

# Talkpod A36plus Multi-Band Twoway Radio User Manual

Thank you for choosing our product. This manual will help you quickly understand how to use the product. (Applicable to A36plus M12B5UV3 version)

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# **Safety Precautions**

Please read and follow these concise rules. Failure to comply with these rules may result in danger or violation of the law. This user manual provides more detailed information regarding safety precautions.

> **Prioritize** Traffic Safety

Please comply with all



local traffic laws and regulations. Whenever possible, use both hands to operate the vehicle.

Do not power on the two-way radio when its usage is prohibited or can cause interference or danger.

Safe Power-On

### Interference



All two-way radios may be susceptible to interference from external sources, which affect can communication effectiveness.

#### Power-off on Aircraft



Please comply with any relevant restrictions. The use of two-way radios on an aircraft can interfere with the aircraft's operation.



**Hospitals** Please adhere to any

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**Power-off** 

relevant restrictions. Power off the two-way radio when in the vicinity of medical equipment.

#### Power-off during Refueling



Do not use the twoway radio inside fuel stations. Power off the two-way radio when near fuel or chemical substances.



#### Proper Usage

Accessories

**Batteries** 



As described in the product documentation, only use the two-way radio in its designated positions. Avoid unnecessary contact with the antenna area.



#### Qualified Maintenance Service

Only qualified technicians are allowed to install or repair this two-way radio.

#### Keep it Dry

Your two-way radio has precisiondesigned electronic circuits. Please keep it dry.

# Connecting to Other Devices

Refer to the user manual of the connected device for detailed safety instructions. Do not connect incompatible products.



Only use approved accessories and batteries. Do not use non-original accessories and batteries.

#### Make Backups

Remember to

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make

and



backups of programmed

frequencies stored in the two-way radio





# **Familiarize with the Equipment**

#### Power/Volume Switch

Turn clockwise until a "click" sound is heard to power on the two-way radio. Turn counterclockwise until a "click" sound is heard to power off the two-way radio. Adjust the volume by turning the switch left or right.

#### Antenna

The rubber antenna is used for signal reception and transmission.

#### **Status Indicator**

The red light illuminates during transmission, and the green light illuminates when a signal is received.

#### Speaker

Outputs sound.

#### Microphone

Inputs sound.

#### LCD Display Screen

Displays the status of the two-way radio during operation.

#### **SOS Button**

Long press to initiate an SOS distress signal; short press to customize other functions.

#### Keypad

Used for entering frequencies and accessing functions.

#### **Up/Down Selection**

Adjusts the displayed frequency, menu number, or menu content by moving up or down.



#### PTT (Push-to-Talk) Button

Pressing the PTT button puts the two-way radio in transmit mode, and releasing it returns to receive mode.

#### Side Key 2, Side Key 3

The functions of the side keys can be customized through the menu.

#### Headphone Jack

Used for connecting external headphones or programming cables. The programming cable allows for frequency programming and firmware upgrades using PC programming software.



# **Attachment Installation**

#### Installing the Battery:

Align the battery with the two small tabs on the bottom of the radio's casing. Press the battery towards the aluminum plate, and the small sliders on the upper left and right sides will click simultaneously, indicating that the battery is properly installed.

#### Removing the Battery:

On the upper left and right sides of the battery, there are two small sliders with arrow symbols. Press them downward simultaneously to remove the battery.

#### Installing the Belt Clip:

Remove the battery first. Align the smooth slot on the back of the battery with the belt clip, and press the belt clip downward to secure it in place.

#### Removing the Belt Clip:

Remove the battery first. Press down the elastic plastic piece in the middle of the belt clip and simultaneously pull it upward to remove the belt clip.

#### Installing the Antenna:

Hold the bottom of the antenna and rotate it clockwise into the antenna socket on the top of the radio until it is securely tightened.

#### Removing the Antenna:

To remove the antenna, simply rotate it counterclockwise and detach it from the antenna socket.



# **Battery Information**

The battery is not charged when it leaves the factory. Please charge new or long-unused rechargeable batteries before use. Charging and discharging the battery for two to three cycles will optimize the battery capacity. When the battery power is low, recharge or replace the battery. Please use the designated batteries provided by Topcom for charging; using other batteries may result in explosions and cause bodily harm.

• Do not short-circuit the battery terminals or dispose of the battery in fire. Do not disassemble the battery pack casing without authorization.

 The ambient temperature during charging should be between 0°C and 40°C. Charging outside this range may affect proper battery charging.

