Uniden®

X80
Compact
UHF CB Transceiver

OWNER'S MANUAL

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Introduction

The Uniden X80 is designed to provide you with years of trouble free service. Its rugged components and materials are capable of withstanding harsh environments. Please read this Operating Manual carefully to ensure you gain the optimum performance of the unit.

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Features

- Narrow Band (NB) 80 Channel Radio*
- 12V/24V DC Power Input
- Transmission power 5W
- Dual Speaker (Base & MIC)
- Dual/Triple Watch Function
- LCD display with flip function
- Signal strength and RF power (S/RF) meter
- Instant channel programming
- One touch Instant channel recalling
- Selectable scanning type from group scan (GS) and open scan (OS).
- Scan channel memory On/Off function separately divided into OS and GS
- Monitor On/Off function
- Duplex capability*
- Key Beep On/Off function
- Rotary Channel select knob
- Busy Channel lock-out function
- Roger beep function On/Off
- 5 different CALL Tones
- 50 built in CTCSS (Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System) codes and 104 DCS (Digital Coded Squelch) are selectable
- Auto squelch detection threshold control ("oF", "1" ~ "9")
- Volume control ("oF", "1" ~ "10")
- Power On/Off control SW
- Optional External Speaker
- EMG Function
- 7 Colour LCD/keypad Backlight Options
- 3 Backlight Brightness Levels
- Under and over voltage alert function

* Refer to p.24 - p.26 for channel information

Controls & Connectors
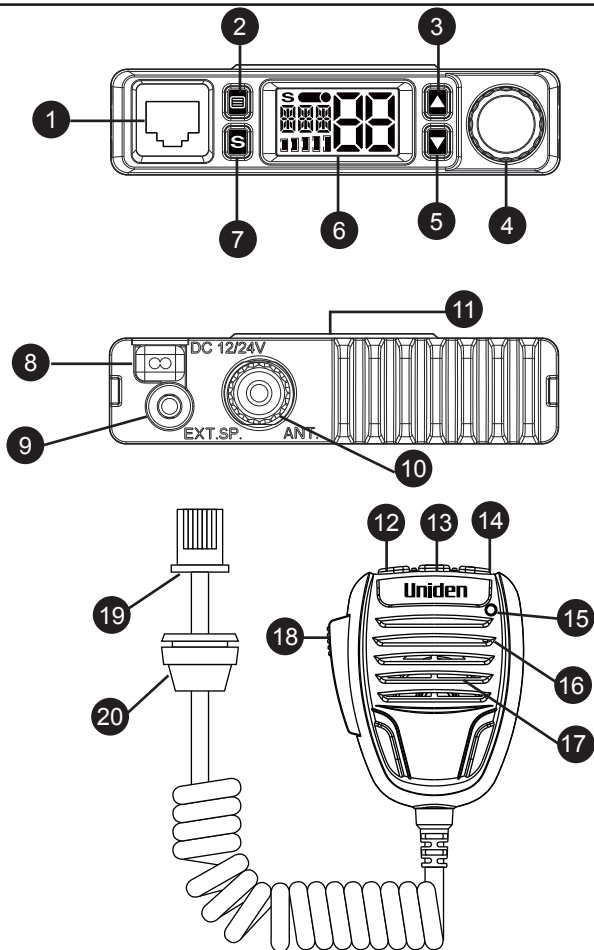
Controls & Connectors

1 MIC - Front Microphone Jack

2 ☰ Menu Button
/ Repeater Function On/OFF

3 ▲ - Volume Up

4 ROTARY control
- CHANNEL/ Menu Selector

5 ▼ - Volume Down

6 Liquid Crystal Display (LCD)

7 S Channel Scan button
/Scan Memory (press & hold)

8 Power Input Connection
(12/24VDC)

9 **EXT SP** - External Speaker
Jack

10 UHF Antenna Connection

11 Base Unit Speaker

12 Monitor Function (Press &
Hold)

13 **INST**
- Go to /or Return from
Instant Channel (press)/
Triple Watch (press & hold)

