

PRODUCT SUPPORT MANUAL

# SR-102™ // GMDSS 16/6 Survival Radio

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Call Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Vessel: \_\_

Battery Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_

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# PLEASE READ ALL WARNINGS, CAUTIONS AND NOTES CAREFULLY

# **SECTION 1 – INTRODUCTION**

#### OVERVIEW

This manual contains necessary information for the operation, maintenance and performance of distress communications utilizing the **ACR/2726A** 16/6 Survival Craft Portable Two-Way Radiotelephone. The user is strongly recommended to read this manual in its entirety. A photocopy of the suggested procedures for distress communications outlined in Section 5 should be kept with each radiotelephone to aid the designated operator and maximize the intelligibility and success of his radio distress request.

The 16/6 Survival Craft Portable Two-Way VHF Radiotelephone is intended to be used for on-scene emergency communications between survival craft and ship, and survival craft and rescue units. The radio is equipped with a 5 year lithium survival battery pack which is user replaceable. With the lithium battery pack installed, the unit meets all IMO, SOLAS and FCC requirements for survival craft two-way VHF transceivers. An optional rechargeable MaxCap<sup>™</sup> battery pack is also available.

### RADIO LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

This radio is FCC Type Accepted and GMDSS listed (FCC Part 80.1101) as a survival craft two-way VHF radiotelephone apparatus which complies with the 1988 GMDSS SOLAS amendments. To install the radio on a survival craft, the host ship must have a valid Ship Station License as required by law. To obtain an application for an FCC Ship Station License (U.S. ships), the user should contact the nearest FCC office.

In the USA, contact the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at <u>www.fcc.gov</u> on the internet. You will need Form 605, "Quick-Form Application for Authorization in the Ship, Aircraft, Amateur, Restricted and Commercial Operator, and General Mobile Radio Services", which may be downloaded or completed online. You may also call FCC's Forms Distribution Center at 800-418-3676.

Please note that regulations for VHF radios may be different in different parts of the world. Always contact your local authority to determine the requirements that apply to you.

# **SECTION 2 – PREPARING TO INSTALL**

## **ITEMS INCLUDED IN PURCHASE:**

1. 16/6 Survival Radio with lithium battery, wrist lanyard and radio cover

2. Warranty card

- 3. Commercial Registration Advisory
- 4. Product Support Manual

If any of the above is missing, please contact ACR Electronics' Technical Service by email at <u>service@acrelectronics.com</u> or by phone at +1 (954) 981- 3333.



Figure 1-ACR 16/6 Survival Craft Portable Two-Way Radiotelephone

ANATOMY OF THE SR-102<sup>™</sup> Radio The key components of the SR-102<sup>™</sup> Radio are:



Figure 2-SR-102<sup>™</sup> Main Features

# SECTION 3 – INSTALLING THE SR-102™ SURVIVAL RADIO

The Survival Radio and its protective cover shall be packed with the ship's survival craft or in a survival suit. When not packed with a life raft, the radiotelephone should be stored in an accessible place, as close to the survival craft as possible.

# SECTION 4 – OPERATING THE SR-102™ SURVIVAL RADIO

All radio controls are flat-panel, push-types located on the front surface of the radio.



**Figure 3- Control Panel** 

# **OPERATING INDICATORS**

CHAN 16	The push switch includes a <b>RED</b> light which will be illuminated when the radio is ON and Channel 16 is selected.
CHAN 6	The push switch includes a <b>GREEN</b> light which will be illuminated when the radio is ON and Channel 6 is selected.
VOL ▲ ▼	Both of these push switches light up <b>YELLOW</b> when the <b>PTT</b> switch is depressed - indicates that radio is transmitting.
PTT	The push switch blinks <b>YELLOW</b> at a slow rate to assist operator in locating the PTT switch in darkness.

