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SDS150 Owner's Manual

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USING THIS MANUAL

This manual describes the functions and features of your scanner. It assumes that you know the basic structure of radio systems and how they work. Just as a car owner's manual does not teach you how to drive, this manual does not teach you about radio systems. There are many resources for learning about radio systems, including wiki articles, forum discussions, and YouTube videos. We encourage you to start at RadioReference.com's discussion forums.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

THE FCC WANTS YOU TO KNOW

IMPORTANT! This scanning radio has been manufactured so that it will not tune to the radio frequencies assigned by the FCC for cellular telephone usage. The Electronic Communications Privacy Act of 1986, as amended, makes it a federal crime to intentionally intercept cellular or cordless telephone transmissions or to market this radio when altered to receive them. The installation, possession, or use of this scanning radio in a motor vehicle may be prohibited, regulated, or require a permit in certain states, cities, and/or local jurisdictions. Your local law enforcement officials should be able to provide you with information regarding the laws in your community.

MODIFICATION NOTICE

Changes or modifications to this product not expressly approved by Uniden, or operation of this product in any way other than as detailed by this Users Guide, could void your authority to operate this product.

PART 15 INFORMATION

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 scanner does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment on and off, 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.

SCANNING LEGALLY

Your scanner covers frequencies used by many different groups, including police and fire departments, ambulance services, government agencies, private companies, amateur radio services, military operations, pager services, and wireline (telephone and telegraph) service providers. It is legal to listen to almost every transmission your scanner can receive.

However, there are some transmissions that you should never intentionally listen to. These include:

- Telephone conversations (cellular, cordless, or other private means of telephone signal transmission)
- Pager transmissions
- Any scrambled or encrypted transmissions

According to the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), you are subject to fines and possible imprisonment for intentionally listening to, using, or divulging the contents of such a conversation unless you have the consent of a party to the conversation (unless such activity is otherwise illegal). This scanner has been designed to prevent the reception of cellular telephone transmissions and the decoding of scrambled transmissions. This is done to comply with the legal requirement that scanners be manufactured so they are not easy to modify to pick up these transmissions. Do not open your scanner's case to make any modifications that could allow it to pick up transmissions that are illegal to monitor. Modifying or tampering with your scanner's internal components or using it in a way other than as described in this manual could invalidate your warranty and void your FCC authorization to operate it. In some areas, mobile and/or portable use of this scanner is illegal or requires a permit. Check the laws in your area. It is also illegal in many areas (and a bad idea everywhere) to interfere with the duties of public safety officials by traveling to the scene of an incident without authorization.

This scanner also has the capability to record certain transmissions. Please review your local privacy laws to ensure you are recording these transmissions in compliance with these rules.

ISED COMPLIANCE

In Canada, obtaining a license is required before purchasing and operating this scanner.

This device complies with Industry Canada RSS standard(s). As per the Radio Standards Specification for Digital Scanner Receivers, RSS-135, Issue 2, clause 2.1, "Licensing Requirements," reproduced herein: "The equipment covered by this standard is subject to licensing pursuant to subsection 4(1) of the *Radiocommunication Act*."

This device complies with Industry Canada RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

INFORMATION IMPORTANTE

LA FCC VEUT QUE VOUS SACHIEZ

IMPORTANT! Cette radio à balayage a été fabriquée de telle sorte qu'elle ne se règle pas sur les fréquences radio attribuées par la FCC pour l'utilisation des téléphones cellulaires. La loi sur la confidentialité des communications électroniques de 1986, telle que modifiée, fait de l'interception intentionnelle des transmissions téléphoniques cellulaires ou sans fil ou de la commercialisation de cette radio lorsqu'elle est modifiée pour les recevoir un crime fédéral. L'installation, la possession ou l'utilisation de cette radio à balayage dans un véhicule à moteur peut être interdite, réglementée ou nécessiter un permis dans certains États, villes et/ou juridictions locales. Les responsables locaux de l'application de la loi devraient pouvoir vous fournir des informations sur les lois en vigueur dans votre communauté.

AVIS DE MODIFICATION

Les changements ou les modifications apportés à cet appareil qui n'ont pas été expressément approuvés par Uniden, ou l'utilisation de cet appareil d'une manière autre que celle décrite dans ce Guide de l'utilisateur, peuvent annuler votre droit d'utiliser cet appareil.

RENSEIGNEMENTS RELATIFS À L'ARTICLE 15

Cet équipement a été testé et déclaré conforme aux limites imposées à un dispositif numérique de classe B, conformément à l'article 15 des règlements de la FCC. Ces limites sont conçues pour fournir une protection raisonnable contre les interférences nuisibles dans une installation résidentielle. Cet équipement génère, utilise et peut émettre de l'énergie de fréquence radio et, s'il n'est pas installé et utilisé conformément aux instructions, peut causer des interférences nuisibles aux communications radio. Il n'y a aucune garantie que des interférences ne se produiront pas dans une installation particulière. Si cet équipement provoque des interférences nuisibles à la réception de la radio ou de la télévision, ce qui peut être déterminé en allumant et en éteignant l'équipement, l'utilisateur devra essayer de corriger ces interférences par l'une ou plusieurs des mesures suivantes :

- Réorientez ou déplacez l'antenne de réception.
- Augmenter la distance entre l'appareil et le récepteur.
- Brancher l'appareil sur une prise de courant située sur un circuit différent de celui sur lequel le récepteur est branché.
- Consulter le revendeur ou un technicien radio/TV expérimenté pour obtenir de l'aide.

UTILISER UN SCANNEUR DE MANIÈRE LÉGALE

Votre scanneur couvre les fréquences utilisées par de nombreux groupes différents, notamment les services de police et d'incendie, les services d'ambulance, les agences gouvernementales, les entreprises privées, les services de radio amateurs, les opérations militaires, les services de téléavertisseurs et les fournisseurs de services filaires (téléphone et télégraphe). Il est légal d'écouter presque toutes les transmissions que votre scanneur peut recevoir. Cependant, il existe certaines transmissions que vous ne devez jamais écouter intentionnellement. Il s'agit notamment de :

- Conversations téléphoniques (cellulaires, sans fil ou autres moyens privés de transmission de signaux téléphoniques)

- Transmissions de téléavertisseurs
- Toutes transmissions brouillées ou cryptées

Selon la loi sur la confidentialité des communications électroniques (Electronic Communications Privacy Act, ECPA), vous êtes passible d'amendes et éventuellement d'une peine de prison si vous écoutez, utilisez ou divulguez intentionnellement le contenu d'une telle conversation, à moins que vous n'ayez le consentement d'une partie à la conversation (à moins que cette activité ne soit autrement illégale). Ce scanneur a été conçu pour empêcher la réception de transmissions téléphoniques cellulaires et le décodage de transmissions brouillées. Ceci est fait pour se conformer à l'exigence légale selon laquelle les scanners doivent être fabriqués de manière à ne pas être faciles à modifier pour capter ces transmissions. N'ouvrez pas le boîtier de votre scanneur pour y apporter des modifications qui pourraient lui permettre de capter des transmissions dont la surveillance est illégale. La modification ou l'altération des composants internes de votre scanneur ou son utilisation d'une manière autre que celle décrite dans ce manuel peut invalider votre garantie et annuler votre autorisation FCC de l'utiliser. Dans certaines régions, l'utilisation mobile et/ou portable de ce scanneur est illégale ou nécessite un permis. Vérifiez les lois en vigueur dans votre région. Il est également illégal dans de nombreuses régions (et c'est une mauvaise idée partout) d'interférer avec les fonctions des responsables de la sécurité publique en se rendant sur les lieux d'un incident sans autorisation.

CONFORMITÉ ISED

Au Canada, il est nécessaire d'obtenir une licence avant d'acheter et d'utiliser ce scanneur. Cet appareil est conforme aux normes RSS d'Industrie Canada. Selon le Cahier des charges sur les normes radioélectriques pour les récepteurs de balayage numérique, CNR-135, version 2, clause 2.1, "Exigences en matière de licence", reproduite ici : "L'équipement couvert par cette norme est soumis à l'obtention d'une licence conformément au paragraphe 4(1) de la *Loi sur la radiocommunication*." Cet appareil est conforme à la ou aux normes RSS d'Industrie Canada. Son fonctionnement est soumis aux deux conditions suivantes : (1) ce dispositif ne doit pas causer d'interférences, et (2) ce dispositif doit accepter toute interférence, y compris les interférences qui peuvent causer un fonctionnement indésirable du dispositif.

OBTENIR LE GUIDE D'UTILISATION SDS150 EN FRANÇAIS

Une version française de ce guide d'utilisation est disponible sur le site Web d'Uniden au : uniden.com.

1. Sur le site d'Uniden, sélectionnez " Support", puis " Owner's Manuals."
2. Au menu déroulant de sélection des produits, choisissez "Scanners".
3. Sélectionnez le modèle et cliquez sur le drapeau canadien.
4. La version française du guide d'utilisation de ce modèle.

INTRODUCTION

The Uniden SDS150 is a digital TrunkTracker communications receiver that incorporates the HomePatrol database of all known radio systems in the USA and Canada. Programming it can be as simple as entering your zip code. Its True I/Q™ receiver provides for improved digital performance in challenging RF environments. Built to IPX4 (JIS4) standards, it is rugged and weather resistant. Its customizable color display allows access to the information you want to see.

HOW DOES THE HOMEPATROL® DATABASE WORK?

When you set your location, the scanner selects channels near that location. If you enter your zip code, the scanner searches within a 10 mile radius of the center of that zip code. If you use the built-in GPS receiver or manually enter your location, your scanner will select channels that apply to your precise location. You can adjust the selection range from 0 to 50 miles.

The database is updated weekly from RadioReference, the most comprehensive repository of radio system available. Updating the radio database in your SDS150 is as simple as connecting it to your PC and running the included Sentinel software.

WHAT YOU HEAR

Your scanner has over 10,000 police, fire, ambulance, business, utility, and other agencies set for instant access. You can also listen to weather channels and weather alerts, and you can set your scanner to monitor weather alerts.

There are some communications that the public is locked out from monitoring. Your scanner cannot receive agencies that encrypt their communications; it also cannot receive agencies on some private proprietary systems.

Because there are so many different kinds of communications going on, you can turn on specific types of agencies you want to hear (and turn off those you don't).

CREATE FAVORITES LISTS

You are not limited to using the included database. You can also create your own Favorites Lists which you can customize to your preferences.

AVOID TRANSMISSIONS

You can also select transmissions for your scanner to Avoid (ignore).