14 EMG Function (press)
- Call Tone Function
(press & hold)

15 Transmit Indicator

16 MICROPHONE

17 MIC SPEAKER

18 **PTT** - Push To Talk Button

19 RJ45 type plug

20 MIC Jack Cover

Indicators
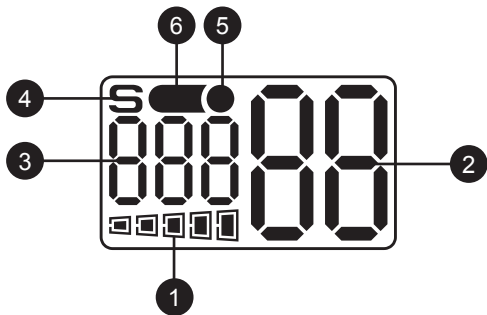
1. ⬜🟦🟦🟦🟦 - Receive Signal Level (Channel Busy Indicator)

   ⬛⬛⬛⬛⬛ - Transmit Signal Power Level

2. 88 - Channel Number / Menu Item Setting

3. 888 - CTCSS/DCS Code number/Menu Item/TRI (Triple Watch)

4. S - Scan mode

5. ● - Channel in Memory

6. ◖ - Instant Channel

Included with your X80 Transceiver
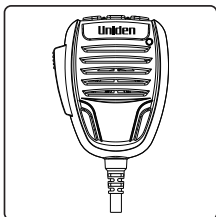
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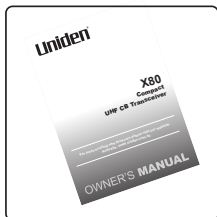
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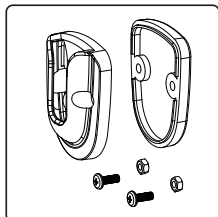
Microphone Hanger
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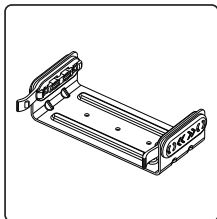
Quick Release
Bracket with screws
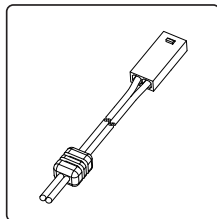
DC Power Cord
with fuse

Optional Accessories:

• UHF Antenna
• External Speaker

Visit the X80 page on the website for more information on the availability of optional accessories;
www.uniden.com.au for Australia

Connecting the Microphone
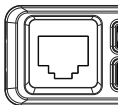
MIC Jack

Push the MIC plug at the end of the microphone into the MIC jack until the connection locks into place. Gently tug the MIC cord to test that the connection is locked. Use the rubber cover which is on the MIC cord to seal the MIC jack entry from dust.

Disconnecting the MIC from the MIC Jack

Pull back the rubber cover and move it down along the cord. Using the flat blade of a screwdriver or similar object carefully push the lock tab of the MIC plug towards the MIC cord and at the same time tug on the MIC cord to draw back the MIC plug.

Mounting the MIC Hanger

The Microphone Hanger comes in two parts. How and where you mount the MIC hanger will determine which parts to use.

Conventional Mounting with Screws

Use the front part of the MIC Hanger only.
Locate a suitable mounting position and mark and drill two 3mm holes.
Fix the MIC Hanger into place with screws.
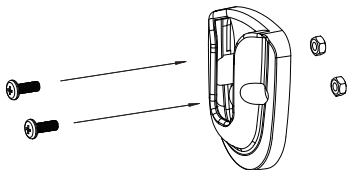
Conventional Mounting with Double Sided Tape

Secure the front and back pieces of the MIC Hanger using the supplied binding screws.
Locate a suitable mounting position.
Remove (peel off) the plastic covering the adhesive tape on the flat area of the MICHanger back piece and then press firmly to the mounting position.
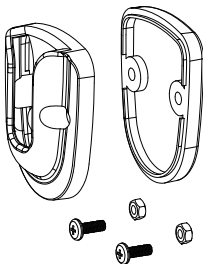
Operation

Turning on the Power

Press and hold the Power/Channel Selector.
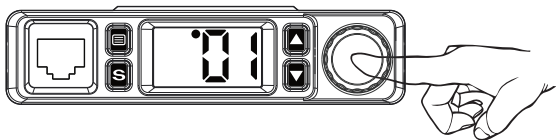
Low-Voltage/High-Voltage Alert

⚠️ *NOTE*

If the power supply voltage exceeds 29VDC, an alert tone sounds and **dc HI** flashes after every 2 seconds. The power source must not exceed 35VDC otherwise permanent damage may occur to your radio, which may not be covered by the manufacturer's warranty.

