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INSTRUCTION MANUAL

CLASS B AIS TRANSPONDER



Icom Inc.

FOREWORD

Thank you for purchasing this Icom product.

The MA-500TR CLASS B AIS TRANSPONDER is designed and built with Icom's state of the art technology and craftsmanship. With proper care, this product should provide you with years of trouble-free operation.

We appreciate you making the MA-500TR your transponder of choice, and hope you agree with Icom's philosophy of "technology first." Many hours of research and development went into the design of your MA-500TR.

♦ FEATURES

- O Full dot-matrix display visually shows real-time vessel traffic information
- O IPX7 waterproof protection
- O 3 lines of NMEA0183 Input/Output
- O GPS receiver comes with MA-500TR
- O Collision-risk management functions
- O Integration with Icom VHF transceivers*
 - * See the leaflet that comes with the transponder for details of the corresponding transceiver.

IMPORTANT

READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS carefully and completely before using the transponder.

SAVE THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL — This instruction manual contains important operating instructions for the MA-500TR.

EXPLICIT DEFINITIONS

WORD	DEFINITION	
∆WARNING !	G! Personal injury, fire hazard or electric shock may occur.	
CAUTION	Equipment damage may occur.	
NOTE	If disregarded, inconvenience only. No risk of personal injury, fire or electric shock.	

CLEAN THE TRANSPONDER THOROUGHLY WITH FRESH WATER after exposure to saltwater, otherwise, the keys and switch may become inoperable due to salt crystallization.

FCC INFORMATION

• FOR CLASS B UNINTENTIONAL RADIATORS

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 dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

RADIO OPERATOR WARNING



Icom requires the radio operator to meet the FCC Requirements for Radio Frequency Exposure. An omnidirectional antenna with gain not greater than 9 dBi must be mounted a minimum of 5 meters (measured from the lowest point of the antenna) vertically above the main deck and

all possible personnel. This is the minimum safe separation distance estimated to meet all RF exposure compliance requirements. This 5 meter distance is based on the FCC Safe Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) distance of 3 meters added to the height of an adult (2 meters) and is appropriate for all vessels.

For watercraft without suitable structures, the antenna must be mounted so as to maintain a minimum of 1 meter vertically between the antenna, (measured from the lowest point of the antenna), to the heads of all persons AND all persons must stay outside of the 3 meter MPE radius.

Do not transmit with radio and antenna when persons are within the MPE radius of the antenna, unless such persons (such as driver or radio operator) are shielded from antenna field by a grounded metallic barrier. The MPE Radius is the minimum distance from the antenna axis that person should maintain in order to avoid RF exposure higher than the allowable MPE level set by FCC. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THESE LIMITS MAY ALLOW THOSE WITHIN THE MPE RADIUS TO EXPERIENCE RF RADIATION ABSORPTION WHICH EXCEEDS THE FCC MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE) LIMIT. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE RADIO OPERATOR TO ENSURE THAT THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPO-SURE LIMITS ARE OBSERVED AT ALL TIMES DURING RADIO TRANSMISSION. THE RADIO OPERATOR IS TO ENSURE THAT NO BYSTANDERS COME WITHIN THE RADIUS OF THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE LIMITS.

Determining MPE Radius

THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE) RADIUS HAS BEEN ESTIMATED TO BE A RADIUS OF ABOUT 3M PER OET BULLETIN 65 OF THE FCC.

THIS ESTIMATE IS MADE ASSUMING THE MAXIMUM POWER OF THE RADIO AND ANTENNAS WITH A MAXI-MUM GAIN OF 9dBi ARE USED FOR A VESSEL MOUNTED SYSTEM.

ABOUT CE

• INSTALLATION NOTES

The installation of this equipment should be made in such a manner as to respect the EC recommended electromagnetic field exposure limits (1999/519/EC).

The maximum RF power available from this device is 2 watts. The antenna should be installed as high as possible for maximum efficiency and that this installation height should be at least 5 meters above ground (or accessible) level. In the case where an antenna cannot be installed at a reasonable height, then the transmitter should neither be continuously operated for long periods if any person is within 5 meters of the antenna, nor operated at all if any person is touching the antenna.

In all cases any possible risk depends on the transmitter being activated for long periods. (actual recommendation limits are specified as an average of 6 minutes) Normally the transmitter is not active for long periods of time. Some radio licenses will require that a timer circuit automatically cuts the transmitter after 1 to 2 minutes etc.

Similarly some types of transmitter, SSB, CW, AM, etc. have a lower 'average' output power and the perceived risk is even lower. CE versions of the MA-500TR which display the "CE" symbol on the serial number label, comply with the essential requirements of the European Radio and Telecommunication Terminal Directive 1999/5/EC.



This warning symbol indicates that this equipment operates in non-harmonised frequency bands and/or may be subject to licensing conditions in the country of use. Be sure to check that you have the correct version of this radio or the correct programming of this radio, to comply with national licensing requirement.

SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES



MXG-5000 GPS RECEIVER is included with MA-500TR.



MXG-5000

Cable length: Approx. 10 m (32.8 ft) • An instruction sheet comes with the MXG-5000. Please read it before installing and operating the MXG-5000.

PRECAUTIONS

 \triangle **WARNING! NEVER** connect the transponder to an AC outlet. This may pose a fire hazard or result in an electric shock.

 \triangle **WARNING! NEVER** connect the transponder to a power source of more than 16 V DC or use reverse polarity. This could cause a fire or damage the transponder.

WARNING! NEVER cut the DC power cable between the DC plug at the back of the transponder and fuse holder. If an incorrect connection is made after cutting, the transponder may be damaged.

CAUTION: NEVER place the transponder where normal operation of the vessel may be hindered or where it could cause bodily injury.

KEEP the transponder at least 1 m (3.3 ft) away from the vessel's magnetic navigation compass.

DO NOT use or place the transponder in areas with temperatures below $-20^{\circ}C$ ($-4^{\circ}F$) or above $+60^{\circ}C$ ($+140^{\circ}F$) or, in areas subject to direct sunlight, such as the dashboard.

DO NOT use harsh solvents such as benzine or alcohol when cleaning, as they will damage the transponder surfaces. If the transponder becomes dusty or dirty, wipe it clean with a soft, dry cloth.

BE CAREFUL! The transponder rear panel will become hot when operating continuously for long periods of time. Place the transponder in a secure place to avoid inadvertent use by children.

BE CAREFUL! The transponder meets IPX7* requirements for waterproof protection. However, once the transponder has been dropped, waterproof protection cannot be guaranteed because of possible damage to the transponder's case or the waterproof seal.

* Except for the DC power and cloning cable connectors.

For U.S.A. only

CAUTION: Changes or modifications to this device, not expressly approved by Icom Inc., could void your authority to operate this device under FCC regulations.

Approved Icom optional equipment is designed for optimal performance when used with an Icom transponder. Icom is not responsible for the destruction or damage to an Icom transponder in the event Icom transponder is used with equipment that is not manufactured or approved by Icom.

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OVERVIEW



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♦ ABOUT AIS

AIS is an acronym for "Automatic Identification System." An AIS transponder is a short range data radio unit, used primarily for collision-risk management and navigation safety. It automatically transmits and receives vessel information such as the vessel name, MMSI code, vessel type, position data, speed, course, destination and more. Information is exchanged among the vessels and/or base stations on the VHF maritime mobile band. The information helps to identify other nearby vessels or stations by displaying the received data on a plotter or a radar screen.



♦ AIS Classes

There are four types of AIS stations; vessels, base stations, Aids to Navigation (AtoN) and Search and Rescue (SAR).

There are two classes of AIS units, which are installed on vessels; Class A and Class B.

Under the Safety Of Life At Sea (SOLAS) convention, all SOLAS vessels, as described below, are required to install a Class A AIS transponder:

- Upwards of 300 gross tonnage engaged on international voyages.
- Passenger vessels, irrespective of size, engaged on international voyages.
- Upwards of 500 gross tonnage not engaged on international voyages.

A Class B AIS transponder is designed to be interoperability with Class A units, but not to impact the Class A network. Many commercial vessels, and some leisure craft, not classified as requiring a Class A unit, choose to install a Class B unit to avoid accidents at sea.