REPLAY TRANSMISSIONS

Your scanner's Replay feature will instantly replay the transmissions you've just heard. You can set how long a period Replay records for instant playback. This period can range from 30 seconds to 4 minutes.

RECORD TRANSMISSIONS

With your scanner, you can record transmissions. When you begin recording, your scanner adds the Replay recording buffer to the recording. These recording sessions are saved and can be replayed on demand. Rename and delete sessions through the Review Recordings submenu.

MAIN FEATURES

HomePatrol Database – Includes all known radio systems in the US and Canada. The database is updatable with the Sentinel software and Uniden updates the main database weekly.

Water Resistant (IPX4/JIS4) – Resistant to dust and damage caused by splashing water from any direction (when all jack covers are in place).

Customizable IPS Color Display – Provides wide viewing angle, better color accuracy, and better visibility under direct sunlight. You can also set the display color for each field in the display. Additionally, for many fields you can select the information provided.

True I/Q™ Receiver – Designed to improve digital performance in even the most challenging RF environments. An I/Q receiver captures the complete signal waveform in 3 dimensions, allowing for improved digital error correction and signal recovery.

Location-Based Scanning – Allows you to set your location by zip/postal code or GPS coordinates for instant reception.

Favorites Scan – Allows you to organize your Systems into Favorites Lists. The scanner can scan any combination of Favorites Lists and the Full Database.

microSD card – For storing Favorites Lists, Profiles, all your settings, Discovery sessions, and recording sessions.

Built-in GPS Receiver and Antenna – For precise system selection and continuing reselection when you travel. The scanner will automatically select what to scan based on your current location as provided by the GPS receiver.

Range Control – Lets you set how far out from your current location the scanner will search for channels in Favorites Lists and the database.

TrunkTracker X Operation – Scans APCO 25 Phase 1 and Phase 2, X2-TDMA, Motorola, EDACS, and LTR trunked systems, as well as conventional analog and P25 digital channels. Optional upgrades add multiple types of NXDN and DMR trunking, as well as EDACS ProVoice decoding.

Waterfall – Displays radio transmissions as a radio spectrum and a waterfall graphic.

Bluetooth Low Energy – By installing the Uniden U/AWARE app on your smartphone, you can connect wirelessly via Bluetooth and control the scanner through the app. You can also listen to received audio via the app.

Instant Replay – Plays back up to 240 seconds (4 minutes) of the most recent transmissions.

Audio Recording – Capture transmissions for later playback.

Custom Alerts – You can program your scanner to alert when you receive a Channel or Unit ID, a Close Call hit, an ID is transmitted with an Emergency Alert, or a Tone-out hit. For each alert, you can select from 9 different tone patterns, 15 volume settings, 7 colors, and 3 flash patterns.

Multicolor LED Alert – The alert LED with 7 colors, Blue, Red, Magenta, Green, Cyan, Yellow, or White, can be used with your Custom Alerts.

Trunking Discovery – Monitors system traffic on a trunked radio system to find unknown IDs and automatically records audio from and logs new channels for later review and identification.

Conventional Discovery – Searches a range of frequencies to find unknown frequencies and automatically records audio from and logs new channels for later review and identification.

Scan by Service Types – Scan your channels by Service Type i.e. Fire, Police, Railroad, etc.

Multi-Level Display and Keypad light – Makes the display and keypad easy to see in dim light with multiple backlight levels.

Temporary or Permanent Avoid – For Systems/Sites/Departments/Channels.

System/Channel Number Tagging – Number tags allow you to quickly navigate to a specific Favorites List, System, or Channel.

Start-up Configuration – You can program each of your Favorites Lists with a Startup Key (0-9) so that when you power up the scanner and press the key number, just those Favorites Lists assigned to the key will be enabled for scan.

Close Call® RF Capture Technology – Lets you set the scanner so it detects and provides information about nearby radio transmissions. Close Call Do-not-Disturb checks for Close Call activity in between channel reception so active channels are not interrupted.

Broadcast Screen – Allows the scanner to ignore search and Close Call hits on known broadcast frequencies including pager frequencies. You can also program up to 10 custom frequency ranges that the scanner ignores.

Fire Tone-Out Standby/Tone Search – Lets you set the scanner to alert you if a two-tone sequential page is transmitted. You can set up to 32 Tone-Outs. The scanner will also search and display unknown tones.

PC Programming – Use the Sentinel software to manage your scanner's Profiles, Favorites Lists, Databases, and firmware updates.

Priority/Priority w/DND Scan – priority channels let you keep track of activity on your most important channels while monitoring other channels for transmissions.

Priority ID Scan – Allows you to set priority to talkgroup IDs.

Intermediate Frequency Exchange – Changes the IF used for a selected channel/frequency to help avoid image and other mixer-product interference on a frequency.

Individual Channel Volume Offset – Allows you to adjust the volume offset for each channel.

Configurable Band Defaults – Allows you to set the step (5, 6.25, 7.5, 8.33, 10, 12.5, 15, 20, 25, 50 or 100 kHz) and modulation (AM, FM, NFM, WFM, or FMB) for 31 different bands.

Repeater Find – Allows the scanner to try to switch to the repeater frequency if an input frequency is found.

Adjustable Scan/Search Delay/Resume – Set a delay up to 30 seconds or a forced resume up to 10 seconds for each channel or search.

Data Naming – Allows you to name each Favorites List, System, Site, Department, Channel, ID, Location, Custom Search, and SAME group, using up to 64 characters.

Duplicate Input Alert – Alerts you if you try to enter a name or frequency already stored.

Quick Keys – You can assign up to 100 Quick Keys to your Favorites Lists, Systems, Departments, and Sites.

Search Avoids – You can temporarily Avoid up to 250 frequencies and permanently Avoid up to 250 frequencies in any Search mode or Close Call mode.

10 Custom Searches – Lets you program up to 10 custom search ranges.

Search with Scan Operation – Lets you include Custom Search ranges during scan operation.

3 Search Keys – You can assign 3 of the number keys to start a Custom Search, Tone-Out Search, or Close Call Search.

Quick Search – Allows you to start searching at the displayed frequency or enter a frequency and start searching.

SAME Weather Alert/Priority – Lets your scanner alert you when a SAME alert is transmitted on a NOAA weather channel. You can also set a weather channel as a priority channel.

Charging Cradle with Two Charging Slots – Place the scanner in the front charging slot to easily charge it. You can also charge a second battery pack (sold separately) at the same time.

Built-in Battery Charger – Charge the rechargeable battery pack directly through the scanner's USB Type-C port.

Keylock Function - Lock the keypad to prevent accidental entries.

INCLUDED WITH YOUR SCANNER

Accessories included in the box are:

- Charging Cradle - 1
- AC Adapter - 1
- USB Cable - 1
- Hand Strap - 1
- MicroSD Card (installed) - 1
- Lithium-Ion Battery Pack - 1
- SMA-BNC Antenna Adapter - 1
- SMA type Antenna - 1
- Belt Clip - 1
- Printed Material

NOTE: A second Lithium-Ion battery pack is sold separately.

BASIC USAGE INFORMATION

USING INTERNAL BATTERIES

The SDS150 is powered by a Lithium-Ion battery.

You can also turn on the power via USB even without the battery installed. However, if the USB cable is disconnected before turning off the scanner using the power button, there is a risk that any data being written to the SD card will be interrupted, potentially corrupting recorded data. Therefore, it is recommended to use the device with the battery installed whenever possible.

Additionally, if the power is disconnected during a firmware update, the scanner may fail to restart. Please ensure the charged battery is installed to prevent such issues.

The included AC adapter is rated at 3A and can power or charge the SDS150.

The scanner's charge indicator is red during charge and green when complete.

NOTE: If the scanner gets too hot while charging, charging automatically stops.

CHARGING BATTERIES

CAUTION: Do not use a conversion cable between USB Type-A or Type-B and USB Type-C. Doing so may damage the connected device.

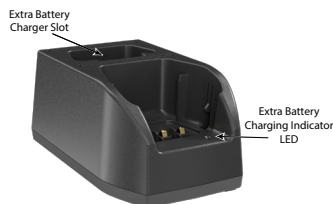
Computers, power adapters, or devices equipped with USB Type-A or Type-B connectors may not supply sufficient power for the SDS150.

Charge via USB Type-C Port

1. Verify that the battery pack is installed in the scanner.
2. Open the rubber flap on the side and insert the USB Type-C plug into the USB Type-C port on the scanner.
3. When the plug is connected and charging begins, the charge LED on the top right of the scanner lights up and turns red. The charge LED stays red while charging the battery. The charge LED turns green when charging is complete.

NOTE: If the LED does not light up, check to see if the AC power adapter is plugged in and make sure the USB Type-C plugs are inserted all the way.

Charge via Charging Cradle



1. Place the SDS150 in the front slot of the charging cradle.
2. Make sure the top right LED on the SDS150 front face lights up turns red.
3. Charging is complete when the charge LED turns green.

NOTE: The charging LED on the cradle only indicates the charging status of the rear battery slot.

NOTE: If the LED does not light up, check to see if the AC adapter is plugged in and that the SDS150 is making good contact with the charging cradle's contacts. Make sure the USB Type-C plugs are fully inserted.

Charging the Battery Pack

The SDS150 charging cradle is equipped with a battery charger slot for charging an optional second battery pack (sold separately).

- 1. Slide the spare battery pack into the charging cradle's rear slot.
- 2. Make sure the charge LED with battery logo lights up and turns red.
- 3. Charging is complete when the charge LED turns green.

NOTE: If it does not light up, check that the AC adapter is plugged in, and that the battery pack is making contact with the charging cradle's contacts.

NOTE: If charging is attempted through the scanner's USB Type-C port and the scanner is placed in the charging cradle, charging through the charging cradle has priority.

Charge Time (Reference Only)

NOTE: Charging time may vary depending on various factors, including but not limited to battery level, usage, environment, and battery age.

If the scanner is powered on, the battery takes longer to charge.

Condition	Approximate Charging Time
Via USB or Cradle Front Slot	Scanner ON: 15 hours
	Scanner OFF: 9 hours
Via Cradle Rear Slot	Charging battery only in rear slot: 15 hours
	Charging battery in rear slot and SDS150 scanner in front slot: 20 hours

Cleaning the Battery Charge Contacts

To maintain a good charge, it is important to clean all charging contacts on the scanner, battery and charging cradle about once a month. Do not use liquids or solvents.