If the input voltage falls below 10VDC, **dc Lo** flashes after every 2 seconds. The power turns off automatically if voltage falls below 9VDC.

Switch your X80 OFF and disconnect it from the power source, before locating the cause of the power supply problem.

## Setting the Squelch Level

The Squelch circuit determines when the radio's audio output (speaker) turns on, based on the strength of received signals. This avoids noise and undesired signals constantly coming through the speakers.

Press the Power/Channel Selector momentarily. **SqL** shows and the current squelch level will flash.
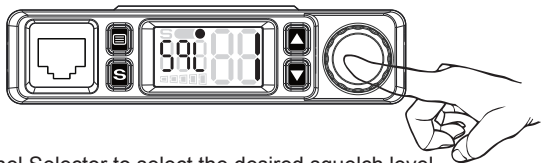
Turn the Channel Selector to select the desired squelch level.

Operation

oF (off) - squelch is fully open to noise & signals. Equivalent to Monitor Mode
1 - max sensitivity (min squelch): Weak (distant) signals can open the squelch.
5 - med sensitivity (med squelch): Medium and strong signals can open the squelch.
9 - min sensitivity (max/tight squelch): Strong/nearby signals can open the squelch.
It requires no adjustment.

⚠ **NOTE**

You must select a channel which is not in use before setting the SQUELCH control. (see p.12 for "Selecting a Channel").

Strong Signals →
Medium Signals →
Weak Signals →
Noise →

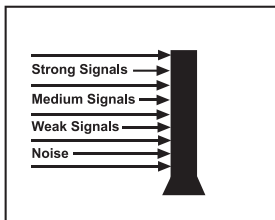Think of the squelch control as a gate. If you increase the squelch level to maximum it raises the 'Squelch gate' so only the strongest signals get through.

Strong Signals →
Medium Signals →
Weak Signals →
Noise →
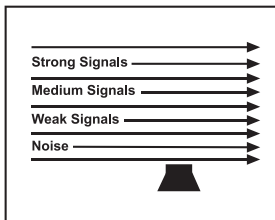
If you decrease the squelch level to minimum it lowers the 'Squelch Gate' to the extent that weak signals can get through.

Strong Signals →
Medium Signals →
Weak Signals →
Noise →
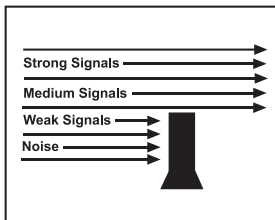
If unwanted weak and noisy signals are getting through increase the squelch level ('Squelch Gate') to a medium level. Now only medium and strong signals get through.

Operation

Monitor

Press and hold **[MON]** on top of the microphone to open the squelch and receive all weak signals.Press and hold **[MON]** again to cancel.

Selecting a Channel

Turn the Channel Selector to select the desired channel.
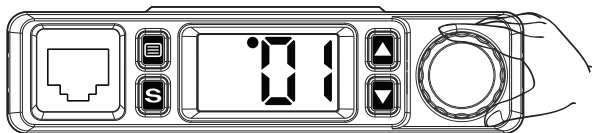
> ⚠️ **NOTE**
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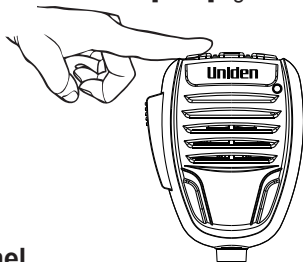
Programming the Instant Priority Channel

1. Press ☰ two times to select the 1st Priority Channel Option.
2. Rotate the Channel selector to select the desired channel.
3. Press ☰ again to select 2nd Priority Channel. The settings for step 1 will automatically saved when ☰ is pressed.
4. Rotate the channel selector again to select the desired channel.

Operation

Recalling the Instant Prority Channel

Press **[INST/TRI]** on the microphone to tune the 1st and 2nd Priority Channel respectively. ▬◖ icon appears while accessing the Priority Channels.