• When charging, please turn off the power of the radio with the battery inserted. Using the radio while charging will interfere with proper battery charging.

• Avoid unplugging the power and battery during the entire charging process to prevent disruption to the charging procedure.

• Even after a full and proper charge, if the usage time is significantly reduced, it indicates that the battery's lifespan has ended. Please replace it with a new battery.

 If the battery is fully charged, do not remove and reinsert it for charging, as it may shorten or damage the battery pack's lifespan.

 Do not charge when the battery or radio is wet. Dry them with a cloth before charging to avoid any hazards.

When jewelry, keys, decorations, or other conductive metals come into contact with the battery electrodes, all batteries may cause damage to the items or bodily harm. These conductive metals may create a short circuit and generate significant heat. When handling any battery, especially when placing it in pockets, bags, or containers with other metallic objects, extra caution should be exercised.

Please follow the steps below for charging:



1.Plug the charger power plug into a 220V AC socket.

2.Place the battery or the radio with the battery inserted onto the charging dock, or connect the USB charging cable to the battery's USB port.

3.Confirm that the charging indicator turns red, indicating that charging has started.

4.Charging takes approximately 8 hours. When the indicator turns green, it indicates that the charging is complete.

# **Maintenance and Cleaning**

1.Do not directly hold the antenna, earphone, or microphone.

2.Use a non-lint cloth to wipe off dust and dirt on the radio to prevent poor contact.

3. When the radio is not in use, cover the earphone jack with the plug cover.

4.After prolonged use of the radio, the buttons, control knobs, and casing may become dirty. You can clean them using a mild detergent (avoid using strong corrosive chemicals) and a damp cloth.



# **Key Descriptions**

Symbol	Key Name	Function
	Menu Key	In standby mode: Short press: Enter the menu Long press: Switch frequency mode or channel mode In menu mode: Short press:Enter sub-menu, confirm selection
	Up/Down Keys	In standby mode: Short press: Adjust frequency up or down (based on selected frequency step) Long press: Rapidly adjust frequency up or down (based on selected frequency step) In channel mode: In channel mode: Short press: Select the next or previous channel Long press: Rapidly select the next or previous channel In menu mode: Short press: Select menu items up or down FM Key In FM mode: Short press: Adjust frequency up or down (0.1MHz) Long press: Rapidly adjust frequency up or down (0.1MHz)
	Back Key	<b>In menu mode:</b> Short press: Go back to the



		previous level or exit the menu
		In standby mode:
		Short press: Delete the last digit
		when entering frequency
		Long press: Switch channel
		display mode: channel name,
		channel frequency, channel
		number (can only be switched in
		channel mode)
		In standby mode:
		Short press: Switch main
		frequency or main channel
A/B	AB Key	Long press: Activate scanning
		In FM mode:
		Short press: Activate FM
		scanning
	FM Key	In standby mode:
		Short press: Enter FM radio mode
EM or		Long press: Lock/unlock the
		keypad
		In FM mode:
		Exit FM radio mode
		In standby mode:
		Directly input frequency
		In channel mode:
1 TXP 2 SOL 3 STEP Keys		Short press: Input 0-9 to quickly
	Number	access the corresponding
	Keys	channel
		In menu mode:
		Short press: Input 0-9 to quickly
		access the corresponding
		function



		In standby mode:
e çe		Long press: Transmit a call
	РПКеу	In scanning mode:
		Short press: Stop scanning
		In standby mode:
		Short press: Custom function (set
	Side Key 2	through the menu)
		Long press: Custom function (set
		through the menu)
	Side Key 3	In standby mode:
		Short press: Custom function (set
		through the menu)
		Long press: Activate squelch
		SOS Key In standby mode:
		Short press: Custom function (set
	SOS 键	through the menu)
		Long press: Initiate an SOS
		emergency call



# **Screen Display Icons**



Icon	Function Description	
	Battery	Displays the remaining battery power. When the battery is about to run out, the outer frame of the symbol flashes, and the transceiver prohibits transmission.
5	Tone	Enables side tone, indicating that the transceiver emits a tone when transmitting DTMF signals.
DS	DS	Enables dual-band standby function, which can simultaneously monitor the two frequencies or channels displayed in standby mode.
<u></u>	VOX	Enables voice-activated transmission function, which activates transmission when the microphone's sound pressure level reaches the set value.