Front panel



The angle brackets show common or special display operations, as described below:

- <*Common>* shows the common operation.
- <In the plotter display> shows the plotter display operation.
- <In the target list display> shows the target list display operation.
- <In the danger list display> shows the danger list display operation.

DISPLAY MODE KEY [DISP MODE] <Common>

- ➡ Push to switch the display mode between the plotter, target list and danger list. (pp. 4–6)
- ➡ While in the Menu mode, push to exit it, and return to the plotter, target list or danger list display which is selected before you entered the Menu mode.

② LEFT AND RIGHT KEYS [◀]/[►] <Common>

While in the Menu item setting mode, push to select a menu option. (pp. 29, 32)

<In the plotter display>

- Push [4] to sequentially select each AIS target icon farthest from your vessel (or waypoint, if it is set; see page 24 for setting detail). (p. 15)
- Push [▶] to sequentially select each AIS target icon closest to your vessel (or waypoint, if it is set; see page 24 for setting detail). (p. 15)
 - A target box will appear around the selected target or waypoint icon.

<In the danger list display>

- ➡ Push [◀] to sort the AIS target data by CPA (Closest Point of Approach). (p. 17)
- ➡ Push [▶] to sort the AIS target data by TCPA (Time to CPA). (p. 17)

O UP AND DOWN KEYS [▲]/[▼]

<Common>

- ➡ While in the Menu mode, push to select a menu item. (pp. 9, 28)
- Push to select a voice channel in the voice channel selection screen. (p. 21)

<In the plotter display>

Push to select the display range. (p. 15)

<In the target or danger list display>

Push to select an AIS target in the target or danger list display. (pp. 16, 17)

Inter Key [ENT]

<Common>

- ➡ Push to display the detail screen of the selected AIS target. (pp. 15–17)
- ⇒ Push to save the input data. (pp. 8, 10, 15)
- \Rightarrow Push to enter the Menu item setting mode. (pp. 9, 28)
- ➡ While in the Menu item setting mode, push to select a menu option. (pp. 11, 12, 16, 29, 32–34)
- ➡ While searching for a GPS satellite, push [ENT] to display the GPS information screen. (p. 14, 31)

MENU KEY [MENU]

<Common>

- ➡ Push to enter the Menu mode. (pp. 9, 28)
- While in the Menu mode, push to exit it, and return to the plotter, target list or danger list display which is selected before you entered the Menu mode.

G CLEAR KEY [CLEAR]

<Common>

- ➡ Push to cancel the entered function, or return to the previous screen. (pp. 10, 13, 23)
- ➡ While in the Menu mode, push to exit it, and return to the previous screen. (pp. 9, 28)
- ➡ Push to stop the alarm. (pp. 15–17)

DSC KEY [DSC]

<Common>

- When the AIS target is selected, or the detail screen is displayed, push to display the voice channel selection screen. (p. 22)
- ➡ After selecting the voice channel, push to transmit an Individual DSC call to the selected AIS target. (p. 22)
- This function is available only when the transceiver is connected to the transponder. (p. 37)

OWER/BRILL KEY [POWER•BRILL] <Common>

- ➡ Hold down for 1 second to turn the power ON or OFF. (p. 14)
 - After turning ON the power, the opening screen will appear.
- Push to show the display backlight and contrast adjusting screen. (p. 15)

MAN OVERBOAT KEY [MOB]

<Common>

Hold down for 1 second to set the waypoint. (p. 25)

• The MOB alarm sounds, and a flag icon appears on your current position.

Function display

There are three display types; plotter, target list and danger list, and you can select your desired type using the [DISP MODE] key.

- NOTE: When one of the following messages is displayed on the function display, push [CLEAR] to clear it.
 "PRIORITY INTERRUPTED LAST ATTEMPTS" is displayed when the transponder cannot make a periodic transmission because the transponder detects a transmit signal.
 "BASE STATION INHIBITING AIS TX FOR ** MIN"* is displayed when the transmission is inhibited by a base station for the displayed time period.
 "The transmission inhibit period is displayed instead of "**."
 "TWFF" is also displayed while transmission is inhibited.

♦ Plotter display

After the transponder is turned ON, the plotter display automatically appears, if the GPS receiver is connected and it receives signals from a satellite. It shows the display range and the icons of the AIS targets.



DISPLAY TYPE

Shows the selected display type.

- When "N-UP" is displayed, the top of the plotter display represents North.
- When "AC-UP" is displayed, the top of the plotter display represents the direction your course is heading.

A BANGE/CPA INFORMATION

- Shows the range information from your vessel to the selected AIS target.
- Shows the CPA (Closest Point of Approach) information of the selected AIS target whose CPA is within 6 nm (nautical miles) and TCPA (Time to CPA) is within 60 minutes of your vessel.

BEARING/TCPA INFORMATION

- Shows the bearing information from your vessel to the selected AIS target.
- Shows TCPA information of the selected AIS target whose CPA is within 6 nm (nautical miles) and TCPA is within 60 minutes of your vessel.

MESSAGE ICON

Appears when a message is received.

• The message icon stays on the plotter display as long as the unread message is stored in the RX log memory.

G TARGET BOX

Shows the selected AIS target (or waypoint, if it is set; see pages 24–26 for setting detail).

• When a target box appears, push **[ENT]** to display the detail screen of the selected AIS target or waypoint.

6 OWN VESSEL ICON

The own vessel icon is displayed in the center of the display.

- When "N-UP" is displayed, the vessel icon automatically points in the direction you are heading, in 45 degrees steps.
- When "AC-UP" is displayed, the vessel icon constantly points to the top of the plotter display.
- When the own vessel moves less than 2 knots, the icon is displayed as " ."

KEY ENTRY GUIDE

Shows the key entry guide.

- Push [◀] or [▶] to select each AIS target icon (or waypoint), in sequence. (p. 15)
 - A target box will appear around the selected target icon.
- ➡ Push [ENT] to display the detail screen of the selected AIS target or waypoint. (pp. 15–17)

OISPLAY RANGE

Shows the selected display range.

• 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 24 nm (nautical miles) are selectable.

Description of the icons

lcon	Description	
AIS target: Vessel The tip of the target triangle automatically poin in the direction it's heading. The icon blinks when the AIS target is closer the your CPA and TCPA settings. (Dangerous target		
÷	AIS target: Lost target* The target triangle is marked with a diagonal line.	
+	AIS target: Base Station	
*	AIS target: Search and Rescue (SAR)	
Ð	AIS target: Aids to Navigation (AtoN)	
	Waypoint	

*A vessel is regarded as a "Lost target" after a specified period of time has passed since the vessel last transmitted data. (p. 27)

The "Lost target" icon disappears from the plotter display 6 minutes and 40 seconds (default) after the vessel was regarded as a "Lost target." Ask your dealer for details.

♦ Target list display

In the plotter display, push **[DISP MODE]** to switch to the target list display, which shows all AIS targets being detected by the transponder.

The AIS target data is sorted by the distance from your vessel, and the closest target is located on the top of the list.



1 THE NUMBER OF TARGETS

Shows the number of AIS targets which are being detected by the transponder.

2 KEY ENTRY GUIDE

Shows the key entry guide.

- ➡ Push [▲] or [▼] to select an AIS target. (p. 16)
- ➡ Push [ENT] to display the detail screen of the selected AIS target. (pp. 16, 17)

③ TARGET INFORMATION

Shows the following AIS target information:

- MMSI code or name, if the name is programmed.
- Range (RNG) from your vessel to the target (unit: nautical mile)
- Bearing (BRG) from your vessel to the target (unit: degree)

♦ Danger list display

In the target list display, push **[DISP MODE]** to switch to the danger list display, which helps you to find any dangerous target whose CPA is within 6 nm (nautical miles) and TCPA is within 60 minutes of your vessel.



① THE NUMBER OF DANGEROUS TARGETS

Shows the number of AIS targets which are being detected by the transponder.

Ø KEY ENTRY GUIDE

Shows the key entry guide.

- → Push [◀] or [▶] to sort the danger target data. (p. 17)
- ➡ Push [ENT] to display the detail screen of the selected AIS target. (p. 17)

③ DANGER TARGET INFORMATION

Shows the following dangerous target information:

- MMSI code or name, if the name is programmed.
- CPA : Closest Point of Approach (unit: nautical mile)
- TCPA: Time to CPA (unit: minute)

PREPARATION



MMSI code setting

The 9-digit MMSI (Maritime Mobile Service Identity: DSC self ID) code can be set at power ON. If the MMSI code has already been set, the following steps are not needed. Go to page 9.