# **CHANNEL 16 OPERATION (CHAN 16)**

- 1. Remove control panel protective cover.
- 2. Strap the unit around operator's wrist, hand or glove.
- 3. Press ON/OFF button for one (1) second to turn ON the Survival Radio.
- 4. CHAN 16 button stays lit (red).
- 5. Listen for the tone and for the squelch action 3 seconds after activating the unit.
- 6. Press blinking PUSH TO TALK button to transmit.
- 7. Speak loudly and clearly into speaker area from a distance of approximately 3"to 6" (7.5 cm to 15 cm).
- 8. Both Volume indicators stay lit during transmission.
- 9. Release PUSH TO TALK button to listen.
- 10. Adjust Volume by pressing the respective buttons (Note: there are 4 preset volume settings from which to choose).
- 11. Keep transmissions to a minimum to conserve battery power.
- 12. Periodically verify that the CHAN 16 button is lit (red) to guard against accidental selection of channel 6.
- 13. Press ON/OFF button to turn unit off.

### **CHANNEL 6 OPERATION (CHAN 6)**

- 1. Remove control panel protective cover.
- 2. Strap the unit around operator's wrist, hand or glove.
- 3. Press ON/OFF button for one (1) second to turn on the Survival Radio.
- 4. CHAN 16 button stays lit (red).
- 5. Listen for the tone and for the squelch action 3 seconds after activating the unit.
- 6. Press CHAN 6 button to select channel 6.

- 7. CHAN 6 button stays lit (green).
- 8. Adjust Volume by pressing the respective buttons (Note: there are 4 preset volume settings from which to choose).
- 9. Press blinking PUSH TO TALK button to transmit.
- 10. Speak loudly and clearly into speaker area from a distance of approximately 3"-6" (7.5 cm to 15 cm).
- 11. Both Volume indicators stay lit during transmission.
- 12. Release PUSH TO TALK button to listen.
- 13. Keep transmissions to a minimum to conserve battery power.
- 14. Press ON/OFF button to turn unit off.

**\*NOTE:** ON/OFF button is designed with a short delay to prevent accidental turn-on.

# BATTERY SAVE FEATURE

To conserve battery life, the unit will automatically shut-off following a period of approximately 20- 30 minutes of idle radio activity.

# SECTION 5- SENDING DISTRESS COMMUNICATIONS

The following are a set of observations intended to help the user maximize his success during the course of a rescue where two-way communication is possible.

**1. Transmit** only when the channel is clear of activity, or between other stations' transmissions during a distress.

**2.** Use the world recognized expression M'AIDER or MAYDAY to call for help. Note that MAYDAY is commonly pronounced as it is read in English, when utilized in English speaking countries. To improve the chances of being understood internationally, it is best to pronounce the above expression two ways:

- a. The internationally recognized way, *M'AIDER* (in French) pronounced phonetically as "mě dě," (see any French language instruction book for further details) and,
- b. The commonly used pronunciation in English speaking countries MAYDAY pronounced phonetically as "mā dā."

To prevent the distress signal from being misunderstood, and to improve the intelligibility of the distress call, use the two pronunciations above when calling, for example (also, see example for part c): "M'AIDER MAYDAY M'AIDER THIS IS MARY JANE WXT599 WXT599 WXT599".

**3.** Always use the ICAO Convention (Convention on International Civil Aviation) recognized alphabet for spelling.

ICAO recognized alphabet:

А	Alpha	N	November
В	Bravo	0	Oscar
С	Charlie	Р	Papa
D	Delta	Q	Quebec
Е	Echo	R	Romeo
F	Foxtrot	S	Sierra
G	Golf	Т	Tango
Н	Hotel	U	Uniform
I	India	V	Victor
J	Juliet	W	Whiskey
Κ	Kilo	Х	X-ray
L	Lima	Y	Yankee
Μ	Mike	Z	Zulu

**EXAMPLE:** "M'AIDER MAYDAY M'AIDER THIS IS MARY JANE Whiskey X-ray Tango 599 Whiskey X-ray Tango 599 Whiskey X-ray Tango 599"

To acknowledge that a transmission has been received and understood in its entirety, simply use the expression "R R R" spoken as "Romeo Romeo Romeo" ("R" stands for received). Note: some radio operators use the expression "Roger" instead of "Romeo".