Ćې	Scan	Scanning mode.	
$\mathbf{N}$	Bluetoot	Enables Bluetooth transmission	
$\checkmark$	h	mode.	
Δ	Keyboar	Keyboard is locked. Press and hold	
•	d Lock	the FM key to unlock.	
$\mathbf{\nabla}$	Watch	Enables watch mode.	
		Indicates the current sub-audible	
		tone is a digital sub-audible tone.	
DCS	DCS	When transmitting, this symbol	
		appears, indicating the transmission	
		of a digital sub-audible tone signal.	
		Indicates the current sub-audible	
		tone is an analog sub-audible tone.	
СТ	СТ	When transmitting, this symbol	
		appears, indicating the transmission	
		of an analog sub-audible tone	
		signal.	
	н	Current transmission power is high	
		power.	
	L	Current transmission power is low	
		power.	
N	N	Indicates that the channel is	
		operating in narrowband mode.	
-		Indicates the transmission frequency	
+	+	is the receive frequency plus an	
		offset frequency.	
		Indicates the transmission frequency	
	-	is the receive frequency minus an	
		onset frequency.	
AM	AM	Indicates the current frequency is in	
		Aivi modulation mode.	
R	R	Receive and transmit frequencies	
		are inverted in frequency	



		mode/channel mode.
Π	т	Off-network mode, the transmit and receive frequencies are adjusted to the same.
SC	SC	Special voice encryption status/frequency hopping function.
MAIN	MAIN	Main frequency or channel.
AB	A Segment , B Segment	Indicates the respective frequency segment.
	Transmit Signal Strength	Current strength of the transmitted signal.
RSSI	Received Signal Strength	Current strength of the received signal.
VOL	Modulati on Level	Current amplitude of the transmitted audio.
VFO	VFH	In frequency mode.
022	001-256	In channel mode.
	Selected	Menu selected item.



# **Main Functions**

#### Power On/Off

1. Rotate the power knob in a clockwise direction to turn on the power of the transceiver.

2.To turn off the power of the transceiver, rotate the power knob in a counterclockwise direction.

#### Adjusting the Volume

Rotate the volume control knob clockwise to increase the volume and counterclockwise to decrease it. If you cannot hear background noise due to the squelch function, press and hold the "Side Key 3" while turning the volume control knob to hear the background noise.

#### **Selecting a Frequency**

Press the "Up" key to increase the frequency and the "Down" key to decrease it.

If you are unable to select a specific frequency, you may need to change the frequency step size. Please refer to the section on changing the frequency step size.

You can also directly enter the desired frequency using the numeric keypad. Please refer to the section on direct keypad input.

#### Transmission

1. When you are ready to transmit, hold down the "PTT" (Push-to-Talk) key and speak in a normal tone.

• The transmit indicator will light up in red.

• If you are too close to the microphone or speak too loudly, it may cause distortion and reduce the clarity of your signal at the receiving end.

• Selecting a lower power level conserves more battery power without affecting the communication range. You can choose between high and low power settings.

2. When you finish speaking, release the "PTT" key and prepare to receive



the other party's signal.

#### Key Lock Switch

In standby mode, press and hold the "FM" key for 2 seconds to toggle the key lock switch.

#### **VOX Transmission**

1.Set the VOX voice activation sensitivity and VOX voice deactivation delay time through the menu. (VOX sensitivity: Level 1 is the highest and requires the maximum voice energy to trigger transmission; Level 9 is the lowest.)

2.When using an inserted headset, speak into the headset microphone, and if the sound intensity is sufficient, transmission will occur.

#### Monitor Mode

Press and hold "Side Key 3" to enter monitor mode (instantaneous squelch open).



# **Operating Modes**

# **Frequency Mode**

In standby mode, press and hold the "Menu" key to switch to FR mode. You can use the "Up" and "Down" keys to change the frequency or directly enter the desired full-frequency frequency using the numeric keys.

# **Channel Mode**

In standby mode, press and hold the "Menu" key to switch to CH mode. In this mode, you can use the "Up" and "Down" keys to change the channel number or directly enter the desired channel using the numeric keys. At least one memory channel needs to be programmed; otherwise, you cannot enter this mode.

In channel mode, press and hold the "Back" key to switch between channel name mode, channel frequency mode, and channel number mode.

# AM Mode

When the operating frequency is between 108-136MHz, the device automatically enters AM aviation reception mode, and the channel status displays AM. This mode is mainly used to receive AM modulated signals.

# Menu Mode

Press the "Menu" key, and then use the "Up" and "Down" keys to select the desired menu option.