W This initial code setting can be performed only once.

After being set, it can be changed by only your dealer or distributor.

- Hold down [POWER•BRILL] for 1 second to turn ON the power.
 - A long beep sounds, and the opening screen appears.



- ② The opening screen displays the results of the opening test (ROM, RAM and backup data test); "OK" or "NG" (No Good).
 - If "NG" is displayed, hold down [**POWER•BRILL**] for 1 second to turn OFF the power, then ON again to reset the transponder. If there is no change, contact your dealer or service center.



- ③ After the opening test is completed, "No MMSI" appears when no MMSI code is set.
 - If the MMSI code has already been set, the MMSI code appears. Go to page 9.
 - Push [CLEAR] to skip the setting, and go to the plotter display. In this case, the transponder operates as just an AIS receiver.



Solution on the next page.

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■ MMSI code setting (Continued)

- ④ Push [ENT] to enter the MMSI code setting mode.
- (5) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to input the specific 9-digit MMSI code.
 - Push [▶] to move the cursor forward.
 - Push [4] to move the cursor backward.
 - Push [CLEAR] to cancel, and go to the plotter display. In this case, the transponder operates as just an AIS receiver.



NOTE: The coast station ID or the group ID cannot be entered as your MMSI code.

- Group ID : The first one digit is "0."
- Coast station ID : The first two digits are "0."
- If you enter a code that starts with "0" or "00," an error beep sounds after pushing **[ENT]** in step (6).

- 6 After inputting the 9-digit code, push [ENT].
 - The MMSI confirmation screen appears.



- 0 Input the same MMSI code which was entered in steps (5) and (6) for the confirmation. Then, push [ENT] to save.
- (8) After the MMSI code has been save, the transponder automatically enters the Initial setting mode. See pages 9 to 13 for setting details.

The Initial setting mode can also be entered from the Menu mode. (p. 9)

Initial setting mode

The Initial setting mode allows you to set the vessel's information that is exchanged among the vessels and/or base stations. And, you can set the seldom-changed NMEA Input/ Output settings to suit your operating style.

WNOTE: After the MMSI code programming, the transponder automatically enters the Initial setting mode. In this \mathcal{U} case, skip steps $\overline{1}$ and 2.

- (1) Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- 2 Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Initial Setting," then push [ENT].
- (3) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\triangledown] to select the desired item, then push [ENT].
- ④ Enter the characters or select the desired option. The procedures are described on pages 10 to 13.
- (5) Repeat steps (3) and (4) to set other items.
- (6) Push [CLEAR] to exit the Initial setting mode, and return to the Menu mode.
- 7 Push [CLEAR] to exit the Menu mode.

♦ MMSI code

Enter the vessel's MMSI code.

See page 7 for setting details.

• If the MMSI code has already been set, you cannot change this.

♦ Name

Enter the vessel's name of up to 20 characters. See page 13 for setting details.

♦ Call Sign

Enter the Call Sign of up to 7 characters. The Call Sign is a unique designation ID for a station. See page 13 for setting details.

[ENT] Set Name





3 PREPARATION

♦ Internal/External GPS Antenna Position

Set these measurements to indicate the internal and/or external GPS antenna position on the vessel.

Internal GPS antenna : The GPS antenna which is connected to the [GPS] connector.

External GPS antenna: The GPS antenna which is connected to one of the NMEA lines. (p. 36)

(1) Push [▲] or [▼] to select "A," "B," "C" or "D."

- A : Bow to Antenna
- B : Stern to Antenna
- C : Port side to Antenna
- D : Starboard side to Antenna
- Push [CLEAR] to cancel and return to the previous screen.
- 2 Push [4] or [1] to input the value into that item.
 - A and B: Between 0 and 511 meters (0 and 1676.5 feet)
 - C and D: Between 0 and 63 meters (0 and 206.6 feet)
- (3) Repeat steps (1) and (2) to input other values.
- (4) Push [ENT] to save and return to the Initial setting mode.



SET INT	GPS POS E
GPS A ANTENNA B C. D.	A Om B Om C Om D Om
CLA DACK	ENT OK

This screen shows the internal GPS antenna set screen.

1/2 To show the external GPS antenna set screen, select "Set EXT GPS POS" in the "Initial Setting" mode. (p. 9)

♦ Type of Ship

Select your vessel type.

 \Rightarrow Push [A] or [V] to select your vessel type from the list, then push [ENT] to save and return to the Initial setting mode.



Type of Ship List

30	Fishing	52	Tugs
31	Towing	53	Port tender
32	Towing & two < 200m	54	Vessels with anti pollution
33	Engaged in Dredging	55	Law enforcements Vessel
34	Engaged in Diving	58	Medical Transports
35	Engaged in Military	59	Ships RR Resolution NO18
36	Sailing	60	Passenger Ship
37	Pleasure Craft	70	Cargo Ship
50	Pilot	80	Tanker
51	Search & Rescue Vessel	\sum	

NMEA Input/Output ports NMEA1/NMEA2/NMEA3 data speed

The data communication speed (baud rate) can be set for each Input/Output port; NMEA1 and NMEA3.

NOTE: The data communication speed of NMEA2 is fixed to 38400 bps. NMEA2 is used for communication between the transponder and the Icom MarineCommander[™] system or a GPS receiver.

- ① Push [▲] or [▼] to select "NMEA1" or "NMEA3."
 - NMEA1 : Used for communication between the transponder and a transceiver or a GPS receiver. (Default: 4800 bps)
 - NMEA3 : Used for communication between the transponder and a navigational equipment or a GPS receiver. (Default: 4800 bps)
 - You cannot select "NMEA2."
- (2) Push **[ENT]** to select the data communication speed between 4800 bps and 38400 bps into that item.
 - You can also select the option by pushing [4] or [▶].
- ③ Repeat steps ① and ② to set another port.
- ④ Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the Initial setting mode.



GPS Input1/GPS Input2/GPS Input3

Set the NMEA1, NMEA2 and NMEA3 Input ports' capability.

- ① Push [▲] or [▼] to select "GPS Input1," "GPS Input2" or "GPS Input3."
 - "GPS Input1" is for the NMEA1, "GPS Input2" is for the NMEA2 and "GPS Input3" is for the NMEA3 ports setting.
- 2 Push [ENT] to toggle this function ON or OFF.
 - You can also turn the function ON by pushing [▶], or OFF by pushing [◀].
 - ON : The GPS information that is received from the external GPS receiver of the selected port is sent to the transponder.

(Default for "GPS Input2" and "GPS Input3")

- OFF : The GPS information that is received from the external GPS receiver of the selected port is not sent to the transponder. (Default for "GPS Input1")
- ③ Repeat steps ① and ② to set other ports' capability.
- ④ Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the Initial setting mode.

	[▲], [▼], - [◀], [▶] - [ENT] -[CLEAR]
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≣SET INPU 1	r/output≣
NMEA1	4800bps
NMEA2	38400bps
NMEA3	4800bps
GPS Input1	OFF
GPS Input2	ON
GPS Input3	ON
AIS Output	AIS
Remote ID	84
CLR BACK	ENT SELECT

3 PREPARATION

♦ NMEA Input/Output ports (Continued)

AIS Output

Set the NMEA2 Output port's capability. This function should normally be set to "AIS."

- 1 Push [▲] or [▼] to select "AIS Output."
- (2) Push [ENT] to select either "AIS" or "AIS+GPS."
 - You can also select the option by pushing [4] or [>].
 - AIS : The NMEA2 Output port sends only the AIS information to the connected device. (Default)
 - AIS+GPS : The NMEA2 Output port sends both the AIS and GPS information to the connected device This setting is recommended for use in an area where there are few vessels. In an area crowded with AIS equipped vessels, some AIS information may be missed.
- 3 Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the Initial setting mode.

4800bps

38400bps

4800bps

OFF

ON.

ON.

AIS

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•	Remote	ID
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Set a Remote ID number between 80 and 89. The Remote ID is included in the sentence of the format for the Icom own NMEA

- ① Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Remote ID."
- 2 Push [4] or [>] to set a Remote ID number between 80 and 89.
- 3 Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the Initial setting mode.



