



# FOXPRO® *WILDFIRE*™

## Digital Game Caller

## Instructional Manual



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## Using the FOXPRO® WILDFIRE Digital Game Call

Congratulations on the purchase of your FOXPRO® WILDFIRE digital wildlife caller! The WILDFIRE is an easy to use unit and has the features you need to call in wildlife.

Please take this time to read and understand the information in this instruction manual to ensure the best possible experience with your new FOXPRO® WILDFIRE.

### Features Overview

- 1) Rugged ABS Injection Molded Housing
- 2) Horn Speaker
- 3) Power ON/OFF Slide Switch
- 4) Speaker ON/OFF Slide Switch
- 5) Auxiliary Device Jack
- 6) External Speaker Jack
- 7) Pilot Lamp/Low Battery Indicator
- 8) Tripod Mount
- 9) USB Port Access Door
- 10) Battery Compartment



## **1.0 OPERATING GUIDE**

This manual will explain all features of your new FOXPRO® WILDFIRE in depth to help ensure the best overall experience. The **Operating Guide** will provide you the steps on how to get started.

**It is strongly recommended that to fully understand the features and abilities of your FOXPRO® WILDFIRE, that you read this manual in its entirety.**

### **1.1 INSTALLING BATTERIES IN YOUR WILDFIRE**

Since your WILDFIRE is shipped from the factory with no batteries installed, the first step is to install batteries. The WILDFIRE requires 4 “AA” batteries.

**Alkaline batteries are recommended for the best performance.** You can expect to achieve runtimes in excess of 20 hours on one set of batteries. You can use rechargeable NiMH batteries, but they must be charged externally as the WILDFIRE does not have a charge jack.

- 1) Remove the battery door. *The battery door is located on the side of the caller (see image on page 4).*
- 2) Orient the batteries as per the directions shown in each cavity within the holder. *Note that the battery polarity alternates.*
- 3) Replace the battery door after the batteries are installed.

### **1.2 INSTALLING THE BATTERY IN YOUR TX9**

The TX9 transmitter operates from one “9V” battery. **Please use a high quality alkaline battery.** (See section 3.0 for more details on the TX9)

- 1) Remove the battery compartment cover located on the rear of the transmitter.
- 2) Connect the “9V” battery to the battery wire.
- 3) Replace the battery compartment cover after the battery is installed.

### **1.3 OPERATING THE WILDFIRE WITH TX9 REMOTE CONTROL**

- 1) Turn on the TX9 remote control by pressing and holding the “PWR” button for a few seconds.
- 2) Use the sound up or sound down arrow buttons to scroll through your available sounds. The selector bar highlights the sound that is currently selected.

**NOTE: When scrolling through sounds, the playlist will change in pages. The first page will show sounds 000 – 005, page two will show 006 – 011, etc.**

- 3) After you pick the sound you wish to play, press the “SEND” button. The sound number is displayed on the screen the bottom left side after you have press “SEND”.
- 4) Raise your volume level by pressing and holding the volume up button. As you raise the volume level, the on screen volume level indicator will increment. You can decrease the volume by pressing and holding the volume down button.
- 5) Use the mute button to pause/stop the sound you are playing.
- 6) To switch sounds, repeat step 2.

### **Muting the Sound**

To mute the sound, simply press the mute button. The mute also serves as a pause feature, meaning that when you un-mute the sound, it will start playing where you muted the sound instead of starting over again.

### **1.4 POWERING DOWN**

Be sure to power down both the WILDFIRE and TX9 after use to help prolong the battery life.

#### **Powering Down the TX9**

To turn off the TX9, press and hold the “PWR”/“SEND” button for a few seconds. You will see a message appear on the screen saying “Release key to turn off transmitter”. As soon as you release your hold on the button, the TX9 will power down.

#### **Powering Down the WILDFIRE**

Turn off the WILDFIRE by moving the power slide switch to the “OFF” position.