# Dual PTT Mode

By selecting menu item 40, you can set "Side Key 2" as PTT2, enabling dual PTT mode. Press the PTT key to transmit segment A, and press "Side



Key 2" to transmit segment B.

# Radio Mode

Press the "FM" key in standby mode to enter radio mode. In this mode, you can use the "Up" and "Down" keys to change the radio frequency or directly enter the desired frequency. Pressing "AB" briefly will search for the next frequency point. Press the "FM" key again to exit radio mode.



# **Menu Function List**

Press the "Menu" key to enter menu mode. Use the "Up" and "Down" keys to select the corresponding menu or directly enter the menu number (1-54) to quickly access the desired menu.

Number	English	Submenu	Menu Description
	Menu	(Optional)	
		Off	Turn off the end of call
0	ROGER		prompt.
0	NOGEN	BEEP	Default end of call prompt.
		DC1200	Distinctive signaling tone.
			Transmit at high power for
		High Power	the current frequency or
1			channel.
L .	POW		Transmit at low power for
		Low Power	the current frequency or
			channel.
		0-9	0-9 squelch levels, with
			lower levels being more
2			susceptible to interference
2	SQL		and higher levels reducing
			sensitivity. Recommended
			setting: 5.
		2.5K、5K、6.25K、 TEP 10K、12.5K、20K、 25K、30K、50K	Change the frequency
2	CTED		step value when pressing
3	SIEP		the "Up" or "Down" keys in
			frequency mode.
4 9			urn off the frequency
		Off	difference between
	S-D		transmit and receive
			frequencies in frequency
			mode. Default setting.



			The transmit frequency
			equals the receive
		(Negative)	frequency plus the
		-(Negative)	frequency difference.
			Generally used for upper
			relay stations.
			The transmit frequency
			equals the receive
		(Docitivo)	frequency minus the
		+(POSITIVE)	frequency difference.
			Generally used for lower
			relay stations.
			Enable or disable the
			frequency difference
			between transmit and
		00.000~99.995,	receive frequencies in
5	SET	directly input	frequency mode. The
		from the keypad	frequency difference is
			controlled by the
			frequency difference
			direction setting.
			Turn off the analog
			subtone (press 0 in the
		Off	subtone frequency
			selection list to quickly
			disable).
6	R-CDC		Select standard sequences
			of analog subtone using
		67 0~254 1	the up and down keys or
		07.0 231.1	enter non-standard
			subtone frequencies
			directly on the keypad.
7	T-CDC	Off	Disable analog subtone



			(press 0 in the subtone
			frequency selection list to
			quickly disable).
			Select standard sequences
			of analog subtone using
		67.0254.1	the up and down keys or
		07.0~254.1	enter non-standard
			subtone frequencies
			directly on the keypad.
			In frequency mode or
			channel mode, select the
			channel number to store.
8	MEN-CH	001~256	If "CH" is displayed, it
			means the channel has
			already been stored and
			will be overwritten.
		On	Enable simultaneous
			monitoring of two
Q	RUB		frequencies or channels.
	TER		Only monitor the main
		Off	frequency or channel with
			the "MAIN" icon.
			Select the frequency or
		Off	channel based on the
			"MAIN" icon for
			transmission.
			Transmit only on the
10 TX-A/B	TX-A/B	Δ	frequency or channel of
			segment A, regardless of
			the "MAIN" icon selection.
			Transmit only on the
		В	frequency or channel of
		segment B, regardless of	



			the "NAATNI" is an ealertien
			the MAIN ICON selection.
		Channel Name	Display the name of the
			channel in channel mode.
		Channel	Display the frequency of
11	MDF-A	Erequency	the channel in channel
			mode.
		Channel Number	Display the channel
		Charmer Number	number in channel mode.
		Channel Name	Display the name of the
			channel in channel mode.
		Channel	Display the frequency of
12	MDF-B	Erequency	the channel in channel
		Периенсу	mode.
		Channel Number	Display the channel
		Charmer Number	number in channel mode.
			Disable digital subtone
		Off	(press 0 in the subtone
			frequency selection list to
13	R-DCS		quickly disable).
			Select standard sequences
		D023N~D754I	of digital subtone using
			the up and down keys.
		Off	Disable digital subtone
			(press 0 in the subtone
14			frequency selection list to
	T-DCS		quickly disable).
			Select standard sequences
		D023N~D754I	of digital subtone using
			the up and down keys.
15	SCAN	Enable Scan	Only available in
	CTCSS	1	frequency mode.
16	SCAN DCS	Enable Scan	Only available in