ESET INPUT	/OUTPUT≣
NMEA1	4800bps
NMEA2	38400bps
NMEA3	4800bps
GPS Input1	OFF
GPS Input2	ON
GPS Input3	ON
AIS Output	AIS
Remote ID	84
CLR BACK	♦ SELECT

PREPARATION 3

♦ Name and Call Sign settings

 Push [▲] or [▼] to select the "Set Name" or "Set Call Sign" that you want to program, then push [ENT] to enter the setting mode.



- ② Push [▲], [▼], [◀] or [▶] to select the desired character in the table, then push [ENT] to input it.
 - Select " \rightarrow ," then push [ENT] to move the cursor forward.
 - Select "←," then push [ENT] to move the cursor backward.
 - Select "SPACE," then push [ENT] to input a space.
 - \bullet Select "DELETE," then push $\ensuremath{\left[\text{ENT} \right]}$ to delete a character.
 - Push [CLEAR] to cancel and return to the previous screen.



- 3 Repeat step 2 to input all characters.
- ④ Push [▲], [▼], [◀] or [▶] to select "FINISH," then push [ENT] to save and return to the Initial setting mode.



BASIC OPERATION

■Turning power ON

IMPORTANT: BE SURE to connect the GPS receiver to the transponder before turning the power ON. (p. 35)

- ① Hold down [POWER•BRILL] for 1 second to turn ON the power.
 - A long beep sounds, and the opening screen appears.



- ② The opening screen displays the results of the ROM, RAM and backup data test, "OK" or "NG" (No Good).
 - If "NG" is displayed, hold down [**POWER•BRILL**] for 1 second to turn OFF the power, then ON again to reset the transponder. If there is no change, contact your dealer or service center.

O ICOM MA-500TR		
	ROM: √ OK	
	RAM: ✔OK DATA:✔OK	
	Ver	_

- ③ After the opening test is completed, the MMSI code appears, if the code has already been set.
 - "No MMSI" appears when no MMSI code is set. (p. 7)



- ④ The GPS search display appears while searching for a GPS satellite.
 - While searching, the GPS information screen can be displayed by pushing **[ENT]**, or you can enter the Menu mode by pushing **[MENU]**. (pp. 28, 31)



(5) When the GPS receiver receives signals from a satellite, the transponder automatically displays the position data on the plotter display. (p. 15)

Display backlight and contrast settings

You can adjust the display backlight and contrast settings. The display backlight lights the function display and keys, and is convenient for nighttime operation.

Also, you can adjust the display contrast between objects and the background.

- ① Push [**POWER•BRILL**] to display the popup screen to adjust the display backlight and contrast level.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Backlight" or "Contrast," whichever one you want to adjust.
- 3 Push [4] or [>] to adjust the level.
 - Backlight : Between 1 and 7, or OFF
 - Contrast : Between 1 and 8
- ④ Push **[ENT]** to save the settings and turn OFF the popup screen.
 - If no key operation is performed for 5 seconds, the backlight and contrast levels are saved, and the popup screen automatically turns OFF.

Convenient!

Each push of [**POWER•BRILL**] after the popup screen is displayed, also adjusts the display backlight level.

Plotter display operation

When the plotter display is selected, the display range and the icons of the AIS targets appear. You can change the display range and type (North up or COG up) to suit your operating style.

- ① Push [DISP MODE] several times to select the plotter display.
- 2 Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select the desired display range.
 - 0.125, 0.25, 0.5, 0.75, 1.5, 3, 6, 12, 24 nm (nautical miles) are selectable.
- ③ Push [▶] to sequentially select each AIS target icon closest to your vessel (or waypoint, if it is set; see page 24 for setting detail), in sequence.

Or, push [◀] to select each AIS target (or waypoint) icon farthest from your vessel, in sequence.

- A target box will appear around the selected target (or waypoint) icon.
- Shows the range and bearing information from your vessel to the selected AIS target.
- Shows the CPA (Closest Point of Approach) and TCPA (Time to CPA) information of the selected AIS target whose CPA is less than 6 nm (nautical miles) and TCPA is less than 60 minutes to your vessel.
- ④ Push [ENT] to display it's detail screen. (p. 17)

NOTE: The alarm buzzer sounds when a malfunction occurs or an AIS target is closer than your CPA and TCPA settings, depending on the presetting. (pp. 29, 32, 42)

- \rightarrow To stop the alarm buzzer, push [CLEAR].
- If the popup screen is displayed, push [CLEAR] again to turn it OFF.

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♦ Setting the display type (North up/COG up)

Select the display type between "North up" and "COG up."

- ① Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select "North up/COG up," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [ENT] to select either "North up" or "COG up."
 You can also select the option by pushing [◄] or [►].

North up : The top of the plotter display represents North. COG up : The top of the plotter display represents the direction your course is heading.

- ④ Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the Menu mode.
- (5) Push [CLEAR] to exit the Menu mode.



■ Target list display operation

The target list display shows all AIS targets being detected by the transponder, including their range and bearing information.

The AIS target data is sorted by the distance from your vessel, and the closest target is located on the top of the list. Their range and bearing information is automatically updated every 5 seconds, then the AIS target data is sorted.

- ① Push [DISP MODE] several times to select the target list display.
- (2) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select the desired AIS target.
- ③ Push [ENT] to display it's detail screen. (p. 17)

NOTE: The alarm buzzer sounds when a malfunction occurs or an AIS target is closer than your CPA and TCPA settings, depending on the presetting. (pp. 29, 32, 42)

→ To stop the alarm buzzer, push [CLEAR].

 If the popup screen is displayed, push [CLEAR] again to turn it OFF.

Danger list display operation

The danger list display shows any dangerous target whose CPA (Closest Point of Approach) distance is less than 6 nm (nautical miles), and TCPA (Time to CPA) time is less than 60 minutes to your vessel.

The dangerous target data is sorted by CPA or TCPA (you can choose either; see step 1).

Their CPA and TCPA information is automatically updated every 5 seconds, then the dangerous target data is sorted.

- ① Push [**DISP MODE**] several times to select the danger list display.
 - Push [4] to sort the AIS target data by CPA.
 - Push [▶] to sort the AIS target data by TCPA.
- (2) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select the desired AIS target.
- ③ Push [ENT] to display it's detail screen. (See to the right)

NOTE: The alarm buzzer sounds when a malfunction occurs or an AIS target is closer than your CPA and TCPA settings, depending on the presetting. (pp. 29, 32, 42)

 \Rightarrow To stop the alarm buzzer, push [CLEAR].

• If the popup screen is displayed, push [CLEAR] again to turn it OFF.

About the detail screen

The detail screen shows information about the selected AIS target. The contents differ, depending on the AIS class. In the detail screen, pushing **[CLEAR]** returns to the previous screen, which is displayed before entering the details screen.

See pages 18 to 21 for the detail screen of each AIS class.

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About the detail screen (Continued)

♦ The detail screens of "Class A" vessels





The detail screens of "Class B" vessels





4 BASIC OPERATION

About the detail screen (Continued)

♦ The detail screens of a "Base Station"



♦ The detail screens of an "SAR"



♦ The detail screens of an "AtoN"





■ Individual DSC call (Possible only when a transceiver is connected.)

When a transceiver* is connected to the transponder, you can transmit an Individual DSC call without needing to enter the vessel's MMSI code, by simply selecting it's AIS target and the voice channel you wish to use on the transponder.

The transceiver will use the transponder's data information and make the DSC call on channel 70, then wait for the target vessel to acknowledge it. After receiving the acknowledgement 'Able to comply,' use the transceiver to communicate with the target vessel on the predetermined voice channel.

*See the leaflet that comes with the transponder for details of the transceivers which can operate with this function.

See pages 37 and 38 for connecting instructions.

NOTE: The data communication speed (baud rate) of NMEA1 must be set to 4800 bps to send an Individual DSC call using the transponder. (p. 11)

- ① Select the desired AIS target on the plotter, target list or danger list display. (pp. 15–17)
 - You can also go to the next step whenever the detail screen of the AIS target is displayed.
- ② Push [DSC] to display the voice channel selection screen, then push [▲] or [▼] to select the desired voice channel.
 - Voice channels are already preset into the transponder in recommended order.



NOTE: When a base station is selected in step (1), a voice channel will be specified by the base station, therefore you cannot change the channel. The transponder will display "Voice Channel is specified by the Base station," in this case.