Transmitting

The UHF CB Radio uses UHF-CB Channels.

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Select the desired channel.
Listen to the channel to make sure there is no activity.
Hold the microphone approx. 7cm from your mouth. Press the microphone's **[PTT]** button and speak normally across (not into) the microphone.

Release the **[PTT]** button to end the transmission and listen for a reply.

Triple Watch

Triple watch will continuously monitor/scan the two instant priority channels stored along with your current tuned channel.

To enable the triple watch, Press and Hold **[INST/TRI]** on the microphone. **" TRI"** icon will appear on the LCD with the priority channels scanning along with the current tuned channel.

To cancel/deactivate this feature, press the **[INST/TRI]** again.

When the Instant Priority Channel 1 and 2 are selected as a same channel, Triple Watch scan will act as a Dual Watch by scanning two channels at a time.

Operation

EMG Function

Press **[EMG/CALL]** on the microphone to toggle between the current channels and the emergency channels (05 and 35).

In emergency mode, **"EGC"** icon will appear on the LCD along with the emergency channels. Press **[EMG/CALL]** again to exit the emergency channel mode.

Call Function

Press and hold **[EMG/CALL]** on the microphone. A three second ringing tone will be transmitted. You may select from 5 types of tones (see p.19 for "Selecting the Call tone").

| ⚠️ *NOTE*	Current regulations require calling tones to be restricted to one transmission per minute. If a second transmission is attempted within one minute then an error tone will sound.

Using Repeater Channels

UHF CB Repeaters are used to retransmit or relay your signal. Repeaters will extend the range of your radio and overcome the shielding effect caused by solid obstructions. In normal Simplex operation, your radio transmits on one particular frequency and receives on that same frequency.
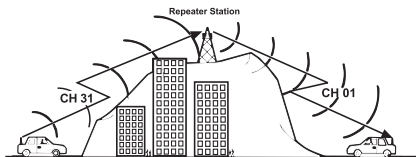
If there is a barrier that partially blocks your transmitted signal, the probability of another radio receiving the signal is very slim. Hills, tall buildings, metallic structures,...etc tend to act as a screen between radios.

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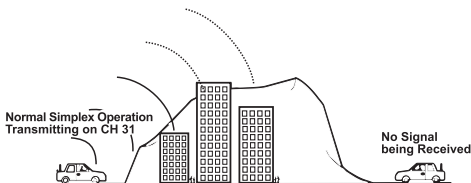
Standard Operation without the aid of a Repeater station.

Operation with the aid of a Repeater Repeater Station (Duplex).

The signal coming from your radio is received by the Repeater Station and the re-transmitted at the same time on another channel. This operation is called "Duplexing".

For example,
CH01 on Duplex Mode will Receive on CH01 but Transmit on CH31
CH02 on Duplex Mode will Receive on CH02 but Transmit on CH32
etc...

If you transmit on CH01 Duplex mode, you are actually transmitting on CH31 the repeater station down-converts your signal and retransmits on CH01.
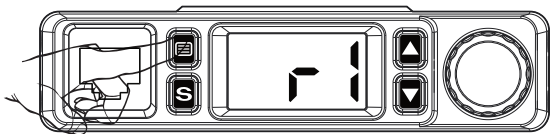
Operation

Operating the UHF CB Radio in Duplex Mode

For this example we are adopting CH01 as the channel being used in your area for repeater use.

1. Press and hold ▤ to enable the Duplex Mode.

2. **"r1"** will appear on the LCD indicating the duplex mode (" r " for repeater channels 01 - 08 or " n " for repeater channels 41 - 48).

3. Press and hold ▤ to disable the duplex mode.

> ⚠️ *NOTE* Check with your local Retailer or ACMA (AUS)/RSM (NZ) website for information on available repeaters.

Scanning

The scan feature allows you to search for active channels automatically.

The X80 has two types of scanning; Open Scanning (OS) and Group Scanning (GS), to give you flexibility and allow you to use the radio more effectively.

1. Press 🅂 and Scanning starts. The 🅂 icon appears. The scan direction can be changed at any time by rotating the channel selector left or right.