			frequency mode.
CD CCC	A 11	Scan all subtone	
	AII	frequencies.	
17	CDCSS	Dessing	Scan only receive subtone
1/	SAVE	Receive	frequencies.
	MODE	Tuonomit	Scan only transmit
		Iransmit	subtone frequencies.
			If the current channel
		Add	needs to be included in
		Add	the scan, set the current
10			channel to "Add" status.
10	JCAN ADD		If the current channel does
		Delete	not need to be included in
		Delete	the scan, set the current
			channel to "Delete" status.
		System Default:	
		Channel 1-	Choose a name for the
19	CH-MAME	Channel 10,	current channel or
15		Workgroup 1-	customize it through
		Workgroup 10,	programming software.
		Relay 1-Relay 10	
			Delete the stored
			information of the current
			channel. If "CH-001" is
			displayed, it means the
20 DELC	DFICH	001-256	channel has been stored. If
			"001" is displayed, it
			means the channel is free
			and no information is
			stored. The operation will
			be ineffective.
21	BEEP	Off	No tone after receiving.



			The transmitting device
			the transmitting device
			has enabled end-of-
			transmission tone
			suppression. In this case,
			the receiving device will
			receive the tone
			associated with the analog
		GSTAR	GSTAR signaling. If the
			tone suppression is not
			enabled on the
			transmitting device, the
			receiving device will
			prioritize receiving the
			unfiltered noise from the
			transmitting device.
			Adjust the value to
			eliminate noise during the
			relay transmission when
		the sender releases the	
			PTT key and the receiver
		1-10s	immediately receives the
			relayed signal due to the
			delay of the relay. Find a
22	RP-STE		value that eliminates the
		noise during the relay	
		transmission.	
		If you want to hear this	
			noise to confirm whether
		Off	the repeater is
			functioning, vou can
		disable this menu option.	
23	TAIL PHASE	None	Default: 90 degrees
23	TAIL PHASE	None	disable this menu option. Default: 90 degrees



		Options:	120	Choose the corresponding
		degrees,	180	phase based on the relay
		degrees,	240	station to resolve the tail
		degrees		tone noise.
				When relaying signals
				through a relay station, to
				confirm if the relay station
				has relayed the signal,
				utilize the delay time when
		1 10-		the relay station stops
		1-105		transmitting. This allows
24	RPT-RL			the local machine to
				confirm that the signal has
				been relayed. This menu is
				used to adjust the
				duration of this noise.
			If you don't need this	
		Off		noise, you can turn off this
				menu.
25		1 15		Select from 1 to 15 signal
23	3-CODE	1-10s Off 1-15 Off PTT Key Simultaneous		options.
		1-10s Off 1-15 Off PTT Key Simultaneous Release PTT	Disable DTMF code	
		OII		transmission.
		DTT Kov		Transmit DTMF code by
	DTME			pressing the PTT key.
26				Transmit DTMF code when
		Simultaneous	i	pressing and releasing the
				PTT key simultaneously.
		Rolosco PTT		Transmit DTMF code by
				releasing the PTT key.
				When transmitting,
27	DTMFST	Off		pressing keys to transmit
				DTMF codes does not



				produce any sound.
		Key + Identity Code	When transmitting, pressing keys to transmit DTMF codes produces sound for the transmitted code.	
		Identity Code	When transmitting, automatic transmission of DTMF codes produces sound for the transmitted code.	
			Key Sidetone:	When transmitting, both pressing keys to transmit DTMF codes and automatic transmission produce sound for the transmitted code.
		TONE	1000hz	
			1450hz	
	28		1750hz	
			2100hz	
	29	PTT-LT	0Ms 、 100Ms 、 200Ms、 400Ms、 600Ms、 800Ms、 1000Ms	Delay time before automatic code transmission.
			Off	Disable voice-activated transmission.
	30	VOX	Level 1-9	Activate voice-activated transmission with different sensitivity levels. Level 1 is the most sensitive, and level 9 is the



			least sensitive.
31	VOX DELAY	0.5sec~2.0sec	Range: 0.5 to 2.0 seconds,with0.1-secondincrements.
		Off	Disable encryption, allowing compatibility with standard analog systems.
32	VOICEPRI	Encryption 1, Encryption 2, Encryption 3	Enable frequency hopping and select encryption groups. Both parties must use the same encryption group for communication. Enabling encryption will disable relay functionality.
		Off	Disable transmission time- out.
33	тот	30seconds,60seconds,120seconds,240seconds,480seconds480	Maximum time for pressing the PTT key to transmit.
34	W/N	Wideband	Operate in wideband mode.
		Narrowband	Operate in narrowband mode.
25	PCI	Off	Disable busy channel lockout.
35	BCL	On	Enable busy channel lockout.