### **2.0 “AUX” JACK FUNCTION**

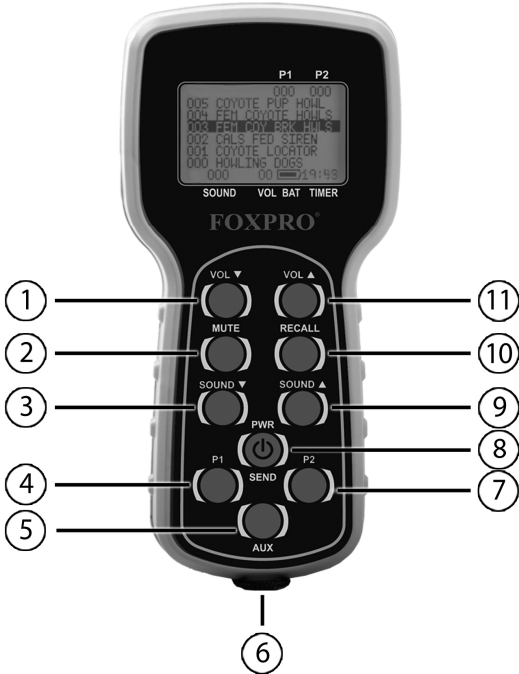
The WILDFIRE is equipped with an auxiliary jack labeled “AUX”. The purpose of this jack is to allow for the connection of certain external devices, such as the FOXPRO® Jack-in-the-Box Decoy, FOXPRO® Jack-Attack Decoy, or other approved devices, and to be able to turn these on and off with the TX9 remote control transmitter. However, there are some strict electrical limits involved with this jack. If these limits are exceeded, damage to your WILDFIRE will result. This damage is not covered by warranty.

The electrically inclined will want to know that the jack is connected to the drain of an internal Field Effect Transistor with a maximum current rating of 100 milliamperes. The “tip” polarity of the 3.5mm jack is positive, while the sleeve is negative. If the external device is connected with the polarity reversed, an internal protection diode within the FET will conduct, causing the device to stay on constantly. The maximum voltage applied to this jack must never exceed 15 volts.

Typical uses for this jack would be to control the FOXPRO® Jack-in-the-Box Decoy or to start and stop a video recorder. Instructions on connecting various devices to the “AUX” jack are beyond the scope of this manual. You are urged to seek help from a knowledgeable professional before connecting any unapproved device to this jack. Remember that damage to your WILDFIRE caused by improper use of the “AUX” jack is not covered by the warranty, nor will FOXPRO® be liable for damage to any devices connected to this jack.

**3.0 TX9 REMOTE CONTROL**

The WILDFIRE features the TX9 remote control. The TX9 includes a graphic display (no printed sound lists), two custom presets buttons that provides you with one button access to your most commonly used sounds, volume level indicator, recall button, an elapsed timer, and battery level indicator for the transmitter battery.



**TX9 Features**

- 1. Volume Down
- 2. Mute
- 3. Sound Down
- 4. Preset 1
- 5. Auxiliary
- 6. Lanyard Loop
- 7. Preset 2
- 8. Power/Send
- 9. Sound Up
- 10. Recall
- 11. Volume Up

### 3.1 Installing the TX9 Battery

The TX9 transmitter operates from a 9V battery. **Please use a high quality alkaline battery.**

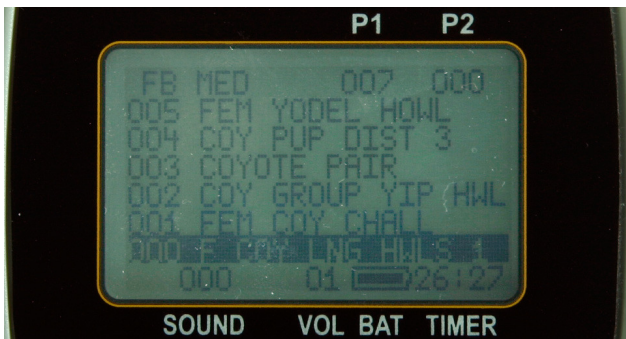
1. Remove the battery compartment cover located on the rear of the transmitter.
2. Connect the 9V battery to the connector plug, and orient the battery in the transmitter.
3. Replace the battery compartment cover.

### 3.2 Turning the TX9 On/Off

1. Press and hold the “PWR”/“SEND” button for a few seconds. The screen will illuminate and display “FOXPRO”. After a brief pause, you should see the main screen listing the first six sounds starting with 000.
2. To turn off the TX9, press and hold the “PWR”/“SEND” button for a few seconds. You will see a message appear on the screen saying “Release key to turn off transmitter”. As soon as you release your hold on the button, the TX9 will power down.

### 3.3 Playing Sounds

The TX9 remote control features a graphic display that shows the names of the sounds loaded in the unit. The sounds are displayed in pages at a time. The first screen will indicate the first six sounds from 000 through 005 (see image below).