Operation
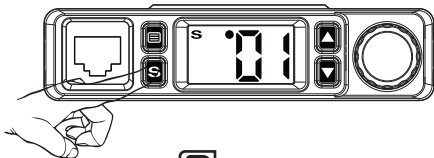
2. To deactivate SCAN, press $\boxed{\text{S}}$.

Open Scan (OS) Mode

Allows continuous scanning of all selected channels. If an active channel is found, scanning will stop on that channel. If the received signal ceases, the unit will wait 3 seconds for the signal to return, otherwise scanning resumes. After transmission in scan mode, the unit will wait 20 seconds for the signal to return, otherwise scanning resumes. To skip the active channel, turn the Channel Selector.

Group Scan (GS) Mode & Priority Watch

Includes the accessory feature, Priority Watch, which allows you to monitor the Instant Priority Channel while scanning.
To use GS Mode Scanning;

1. Press $\boxed{\equiv}$ 4 times. **Scn** shows and the oS/GS setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press $\boxed{\blacktriangle}$/$\boxed{\blacktriangledown}$ to change the setting to GS.
3. Press $\boxed{\equiv}$ to store the setting.
4. Press and hold $\boxed{\equiv}$ to save & exit the menu mode.
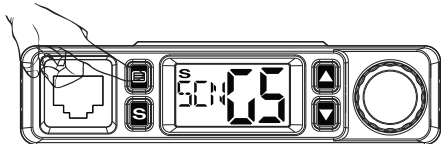
GS Scanning checks the Instant Priority Channel for activity every 1.5 seconds.

Operation

If the Priority Channel becomes active the radio will stay on that channel for as long as the signal is present. If the received signal ceases, Priority Scanning continues after 3 seconds. If scanning stops on a channel which is not a Priority Channel, the radio will start listening to that channel until it gets idle and then scanning process continues again.
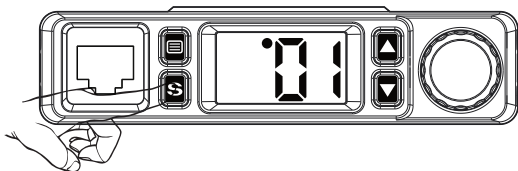
To deactivate SCAN, press the $\boxed{\text{S}}$ button.

Add/Remove Channels from SCAN Memory

Select which Scanning Mode you wish to use; OS or GS.
Select the channel you want to store.

Press and hold $\boxed{\text{S}}$ to store. The ● icon appears and a short tone is heard. To remove the channel from SCAN memory, press and hold $\boxed{\text{S}}$ once more. The ● icon disappears.

CTCSS (Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System) & DCS (Digital Coded Squelch)

Turn the Rotary Channel Selector to the desired channel to use CTCSS or DCS.

1. Press $\boxed{\equiv}$ 1 time. CTCSS/DCS setting appears.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press $\boxed{\blacktriangle}$ / $\boxed{\blacktriangledown}$ to select the desired CTCSS code 01 - 50 or DCS code 01 - 104 (code 100 - 104 is represented by o0 - o4). To turn off CTCSS/DCS select the **oF** code.
3. Press $\boxed{\equiv}$ to store the setting.
4. Press & hold $\boxed{\equiv}$ to save & exit menu mode.
   The CTCSS/DCS code displays for the selected channel.

Operation
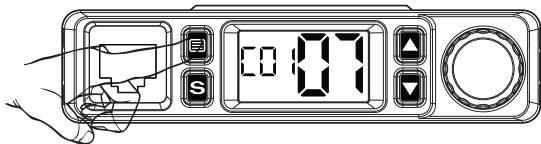
Busy Channel Lockout

If the channel is already in use, you can prevent the UHF CB Radio from transmitting . This is particularly important when using CTCSS/DCS.