- ③ Push [DSC] to make the Individual DSC call.
 - "DSC Transmitting" appears.
 - If Channel 70 is busy, the transceiver stands by until the channel becomes clear.
 - If the transceiver cannot make the call, "DSC Transmission FAILED" appears.
- ④ After making the Individual DSC call, "DSC Transmission COMPLETED" appears.
- (5) Push [CLEAR] to return to the previous screen before you entered the voice channel selection screen in step (2).
- (6) After receiving the acknowledgement from the AIS target, use the transceiver to communicate. See the transceiver's manual for details.



Message

♦ Receiving a message

A safety-related message of up to 161 characters can be received from an AIS equipped vessel in the area.

When a message is received, a beep sounds three times, and the message icon appears on the plotter display. (The message icon does not appear on the target list or danger list display.)

The contents of the message can be checked in the receive message log, as described to the right.

The message icon stays on the plotter display as long as the unread message is stored in the RX log memory.

NOTE: The transponder automatically stores the received messages in the RX log memory. (See to the right)



♦ Message logs

The transponder automatically stores the last 20 received messages in the log memory.

The oldest message is automatically deleted when a new message is received.

- 1 Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Message," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select "RX Log," then push [ENT].
- ④ Push [▲] or [▼] to select the message that you want to read, then push [ENT].
 - The contents of the selected message are displayed.
- (5) Push [CLEAR] to return to the previous screen.
- 6 Push [CLEAR] three times to exit the Menu mode.



5 OTHER FUNCTIONS

Waypoint

♦ Display a waypoint list

Up to 100 waypoints can be stored in the waypoint list.

- 1 Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Waypoint," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select "List," then push [ENT].
- ④ Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select the desired waypoint.
 - Push [4] to sort the waypoint data by Name.
 - Push [▶] to sort the waypoint data by Range.
- ⑤ Push [ENT] to display the detail screen of the selected waypoint.

WAYPOINT L	LIST I
Interview And Interview An	RNG►
WP001	67.7
WP002	43.3
WP003	52.4
WP004	30.7
WP005	0.0EDETAIL WAYPOINTE
WP006	0.d WP001
	LAT: 35°45.0000N
CLR BACK	ENT C LON: 135°36.0000E
	RANGE: 67.7nm
	BEARING: 008*
	CLR BACK

- 6 Push [CLEAR] to return to the previous screen.
- O Push [CLEAR] three times to exit the Menu mode.

Add a waypoint

The position information that you want to memorize can be added as a waypoint.

- 1) Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Waypoint," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Add," then push [ENT].
 Your current position information is displayed.
- ④ Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select "Name," then push [ENT].
- ⑤ Push [▲], [▼], [◀] or [▶] to select the desired character in the table, then push [ENT] to input it.
 - Select "→," then push [ENT] to move the cursor forward.
 - Select "-," then push [ENT] to move the cursor backward.
 - Select "SPACE," then push [ENT] to input a space.
 - Select "DELETE," then push [ENT] to delete a character.
 - Push [CLEAR] to cancel and return to the previous screen.



- 6 Repeat step 5 to input a waypoint name of up to 10 characters.
- ⑦ Push [▲], [▼], [◀] or [▶] to select "FINISH," then push
 [ENT] to set and return to the previous screen.

- (8) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select "LAT:," then push [ENT].
- ⑨ Push [▲], [▼], [◀] or [▶] to set the desired latitude data in the table, then push [ENT] to input it.
 - Select " \rightarrow ," then push [ENT] to move the cursor forward.
 - Select " -," then push [ENT] to move the cursor backward.
 - Select "N," then push [ENT] to input N; North latitude.
 - Select "S," then push [ENT] to input S; South latitude.
 - "W" and "E" cannot be input.
 - Push [CLEAR] to cancel and return to the previous screen.



- 10 Push [▲], [▼], [◀] or [▶] to select "FINISH," then push
 [ENT] to set and return to the previous screen.
- ① Push [▲] or [▼] to select "LON:," then push [ENT].
- ② Push [▲], [▼], [◀] or [▶] to set the desired longitude data in the table, then push [ENT] to input it.
 - Select "->," then push [ENT] to move the cursor forward.
 - Select "-," then push [ENT] to move the cursor backward.
 - Select "W," then push [ENT] to input W; West longitude.
 - Select "E," then push [ENT] to input E; East longitude.
 - "N" and "S" cannot be input.
 - Push [CLEAR] to cancel and return to the previous screen.



- ③ Push [▲], [▼], [◀] or [▶] to select "FINISH," then push [ENT] to set and return to the previous screen.
- 14 Push [▲] or [▼] to select "SAVE," then push [ENT] to save the waypoint data and return to the "WAYPOINT" screen.
 - Push [CLEAR] to cancel and return to the previous screen.



(5) Push [CLEAR] twice to exit the Menu mode.

Convenient!

Each time you hold down of **[MOB]** also adds a waypoint. See page 26 to edit the waypoint data.

5 OTHER FUNCTIONS

♦ Edit a waypoint

A waypoint's name, latitude and longitude data can be edited.

- 1 Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Waypoint," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select "Edit," then push [ENT].
 - The "EDIT WAYPOINT" list is displayed.
- (4) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select the desired waypoint.
 - Push [4] to sort the waypoint data by Name.
 - Push [▶] to sort the waypoint data by Range.
- (5) Push [ENT] to enter the edit item selection screen.

EDIT WAY	POINT E
Interview And Interview An	RNG►
POINT 1	0.0
WP001	67.7
WP002	43.3
WP003	52.4
WP004	30.7 EDIT WAYPOINT
WP005	0.0 POINT 1
WP006	0.0 LAT: 34*38.1000N
CLR BACK	ENT C LON: 135°23.2100E
	SAVE
ENT	
	CLR BACK ENT OF

⑥ Push [▲] or [▼] to select the top item (waypoint name), then push [ENT].

- ⑦ Enter a waypoint name, latitude data and longitude data, as described in steps ⑤ to ③ of "♦ Add a Waypoint" on pages 24 and 25.
- ⑧ Push [▲] or [▼] to select "SAVE," then push [ENT] to save the edited data and return to the "EDIT WAYPOINT" list screen.
 - Push [CLEAR] to cancel and return to the previous screen.



(9) Push [CLEAR] three times to exit the Menu mode.

♦ Delete a waypoint

A waypoint can be deleted from the waypoint list.

- 1 Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- (2) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select "Waypoint," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Delete," then push [ENT].
 - The "DELETE WAYPOINT" list is displayed.
- (4) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\triangledown] to select the desired waypoint.
 - Push [4] to sort the waypoint data by Name.
 - Push [▶] to sort the waypoint data by Range.
- (5) Push [ENT] to display the detail screen of the selected waypoint.
- 6 Push [ENT] to display the confirmation screen.
- ⑦ Push [◀] or [▶] to select "OK," then push [ENT] to delete the selected waypoint data and return to the "DELETE WAYPOINT" list screen.
 - Select "Cancel" to cancel deleting.



(8) Push [CLEAR] three times to exit the Menu mode.

Lost target

A vessel is regarded as a "Lost target" after a specified period of time has passed since the vessel last transmitted data, as described below.

The "Lost target" icon disappears from the plotter display 6 minutes and 40 seconds after the vessel was regarded as a "Lost target." (default) Ask your dealer for details.

The criteria to become a Lost target (Default):

Vessel type		Except Class B	Class B
1	Except Class B: Vessel is at anchor, moored and moving less than 3 knots Class B : Vessel is moving less than 2 knots	18 min.	18 min.
2	Vessel is at anchor, moored and moving more than 3 knots	1 min.	N/A
з	Vessel is moving between 0 and 14 knots (Except Class B), or between 2 and 14 knots (Class B)	1 min.	3 min.
4	Vessel is moving between 0 and 14 knots while changing course	1 min.	N/A
5	Vessel is moving between 14 and 23 knots	36 sec.	90 sec.
6	Vessel is moving between 14 and 23 knots while changing course	36 sec.	N/A
7	Vessel is moving more than 23 knots	12 sec.	30 sec.
8	Vessel is moving more than 23 knots while changing course	12 sec.	N/A

MENU MODE OPERATION

General

- 1 Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select the desired item, then push [ENT].
- ③ Select the desired option or check the screen contents.

