei-extras.com](http://www.lei-extras.com).
3. Canadian customers can write:  
Lowrance/Eagle Canada, 919 Matheson Blvd. E. Mississauga, Ontario L4W2R7 or  
fax 905-629-3118.

## ***Shipping Information***

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If it becomes necessary to send a product for repair or replacement, you must first receive a return authorization number from Customer Service. Products shipped without a return authorization will not be accepted. When shipping, we recommend you do the following:

1. Please do not ship the knobs or mounting bracket with your unit.
2. If you are sending a check for repair, please place your check in an envelope and tape it to the unit.
3. For proper testing, include a brief note with the product describing the problem. Be sure to include your name, return shipping address and a day time telephone number. An e-mail address is optional but useful.
4. Pack the unit in a suitable size box with packing material to prevent any damage during shipping.
5. Write the Return Authorization (RA) number on the outside of the box underneath your return address.
6. For your security, you may want to insure the package through your shipping courier. Lowrance does not assume responsibility for goods lost or damaged in transit.

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