1. Press ▤ 5 times. The BCL setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press ▲ / ▼ to change the setting between ON or OFF.
3. Press ▤ to store the setting.
4. Press and hold ▤ to save & exit menu mode.
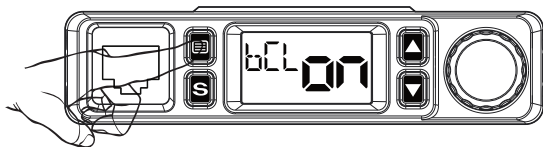
Selecting the Call tone

1. Press ▤ 6 times. The call tone setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press ▲ / ▼ to change the setting between 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
3. Press ▤ to store the setting.
4. Press and hold ▤ to exit from the menu mode.
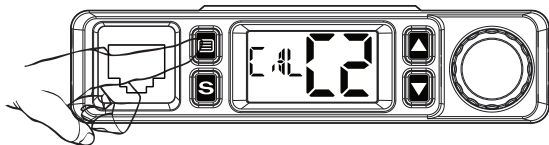
Operation

Roger Beep

1. Press ☰ 7 times. The roger beep setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press ▲ / ▼ to change the setting between ON or OFF.
3. Press ☰ to store the setting.
4. Press and hold ☰ to save & exit menu mode.
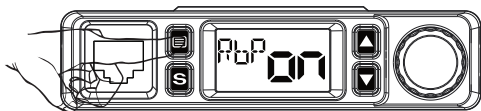
Key Beep On/Off

1. Press ☰ 8 times. The Beep setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press ▲ / ▼ to change the setting between ON or OFF.
3. Press ☰ to store the setting.
4. Press and hold ☰ to save & exit menu mode.
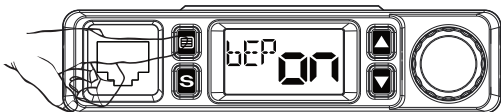
Backlight Colours

1. Press ☰ 9 times. The Backlight setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press ▲ / ▼ to change the setting between Blue, Red, Purple (magenta), Green, Cyan, Yellow and Clear (white).
3. Press ☰ to store the setting.
4. Press and hold ☰ to exit from the menu mode.

Operation
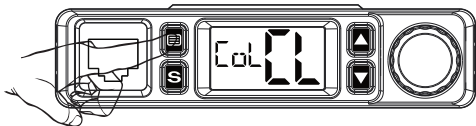
Backlight Brightness

1. Press 🔲 10 times. The Backlight Brightness setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press ▲ / ▼ to change the setting between Off (oF), 1(Lo), 2(mid) and 3(Hi).
3. Press 🔲 to store the setting.
4. Press and hold 🔲 to save & exit menu mode.
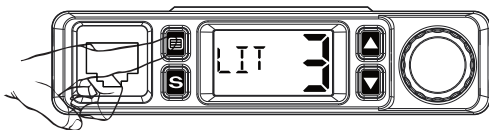
LCD Flip

1. Press 🔲 11 times. The Flip setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press ▲ / ▼ to change the flip orientation.
3. Press 🔲 to store the setting.
4. Press and hold 🔲 to save & exit menu mode.
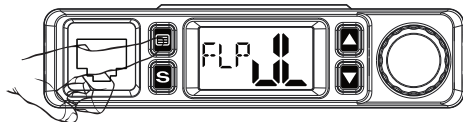
Operation

Speaker Select

1. Press ▤ 12 times. The Speaker Select setting flashes.
2. Turn the Channel Selector or press ▲ / ▼ to change the setting between;

   - bS (Base Speaker only)
   - HS (MIC/Handset Speaker only)
   - dL (Dual Speakers)
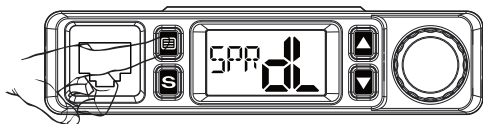
3. Press ▤ to store the setting.
4. Press and hold ▤ to save & exit menu mode.

CTCSS codes table

Code No.	Frequency (Hz)	Code No.	Frequency (Hz)	Code No.	Frequency (Hz)	Code No.	Frequency (Hz)
"oF'	OFF	13	103.5	26	162.2	39	69.4
1	67.0	14	107.2	27	167.9	40	159.8
2	71.9	15	110.9	28	173.8	41	165.5
3	74.4	16	114.8	29	179.9	42	171.3
4	77.0	17	118.8	30	186.2	43	177.3
5	79.7	18	123.0	31	192.8	44	183.5
6	82.5	19	127.3	32	203.5	45	189.9
7	85.4	20	131.8	33	210.7	46	196.6
8	88.5	21	136.5	34	218.1	47	199.5
9	91.5	22	141.3	35	225.7	48	206.5
10	94.8	23	146.2	36	233.6	49	229.1
11	97.4	24	151.4	37	241.8	50	254.1
12	100.0	25	156.7	38	250.3		