The procedures are described on pages 29 to 34.

- Some items are not described in this section. See the list to the right for the specified pages.
- (4) Repeat steps (2) and (3) to select or check other items.
- (5) Push [CLEAR] to exit the Menu mode.





Menu mode items

The Menu mode contains the following items.

Item	Ref.	Item	Ref.		
North up/COG up*	p. 16	User Setting	\backslash		
CPA/TCPA		Internal GPS	р. 33		
• Alarm	p. 29	- POS Smoothing	р. 33		
• CPA, TCPA	p. 29	- SOG Smoothing	р. 33		
Message	/	- SBAS Function	р. 33		
 RX Log* 	p. 23	- SBAS Search	p. 34		
Waypoint	/	- SBAS Satelite	p. 34		
• List*	p. 24	Initial Setting			
• Add*	p. 24	Set MMSI*	pp. 7, 9		
• Edit*	p. 26	Set Name*	pp. 9, 13		
 Delete* 	p. 27	 Set Call Sign* 	pp. 9, 13		
Own Static	p. 30	 Set INT GPS POS* 	р. 10		
Own Dynamic	p. 30	Set EXT GPS POS*	р. 10		
GPS Information	p. 31	 Set Type of Ship* 	р. 10		
Alarm Status	p. 31	 Set Input/Output* 	p. 11		
User Setting	/	Channel Information	p. 34		
 Key Beep 	p. 32	Diagnostics			
 Alarm Buzzer 	p. 32	Monitor Test*	p. 42		
 RCV MSG BUZZ 	p. 32	Transponder Test*	p. 43		
	\geq	Version Information*	p. 43		

*These items are not described in this section. See the specified page.
♦ CPA/TCPA

Alarm

You can turn the collision alarm function ON or OFF.

- (1) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select "Alarm."
- 2 Push [ENT] to toggle this function ON or OFF.
 - You can also turn ON the function by pushing [▶], or OFF by pushing [◀].
 - ON : "COLLISION ALARM" appears on the display, and the alarm buzzer sounds* repeatedly when an AIS target is closer than your CPA and TCPA settings, as explained to the right. (default)

*The alarm buzzer sounds only when the alarm buzzer function is turned ON. (p. 32)

OFF : The collision alarm function is OFF.

3 Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the Menu mode.



• CPA, TCPA

Enter a CPA (Closest Point of Approach) and TCPA (Time to CPA) values.

These settings help you find a dangerous target to avoid a collision. The icon blinks on the plotter display and/or the alarm buzzer sounds, when the AIS target is closer than your CPA and TCPA settings.

- ① Push [▲] or [▼] to select either "CPA" or "TCPA."
- (2) Push [\blacktriangleleft] or [\triangleright] to input the value into that item.
 - CPA : Between 0.1 and 6.0 nm (in 0.1 nm steps) (default: 1.5 nm)
 - TCPA : Between 1 and 60 minutes (in 1 minute steps) (default: 20 min)
- 3 Repeat steps 1 and 2 to input the value into the other item.
- ④ Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the Menu mode.





♦ Own Static

This screen shows your static vessel information such as MMSI code, Vessel Name, Call Sign, Internal/External GPS antenna position and Type of Ship.

When the Own Static screen is displayed, push [▶] to select the next page, or push [◄] to select the previous page.
 Push [CLEAR] to return to the Menu mode.



♦ Own Dynamic

This screen shows your dynamic vessel information such as Latitude and Longitude data, SOG, COG, GPS receiver type, UTC date and time, PA, RAIM (Receiver Autonomous Integrity Monitoring) function availability and Latitude and Longitude error data.

- An internal GPS has no RAIM function. When the internal GPS is used, "RAIM," "LAT ERROR" and "LON ERROR" are not displayed.
- An external GPS requires a RAIM function. When the external GPS is used, "RAIM," "LAT ERROR" and "LON ERROR" are displayed.
- When the Own Dynamic screen is displayed, push [▶] to select the next page, or push [◄] to select the previous page.
- 2 Push [CLEAR] to return to the Menu mode.



♦ GPS Information

The GPS Information screen shows the viewable GPS satellite's information, when the internal or external* GPS receiver is connected.

*Only when the transponder receives the sentence format "GSA" or "GSV" from the external GPS receiver.

① When the GPS Information screen is displayed, push [▶] to select the next page, or push [◀] to select the previous page.

• The icons of the satellites being used, blink.



2 Push [CLEAR] to return to the Menu mode.

♦ Alarm Status

The Alarm Status screen shows the type, date and time of the last 25 alarms that were detected.

Even if the alarm buzzer function is turned OFF, the alarm status is displayed here. (p. 32)

- When the Alarm Status screen is displayed, push [▲] or
 [▼] to scroll the screen.
- 2 Push [CLEAR] to return to the Menu mode.



Description of the Alarm type

Alarm type	Description	
GPS	Appears when "GPS Malfunction" is detected.	
RX	Appears when "RX Malfunction" is detected.	
СН А	Appears when "CH A Noise Level Malfunction" is detected.	
СН В	Appears when "CH B Noise Level Malfunction" is detected.	
ТХ	Appears when "TX Malfunction" is detected.	
ANT	Appears when "Antenna Open or Short Malfunction" or "Antenna High VSWR Malfunction" is detected.	

♦ User Setting

The User setting mode allows you to set the seldom-changed settings, and you can "customize" the transponder operation to suit your preferences and operating style.

- 1 Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select "User Setting," then push [ENT].
- (3) Push [\blacktriangle] or [\blacktriangledown] to select the desired item, then push [ENT].
- ④ Select the desired option, shown in the Menu below. The procedures are described to the right and continued on the next page.
- (5) Repeat steps (3) and (4) to select other items.
- 6 Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the Menu mode.
- ⑦ Push [CLEAR] to exit the Menu mode.



<SETTING ITEMS>

• Key Beep

You can select the silent operation, or you can have confirmation beeps sound when you push a key.

➡ Push [ENT] to toggle this function ON or OFF.*

ON : A beep sounds when pushing a key. (default) OFF : The key beep is OFF. (Silent operation)

Alarm Buzzer

Turn the alarm buzzer function ON or OFF.

- ➡ Push [ENT] to toggle this function ON or OFF.*
 - ON : The alarm buzzer sounds when a malfunction occurs or an AIS target is closer than your CPA and TCPA settings*. (default) *The alarm buzzer sounds only when the collision alarm

function is turned ON. (p. 29)

OFF : The alarm buzzer is OFF.

• Received Message Buzzer (RCV MSG BUZZ)

Turn the received message buzzer function ON or OFF.

- ➡ Push [ENT] to toggle this function ON or OFF.*
 - ON : The buzzer sounds three times when a message is received. (default)

OFF : The received message buzzer is OFF.

*You can also turn ON the function by pushing [▶], or OFF by pushing [◀].

Internal GPS

The Internal GPS setting mode allows you to set the internal GPS settings.

- 1 Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [\triangledown] to select "User Setting," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [\blacktriangle] or [\triangledown] to select "Internal GPS," then push [ENT].
- ④ Push [\blacktriangle] or [\triangledown] to select the desired item, then push [ENT].
- (5) Select the desired option, shown in the Menu below. The procedures are described to the right and continued on the next page.
- (6) Repeat steps (4) and (5) to select other items.
- ⑦ Push [CLEAR] to save and return to the User Setting mode.
- 8 Push [CLEAR] twice to exit the Menu mode.



<SETTING ITEMS>

- POS (Position) Smoothing

The GPS data sometimes has a margin of error.

This function smooths your vessel's position data by averaging the previous position data to make the data stable.

When your vessel is at anchor, this function is effective. We recommend you set this to a shorter period if your vessel is underway, because a longer period setting may take time.

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The previous 1 to 10 second position data is averaged, depending on this setting.

➡ Push [◀] or [▶] to set the POS Smoothing period between 0 (OFF) and 10 seconds. (default: 0 sec)

- SOG (Speed Over Ground) Smoothing

The GPS data sometimes has a margin of error. This function smooths your vessel's SOG data by averaging the previous SOG data to make the data stable.

When your vessel is at anchor, this function is effective.

We recommend you set this to a shorter period if your vessel is underway, because a longer period setting may take time to approach your actual speed data.

The previous 1 to 10 second SOG data is averaged, depending on this setting.