Important Notes:

Depending on the conditions, a charging current of about 3A at 5V may be required. If connected to a USB charger or PC with a capacity of less than 3A, charging may not be performed properly, or the connected device may be damaged. Uniden is not responsible for any problems that may occur if an AC adapter other than the adapter supplied with this scanner is used.

The AC adapter included with the SDS150 has been carefully selected for minimal noise generation; however, while charging, the scanner may be affected by noise interference from the power line. Reception may be disrupted particularly in AM mode, so we do not recommend using it in AM mode during charging. Some commercially available adapters and USB power sources may generate a significant level of noise.

BATTERY HAZARDS

Mistreating the Li-ion battery pack may cause it to catch fire, smoke, or rupture. Misuse can also cause damage to the battery pack or performance degradation.

- To prevent the battery pack from deteriorating, charge and use the scanner at least once every three months.
- Do not disassemble or modify the scanner or battery pack.
- Charge the battery pack in an environment within a temperature range of 50° F (10° C) to 95° F (35° C).
- Avoid exposing the battery pack to direct sunlight, heated cars, or temperatures outside of the recommended range above. The battery cells could overheat and may cause the battery pack to rupture, fail, or reduce performance.
- When installed in the SDS150, if the battery temperature is outside the recommended temperature range, the SDS150 will sound a warning alarm and display a warning message on the screen. Press any key to clear these warnings. These warnings will stop when the temperature range returns to normal. However, if no action is taken for 10 minutes after the warnings sound and display, the SDS150 will automatically shut off.
- Do not use any charger other than a Uniden-branded AC charger to charge the rechargeable battery pack used in the scanner. Using a different charger may damage the battery pack or cause it to explode.

Never leave the battery pack unattended while charging. If the battery pack becomes hot, smokes, swells, or gives off an odor during charging, stop charging immediately.

OVERHEAT PROTECTION

The SDS150 has built-in safeguards against potential battery damage caused by operating the unit under extreme temperature conditions. The SDS150 and the battery operation is affected by the operating temperature.

1. When the battery temperature reaches the prohibited battery operating temperature [below -4°F (-20°C) or above 140°F (60°C)], an alarm sounds and a warning message displays on the SDS150 screen for 10 minutes.
2. Press any key to turn off the alarm; however the alarm will sound and display again after 2 minutes if the conditions do not improve/fall back within SDS150 scanner/battery operating temperature range.
3. The alarm will automatically end when your SDS150 scanner/battery returns to its specified operating temperature range.
4. If the SDS150 scanner/battery operating temperature conditions do NOT improve and reach the prohibited temperatures, your SDS150 will automatically shut down.

VIEW BATTERY CONDITIONS

You can set a custom display area to show the battery voltage level, charging current, and current draw. See Customizing the Display on page 48.

UNDERSTANDING MEMORY

All information contained in the scanner is stored on a microSD card supplied with the scanner. This includes Favorites Lists, all the scanner settings, and the RadioReference database.

FAVORITES LISTS

Because the memory is based on the RadioReference database, the SDS150 has a different organization unlike banks and channels in older scanners, but more like Dynamic Memory Architecture (DMA) used for the last few generations of scanners. Favorites Lists follow the RR database structure of Systems that contain Departments that hold Channels (conventional frequencies or IDs) and then Sites to hold trunking frequencies. If you are familiar with DMA scanners, think of departments as being like channel groups.

Favorites Lists let you store channels you find when you are scanning from the full database (the easiest way). They can contain channels from trunking systems and conventional systems. You can also manually add systems, departments and channels into Favorites Lists from the database as well as program new systems, departments, sites, and channels with the Sentinel software.

You can save up to 256 different Favorite Lists in the scanner (and software) and associate them with any or all of your profiles. You can monitor one or more Favorites Lists at a time and/or the database. You can also export your Favorites Lists to a file to share them. Deleting a profile does not delete the Favorites Lists associated with a profile. However, deleting a Favorites List does delete it from all profiles.

SYSTEMS

Systems hold Sites, Departments, and Channels.

TRUNKING SITES

Inside trunked systems are sites that hold the trunking frequencies for the trunking system as well as any band plan information needed. You need at least one site for each trunked system and some systems have more than one site.

DEPARTMENTS

Departments are created inside systems. Departments hold frequencies (channels) for conventional systems and Talk Group IDs (also called channels) for trunked systems.

SENTINEL SOFTWARE

MANAGE PROFILES

Profiles are “snapshots” of your scanner’s set up. A profile contains all configuration settings as well as all Favorites Lists, Avoids, and System settings. Sentinel can save multiple profiles so you can restore different profiles as you need them. For example, if you regularly visit a specific location, you can create a profile for that location. You can save it to Sentinel to use whenever you visit.

MANAGE FAVORITES LISTS

You can create Favorites Lists in Sentinel then associate them with specific profiles. Sentinel lets you create new systems or edit systems already in a Favorites List. When a profile is written to your scanner, only specified Favorites Lists are written to the scanner. Note that all Favorites Lists are shared by all Profiles. **If you delete a Favorites List, it is deleted from all profiles.** If you want to use a particular Favorites List in some Profiles and not use it in Others, use the Download and/or Monitor settings in the Profile Editor to select your preference.

MANAGE DATABASES

Uniden updates the Database used in your scanner every week. You can decide how often you want to update the databases on your scanner. When you update them through Sentinel, it checks the website for the most current database and saves it in Sentinel. When you select *Write to Scanner*, the new database is updated in the scanner. Updating the main database does not update any Favorites List. Your customizations and selections are preserved.

HOW TO INSTALL SENTINEL SOFTWARE

1. Go to the scanner's product page at uniden.com and click the link for support files.
2. Download the latest version of Sentinel.
3. Unzip the file you downloaded, then click on setup.exe and follow the on-screen instructions to install Sentinel.

UPDATING FIRMWARE

Your scanner updates its firmware through Sentinel. In that process, Sentinel connects to the internet and checks for the current firmware version to download.

From time to time, Uniden will release firmware updates to improve existing functionality, add new features, or address issues found in its operation. Updating the firmware takes just a few minutes and is easily accomplished using the Sentinel Software you installed on your PC.

Simply connect your scanner to your PC using the supplied USB cable and select *Mass Storage*. Then, in Sentinel select *UPDATE/Update Firmware* and follow the on-screen prompts.

For information about what is included in each update, see:

- <http://info.uniden.com/UnidenMan4/SDS150FirmwareUpdates>

UPDATING THE DATABASE

1. To update the scanner's database, connect it to your PC using the supplied USB cable. Select *Mass Storage*.
2. Next, in Sentinel, select *UPDATE/Update Master HPDB*. This updates the database in Sentinel, **but does not update the database in the scanner**.
3. Finally, write the new database to your scanner by selecting *Scanner/Write to Scanner*.

DATA NAMING

Name any Favorites List, System, Site, Department, Channel, Location, Custom Search, Recording Session, Tone-Out, or SAME group using up to 64 characters.

To Enter a Character, turn the scroll control until the character you want appears. To move the cursor to the right, press the right soft key (>).

To move the cursor to the left, press the left soft key (<). To clear a character, press **.NO**.

To clear all characters, press **.NO** twice. Press **E/YES** when finished to exit.

PRIORITY SCANNING

Priority Scan – When the scanner is scanning a Conventional System, it interrupts scanning, based on the Priority Interval and Max Channels settings, to check priority channels for activity. The more channels you have set to priority, the longer the interruption will be. The Favorites List(s) and System(s) containing the priority channel(s) have to be enabled (and not Avoided) or the scanner will display *Priority Scan No Channel*.

Priority DND – The scanner checks priority channels, based on the Priority Interval and Max Channels settings, only when not receiving other conventional channels so there is no interruption in scanning with conventional systems.

Priority ID Scan – This function is similar to conventional priority although there is no interruption during the transmission. Priority is checked in between transmissions, when the scanner is receiving the control channel, and during the channel delay period. The scanner can only look for priority IDs in the trunked system it is currently scanning.

Preemptive Priority ID Scanning – For Motorola systems that have channel priority active on the system, if you flag a channel as priority and the system also has that TGID identified as a priority channel, the scanner will preempt any current transmission if the TGID becomes active.

The highest priority is for channels in System Quick Key 0. The lowest priority is for channels in System Quick Key 99. Priority for priority channels in the same channel Department follows the order in which the channels were created.

To use Priority Scan, you must first set your Priority Channels.

To use Priority ID Scan, you must also enable Priority ID Scan for each system.

*To toggle Priority Modes, press **FUNCTION** then **/NO**.*

Priority is always on for a trunked system, if enabled in the system.

SCANNING ORDER

With previous scanners, you selected banks to scan. With this scanner, you select *Favorites Lists, Systems, Departments, and Sites* to scan by assigning Quick Keys to them.

Scanning is performed in a mixture of FLQK order and SQK order. The scanner does not scan all Systems in one Favorites List and then move to the next List.

For each Favorites List with a quick key, starting with 0, the scanner scans each 0 SQK in FLQK order and then move to the next set of SQKs for each list.

Example:

FLQK 0, SQK 0; FLQK 1, SQK 0.... FLQK 98, SQK 99; FLQK 99, SQK, 99. Department and Site Quick Keys are scanned with each System.

Systems with the same quick key are scanned in order of creation.

The Database is scanned next. Then, Systems with no quick key (including created Quick Save Systems) are scanned and in order of creation.

Conventional Channels and Departments within Systems are also scanned in order of creation. TGIDs are not really scanned. The scanner checks for any activity in the trunking system and:

- Stops on all unavoids TGIDs when ID Search mode is set to On.
- Stops only on programmed TGIDs when ID Search mode is set to Off.

Next, any Custom Searches (enabled for Search with Scan) are scanned in order (Close Call Hits last).

Then, the scanner scans the Close Call 'Hits with Scan' system (if Unavoided). This is a system that automatically stores the frequencies found by Close Call. If the 'Hits with Scan' system has no frequencies, the scanner does not scan the system.

The scanner scans a system for the duration you set using the System Hold Time option. For trunked systems, the scanner moves to the next system after the hold time expires, the current transmission ends, and the channel delay expires. Conventional systems operate similarly, but all (Unavoided) channels are scanned at least one time regardless of the hold time setting.

SCANNING

Scanning Checklist:

To ensure you do not get a “Nothing to Scan” message on the scanner:

1. You must enable at least one Favorites List or the Full Database in Select Lists to Monitor.
2. Favorites Lists or Systems, with Quick Keys assigned to them, must be enabled with quick keys or through Manage Quick Key Status.
3. Service Types required for channels must be set to On.
4. You must set your location to an area that has channels to scan, or set one or more Favorites Lists to not use Location Control.