1. Use the sound up or sound down arrow buttons to scroll through your available sounds. The selector bar highlights the sound that is currently selected.
2. After you pick the sound you wish to play, press the “SEND” button. The sound number is displayed on the screen the bottom left side after you have press “SEND”.



**NOTE: The first time you press the “SEND” button, your sound will be muted by the WILDFIRE. You will need to increase your volume in order to hear it.**

3. Raise your volume level by pressing and holding the volume up button. As you raise the volume level, the on screen volume level indicator will increment. You can decrease the volume by pressing and holding the volume down button.

### **3.4 Mute**

The mute function on the TX9 silences the sound you are playing and pauses the sound in that position. Upon un-muting the sound, it will begin playing from where it left off.

### **3.5 Recall**

The recall button remembers the last sound and volume level that you were operating with. For example, if you are playing sound 001 at volume 9, and then switch to sound 002 at volume 5, by pressing the recall button you will jump back to sound 001 and volume 9.

### **3.6 Volume Control**

The TX9 provides you with 10 volume steps controlled by the volume up and volume down arrow buttons. The volume level is displayed on the remote control screen.

### **3.7 Timer**

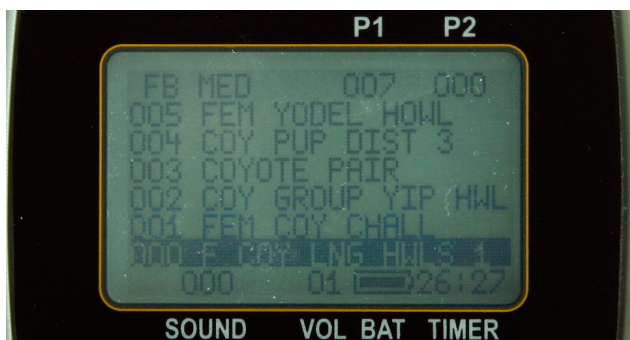
The elapsed timer allows you to see how long you have been on a stand. The timer starts as soon as you turn on the TX9 transmitter. You can reset the timer by pressing the Auxiliary and Sound Up buttons simultaneously. The timer will automatically reset to 00:00 if it is allowed to continue beyond the 99:59 mark.

### **3.8 Setting Presets P1 and P2**

The TX9 allows you to have two presets. Each preset provides one button access to your most frequently used sounds. The stored sound number of presets is shown on the top right of the status line on the TX9 transmitter. The associated volume is not shown (**see the image on page 10**). To program a preset, perform the following:

1. Press and hold P1 for 5 seconds. The top line of the TX9 display will change to: “SEL SND/VOL PRESS P1”
2. Use the sound up/down arrow buttons to highlight the sound you wish to have set on P1.
3. Use the volume up/down arrow buttons to set the volume level.

4. Press P1 a final time to lock in your preset.



### 3.9 FOXBANG

When enabled, FOXBANG will play your first preset sound upon discharging of your firearm. For example, if you normally switch to a preset of a ki-yi or pup distress after making a shot, FOXBANG can automatically play that preset for you without the need for intervention. FOXBANG has 5 sensitivity levels which are set via the TX-9 transmitter (lowest, low, medium, high, and highest). FOXBANG status will be shown in the upper left-hand corner of the display (see the image above).

#### Turning FOXBANG On and Off

1. To turn FOXBANG on, simultaneously press the Sound Up and Down buttons on your TX-9. Repeat this step to turn FOXBANG off.

**NOTE:** When you activate FOXBANG it will automatically use the previous sensitivity setting. The factory default sensitivity is medium. You may need to adjust this in order to get the right setting for your firearm. If you are using a large caliber (.30-06), you would want to select a lower sensitivity. If using a smaller firearm (such as .17HMR or .22), use the higher sensitivity. Medium settings should be suitable for .17 Fireball, .223, .22-250, etc.

#### Selecting FOXBANG Sensitivity

1. Press and hold Sound Up and Down on the TX-9 for 3 seconds.
2. Use the Volume Up and Down buttons to select your desired sensitivity.
3. Press the Send button to lock this setting in.

**NOTE:** An unintended and unavoidable consequence of adjusting the

FOXBANG sensitivity to high levels is that handling noises, such as banging of the transmitter case on your firearm stock, may cause unexpected activation of FOXBANG. For this reason, you should choose the lowest sensitivity that affords reliable activation from the muzzle blast. FOXBANG is intended to work when the transmitter is located within about 5 feet of the firearm muzzle.