Push [◀] or [▶] to set the SOG Smoothing period between 0 (OFF) and 10 seconds. (default: 0 sec)

♦ User Setting

<SETTING ITEMS> (Continued)

- SBAS (Satellite Based Augmentation System) Function The SBAS transmits signals to correct errors and improve accuracy, reliability in data received from regular GPS satellites. When this function is ON, the transponder uses the corrected data.

- ➡ Push [ENT] to toggle this function ON or OFF.
 - You can also turn ON the function by pushing [▶], or OFF by pushing [◄].

ON : The SBAS function is ON. (default) OFF : The SBAS function is OFF.

- SBAS Search

Set the SBAS search function to "Manual" or "Auto." This function should normally be set to "Auto."

- → Push [ENT] to select either "Manual" or "Auto."
 - You can also select the option by pushing [◄] or [▶].
 - Manual : You have to select the SBAS satellite manually. This option can be useful when your vessel is in an area where 2 satellite zones overlap.
 - Auto : The transponder automatically searches for the SBAS satellite that is determined according to the position of your vessel. (default)

- SBAS Satellite

When "Manual" option is selected in SBAS search item, you should manually select the SBAS Satellite which covers the zone your vessel is monitoring.

Push [◀] or [▶] to set the SBAS Satellite number between 120 and 138. (default: 120)

Channel information

The channel information screen shows the channels 2087 and 2088 information in which safety-related messages are transmitted to, and received from, the AIS targets. The channel to be used is automatically set according to the received message from an AIS Base Station.

➡ Push [CLEAR] to return to the Menu mode.



INSTALLATION AND CONNECTIONS

Connections



CLONING CABLE CONNECTOR

Connects the cloning cable from this connector to a PC. Ask your dealer for details.

2 INTERNAL GPS RECEIVER CONNECTOR

Connects to the MXG-5000 to receive position data and transmit it with other AIS information.

③ DC POWER CONNECTOR

Connects the supplied DC power cable between this connector and a 12 V power source.

HIGH-DENSITY D-SUB 15 PIN (NMEA IN/OUT)

Connects an Icom MarineCommander[™] system, navigation equipment, external GPS receiver, etc. using the supplied OPC-2014 NMEA CONNECTOR CABLE.

See page 36 for the pin assignment.

/// Requirements of the external GPS:

- The datum of the external GPS receiver must be "WGS-84."
- GBS sentence can be input using the RAIM function.
- The external GPS antenna must be installed within
- 26 m (85.3 ft) of the internal GPS antenna.

GROUND TERMINAL

Connects to a vessel ground to prevent electrical shocks and interference from other equipment occurring. Use a self-tapping screw (3×8 mm).

G ANTENNA CONNECTOR

Connects to a marine VHF antenna with a PL-259 connector for AIS signal transmission and reception.

CAUTION: Transmitting without an antenna may damge the transponder.

CAUTION: After connecting the DC power cable and NMEA connector cable leads, cover the cable and leads with a rubber vulcanizing tape, to prevent water seeping into the transponder.



♦ High-density D-sub 15 pin assignment

54321)	
10 9 8 7 6	
(15 14 13 12 11 <i>)</i>	Rear panel view

NOTE: The OPC-2014 NMEA CONNECTOR CABLE has 15 leads, numbered 1 to 15.

PIN No.	PIN No.	SPECIFICATIONS	SENTENCE FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
1	GND	—	_	Connects to ground.
2	NMEA1 OUT (-)	• Output level : 5 V/40 mA max.		Connects to the NMEA input/output connector of the transceiver to transmit an Individual DSC
3	NMEA1 OUT (+)	(RS-422 balanced type)	GLL	call, or to connect to a GPS receiver. (p. 37) The data communication speed (baud rate) can be selected between 4800 bps (IEC61162-1) and 38400 bps (IEC61162-2) for each Input/Output port. (Default: 4800 bps)
4	NMEA1 IN (-)	Input level Less than 2 mA	RMC, GGA, VTG, GSA, GSV, GBS [†] , DTM, GNS, GLL	
5	NMEA1 IN (+)	(at 2 V applied)	,,,	
6	ALERT1	• Load rating : DC 24 V/500 mA max.		A short occurs between pins 6 and 11 when the alarm buzzer sounds if a malfunction occurs, or an AIS
11	ALERT2	. DO 24 0/000 m// max.	_	target is closer than your CPA and TCPA settings.
7	NMEA2 OUT (-)	Same as pins 2 and 3		Connects to the Icom MarineCommander [™] system or to a GPS receiver.
8	NMEA2 OUT (+)		GSA*, GSV*, GBS*, DTM*	The data communication speed (baud rate) is
9	NMEA2 IN (-)		RMC, GGA, VTG, GSA, GSV,	fixed to 38400 bps (IEC61162-2) for each Input/ Output port.
10	NMEA2 IN (+)	Same as pins 4 and 5	GBS [†] , DTM, GNS, GLL	
12	NMEA3 OUT (-)	Some co nine 0 and 2	RMC, GGA, VTG, GSA, GSV, GBS, DTM, GNS, GLL	Connects to a piece of navigation equipment or to a GPS receiver.
13	NMEA3 OUT (+)	Same as pins 2 and 3		The data communication speed (baud rate) can
14	NMEA3 IN (-)	Same as pins 4 and 5	RMC, GGA, VTG, GSA, GSV, GBS [†] , DTM, GNS, GLL	be selected between 4800 bps (IEC61162-1) and 38400 bps (IEC61162-2) for each Input/Output
15	NMEA3 IN (+)	Same as pins 4 and 5		port. (Default: 4800 bps)

[†]When a received GPS signal includes no GBS sentence, the transponder will not receive the signal from the external GPS receiver. *Sent only when the "AIS+GPS" option is set in "AIS Output." (p. 12)

Fuse replacement

One fuse is installed in the DC power cable. If a fuse blows or the transponder stops functioning, track down the source of the problem, have it repaired, and replace the damaged fuse with a new one of the proper rating.



Antenna

A key element in the performance of any communication system is the antenna. Ask your dealer about antennas and the best place to mount them.

Transceiver connection

Connect the transponder and the transceiver using the OPC-2014 NMEA CONNECTOR CABLE. After connecting, an Individual DSC call can be made to the AIS target using the transponder without entering the target's MMSI code. (p. 22) See the leaflet that comes with the transponder for details of the transceivers which can operate with this function.

In this section, the connecting instructions of the IC-M504^{*1}, IC-M505^{*1}, IC-M603^{*2} and IC-M604^{*2} are described as an example. See the instruction manual of each for transceiver's connecting instructions.

- *1 Requires the first two digits of the serial number to be "21" or higher.
- *² Requires the first two digits of the serial number to be "31" or higher.

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7 INSTALLATION AND CONNECTIONS

Transceiver connection (Continued)

♦ IC-M504/M505



Transceiver's rear panel

• NMEA IN LEAD (Red)



-Inner conductor: NMEA OUT (+) Connects to lead 5 of OPC-2014.

♦ IC-M603/M604



Transceiver's rear panel

• GPS receiver/External speaker connector

- ④ NMEAOUT (+)
 SP (+)

 ③ NMEAOUT (-)
 SP (-)

 ① NMEAIN (-)
 ② NMEAIN (+)
- ① NMEA IN (-) Connects to lead 2 of OPC-2014.
- ② NMEA IN (+) Connects to lead 3 of OPC-2014.
- ③ NMEA OUT (-) Connects to lead 4 of OPC-2014.
- (4) NMEA OUT (+) Connects to lead 5 of OPC-2014.

Mounting the transponder

♦ Using the mounting bracket

The universal mounting bracket supplied with your transponder allows overhead or dashboard mounting.

- (1) Mount the bracket securely with the 4 supplied screws $(5 \times 20 \text{ mm})$ to a surface which is more than 10 mm (¹³/₃₂ in) thick and can support more than 3 kg (6 lb 61 oz).
- (2) Attach the transponder to the bracket so that the face of the transponder is at 90° to your line of sight when operating it.
- **KEEP** the transponder at least 1 m (3.3 ft) away from your vessel's magnetic navigation compass.

NOTE: Check the installation angle; the function display may not be easy to read at some angles.

• OVERHEAD MOUNTING



• MOUNTING ON THE BOARD



These bolts show a mounting example only. Not supplied with accessories.