			After releasing the PTT
			key, the machine does not
			generate a shutdown
			tone. Usually, when
		Off	relaying through a
			repeater, this noise is
			present to confirm
36	STE		whether the signal has
			been relayed.
			After releasing the PTT
			key, the machine
		On	generates a shutdown
			tone, suppressing
			momentary noise from
			the receiving end.
			Time-based scanning
			mode. When a signal is
			detected, the radio pauses
		Time	scanning for
			approximately 5 seconds
			before resuming scanning,
			even if the signal is still
			even if the signal is still present.
37	SC-REV		Carrier-based scanning
			mode. When a signal is
			detected, the radio pauses
			scanning and remains on
		Carrier	the same frequency until
			the signal disappears.
			There is a 2-second delay
			between signal
			disappearance and
			scanning resumption to



			allow time for the
			response to begin
			transmitting.
			Search-based scanning
			mode. When a signal is
		Search	detected, the radio exits
			scanning and remains on
			that frequency.
		0#	Disable power-saving
		OII	mode.
		Normal	Normal power-saving
20	C ///E	Normai	mode.
50	SAVE	Super	Super power-saving
		Super	mode.
		Extreme	Extreme power-saving
			mode.
	AL-MOD	Send Alarm Code	Pressing the SOS key only
			sends an alarm code.
		Send Alarm Tone	Pressing the SOS key
39			sends an alarm tone.
		Local Alarm	Pressing the SOS key
			triggers the local alarm
			sound.
		Frequency Sween	Scan frequencies and sub-
40		Trequency Sweep	audible tones.
		Scan	Scan frequencies or
	PF2		channels.
		Power Output	Switch between high
			power and low power.
		Radio	Enable FM radio function.
		Weather Forecast	Enable weather forecast



			function.
			Set Side Key 2 as the
		PTT B	dedicated B-band
			transmit key.
		Fraguancy Swaan	Scan frequencies and sub-
		Frequency Sweep	audible tones.
		Scan	Scan frequencies or
			channels.
		Weather Forecast	Enable weather forecast
41	PRESS		function.
	TRESS	Power Output	Switch between high
			power and low power.
		Radio	Enable FM radio function.
		Alarm	Activate alarm function
		Лапп	(same as SOS key).
		Reverse Frequency	Toggle receive and
	PF3		transmit frequencies in
			frequency or channel
			mode; switch between off-
			network mode where
			transmit and receive
			frequencies are the same.
		DTMF	Enter DTMF code
42			transmission mode.
72		Weather Forecast	Enable weather forecast
			function.
		Frequency Sweep	Scan frequencies and sub-
			audible tones.
		Radio	Enable FM radio function.
		Power Output	Switch between high
			power and low power.
		Scan	Scan frequencies or
			channels.



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			transmit frequencies in
			frequency or channel
		Reverse	mode; switch between off-
		Frequency	network mode where
			transmit and receive
			frequencies are the same.
		DTME	Enter DTMF code
		DTMF	transmit and receive frequencies are the same. Enter DTMF code transmission mode. Enable weather forecast function. Scan frequencies and sub- audible tones. Enable FM radio function. Switch between high power and low power. Scan frequencies or channels. Backlight remains continuously on, without
43	TOP KEY	Weather Forecast	Enable weather forecast
			function.
		Frequency Sween	Scan frequencies and sub-
			audible tones.
		Radio	Enable FM radio function.
		Power Output	Switch between high
			power and low power.
		Scan	Scan frequencies or
			channels.
			Backlight remains
		Constant On	continuously on, without
			automatic shutdown.
44	ABR		Select a duration after
		5s、10s、15s、20s、	which, without any
		30s、1min、2min、	operation, the system
		3min	automatically shuts off the
			backlight.
			Enable Chinese voice
		On	prompts during menu
45	VOICE		operations.
			Disable Chinese voice
		Off	prompts during menu
			operations.