**4. Antenna height and range** of communications are intimately related. In general, a higher antenna will have a longer range than a similar lower antenna.

The typical range for a transmitting radio held at about 1.2 meters (4.0 ft) above average water level is expected to equal 4.5 kilometers (2.8 statute miles). The receiving shipborne antenna can extend the range if it is mounted high. Airborne receivers greatly extend the above range (over 150 kilometers/100 miles for aircraft flying over 1500 meters/5000 ft).

Because of the above fact, and to maximize the range of the survival craft VHF radiotelephone, the unit should be held as high as possible without endangering the safety of the operator.

# SECTION 6 – MAINTAINING THE SR-102 SURVIVAL RADIO

#### MANDATORY TESTING

Radiotelephones operated within the U.S.A. must be operationally tested on a periodic basis (FCC regulations, Part 80, section 80.834, until superseded by section 80.1095).

To test the radiotelephone, follow the steps given below.

**NOTE:** This test requires that a separate VHF marine radio transceiver be used to monitor transmitted and received signals.

Any transmissions effected for the purpose of testing the Survival Radio shall be as brief as possible. The recommended test REFLECTIVE message format is as follows: "<name of station TAPE receiving the test message> THIS IS <name of station transmitting this text><station call sign or call letters>". EXAMPLE: "BLUE DUCK THIS IS MARY JANE WXT599". When a second radiotelephone or the ship's receiver is utilized to monitor proper operation of the Survival Radio, the test distance between devices REMOVE THIS should be kept to a maximum and the following message format should be COVER TO observed: "<name of station OPERATE THE transmitting this text> THIS IS <name transmitting of station this SURVIVAL text> MOBILE 1". EXAMPLE: "MARY JANE RADIO THIS IS MARY JANE MOBILE 1 WXT599" FOR EMERGENCY **NOTE:** If the unit to be tested is not on USE ONLY board the vessel containing the fixed station, "UNIT 1" should be used rather than "MOBILE 1". 1. Remove the radio from its survival craft package. Remove control panel protective 2. cover. Press and hold ON/OFF button for 3.

Figure 4- Protective Cover

one (1) second.

4. Listen for the tone and for the squelch action 3 seconds after activating the unit.

5. The receiver tunes to Channel 16 automatically when unit is turned ON.

6. Listen for any activity on the frequency (channel 16).

7. If no activity is detected, transmit the test message and have someone monitor the transmission (see above for suggested test message formats).

8. If the test signal was not heard (full quieting), replace the battery and retest. If the test signal is still not heard (full quieting), have the unit inspected at your nearest authorized service center.

9. Have someone return the call from the monitoring station (lowest power setting) to verify proper radiotelephone receiver operation.

10. If a response is not heard (full quieting), have the radio unit inspected at your nearest authorized service center.

11. Press the CHAN 6 key to tune unit to channel 6.

12. Set the monitoring transceiver to channel 6 (156.3 MHz).

13. Listen for any activity on the frequency (channel 6).

14. If no activity is detected, transmit the test message and have someone monitor the transmission (see above for suggested test message formats).

15. If the test signal was not heard (full quieting), have the unit inspected at your nearest authorized service center.

16. Have someone return the call from the monitoring station (lowest power setting) to verify proper radiotelephone receiver operation.

17. If a response is not heard (full quieting), have the radio unit inspected at your nearest authorized service center.

18. Slide ON/OFF button to turn unit OFF.

19. Replace control panel protective cover.

20. Replace unit into its survival craft package.

### VISUAL INSPECTION

Periodically inspect the Survival Radio for damage, cracks and front panel label wear. Wipe off any salt deposits with a damp cloth.

### **BATTERY INFORMATION**



**Figure 5- Battery Installation** 

#### **Battery options**

#### Lithium Survival Battery (Product No. 1066)

The Survival Radio is supplied with a replaceable lithium battery pack. This primary battery pack will operate the radio for at least 8 hours, in compliance with IMO/SOLAS and FCC requirements for a survival craft radio. To maintain compliance with these regulations, the lithium battery pack must be replaced after 5 years or after any use (with the exception of activating the unit for the purpose of testing.)