DCS codes table

Code No.	DCS Code (Octal)	Code No.	DCS Code (Octal)	Code No.	DCS Code (Octal)	Code No.	DCS Code (Octal)
1	023	27	152	53	311	79	466
2	025	28	155	54	315	80	503
3	026	29	156	55	325	81	506
4	031	30	162	56	331	82	516
5	032	31	165	57	332	83	523
6	036	32	172	58	343	84	526
7	043	33	174	59	346	85	532
8	047	34	205	60	351	86	546
9	051	35	212	61	356	87	565
10	053	36	223	62	364	88	606
11	054	37	225	63	365	89	612
12	065	38	226	64	371	90	624
13	071	39	243	65	411	91	627
14	072	40	244	66	412	92	631
15	073	41	245	67	413	93	632
16	074	42	246	68	423	94	654
17	114	43	251	69	431	95	662
18	115	44	252	70	432	96	664
19	116	45	255	71	445	97	703
20	122	46	261	72	446	98	712
21	125	47	263	73	452	99	723
22	131	48	265	74	454	100 (do0)	731
23	132	49	266	75	455	101 (do1)	732
24	134	50	271	76	462	102 (do2)	734
25	143	51	274	77	464	103 (do3)	743
26	145	52	306	78	465	104 (do4)	754

UHF CB Channel Guidelines

NOTE

Always listen on a channel (or observe the receive signal level meter) to ensure it is not already being used before transmitting.

Channels 5 and 35 are used for emergency channels. CTCSS and DCS will not operate on these channels.

Please follow these guidelines for channel use in Australia:
• Channels 05 and 35 are Emergency Channels.
• Channel 11 is a Calling Channel.
• Channels 22 and 23 are for telemetry and telecommand applications, channels 61, 62 and 63 are for future use and TX is inhibited on these channels.

General communication is accepted on all other channels with these guidelines:
• Channel 40 - road channel (Australia).
• Channels 01-08 (and 31-38), and Channels 41-48 (and 71-78) are repeater channels.

Important information - 80 Channel UHF CB channel expansion

To provide all users additional channel capacity within the UHF CB Band. The ACMA will change the majority of the current wideband 40 channel use to narrowband channel use. This allows for additional channels to be added, up to 80 Channels.

This simply means that the new narrowband radio you have purchased will have more channels than older radios. Please refer to the guidelines above and the channel chart for further channel information.

A list of currently authorised channels can also be obtained from the ACMA website in Australia and the RSM website in New Zealand.

NOTE

Interference / Poor Audio

When a new narrowband radio receives a signal from an older wideband radio the speech may sound loud.

Narrowband radios operating on CH41 - CH80 may encounter interference from a nearby wideband radios transmitting on high power on an adjacent channel (frequency).

When an older wideband radio receives a signal from a new narrowband radio the speech may sound quiet - the wideband radio user simply adjusts their radio volume for best performance.

The above situations are not a fault of the radio but a symptom of mixed wideband and narrowband radios in current use. It is expected that as the number of older wideband radios in use drops this issue will be reduced.

UHF CB Channels & Frequencies

CH No.	Simplex Mode Transmit / Receive Frequency (MHz)	Duplex Mode Transmit Frequency (MHz)	CH No.	Simplex Mode Transmit / Receive Frequency (MHz)
1	476.425	477.175 (CH31)	21	476.925
2	476.450	477.200 (CH32)	22	476.950 (RX only)
3	476.475	477.225 (CH33)	23	476.975 (RX only)
4	476.500	477.250 (CH34)	24	477.000
5	476.525	477.275 (CH35)	25	477.025
6	476.550	477.300 (CH36)	26	477.050
7	476.575	477.325 (CH37)	27	477.075
8	476.600	477.350 (CH38)	28	477.100
9	476.625		29	477.125
10	476.650		30	477.150
11	476.675		31	477.175
12	476.700		32	477.200
13	476.725		33	477.225
14	476.750		34	477.250
15	476.775		35	477.275
16	476.800		36	477.300
17	476.825		37	477.325
18	476.850		38	477.350
19	476.875		39	477.375
20	476.900		40	477.400