### **3.10 Reverse Graphics**

For nighttime operation, there may be times where reversing the screen graphics can be to your advantage. To accomplish this, simultaneously press the P1 and P2 buttons on your TX-9. To switch back to normal, simply repeat the process.

### **3.11 Large Text Mode**

If you have trouble reading the text on the screen, you can engage large text mode on the TX-9. This will display the 3 digit sound ID number along with the 2 digit volume level in large text only (nothing else will be displayed). To engage this, press Volume Up and Volume Down simultaneously. To switch back to normal text mode, reverse this process.

## **4.0 USING AN EXTERNAL SPEAKER**

The WILDFIRE is equipped with an External Speaker Jack, which allows you to connect an additional speaker.

### **4.1 CONNECTING AN EXTERNAL SPEAKER**

The external speaker jack on your WILDFIRE accepts standard 3.5mm plugs. When choosing an external speaker, it is recommended to use one with an impedance rating of 8-ohms.

**NOTE:** Be sure the WILDFIRE is turned OFF before connecting an external speaker.

To connect an external speaker, plug the connector of the external speaker into the external speaker jack. If you wish to have ONLY the external speaker produce sound, you must disable the internal speaker with the “SPKR” slide switch on the WILDFIRE, as the internal speakers are not disabled automatically.

### **4.2 DISABLING INTERNAL SPEAKER**

Move the speaker slide switch to the left or “off” position to disable the internal speaker. To re-enable the speaker later, simply place the slide switch back to the right or “on” position. By disabling the internal speaker when using an external speaker, battery life will be extended longer than having both of the speakers operating at once.

## **5.0 REPROGRAMMING SOUNDS ON YOUR WILDFIRE**

You can locate an extensive guide to programming your WILDFIRE on the FOXPRO® website at: <http://www.gofoxpro.com/program.php>

The WILDFIRE features a USB 2.0 port built in (no reader/writer is necessary), which makes reprogramming or adding sounds easier than ever. A computer is required in order to reprogram your sounds. The WILDFIRE can be reprogrammed by using personal computers equipped with Windows operating system version 98SE or later or a Macintosh computer with an operating system of 9.X or later.



## **5.1 DOWNLOADING THE FOXPRO® PROGRAMMING UTILITY**

We have developed a utility that simplifies the reprogramming of sounds on your WILDFIRE. You can download the utility from our website.

### **To download and install the newest version of the utility online:**

- 1) Using your web browser, navigate to: <http://www.gofoxpro.com>
- 2) Click on “Programs/Utilities” from the main menu
- 3) Locate and click on “FOXPRO® Programming Utility”
- 4) Click on “Download Now”
- 5) Click on the Save button to save the executable file to your hard drive for installation. If you choose to save the file to your hard drive, we recommend saving it to your desktop.

**NOTE:** When saving the file, the name of the file on your Desktop (if you choose your desktop as the location to save) will be labelutil.exe.

- 6) Double click the labelutil.exe icon, and select Run. The installation process will now begin.
- 7) At the next screen, select OK.
- 8) Click on the button where prompted (the button is the one that resembles a computer).
- 9) Click on the continue button. This should complete the setup of the FOXPRO<sup>®</sup> Programming Utility

**NOTE:** The icon on your desktop is only an .exe file used to install the programming utility to your computer. Once you have completed the installation of the program, this icon can be deleted. The actual program will be in your program files on your computer, and is called FOXPRO<sup>®</sup> Programmer.

## **5.2 PROGRAMMING WITH THE UTILITY**

### **Programming Process**

- 1) Double click the folder on your desktop or go to your programs folder and open the FOXPRO<sup>®</sup> Programmer. You will be prompted to make a backup of your sounds.
- 2) Select OK, you will then be taken to the programming utility.
- 3) Select the proper USB drive for the WILDFIRE. This is marked as Select Device, located in the upper right portion of the programming utility.

**NOTE:** This drive varies on different computers. Once you have selected the drive, the list of sounds currently on your WILDFIRE appears in the right vertical window. You will now notice that a new button appears above the Select Device window that reads "Backup". If you have not made a backup of your sounds, simply click on this button. The programmer by default will backup your sounds to a "FOXPRO<sup>®</sup>" folder, and a sub folder "Backup". This is also a good folder to use to add new sounds prior to adding sounds, or reprogramming your WILDFIRE. You can also create sub folders for different species, if you choose, rather than to have all sounds located in one folder. Once your backup is complete, you are ready to reprogram your WILDFIRE.