Any Favorites List not assigned to a quick key, not Avoided, with channels within your current location and range and set to On in Select – to Monitor will be scanned. Any System, Department, or Site (or Quick Save System/Department) not assigned to a quick key and not Avoided, will be scanned.

REPLAY THE LAST TRANSMISSIONS

While scanning, press **REPLAY**.

Press **CHANNEL** to pause/resume replay.

Turn the multifunction knob to select recordings.

Replay is not available when recording is enabled.

START/STOP RECORDING

While scanning, press **FUNCTION** then **REPLAY**.

Resets to Off when you turn off the scanner.

Note that anything in the replay buffer is also stored with the recording session when you start recording.

AVOIDING CHANNELS, DEPARTMENTS, SITES, AND SYSTEMS

Temporary Avoids are cleared when you cycle power. You must manually clear permanent avoids.

Channel Avoid

When the Channel is in the display or in *Channel Hold* mode: To *Temporary Avoid*, press **AVOID** once. To *Permanent Avoid*, press twice when the channel is in the display or in *Channel Hold* mode.

Department Avoid

Press **DEPT** (Soft Key 2) then **AVOID** once to *Temporary Avoid*. Press **AVOID** twice to *Permanent Avoid*.

Site Avoid

To *Temporary Avoid*, press **FUNCTION+Site** (Soft Key 2) then quickly press **AVOID**.

To *Permanent Avoid*, press **FUNCTION+Site** (Soft Key 2) then quickly press **AVOID** twice.

To *Stop Avoiding*, press **FUNCTION+Site** (Soft Key 2) then **AVOID** once.

System Avoid

Press **SYSTEM** (SOFT KEY 1) then **AVOID** once to *Temporary Avoid*. Press **AVOID** twice to *Permanent Avoid*.

HOLDING A SYSTEM, DEPARTMENT, SITE, OR CHANNEL

While scanning, you can hold on a system, department, site, or channel by pressing its associated soft key.

System Hold: Soft key 1

Department Hold: Soft key 2

Site Hold: **FUNCTION**+Soft key 2

Channel Hold, Soft key 3

NOTE: *If you hold on a channel that is in a trunked system, all enabled sites are still scanned for that channel activity.*

SETTING UP YOUR SCANNER

FIRST STEPS

To get your scanner ready for use, update the firmware following these quick steps:

1. Install the battery pack and plug the included cable into the scanner's USB Type C port and the other end into a PC.
2. Turn on the scanner by pressing  for about 2 seconds.
3. When prompted, select *Mass Storage* mode.
4. Run Sentinel.
5. Follow the steps provided on pages 15 to update the scanner's firmware and database to the latest versions.

INITIAL SETTINGS

1. Screw in the SMA antenna until it is completely connected to the antenna connector base.

CAUTION: If the antenna is not completely attached, the antenna connector could be damaged.

2. Turn on the scanner by pressing and holding  for about 2 seconds.
3. Tap scroll to display the volume level. Turn scroll (within 3 seconds) to adjust the volume.
4. Tap scroll again to close the volume level (or let it disappear after 10 seconds).
5. Press **FUNCTION** then tap scroll to display the squelch level. Usually, a setting of 2-5 works best for squelch
6. Tap scroll again to close the squelch level setting.

To begin scanning right away, press the **ZIP** button to select your country and zip/postal code. The scanner loads channels for your area from the database and starts scanning.

CONTROLS AND INDICATORS

The following table includes the most common functions for each key. It is not, however, a comprehensive list for all functions in all modes. See specific functions in this manual to perform a particular task.

The two LED indicators above the display indicate charge status (right LED; red when charging, green when charged) and channel alert indication (left LED).



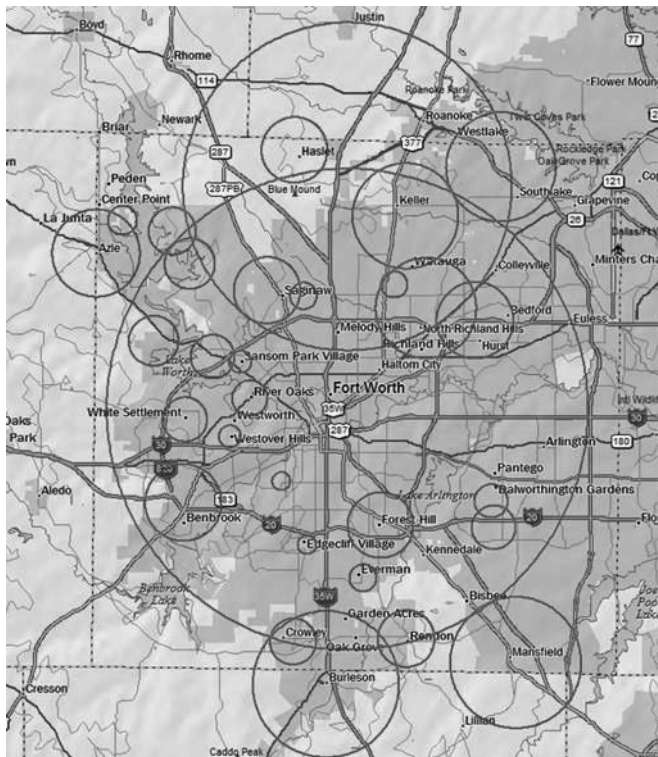
Button	Operation
Power/Light	- Press and hold to turn the scanner on or off. - Tap to turn on/off the display backlight. Note that when the display backlight is off, nothing is visible on the display. - Press FUNCTION, then press this key again to lock the keypad. Press FUNCTION and this key again to unlock it.
AVOID	- Press once to temporarily avoid the current channel or frequency (in direct tune mode). - Press twice to permanently avoid the current channel or frequency. - During scan, or scan hold press the left soft key (System), then tap avoid once (for temporary avoid) or twice (for permanent avoid) to avoid the currently scanned system. - During scan, or scan hold press the middle soft key (Department), then tap avoid once (for temporary avoid) or twice (for permanent avoid) to avoid the currently scanned department.
ZIP/SERVICES	- Press to enter country-zip/postal code. - Press FUNCTION then ZIP to select <i>Service Types</i> to be scanned.
Soft Keys	The function of these three keys change depending on the current mode. The function is indicated by the labels at the bottom of the display.
FUNCTION	- Press to enter Function mode for 3 seconds. - Press this button and tap the scroll knob to display the current Squelch setting. - Press this button and then press to lock the keypad. Repeat to unlock the keypad.
MENU	- Press to enter <i>Menu</i> mode. - Press to return one level in <i>Menu</i> mode. - Press FUNCTION then MENU for <i>Search</i> menu in <i>Search</i> mode. - Press FUNCTION then MENU for <i>Close Call</i> menu in <i>Close Call</i> mode.

Button	Operation
REPLAY	- Press to Replay the last transmissions. - Press FUNCTION then Replay to start/stop recording - Press and hold to Review Recordings.
Number keys (general) See individual key functions below for additional functions	- Press to select <i>Favorites List Quick Keys</i> in <i>Scan</i> mode. - Press 0-9 to use direct entry in a <i>Hold</i> mode. - Press 0-9 to toggle custom search bands on or off in <i>Custom Search</i> mode. - Press 0-6 to toggle <i>Close Call</i> bands on or off in <i>Close Call</i> mode.
1 / SRCH1	- Press to enter the digit 1 in any numeric entry mode. - In channel hold mode, press FUNCTION then 1 to toggle on/off the search you've assigned to SRCH1.
2 / SRCH2	- Press to enter the digit 2 in any numeric entry mode. - In channel hold mode, press FUNCTION then 2 to toggle on/off the search you've assigned to SRCH2.
3 / SRCH3	- Press to enter the digit 3 in any numeric entry mode. - In channel hold mode, press FUNCTION then 3 to toggle on/off the search you've assigned to SRCH3.
4 / ATT	- Press to enter the digit 4 in any numeric entry mode. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press FUNCTION then 4 to toggle attenuation on/off for the current channel - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press FUNCTION then hold 4 for 3 seconds to toggle global attenuation on/off. - In <i>Search</i> mode, holding on a frequency, press FUNCTION then 4 to toggle attenuation on/off for the current frequency.
5 / DIM	- Press to enter the digit 5 in any numeric entry mode. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press FUNCTION then 5 to set the display brightness level.
6 / WX	- Press to enter the digit 6 in any numeric entry mode. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press FUNCTION then 6 to toggle weather priority on/off. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press FUNCTION then hold 6 for 3 seconds to go to weather channel monitoring mode.
7 / IFX	- Press to enter the digit 7 in any numeric entry mode. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode on a conventional channel, press FUNCTION then 7 to toggle intermediate frequency exchange on/off for the current channel. - In <i>Search</i> mode, holding on a frequency, press FUNCTION then 7 to toggle intermediate frequency exchange on/off for the current frequency.

Button	Operation
8 / REV	- Press to enter the digit 8 in any numeric entry mode. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode on a conventional channel, press FUNCTION then 8 to monitor the repeater input frequency for the current channel. - In <i>Search</i> mode, holding on a frequency, press FUNCTION then 8 to monitor the repeater input frequency for the current frequency.
9 / DISP	- Press to enter the digit 9 in any numeric entry mode. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press FUNCTION the 9 to toggle between simple and detailed display modes. - In most modes, press FUNCTION then hold 9 for 3 seconds to switch between Color, Black on White, and White on Black modes.
0 / LVL	- Press to enter the digit 0 in any numeric entry mode. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press FUNCTION then repeatedly press 0 to set the volume offset for the current channel.
./NO/PRI	- Press to enter a decimal point for a frequency. - Press when prompted <i>Yes/No</i> to select <i>No</i>. - Press FUNCTION then ./NO to toggle conventional priority scan.
E/YES Q. SRCH	- Press to select a menu item or save an entry in <i>Menu</i> mode - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press to store a blinking CTCSS/DCS/NAC. - In <i>Channel hold</i> mode, press FUNCTION then E/YES to start a Quick Search. - Press FUNCTION then E/YES to toggle <i>ID Search</i> mode on/off in <i>Scan</i> mode (when scanning Trunked System in Favorites List only).