7 INSTALLATION AND CONNECTIONS

MB-75 installation

An optional MB-75 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{FLUSH}}$ MOUNT KIT is available for mounting the transponder to a flat surface, such as an instrument panel.

KEEP the transponder at least 1 m (3.3 ft) away from your vessel's magnetic navigation compass.

- (1) Using the template on the page 45, carefully cut a hole into the instrument panel (or wherever you plan to mount the transponder).
- ② Slide the transponder through the hole.



- (3) Attach the 2 supplied bolts (M5 \times 8 mm) on either side of the transponder.
- ④ Attach the clamps on either side of the transponder.
 - Make sure that the clamps align parallel to the transponder's body.



- (5) Tighten the end bolts on the clamps (rotate clockwise) so that the clamps press firmly against the inside of the instrument control panel.
- (6) Tighten the locking nuts (rotate counterclockwise) so that the transponder is securely mounted in position.



⑦ Connect the antenna, power cable, GPS receiver and OPC-2014, then return the instrument control panel to its original place.

MAINTENANCE

■ Troubleshooting

The following chart is designed to help you correct problems which are not equipment malfunctions.

If you are unable to locate the cause of a problem or solve it through the use of this chart, contact your nearest Icom Dealer or Service Center.

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE CAUSE	SOLUTION	REF.
The transponder does not turn ON.	Bad connection at the power source.	• Check the connection to the transponder.	p. 35
Cannot transmit.	• 1 minute has not passed from turning ON the transponder power.	• Wait for 1 minute from turning ON the transponder power.	—
The plotter display does not appear.	 The results of the opening test is "NG" (No Good). The transponder is still searching for GPS satellites. 	 Hold down [POWER•BRILL] for 1 second to turn the power OFF, then push to turn it ON again to reset the transponder. Wait until the transponder detects a GPS satellite. 	pp. 7, 14 —
The GPS search display does not disappear.	• The GPS receiver is not connected to the transponder.	Connect the GPS receiver to the tran- sponder.	p. 35
An error beep sounds after pushing [DSC].	An AIS target is not selected.A transceiver is not connected to the transponder.	 Select the desired AIS target or display the detail screen of the AIS target. Connect the transceiver to the transpon- der. 	pp. 15, 16, 17 p. 37
The collision alarm does not sound.	 The collision alarm function is OFF. The alarm buzzer function is OFF. 	 Turn ON the collision alarm function. Turn ON the alarm buzzer function. 	p. 29 p. 32

Error message

Error message is displayed when a malfunction occurs that has an error message programmed for it.

Message contents	Description
GPS MALFUNCTION NO GPS DATA	Appears when no GPS data is received.
RX MALFUNCTION NO RCV	Appears when the transponder receive cir- cuit has failed.
RX MALFUNCTION CH A NOISE LEVEL	Appears when the transponder receives excessively strong noise signals from an- other piece of navigation equipment on Channel A.
RX MALFUNCTION CH B NOISE LEVEL	Appears when the transponder receives excessively strong noise signals from an- other piece of navigation equipment on Channel B.
TX MALFUNCTION NO TX POWER	Appears when no RF power is output, or the transmit circuit has failed.
TX MALFUNCTION CONTINUOUS TX	Appears when the protective circuit cuts off the AIS signal after 1 second of continuous transmission.
ANT MALFUNCTION OPEN OR SHORT	Appears when the antenna is open or shorted.
ANT MALFUNCTION HIGH VSWR	Appears when the high VSWR* is detected (the antenna is mismatched). *Voltage Standing Wave Ratio

Diagnostics

There are two types of diagnostic tests performed — Monitor test, Transponder test and Version information.

Monitor Test

You can check whether all LCD segments turn ON and OFF properly.

- ① Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [\triangledown] to select "Diagnostics," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [\blacktriangle] or [\triangledown] to select "Monitor Test," then push [ENT].
- ④ Push [▲] or [▼] to select "All ON 2 Sec" or "All OFF 2 Sec," then push [ENT].
 - All ON 2 Sec : All LCD segments turn ON for 2 seconds.
 - All OFF 2 Sec : All LCD segments turn OFF for 2 seconds.
- (5) Push [CLEAR] to return to the "DIAGNOSTICS" screen.
- 6 Push [CLEAR] twice to exit the Menu mode.



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Transponder Test

You can check whether the transponder units work properly.

- 1 Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [∇] to select "Diagnostics," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Transponder Test," then push [ENT].
- ④ The screen shows the results of the ROM, RAM, RX/TX unit, antenna and GPS receiver tests; "OK" or "NG" (No Good).
- (5) Push [CLEAR] to return to the "DIAGNOSTICS" screen.
- 6 Push [CLEAR] twice to exit the Menu mode.



Version Information

You can check the version information of SW (Software), FI (Function Image) and the Internal GPS receiver.

- ① Push [MENU] to enter the Menu mode.
- ② Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Diagnostics," then push [ENT].
- ③ Push [▲] or [▼] to select "Version Information," then push [ENT].
- (4) The screen shows the version information of each item.
- (5) Push [CLEAR] to return to the "DIAGNOSTICS" screen.
- 6 Push [CLEAR] twice to exit the Menu mode.



SPECIFICATIONS AND OPTION

: 161.975, 162.025 MHz (default)

: -20°C to +60°C; -4°F to +140°F

: 1st: 21.700 MHz, 2nd: 450 kHz

: 1st: 30.875 MHz, 2nd: 450 kHz : 165(W) × 110(H) × 123.3(D) mm,

 $6 \frac{1}{2}(W) \times 4 \frac{11}{32}(H) \times 4 \frac{27}{32}(D)$ in

: Approximately 1.0 kg; 2 lb 20 oz

: High-density D-sub 15 pin

156 025-162 025 MHz

: 16K0GXW (GMSK)

(negative ground)

: 50 Ω nominal

Specifications

♦ General

- Frequency coverage
- Type of emission
- Current drain (at 12 V nominal) : TX: 1.5 A. BX: 0.7 A : 10.8 to 15.6 V DC
- Power supply requirement
- Operating temperature range
- Antenna impedance
- Intermediate frequency AIS1
 - AIS2
- Dimensions
- (Projections not included)
- Weight
- I/O connector

♦ Transmitter

 Output power :2W Modulation system : GMSK • Conducted Spurious emissions : Less than -36 dBm

♦ Receiver

- Sensitivity (20% Packet Error Rate) : -110 dBm
- Intermodulation rejection ratio : More than 65 dB
- Spurious response rejection ratio : More than 74 dB (AIS) More than 70 dB (DSC)
- : More than 70 dB Adjacent channel selectivity
- Conducted spurious emission : Less than -57 dBm (AIS)
- This equipment meets IEC 62287-1 specifications.

♦ Dimensions



All stated specifications are subject to change without notice or obligation.

Option

• MB-75 FLUSH MOUNT KIT Used to mount the transponder to a panel.

TEMPLATE



AtoN CODE AND DESCRIPTION

The following table shows all the AtoN codes which appear on the detail screens of an "AtoN." (p. 21)

Code	Description
0	DEFAULT, TYPE OF ATON NOT SPECIFIED
1	REFERENCE POINT
2	RACON
3	OFF SHORE STRUCTURE
4	SPARE
5	LIGHT, WITHOUT SECTORS
6	LIGHT, WITH SECTORS
7	LEADING LIGHT FRONT
8	LEADING LIGHT REAR
9	BEACON, CARDINAL N
10	BEACON, CARDINAL E
11	BEACON, CARDINAL S
12	BEACON, CARDINAL W
13	BEACON, PORT HAND
14	BEACON, STARBOARD HAND
15	BEACON, PREFERRED CHANNEL PORT HAND

Code	Description
16	BEACON, PREFERRED CHANNEL STARBOARD HAND
17	BEACON, ISOLATED DANGER
18	BEACON, SAFE WATER
19	BEACON, SPECIAL MARK
20	CARDINAL MARK N
21	CARDINAL MARK E
22	CARDINAL MARK S
23	CARDINAL MARK W
24	PORT HAND MARK
25	STARBOARD HAND MARK
26	PREFERRED CHANNEL PORT HAND
27	PREFERRED CHANNEL STARBOARD HAND
28	ISOLATED DANGER
29	SAFE WATER
30	SPECIAL MARK
31	LIGHT VESSEL / LANBY

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