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		On	Enable "beep" prompts for
10	BEEP	On	keypad operations.
40	PROMPT	Off	Disable "beep" prompts
			for keypad operations.
			Select a duration after
		5s、10s、15s、20s、	which, without any
47		25s、30s、35s、40s、	operation, the system
		45s、50s、60s	automatically exits to the
			standby mode.
			Disable automatic keypad
		Off	lock; keypad remains
			unlocked.
			Select a duration after
			which, without any
48	AUTOLOCK		operation, the system
		5s、10s、15s	automatically locks the
			keypad. Only PTT, Side Key
			2, and Side Key 3 remain
			functional. Press and hold
			the FM key to unlock.
		Default Icon	Displays the default
49	POWER ON		Talkpod logo.
15	MSG	Battery Voltage	Displays the current
		Dattery Voltage	battery voltage.
		中文(Chinese)	菜单显示为中文
50	LANGUAGE	FNGLISH(苯语)	Menu is displayed in
			English.
		Default <sup>.</sup> System	Choose a name for the
51	ANI NAMF	Default: HAM1-	unit or customize it using
		HAM10	programming software,
			including call sign.
52	Instructions	View Instructions	Displays a QR code that
52			can be scanned with a



			smartphone to access the
			user manual for the
			current model.
	RESET		Clears all channels but
		Frequency Mode	retains previously set
			function options.
53		All	Clears all channels and
			function settings,
			restoring the device to its
			initial state.
EA		Version	Displays the current
54 VERSION	Information	software version.	

#### Tips:

- The menu adopts a single-level menu mode. When entering the menu, you need to switch to "MAIN" to indicate whether you want to set option A or option B.
- When dual PTT mode is enabled (with "Side Key 2" already set as PTT2 by default), even if "MAIN" is displayed in option B, pressing the PTT key will transmit on option A frequency.
- For any option with a numeric value, you can directly input the number on the keypad to quickly select it. If there are only "On" and "Off" options, 1 represents "On" and 2 represents "Off".
- Prior to software version 1.16, there may be slight differences in the text, order, and function options of some menus. Please interpret the meaning based on the literal understanding as there are no significant differences.



# **Function Description**

# Alarm Function

Press and hold the "SOS Key" for 2 seconds to activate the alarm function. During the alarm, if a transmission frequency is set for the channel, the radio will automatically transmit.

To exit the alarm state, press the "PTT Key".

# Dual PTT Function

When "Side Key 2" is set to PTT B, the radio enters dual PTT mode. Pressing PTT will transmit on option A, and pressing PTT B will transmit on option B.

• Set this function through menu item 40.

# Scan Function

The scan function can be set using menu item 40 ("Side Key 2 Short Press"), menu item 41 ("Side Key 2 Long Press"), and menu item 42 ("Side Key 3 Short Press").

When in scan mode, press the "Menu Key" to switch between various frequency bands such as UHF (400-520MHz), VHF (136-174MHz), 200 (200-260MHz), 350 (350-400MHz), etc.

When the transceiver is within the effective range, press and hold the PTT key to quickly display the frequency and sub-audio.

After displaying the frequency and sub-audio on the screen, press the "Menu Key" again to store it.

Select the channel number to store by using the up and down keys. If "CH" is displayed, it means that it has already been stored and will directly



overwrite the current channel.

# Sub-audio

#### **CTCSS (Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System)**

is a technology that adds a frequency (67-254.1Hz) lower than the audio frequency to the audio signal for transmission. It is also known as subaudio because its frequency range is below the standard audio, i.e., less than 300Hz.

#### **CDCSS (Cont inuous Digital Coded Squelch System)**

is a continuous digital coded squelch system that serves the same purpose as CTCSS but uses digital encoding as the condition for determining whether the squelch is open. It consists of a fixed code group that is continuously transmitted. It is also called sub-audio digital or digital sub-audio because its frequency is also below 300Hz.

 In the non-standard analog sub-audio editing state, non-standard subaudio can be directly input.

# FM Radio Function

Press the "FM Key" to activate the FM radio function, and the screen will display the current frequency.

Use the "Up" and "Down" keys to adjust the radio frequency, or directly input the frequency using the keypad (frequency range: 65.000~108.000MHz). Pressing the "A/B Key" while in radio mode will enter the auto search mode.

Press the "FM Key" again to exit the FM radio mode.

# Tone Function



While transmitting using the PTT key, simultaneously press Side Key 3 for the tone audio call function. The radio will transmit audio in the range of 1000-1750KHz. Release the monitoring key to exit.

• Set this function through menu item 28.