- 4) Select the "source" folder of your new sounds (located on the left hand side

of the programmer screen). This is the folder where your sounds are located.

- 5) Double click on the C:\ prompt, and locate the “FOXPRO®” folder. The sounds sub folder should show up, assuming that you have used this folder to store your sounds. If this is not the folder that your sounds are located in, select the proper folder.
- 6) Once the proper folder is selected, double click the folder. The sounds should now appear in the left side column, called “Source Sound Files”.

Now, determine the position that you would like to add new sounds to your WILDFIRE. For example, if you would like to add the Jackrabbit Distress to your WILDFIRE, highlight the sound in the left side column.

**NOTE:** If this sound does not have a three digit number and a space located at the beginning of it, you must check the Append Sound Number box located below the left column. By selecting this box, the sound name will not be shortened. If there is a three digit number and a space before the name of the sound, there is no need to check this box. The first four characters will be either truncated or ignored, by not selecting this box.

- 7) Select the position in the right column where you would like to add the sound. If you want to overwrite the sound in that position, then click on the overwrite box, located between the two columns. This will replace the current sound in that position.

**NOTE:** The sound that was located in that position will be deleted. If you choose to insert the sound in that position and move all other sounds down one, click the insert button. This will add the sound in that position and not overwrite the current sound. If you would like to remove sounds from the right side column before adding new ones, simply highlight the sound, and click on the “Remove From List” button, located between the two columns.

If you would like to relocate a sound in the right sound column, you can highlight the sound and then type the position number that you would like to move it to in the “Move To” box (located below the right side column). This will move the sound to your designated number. You can also highlight the sound that you wish to move on the right column, and then click on the up or down arrows below the right side column to move the sound one position at a time. If you would like to reset your list at any time, click on the Clear/Reset List button located on the right side of the screen. This will reset the list to its initial sounds.

- 8) Click on the “Copy to Caller” button located on the right side of the screen. Your sounds will now be programmed to your WILDFIRE.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Your WILDFIRE will play .FXP, .mp3 and .wav files. Other file types are not supported. Although you may store .FXP sounds on your computer for later use, they cannot be played on your computer, or on any audio player other than a FOXPRO® caller.

### **5.3 DOWNLOADING NEW PLAYLIST TO TX9**

Program your sounds into the WILDFIRE as outlined in the instruction manual. Make certain that you do not use the same number for more than one sound! Note that the transmitter can only display 21 characters per line. The first 3 characters must be the sound number, from “000” through “199”. Place a space between the sound number and the sound name. 17 characters remain for the sound name. Although the sound name can have more characters, the TX9 will only display the first 17 characters. Any additional ones will not be displayed.

**NOTE:** You will need to obtain a 3.5mm male-to-male stereo patch cable for this process.

- 1) Disconnect all accessories from the WILDFIRE (i.e. speakers or decoy) and make sure that it is not connected to your computer.
- 2) Turn the power off on both the WILDFIRE and the TX9.
- 3) Connect the patch cable from the sound upload jack on the TX9 to the AUX jack on the WILDFIRE.
- 4) Turn on the TX9
- 5) After being powered on, the TX9 display will say “Turn On Caller”
- 6) Power on the WILDFIRE
- 7) The display on the TX9 will display “Transfer Mode”. When it’s done, the display will say “Remove Cable from TX9”.

**NOTE: This process may take a few seconds. DO NOT turn off the TX9 or WILDFIRE during this process.**

- 8) Unplug the cable from the TX9 first, followed by the main unit.  
**NOTE: Always unplug the cable from the TX9 before the main unit. If you unplug the main unit end first, this could result in the TX9 needing to be manually reset by momentarily disconnecting the battery.**

### **FCC Information**

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 the 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 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 or circuit different that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

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 of this device.

Modifications not expressly approved by the manufacturer could void the user's authority to operate the equipment under FCC rules.

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Your FOXPRO® wildlife caller is warranted to be free from defects in materials and workmanship that diminish its usefulness for a period of three years from the date of purchase. Return the unit prepaid and packaged securely **along with proof of purchase** to the address shown below. Include a note describing the defect or problem. This limited warranty is void if the unit is physically damaged, used in a manner contrary to intended use, or otherwise abused, either intentionally or unintentionally. Also specifically excluded are batteries and water damage.

**Please record the serial number for your WILDFIRE**

*(Located on a sticker in the battery compartment)*

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