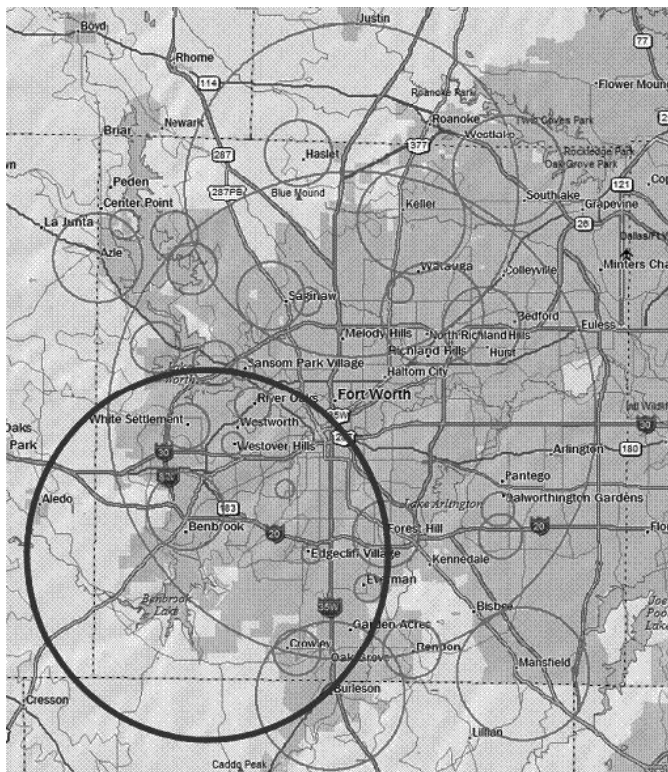
UNDERSTANDING LOCATION, RANGE, AND SERVICES

All radio systems in your scanner's database are tagged with location information. A geotag has latitude, longitude, and range. This tag describes a circle centered at the latitude/longitude that fully encompasses the entity (i.e. city, town, state, etc.) served by the radio system. Taking a look at some of the systems in the Fort Worth, TX area, you can see that each system has its own little circle. These roughly outline each system's intended coverage.



Each entry also includes all the radio system information (frequencies, descriptions, tags indicating how each channel is used, etc).

If you use your Zip Code as your location, the scanner sets your location to be within 10 miles of the center of the zip code. Good enough for catching local comms. We've drawn that circle in using a thicker line on the next map.



The scanner selects channels from systems that overlap the thick circle. So, the system down south that covers Burleson is included even though only part of it is covered, but Haslet, way up north, is not included.

Each location method uses a different range. In addition to the 10-mile Zip Code radius, the scanner uses GPS or a manually-entered location (0 mile radius).

0 miles means that your location is precisely known. For a radio system to be selected, its circle must enclose your precise position. This setting is great if you are traveling...the scanner automatically selects and deselects systems as you drive through each system's coverage zone.

You can manually change the range setting to be bigger (to include more systems) or smaller (to include fewer systems) by going to the Range menu and adjusting the range up or down.

SETTING LOCATION/RANGE

Press **MENU** then scroll to *Set Your Location* and press **E/YES**. Scroll through the following options and press **E/YES**.

Enter Zip/Postal Code

This sets the center of a zip/postal code as your location (not your exact location) and a default scan range of 10 miles.

1. Select your country (USA or Canada) and press **E/YES**.
2. Enter your zip code or see Data Naming, to enter a postal code.
3. You can also press the **ZIP** button to enter your zip/postal code.

NOTE: If you enter a ZIP code while GPS is enabled, the scanner will switch to a mode that determines location information using the ZIP code; the GPS will automatically be disabled and the GPS icon will turn off. If you want to start GPS again, go to MENU/GPS/Set GPS and enable it.

Set Manual Location

This sets your exact location and a default scan range of 0 miles. You can then edit the location name and save the location.

1. Using the keypad, enter your latitude.
2. Press **/NO** to toggle *N* or *S*, and press **E/YES**. Using the keypad, enter your longitude.
3. Press **/NO** to toggle *E* or *W*, and press **E/YES**.

NOTE: If you open this menu while receiving location information from GPS, the location in this menu will be updated to your current location.

Set Range

This setting allows you override the default range setting for your current location to increase or decrease the number of Trunking Sites and Channel Departments you can receive when you are scanning from the Full Database and when you are scanning Favorites Lists with Location Control enabled. See also *Understanding Range*, page 23.

Enter the range (0-50) and press **E/YES**.

Edit Location

This lets you create a location or edit a location for rapid recall. First, select *New Location* or *Edit Location*.

Edit Name

See *Data Naming*, page 15.

Use Location

This will set the location as current for scanning the Database and any Favorites List with Location Control enabled.

At *Confirm?*, press **E/YES** or **/NO**.

Delete Location

You can only delete saved locations. The last location set will be retained for use when scanning the Database.

At *Confirm Delete?*, press **E/YES** or **/NO**.

Set Location Information

See *Set Manual Location*, page 25.

Set Range

Enter the range (0-50) and press **E/YES**.

Save Location

This saves the current location and the range.

SELECTING SERVICE TYPES

By default, only EMS Dispatch, Fire Dispatch, Law Dispatch, Custom 1, and Multi-Dispatch are enabled.

The Appendix has a list of Service Types and their general descriptions. To change the enabled/disabled service types:

1. Press **FUNCTION** then the **ZIP/SERVICES** button.
2. Scroll to each *Service Type* and press **E/YES** to enable or disable. Press **SYSTEM** to exit.

If a Service Type is not in any active Favorite List, the scanner will display “---”.

QUICK NAVIGATION CONCEPTS

ASSIGNING QUICK KEYS

Quick Keys let you quickly turn on/off favorites lists, systems within a favorites list, and departments and sites within systems. There are three levels of quick key as described below.

FAVORITES LIST QUICK KEYS

Favorites Lists Quick Keys (FLQK) quickly enable or disable entire Favorites Lists for scanning. There are 100 FLQKs (00-99). These are like the bank keys used on older scanners. You do not have to assign a FLQK to a favorites list, but doing so makes it easier to modify what you are currently scanning. Each FLQK can only be used one time (i.e. two favorites lists cannot have the same FLQK).

SYSTEM QUICK KEYS

System Quick Keys (SQK) quickly enable or disable conventional and trunked systems for scanning. There are 100 SQKs (00-99). You can use the same SQK for multiple systems.

DEPARTMENT/SITES QUICK KEYS

Department/Site Quick Keys (DQK) quickly enable or disable departments or sites. There are 100 DQKs (00-99). You can use the same DQK for multiple departments and sites.

USING QUICK KEYS

To enable or disable a Quick Key, while scanning, enter all or part of FF.SS.DD then press **E/YES**.

- FF=FQK
- SS=SQK
- DD=DQK

Examples:

- 10 E: Toggle FQK 10
- 10.03 E: Toggle SQK 03 in FQK 10
- 10.03.02 E: Toggle DQK 02 in SQK 03 in FQK 10.
- .03 E: Toggle SQK 03 in the currently scanned *Favorites List*
- ..04 E: Toggle DQK 04 in the currently scanned system.

Toggling a SQK or DQK only affects the quick key within the current hierarchy. If you have the same SQK under a different Favorites List, that SQK is unaffected.

You can assign a display area to indicate the FQK/SQK/DQK status. See Customizing the Display, on page 48.

SEARCH KEYS

You can assign any search function to *Search Keys* (1, 2, or 3) to quickly go to that search. Use the menu function *Search for... /Set Search Key* to assign the search functions. To start the search, hold on a channel, then press **FUNCTION + 1, 2, or 3**.

STARTUP KEYS

You can program each of your Favorites Lists with a Startup Key (**0-9**) so that when you power up the scanner and press the key number, just those Favorites List(s) assigned to the key will be enabled for scan. Systems are not affected. Assign a startup key when programming Favorites Lists.

To use a startup key, hold it down while powering on the scanner. Items with a matching startup key will be enabled for scanning. Items with a startup key that does not match will be disabled for scanning. Items with no startup key will not be affected.

NUMBER TAGS

Numbers tags will allow you to tag each Favorites List, System, and Channel so you can quickly go to that element. Number tags can range from 0 to 99 for Favorites Lists and Systems and 0-999 for Channels.

To use a number tag, hold on any channel, then enter the tag as FF.SS.CC and press **CHAN** (soft key **3**).

CHANNEL/ID ALERTS

You can program your scanner to alert you when a Channel or Unit ID is received, you receive a Close Call hit, an ID is transmitted with an Emergency Alert or you receive a Tone-out hit. For each alert in the scanner, you can select from 9 different tone patterns, 15 volume settings, 7 colors, and 3 flash patterns.

QUICK FREQUENCY TUNING

To quickly tune to a frequency and enter quick search mode:

1. Hold on any channel.
2. Key in any frequency.
3. Press **CHAN** (soft key **3**).

QUICK TALK GROUP TUNING

To quickly tune to a talk group in the trunked system you are currently scanning, while scanning that trunked system:

1. Hold on any channel.
2. Key in the talk group ID.
3. Press **CHAN** (soft key **3**).

MENU REFERENCE

The scanner's menu gives you access to all the scanner's setting as well as programming. The table below provides a quick description of most of the scanner's menu tree. For procedures that need more explanation, the table will indicate where in this manual to look for that explanation.

To access the menu, press  on the scanner's left side. For ease of reference, this manual will refer to this button as **MENU**.

When describing menu navigation, this manual uses the following format:

MENU/Main Menu Item/Sub Menu item

For example:

MENU/Search For... /Custom Search

To go up one menu level, press **MENU**. To exit the menu entirely, press **AVOID**.

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Set Scan Selection	Manage Quick Key Status	Favorites Quick Key	Scroll to desired Favorites List Quick Key (FLQK) and press E/YES to toggle it on/off
		System Quick Key	Scroll to the Favorites List (FL) the systems are in and press E/YES , then scroll to the system and press E/YES to toggle the System Quick Key (SQK) number on/off.
	Set Nationwide Systems	Scroll to the desired nationwide system and press E/YES to turn it on or off for scanning. Nationwide systems are similar to service searches used in older scanners.	
	Select Lists to Monitor	Scroll through the list and press E/YES to toggle the item on/off for scanning. Note that this does not affect the FLQK status. If the item is set to <i>No</i> , it cannot be turned on for scanning using quick keys.	
	Set All Lists Off	Sets all of the items in the above menu to Off.	
	Set All Lists On	Sets all of the items in the above menu to On.	
Manage Full Database	Review Avoids	Scroll to entries in this list to see all items avoided in the main database. When selected, press E/YES to remove the avoid status.	
	Stop All Avoiding	Removes avoid status from the entire main database.	
	Information	Displays the date the main database was last updated in the scanner.	
Manage Favorites	See <i>Managing Favorites Lists</i> on page 42.		