# Scan Function

Before using the scan function, you must first determine how the radio should continue scanning after detecting a signal. You can choose one of the following modes:

#### Tone Operated (TO) Mode:

The radio stops scanning and remains on the same frequency when it detects a signal. After staying in the stopped state for approximately 5 seconds, even if the signal is still present, the radio will continue scanning.

#### Carrier Operated (CO) Mode:

The radio stops scanning and stays on the same frequency when it detects a signal. It will continue scanning once the signal disappears. There is a 2-second delay between the signal disappearance and the resumption of scanning to allow time for response transmission.

#### Search (SE) Mode:

The radio exits scanning and stays on the frequency when it detects a signal.

• In scan mode, you can use the "Up" and "Down" keys to change the scanning direction.

# DTMF

Enter the DTMF code editing interface and enter the desired DTMF code using the keypad. If the code is less than 6 digits, press the FM key to end



the input.

After completing the input, press the PTT key to transmit the code. In editing mode, a short press of Side Key 3 deletes the code. To exit the DTMF editing mode, press Side Key 3 again when the code is empty. The corresponding codes are as follows:



• Customizing the short press of Side Key 3 to quickly enter DTMF mode is only supported through menu item 42.

# Weather Forecast

In severe weather conditions such as heavy storms or hurricanes, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) will issue weather alerts and an audio tone at 1050 Hz, followed by subsequent weather reports on the NOAA weather channel.

1	162.550MHz	6	162.500MHz		
2	162.400MHz	7	162.525MHz		
3	162.475MHz	8	161.650MHz		
4	162.425MHz	9	161.775MHz		
5	162.450MHz	10	163.275MHz		

International Standard Frequency Table:

• This feature is only available in certain countries.



• You can customize the settings for Side Key 2 and Side Key 3 to quickly enter the weather forecast mode through menu items 40-42.

• Use the WXtoImg software to demodulate, decode, and convert the received signal into satellite cloud images.

# Squelch Function

The principle of setting the squelch level depends on the environment and requirements of use.

When longer communication distances are required, and the received signal becomes weaker, it is necessary to increase the receiver sensitivity and decrease the squelch level.

#### For example, set the squelch level to 1.

When shorter communication distances are used, and the received signal is stronger, the receiver sensitivity can be reduced, and the squelch level increased to reduce background noise.

For example, set the squelch level to 9.

If intermittent reception or loss of audio occurs during a conversation, it indicates a weak received signal or changes in communication distance. In such cases, lowering the squelch level can improve sensitivity.

For example, if the squelch level is set to 8, it can be adjusted to 2.



# **Common Issues**

Issue Description	Reason Description
No receive end tone function	This function is not available in
	software versions prior to V1.13. If
	needed, you can upgrade to
	software version V1.14 or later.
No DC1200 signaling end tone on	The repeater failed to decode the
the repeater.	signaling. Please confirm if the
	repeater has disabled the
	decoding function.



# Troubleshooting

Fault Description	Analysis	Solution
	Battery may be incorrectly installed.	Remove the battery and reinstall it.
Tailuna da	Battery may be depleted.	Remove or replace the battery.
Failure to power on.	Poor battery contact due to dirt or damage.	Clean the battery contacts. If the issue persists, contact your dealer or authorized service center for inspection and repair.
	Low battery voltage.	Charge or replace the battery.
Weak,	Low volume.	Increase the volume by rotating the volume control knob.
intermittent, or no sound during	Loose or improper antenna installation	Reassemble the antenna properly after turning off the radio.
reception.	Speaker may be blocked or damaged.	Clean the speaker surface. If the issue persists, contact your dealer or authorized service center for inspection and repair.
Unable to communicate with other	Frequency or signaling settings may be inconsistent with other members in the group.	Set the same frequency and signaling as other members in the group.
members.	members in the group.	members.



	Interferen	ce from	other	Change	to	а	new
	users o	n the	same	frequency	or	adjust	the
Other call sounds or noise appear in the channel.	frequency.			squelch level.			
	No sub-audible signaling set.			Set sub-audible signaling for all radios in the group to prevent interference. However, the signaling settings must be changed on all handheld terminals within the group.			
Excessive background noise.	Too far away from other members during communication.			Get closer to other members.			
	Poor location, such as being obstructed by tall buildings or being in a basement.			Move to an open and flat area, then retry powering on.			
	Interference from external environment or electromagnetic sources.			Avoid devices that may cause interference.			