Additional lithium battery packs may be stored in survival craft along with the radio for extended operating life.

**CAUTION**: The battery is internally fused to avoid fire hazard. Do not immerse in water, short circuit or incinerate.

#### MaxCap<sup>™</sup> Rechargeable (Ni-Cad) Battery (Product No. 1067)

To allow the survival radio to be used in non-emergency situations, a rechargeable battery pack (ACR Product No. 1067), and a MaxCap □ Charger (ACR Product No. 2711) are also available. The rechargeable battery pack will operate the unit for approximately four to six hours. The charger is capable of charging the battery in less than 135 minutes. Refer to charger manual for charging instructions.

**CAUTION**: When the radio is operating with the rechargeable battery pack, it does not comply with the SOLAS/GMDSS regulation for battery life.

#### How to replace the battery pack

Lift the battery handle, turn it counter-clockwise until it stops and pull the battery out. Replace a fresh battery into the rear of the radio. Turn the handle clockwise until it stops and snap it down to lock into position. Make sure battery is engaged by turning the unit ON and then OFF.

# **APPENDIX A – BATTERIES AND CHARGERS**

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACR PRODUCT NUMBER
SR-102™ 16/6 Survival Radio	Radio as described in Section 2 of this manual	2726A
MaxCap™ Rechargeable Battery	Rechrgeable battery for Survival Radio	1067
Lithium Survival Battery	Lithium battery pack for Survival Radio (5-year replacement life)	1066
MaxCap™ Charger	Fast charger (<3 hours) for rechargeable MaxCap™ battery. Includes battery.	2711, 2711.1
Charger XLT	Trickle charger for rechargeable MaxCap™ battery.	2713, 2713.1

# APPENDIX B – TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS for SR-102<sup>™</sup> 16/6 Survival Radio

OPERATING FREQUENCY				
Channel 16	156.800MHz, Distress Calling			
Channel 6	156.300MHz, Communications/USCG			
TRANSMITTER				
Power output (ERP)	500mW ± 2.5dB			
Frequency control	Quartz crystal (±.001%)			
Modulation type	Phase			
Max. modulation	± 5kHz			
Audio width	300/2500Hz			
RECEIVER				
Sensitivity (12dB SINAD)	1.0 μV			
Audio output	300 mW			
BATTERY				
Туре	Primary: lithium			
Storage life	10 years			
Operating life under typical duty of 1:9 (i.e., 6 sec $T_x$ , 6 sec $R_x$ , 48 sec stand by)	8 hours @ -20°C			
SERVICE CONDITIONS				
Temperature	-20°C to +50°C			
Altitude	0 to 40,000ft/ 0 to 12000m			
Water resistance	3m depth, max up to 5 minutes			
DIMENSIONS (less antenna)				
Height	7.6in/ 19.3cm			
Width	2.6in/ 6.6cm			
Thickness	1.7in/ 4.3cm			
Antenna	11.5in/ 29.2cm			
Weight (includes battery)	1.1lb/ 0.5kg			

# **APPENDIX C – WARRANTY, NOTICES**

#### LIMITED WARRANTY

This product is warranted against factory defects in material and workmanship for a period of 1 (one) year\* from date of purchase or receipt as a gift. During the warranty period ACR Electronics, Inc. will repair or, at its option, replace the unit at no cost to you for labor, materials and return transportation from ACR. For further assistance, please contact our Technical Service Department at ACR Electronics, Inc.,5757 Ravenswood Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312-6645. Email: <u>service@acrelectronics.com</u>, Fax: +1 (954) 983-5087, Telephone: +1 (954) 981-3333.

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To place the warranty in effect, register online at <u>www.acrelectronics.com</u> or return the attached card within 10 days.

\*Five years for the following products: EPIRB, PLB, S-VDR, SSAS.

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