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
<i>Set Your Location</i>	<i>Enter Zip Code</i>	Select USA or Canada then enter your zip code or the first 3 digits of your postal code. The scanner will select things to scan based on the zip code location.	
	<i>Set Manual Location</i>	Input your Latitude and Longitude for precise radio system selection. NOTE: If the location is manually set while receiving location data from GPS signals, the manually-entered location will replace the GPS location and the internal GPS will be disabled. To re-enable GPS, go to MENU/GPS/Set GPS Function; select Enable.	
	<i>Set Range</i>	Sets the range, in 0.5 mile increments, up to 50 miles; the scanner should look out from the set location to determine which radio systems to scan.	
	<i>Edit Location</i>	Scroll to create a new/select and edit a saved location. You can then select the appropriate menu item for what you want to change: <i>Edit Name</i> <i>Use Location</i> (sets your scanner to the stored settings) <i>Delete Location</i> <i>Set Location Information</i> (change the stored latitude and longitude) <i>Set Range</i>	
	<i>Save Location</i>	Saves your current location settings for quick recall. First, set the name for the location, then select the menu items to set the location: <i>Edit Name</i> <i>Use Location</i> (sets your scanner to the stored settings) <i>Delete Location</i> <i>Set Location Information</i> (change the stored latitude and longitude) <i>Set Range</i> (in 0.5 mile increments, up to 50 miles.)	
<i>Select Service Types</i>	The scanner displays a list of all service types. Scroll to a service type and press E/YES to toggle that service type on or off. Note that if no channels in the currently scanned database or favorites list(s) include a particular service type, that service type will have --- displayed instead of on or off. You cannot set that service type.		

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Srch/CloCall Opt	Freq Avoids	Stop All Avoiding	Removes avoid status from all frequencies.
		Rvw Search Avoids	Scroll to view search avoids. Press E/YES while on an avoided frequency to unavoids that frequency.
	Broadcast Screen	Set All Band On	Turns on all broadcast screens
		Set All Band Off	Turns off all broadcast screens
		Set Each Band	Scroll through the list of broadcast screens and press E/YES to turn a particular screen on or off. When a screen is turned on, the scanner will ignore any traffic found on a matching frequency during search or Close Call operation.
		Program Band	Scroll to an entry then enter the upper and lower limits of any frequency band you want to make a custom screen for.
	Repeater Find	On	Automatically switch to repeater output side when input side is detected.
		Off	Do not switch to repeater output side.
	Set Delay Time	-10 sec -5 sec 0 5 sec 10 sec . . 30 sec	Hold on the frequency the set amount of time after the transmission ends to wait for replies. Negative value forces search resume after set time, even if transmission continues.
	Set Attenuator	On	Apply 20dB attenuation to all reception.
		Off	Attenuation is off.
	Digital Waiting Time	Sets how long the scanner evaluates the received signal before opening squelch. (0 - 1000 ms in 100 ms increments.)	

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Search For...	Custom Search	Start a custom search. Use the 0-9 keys to turn on/off each search range.	
	Edit Custom	Select <i>Custom</i> , then:	
		<i>Edit Name</i>	Edit the name of the custom search
		<i>Edit Srch Limit</i>	Enter the upper and lower range frequencies.
		<i>Set Delay Time</i>	Set the delay after a transmission ends. See setting above for options.
		<i>Set Modulation</i>	Set the demodulation method to use for the range. AUTO uses default modes based on bands.
		<i>Set Attenuator</i>	Turn attenuation on or off for the search.
		<i>Set Step</i>	Set the step size for the search. AUTO uses standard steps based on the band being search.
		<i>Digital Waiting Time</i>	Sets how long the scanner evaluates the received signal before opening squelch.
		<i>Search with Scan</i>	Set Avoid option lets you stop avoiding (i.e. include the search during scan), temporarily avoid, or permanently avoid. Set Hold Time option determines how long the scanner spend in the custom search before resuming normal scanning.
	<i>Set Search Key</i>	Select the search key.	Then, set the function you want the search key to control.
	<i>Search with Scan</i>	<i>Set System Avoid</i>	Set to Temporary or Permanent to turn off search with scan.

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Close Call	Close Call Only	Turn off scanning/searching and only watch for Close Call hits.	
	Hits with Scan	Set Avoid	Set to Stop Avoiding to include Close Call hits while scanning.
		Set Hold Time	Set how long to scan Close Call hits during each scan cycle.
	Set CC Mode	Off	Close Call is turned off
		CC DND	Scanner checks for Close Call hits only when no other voice traffic is being received.
		CC Priority	Scanner checks for Close Call hits every 2 seconds, even if voice traffic is being received.
	Set CC Alert	Set Alert Tone	Scroll to select the alert tone to sound when there is a Close Call hit. Then, scroll to select the volume level for the alert (Auto uses the current volume setting).
		Set Alert Light	Scroll to select the color the alert indicator lights when there is a Close Call hit. Then scroll to select a blink pattern for the alert.
		Set CC Pause	Scroll to set how long the scanner displays the Close Call hit before resuming.
	Set CC Bands	Scroll to each band and press E/YES to toggle Close Call checks for that band on or off.	
Analyze	See <i>Using Analyze Features</i> on page 55.		
Discovery	See <i>Using Discovery Mode</i> on page 53.		

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
<i>Priority Scan</i>	<i>Set Priority</i>	<i>Off</i>	Conventional priority is turned off.
		<i>Priority DND</i>	Conventional priority be checked only when no other voice traffic is being received
		<i>Priority Scan</i>	Conventional priority will be checked on an interval, even if voice traffic is being received. Interval is set by setting, below.
	<i>Set Interval</i>	Select how often the scanner will check for traffic on conventional priority channels. Default is 2 seconds.	
	<i>Max Channels / Pri-Scan</i>	Sets the maximum number of conventional priority channels to check on each interval. (1-100)	
<i>WX Operation</i>	<i>Weather Scan</i>	The scanner goes into weather scan mode.	
	<i>Weather Alert</i>	Select how the scanner responds to weather alerts: <i>Alert Only</i> the scanner responds to any alert received when it detects the 1050 Hz alert tone <i>Named FIPS Code</i> the scanner only responds to an alert if it matches the selected stored SAME settings. <i>All FIPS</i> the scanner responds to any alert and displays the received event code.	
	<i>Review WX Alerts</i>	Select a past alert to hear the audio of the alert.	
	<i>Program SAME</i>	Select one of the SAME slots, then set a name and county for the slot. You will need to know the FIPS code for the county you want to enter. FIPS codes can be found on NOAA's web site.	
	<i>Set Delay Time</i>	Sets how long the scanner remains on a weather channel after the signal is lost before scanning weather channels.	
	<i>Set Attenuator</i>	Turns attenuation on/off for weather channels.	
	<i>WX Alt Priority</i>	When turned on, the scanner will check for a 1050Hz tone on the current weather channel every 5 seconds while scanning. Note that this interrupts any existing voice traffic.	

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
<i>Tone-Out-For</i>	<i>Tone-Out Standby</i>	Select this and the scanner will go into tone-out standby mode. Scroll to select the tone-out settings to use. If multiple settings use the same RF settings but different tone settings, all matching settings are used. No other function works while the scanner is in tone-out standby mode.	
	<i>Tone-Out Setup</i>	Scroll to select the tone-out settings you want to edit, then use the below menu items to change settings:	
		<i>Edit Name</i>	Set the alpha tag for the tone-out settings
		<i>Set Frequency</i>	Set the RF frequency, Modulation, and Attenuation settings.
		<i>Set Tone</i>	Set the values for Tone A and Tone B. For a single short tone, only set Tone A. For a single long tone, only set Tone B. To search for tones leave both settings at 0.
		<i>Set Delay Time</i>	Select how long the scanner waits after the carrier drops to return to tone-out standby mode.
		<i>Set Alert</i>	Set the tone and indicator color/pattern to use when a matching two-tone alert is received.

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
<i>Waterfall</i> See page 57 for Waterfall details.	<i>Start Waterfall</i>	Starts the last Waterfall session. CAUTION: If SPAN is selected above 2.88 MHz, use HOLD to listen to audio.	
	<i>Start Preset Waterfall</i>	Air Band CB Radio FM Broadcast FMR GMRS HAM Radio (various Marine band wavelengths) Racing (2 choices) Railroad NOAA Weather	Select and start a Waterfall session for a pre-defined band.
	<i>Start Custom Waterfall</i>	Start specific WF custom band (0 - 9)	Select and start a Waterfall session with one of 10 user-defined (and named) bands.
	<i>Program WF Custom Band</i>	Edit Name Set Center Frequency Set Modulation Set Step Set Span	Set up and define up to 10 custom bands.
	<i>Edit Current</i>	<i>Set Center Frequency</i>	Set initial center frequency for starting WF. When WF begins, it will use this frequency to start.
		<i>Set Modulation</i>	Auto AM NFM FM WFM FMB
		<i>Set Step</i>	Auto 2.5 kHz - 100 kHz
		<i>Set Span</i> CAUTION: If SPAN is selected above 2.88 MHz, use HOLD to listen to audio.	360 kHz - 17.28 MHz

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Waterfall (Cont.)	Set Signal (FFT) Display	FFT: 25% / WF: 75% FFT: 50% / WF: 50% (Default) FFT: 75% / WF: 25% FFT: 100%	Set the amount of screen space dedicated to each display type (FFT or Waterfall).
	Set Signal (FFT) Type	Line: Default; Displays signal strength levels as one continuous plot line. Bar: Displays signal strength levels as solidly-filled bars.	Set method used to represent FFT signals.
	Set Max Hold	On Off	When turned ON, the peak signal level is retained and automatically updated when a stronger signal is received.
	Set Max Hold Time	3 sec 10 sec Infinite (Default)	Set the amount of time the display is held when the user presses HOLD . For example, if set to 3 seconds, the peak value will be held for 3 seconds and then cleared every 3 seconds.
	Set Marker	Marker Position	Position Adjustable. The center frequency displayed on the screen remains fixed. Rotate the knob to move the marker relative to the fixed center frequency. Fixed in Center Screen. The marker position is fixed at the center. When the rotary knob is turned, the center frequency changes accordingly.
		Set Marker Width	Narrow Default Wide

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Waterfall (Cont.)	Set Color	Set WF Level 1 (Weak) - Level 5 (Strong) Set Marker Color Demo Screen Reset to Default Colors	Customize color changes based on signal strength. After configuring the settings, check the results on the sample screen that displays.
GPS	See GPS Information	Displays GPS signal status. While satellites are being acquired, the signal bars are outlined in white. Once the satellites are acquired and location data is being received, the signal bars are filled in. At least 3 signal bars must be filled in to display location information. NOTE: When GPS is enabled and location is acquired, the GPS icon background color disappears.	
	See Satellite Signal		Satellites from which data is being acquired are shown with white bars while others are only being tracked. NOTE: Wait until there are at least 3 white bars to obtain location information.
	Location Format	DMS:DDD°MM'SS.ss DEG:DDD.dddddd	
	Set GPS Function	Enable Disable	NOTE: When location information is not required, disabling GPS can slightly reduce power consumption.