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CH No.	Simplex Mode Transmit / Receive Frequency (MHz)	Duplex Mode Transmit Frequency (MHz)	CH No.	Simplex Mode Transmit / Receive Frequency (MHz)
41	476.4375	477.1875 (CH 71)	61	future use 476.9375 (RX only)
42	476.4625	477.2125 (CH 72)	62	future use 476.9625 (RX only)
43	476.4875	477.2375 (CH 73)	63	future use 476.9875 (RX only)
44	476.5125	477.2625 (CH 74)	64	477.0125
45	476.5375	477.2875 (CH 75)	65	477.0375
46	476.5625	477.3125 (CH 76)	66	477.0625
47	476.5875	477.3375 (CH 77)	67	477.0875
48	476.6125	477.3625 (CH 78)	68	477.1125
49	476.6375		69	477.1375
50	476.6625		70	477.1625
51	476.6875		71	477.1875
52	476.7125		72	477.2125
53	476.7375		73	477.2375
54	476.7625		74	477.2625
55	476.7875		75	477.2875
56	476.8125		76	477.3125
57	476.8375		77	477.3375
58	476.8625		78	477.3625
59	476.8875		79	477.3875
60	476.9125		80	477.4125

Warranty

UNIDEN X80 UHF CB Transceiver

IMPORTANT: Satisfactory evidence of the original purchase is required for warranty service

Please refer to our Uniden website for any details or warranty durations offered in addition to those contained below.

Warrantor: The warrantor is Uniden Australia Pty Limited ABN 58 001 865 498 ("Uniden Aust").

Terms of Warranty: Uniden Aust warrants to the original retail purchaser only that the X80 ("the Product"), will be free from defects in materials and craftsmanship for the duration of the warranty period, subject to the limitations and exclusions set out below.

Warranty period: This warranty to the original retail purchaser is only valid in the original country of purchase for a Product first purchased either in Australia or New Zealand.

Product	5 Years
Accessories	1 Year

If a warranty claim is made, this warranty will not apply if the Product is found by Uniden to be:

(A) Damaged or not maintained in a reasonable manner or as recommended in the relevant Uniden Owner's Manual;
(B) Modified, altered or used as part of any conversion kits, subassemblies or any configurations not sold by Uniden Aust;
(C) Improperly installed contrary to instructions contained in the relevant Owner's Manual
(D) Repaired by someone other than an authorized Uniden Repair Agent in relation to a defect or malfunction covered by this warranty; or
(E) Used in conjunction with any equipment, parts or a system not manufactured by Uniden.

Parts Covered: This warranty covers the Product and included accessories.

Warranty

User-generated Data: This warranty does not cover any claimed loss of or damage to user-generated data (including but without limitation phone numbers, addresses and images) that may be stored on your Product.

Statement of Remedy: If the Product is found not to conform to this warranty as stated above, the Warrantor, at its discretion, will either repair the defect or replace the Product without any charge for parts or service. This warranty does not include any reimbursement or payment of any consequential damages claimed to arise from a Product's failure to comply with the warranty.

Our goods come with guarantees that cannot be excluded under the Australian Consumer Law. You are entitled to a replacement or refund for a major failure and for compensation for any other reasonably foreseeable loss or damage. You are also entitled to have the goods repaired or replaced if the goods fail to be of acceptable quality and the failure does not amount to a major failure.

This warranty is in addition to and sits alongside your rights under either the COMPETITION AND CONSUMER ACT 2010 (Australia) or the CONSUMER GUARANTEES ACT (New Zealand) as the case may be, none of which can be excluded.

Procedure for obtaining warranty service: Depending on the country in which the Product was first purchased, if you believe that your Product does not conform with this warranty, you should deliver the Product, together with satisfactory evidence of your original purchase (such as a legible copy of the sales docket) to Uniden. Please refer to the Uniden website for address details. You should contact Uniden regarding any compensation that may be payable for your expenses incurred in making a warranty claim. Prior to delivery, we recommend that you make a backup copy of any phone numbers, images or other data stored on your Product, in case it is lost or damaged during warranty service.

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