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Display Options	Backlight Options	Set Timer	After setting the mode (Squelch or Keypress), sets how long the SDS150 remains in that mode.
		Set Dimmer	Set the backlight brightness level (default 40%)
		Set Key Backlight	Enable: turns on/off w/ the display backlight; Disable: Always off.
		Flash w/Backlight Off	Turn on to have the alert indicator blink every 5 seconds when the display backlight is off (so you can tell the scanner is on).
		External Power	Backlight On = Always turn on backlight when external power is present. Backlight Off = Follow backlight settings when external power is present.
	Customize	See <i>Customizing the Display</i> on page 48.	
	Set ID Format (P25/Mot)	Select to display Motorola/P25 Talk Group IDs in Decimal or Hex format.	
	Set ID Format (EDACS)	Select to display EDACS Talk Group IDs in Decimal or Hex format.	
	Set Scan Display Mode	Select Simple or Detailed mode.	
	Set B/W or Color Mode	Set the display color mode: Color for full color display, or Black with White Text or White with Black text for black and white modes (which are easier to see under direct sunlight).	

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Settings	Adjust Key Beep	Rotate to set the key beep volume. AUTO sets the level to match the current volume setting.	
	Set Clock	Follow the menus to set the date, time, time zone, and daylight savings time. NOTE: If the date and time are manually changed during a GPS update, the scanner will be overwritten by the information provided by the GPS after a short time.	
	Upgrade	Use to enter a registration key for upgrade options.	
	Battery Options	Set Battery Save	Turn on to reduce power use during conventional hold mode.
		Set Battery Low	Follow the menus to set the battery alert display type and tone and the low-battery voltage.
	Site NAC Operations	Set the SDS150 to use or ignore Site NAC.	
	Band Defaults	Select a frequency band then follow the menu to set the default modulation and step for each band.	
	Auto Shutoff	Select how long the scanner will operate before automatically turning off. Set to off to disable this function.	
	Bluetooth Options	Set Bluetooth Function See page 61 for details.	Enable: Turn on Bluetooth. Disable: Turn off Bluetooth. NOTE: Disabling Bluetooth will slightly extend battery life.
		Edit Bluetooth Name	Change Bluetooth name. This is what displays on the device you are trying to connect to.
		Pairing	Initiates pairing with a Bluetooth low energy-compatible device.
		Reset Pairings	Cancels existing pairing with a connected Bluetooth device.

Main Menu	Sub Menu	Setting or Sub-sub menu	Setting
Settings (Cont.)	Headphone L/R output NOTE: Select according to your usage environment and preferences.	In Phase - Both the Headphone L and R terminals output a mono audio signal with the same phase.	
		Invert Phase - Headphone L and R terminals separately output a mono audio signal with an inverted phase.	
	Replay Options	Set Replay Duration	Set how much audio is included in the replay buffer.
		Review Recordings	Scroll to a recording session and select to play, delete, or rename a recording session.
	Restore Options	Clear User Data	Delete all Favorites Lists and user settings. NOTE: The upgrade keys will not be erased.
		Reset User Settings	Clear user settings w/o affecting Favorites Lists. NOTE: The upgrade keys will not be erased.
	See Scanner Information	% Memory Used	Displays the remaining capacity of the microSD card.
		Firmware Version	Displays the firmware version and Electronic Serial number of the scanner.

MANAGING FAVORITES LISTS

Favorites Lists hold all your custom Systems, Sites, Departments, and Channels. Certain system, department, and channel options are only available for specific types of systems. Each option is tagged with the type(s) it applies to as follows:

- **P** – APCO Project 25
- **M** – Motorola
- **D** – DMR (Optional mode)
- **N** – NXDN (Optional mode)
- **E** – EDACS
- **L** – LTR
- **C** – Conventional

NOTE: Favorite channels can be set up more easily by using Sentinel software. (See *SENTINEL SOFTWARE*, Page 14.)

NEW FAVORITES LIST/ FAVORITES LIST OPTIONS

Press **MENU** then scroll to *Manage Favorites* and press **E/YES**.

To *Create a New Favorites List*, scroll to *New Favorites List* and press **E/YES**. To *Edit a Favorites List*, scroll to the *Favorites List* and press **E/YES**.

Scroll to the options below and press **E/YES**.

Review/Edit System – See Programming Systems on page 43.

Set FL Quick Key – This assigns a quick key to the *Favorites List*. The default setting is. **(no quick key)**. If you don't assign a *Favorite Lists* to a quick key, it will always be scanned unless you turn it off in *Select Lists to Monitor*.

Scroll to the quick key (**0-99** or **.** FOR NO QUICK KEY) and press **E/YES** to save.

Pressing the first number of a 2-digit quick key will get you closer, 1 for 10, 2 for 20, etc., then scroll to second digit.

Set FL Number Tag – Numbers a Favorites List so you can access it quickly from scan hold mode.

Enter the number tag (**0-99**) and press **E/YES** to save. Enter a blank for no number tag. (Default = no number tag)

Set FL Startup Key – This allows you to turn on the scanner with the *Favorites List* enabled for scan. The default settings are all keys *Off*.

Scroll to the startup key (**0-9**) and press **E/YES** to enable then **MENU** to save.

Use Location Control – This enables *Location Control* for the *Favorites List*. (Default = Off)

Review Avoids – This allows you to review all *Avoids* for the *Favorites List*. *Temporary Avoids* appear reversed in the display - **AVOID**.

Scroll to each *Avoided channel*, *Department*, or *System*, and press **E/YES** to *Stop Avoiding*.

Stop All Avoiding – This will Stop Avoiding all Channels, Departments, and Systems in the *Favorites List*.

At *Confirm Delete*? Press **E/YES** or **.NO**.

Add Current dB Channels – This allows you to add all channels you are currently scanning to the *Favorites List*.

At Confirm? Press **E/YES** or **.NO**.

NOTES:

- Any Avoided Channel will not be added.
- When adding channels from the Full Database, only channels that are inside the set range, and from the selected Service Types are added.
- When adding channels from a *Favorites List* that has *Use Location Control* is set to *Yes*, only channels that are inside the set range, and from the selected service types are added.
- When adding channels from a *Favorites List* that has *Use Location Control* set to *No*, only channels that are from the selected service types are added.

Rename – This allows you to rename the *Favorites List*.

Delete – This will delete the *Favorites List*.

At Confirm Delete? Press **E/YES** or **.NO**.

Information – This will show you the file size and number of Systems in the list.

PROGRAMMING SYSTEMS

CREATING OR EDITING A SYSTEM

1. Press **MENU** then scroll to *Manage Favorites* and press **E/YES**. Scroll to the *Favorites List* you want the system to go into, then press **E/YES**.
2. Scroll to *Review/Edit System* and press **E/YES**.
3. To *Create a New System*, scroll to *New System* and press **E/YES**.

Set the type system you are creating by scrolling to P25 Trunk, P25 X2-TDMA, P25 One Frequency, Motorola, MotoTRBO Trunk (optional), DMR One Frequency (optional), NXDN Trunk (optional), NXDN One Frequency (optional). EDACS, LTR, or Conventional and press **E/YES**. At *Confirm?* press **E/YES** or **.NO**.

To *Edit System Settings*, scroll to the *System* and press **E/YES**.

SYSTEM SETTINGS

NOTE: Some settings are only available for specific types of systems.

NOTE: DMR and NXDN modes are optional upgrades.

Edit Name – Enter a name for the system then press **E/YES**.

Edit Sys Option – Refer to the following table for system options settings.

Setting	Description	Applicable Systems
<i>Set System Quick Key</i>	Sets a quick key to enable/disable the system	PMDNELC
<i>Set System Number Tag</i>	Sets a tag to quickly jump to the system.	PMDNELC
<i>Set Avoid</i>	Set the avoid status for the system	PMDNELC

Setting	Description	Applicable Systems
<i>Set Hold Time</i>	How long to scan the system before moving to the next system. Default of 0 scans entire system once, then moves on.	PMDNELC
<i>ID Search</i>	Toggles between ID Search mode (stop on all unavaoided channels) and ID Scan (stop only on programmed channels) mode.	PMDNEL
<i>Edit Fleet Map</i>	Sets the fleet map for the system.	M
<i>Priority ID Scan</i>	Sets the system to apply trunked channel priority for the system.	PMDNEL
<i>Set Status Bit</i>	Sets whether to ignore the talk group status bit (default is ignore).	M
<i>Set End Code</i>	Set whether to ignore the end code sent when a scanner unkeys (default is to not ignore).	M
<i>Emergency Alert</i>	Sets the alert sound and alert indicator when the scanner receives an emergency status from the system.	MDNE
<i>Set TGID Format</i>	Sets the format used to enter/display talk group IDs.	N
<i>Review ID Avoids</i>	Lets you review and remove avoids from talk group IDS	PMDNEL
<i>Clear all ID Avoids</i>	Removes avoid status for all system talk groups.	PMDNEL

Edit Site **PMDNEL** – Programs one or more site's frequencies and site options for trunked systems. Select the site or New Site for a new site, then refer to the following table for site options.

Option	Description	Applicable Systems
<i>Edit Name</i>	Set/change the name displayed for the site.	PMDNEL
<i>Set Site Quick Key</i>	Set the quick key for the site.	PMDNEL
<i>Edit Band Plan</i>	Set the band plan to be used for the system	PM
<i>Set Site Type</i>	Set whether the site is Wide or Narrow type.	E
<i>Set Frequencies</i>	Set the frequencies used by the site. For system types that also require an LCN, the LCN is also entered here.	PMDNEL
<i>Set Modulation</i>	Set what modulation method is used for the site frequencies.	MDNEL

Option	Description	Applicable Systems
<i>Set Attenuator</i>	Set whether attenuation is applied for the site.	PMDNEL
<i>Set Avoid</i>	Set the avoid status for the site.	PMDNEL
<i>Set Control Channel Type</i>	Set control channel type: - FDMA - TDMA	P
<i>Set P25 NAC Option</i>	Search or Set P25 NAC (HEX)	P
<i>Set Location Information</i>	Select whether to use a circle or rectangles to define the site location, then enter the appropriate parameters to define the site location.	PMDNEL
<i>Digital Waiting Time</i>	Sets how long the scanner monitors a channel for digital signals before opening squelch. Default is 400 mS.	C
<i>Delete Site</i>	Delete the site from the system.	PMDNEL
<i>New Site</i>	Create a new site for the system.	PMDNEL

Edit Department – Create/Edit departments which hold the channels scanned on the system.

Select a department or select *New Department* and set a name for the department. Then, see the following table for department options.

Setting	Description	Applicable Systems
<i>Edit Name</i>	Edit the name displayed when the department is scanned.	PMDNELC
<i>Set Department Quick Key</i>	Set/change the quick key used for the department	PMDNELC
<i>Edit Channel</i>	Enter the TGIDs or Frequencies for the department. See Channel Options, below	PMDNELC
<i>Set Location Information</i>	Select whether to use a circle or rectangles to define the department location, then enter the appropriate parameters to define the department location.	PMDNELC
<i>Set Avoid</i>	Set/change the avoid status for the department	PMDNELC
<i>Delete Department</i>	Delete the department and all its channels	PMDNELC
<i>New Department</i>	Create a new department	PMDNELC

Channel Options

After you enter the *Talk Group ID* (for trunked systems) or frequency (for conventional systems), the following channel options are available.

Setting	Description	Applicable Systems
<i>Edit Name</i>	Assign a name that is displayed for the channel while scanning	PMDNELC
<i>Edit TGID</i>	Edit the talk group ID set for the channel	PMDNEL
<i>Set TDMA Slot</i>	Set the slot used by the channel.	D
<i>Edit Frequency</i>	Edit the frequency used by the channel.	C
<i>Set Audio Type</i>	Set whether the channel is analog or digital.	MC
<i>Set Channel Number Tag</i>	Assign a channel number tag for quick channel navigation.	PMDNELC
<i>Set Modulation</i>	Set the modulation method used for the channel	C
<i>Set Attenuation</i>	Set whether the channel is RF attenuated	C
<i>Set Service Type</i>	Set the service type for the channel.	PMDNELC
<i>Set Delay Time</i>	Set how long the scanner holds on the channel after a transmission stops while waiting for a reply. Default is 2 seconds.	PMDNELC
<i>Set Priority</i>	Set whether the channel is a priority channel.	PMDNELC
<i>Set Alert</i>	Set the audio/indicator alert to use when the channel becomes active.	PMDNELC
<i>Set Avoid</i>	Set whether the channel is avoided or not.	PMDNELC
<i>Volume Offset</i>	Set a volume offset for the channel.	PMDNELC
<i>Delete Channel</i>	Delete the channel.	PMDNELC
<i>New Channel</i>	Create a new channel.	PMDNELC

Edit Unit ID PMDNE – Unit ID must be set to *On* in the *Display Options* menu to view Unit IDs. Select a *Unit ID* or *New Unit ID*, then press **E/YES**.

If you selected *New Unit ID*, enter the Unit ID and press **E/YES**. Then, set the following options:

Edit Name – Set the name to be displayed for the Unit ID.

Edit Unit ID – Edit the Unit ID Number.

Set Alert – Set an alert that will activate when the Unit ID is received.

- **Set Alert Tone** – Alert 1-9 or Off.
- **Set Level Level** – 1-15 or Auto (the master volume level).

- **Set Alert Light** – Off, Blue, Red, Magenta, Green, Cyan, Yellow, or White.
- **Set Alert Pattern** – On, Slow Blink, or Fast Blink.

Delete Unit ID – At *Confirm Delete?*, press **E/YES** or **./NO**.

Copy System – Copying a system will copy all Sites, Departments, Channels, and settings including quick key assignments into the current *Favorites List*.

Delete System – At *Confirm Delete?*, press **E/YES** or **./NO**.

CUSTOMIZING THE DISPLAY

The SDS150 gives you considerable control over what items are shown on the display as well as what colors are used for each item.

To customize the display, select **MENU/Display Options/Customize** then select the display you want to customize:

- *Set Simple Conventional*
- *Set Simple Trunk*
- *Set Detail Conventional*
- *Set Detail Trunk*
- *Set Search/CC Mode*
- *Set Weather Mode*
- *Set Tone Out Mode*
- *Restore Settings*

NOTES:

- During scan you can switch between Simple and Detail display modes by holding on a channel and pressing **F+DISP**.
- During most modes you can switch between color, black on white, and white on black modes by pressing **F** then holding **DISP** for 3 seconds. Black and white modes provide better visibility under direct sunlight.
- Some display modes or display fields only allow you to change the colors.
- Trunking/Conventional modes share the same display field colors, but each scan mode can display different data items.
- Every possible data item cannot fit into all the different display fields.

After selecting the display mode to customize, the scanner displays a sample display in the mode you selected. Rotate the scroll to highlight the area you want to modify, then press the appropriate soft key for the attribute you want to change:

- **Item**: Change the item displayed in the field.
- **T-Color**: Change the text color for the field.
- **B-Color**: Change the background color for the field

When you select one of the above, the display will switch to showing the available options. Select the option to use, then press **E/YES** to return to the sample display.

The customizable fields are shown in the following images. The areas shaded darker in these images can only have text/background color changed. The displayed item cannot be changed.

Restore Settings allows you to restore all screens all at once or individual screens one at a time.

SIMPLE DISPLAY MODE

Conventional and Trunked modes share the same color scheme, but different display items are available for each mode.

Func	Option_1	Option_2	Option_3	Option_4	Sig	Batt			
	Option_5	Option_6	Option_7	Option_8	Key	DIR			
System Name (24char x 2)									
System Option (22)					Sys Avoid	Sys Hold			
Department Name (24x2)									
Department Option (22)					Dept Avoid	Dept Hold			
Channel Name (24x2)									
Channel Option (22)					Chan Avoid	Chan Hold			
Option A				Option B					
ICON1	ICON2	ICON3	ICON4	ICON5	ICON6	ICON7	ICON8	ICON9	ICONA
Soft Key 1(9+1)			Soft Key 2(10)			Soft Key 3(9+1)			

DETAIL DISPLAY MODE

Func	Option_1	Option_2	Option_3	Option_4	Sig	Batt			
Info area 1			Option_7	Option_8	Key	DIR			
Info area 2				Option_C_1					
Info area 3				Option_C_2					
System Name									
System Option (22)					System Avoid	System Hold			
Department Name (24x1)									
Department Option (22)					Dept Avoid	Dept Hold			
Channel Name (24x1)									
Channel Option (22)					Chan Avoid	Chan Hold			
Option_A_1			Option_B_1						
Option_A_2			Option_B_2						
Option_A_3			Option_B_3						
Option_A_4			Option_B_4						
Option_A_5			Option_B_5						
ICON1	ICON2	ICON3	ICON4	ICON5	ICON6	ICON7	ICON8	ICON9	ICONA
Soft Key 1(9+1)			Soft Key 2(10)			Soft Key 3(9+1)			

SEARCH/TONE-OUT/WEATHER MODE

You can individually set colors for Search/Close Call mode, Weather Mode, and Tone-Out mode, but they share the same general layout. You can only set display option items for Search mode.

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AVAILABLE ITEMS

The following tables outline what display items are available. Note that not all items are possible for all display fields.

Item	Sample	Huge 22	Large 16/14	Short 5 Char
Favorites List Name		O	O	-
Site Name		O	O	-
Unit ID Name		O	O	-
Frequency	xxxx.xxxxMHz	O	O	-
TGID	TGID:xxxxxxx	O	O	-
RSSI	RSSI:x.xxV	-	O	-
System type	DMR One Frequency	O	O	-
System/Network ID	Net ID : xxxx	O	O	-
	Sys ID : xxxx			
Site ID	Site ID : xxxx	O	O	-
Unit ID	UID : 12345678	O	O	-
LCN	LCN:4096		O	-
Number Tag	Tag:FF-SS-CC	O	O	-
Volume/Squelch	VOL=15 SQL=15	O	O	-

Item	Sample	Huge 22	Large 16/14	Short 5 Char
Volume	V:15	-	-	O
Squelch	S:15	-	-	O
Battery voltage	Batt:x.xxV		O	-
Digital Error count	Err:xx		O	-
CTCSS/DCS/NAC	DCS021		O	
Latitude	-97.0483		O	
Longitude	104.8292		O	
Noise	282		O	
RF Sub System (RFSS) ID	210h		O	
RSSI Graph			O	
Service Type	Law Talk		O	
Attenuator	G-ATT	-	-	O
Site Name	Simulcast		O	
USB vbus voltage	4.75		O	
Volume & Squelch	V:9 S:3		O	
WACN	12		O	
P25 Status	P25-2	-	-	O
Date	mm/dd	-	-	O
Time	xx:xx	-	-	O
Modulation	NFM	-	-	O
Broadcast Screen	SCR			O
Close Call	CC (icon)			O
Digital Status	P25			O
IF eXchange	IFX			O
P-Channel				O
Priority Scan	PRI			O
REC	REC			O
Repeater Find	REP			O
TDMA Slot	0		O	O
Volume Offset	V+1			O
WX Priority	WX			O
Bluetooth				O
GPS	GPS/ 			O

Item	Sample	Huge 22	Large 16/14	Short 5 Char
Battery Current	Batt >> 734mA / Batt << 84mA		O	
Battery Temperature	BattTemp: 90° F		O	

Icon Area

Item	Sample
Priority Scan	PRI
Close Call	CC (icon)
WX Priority	WX
REC	REC
IF eXchange	IFX
GPS	GPS
Broadcast Screen	SCR
Repeater Find	REF
Volume Offset	V+x
Modulation	NFM
P-Channel	P
Bluetooth	

USING DISCOVERY MODE

Trunking Discovery mode allows you to monitor a trunked radio system, log system activity, and record the audio for channel identification.

Conventional Discovery mode lets you monitor a range of frequencies, log frequencies with activity, and recording the audio for frequencies that are not already known to be in use in your area so that you can more easily identify the users. This includes frequencies used conventionally as well as in trunked radio systems.

In both modes, you also have the option to compare hits to the Database, log all hits, or only log new hits.

If you use the *Auto Store* option, Discovery will create a new Trunking System for IDs found for each Session or will create a new Conventional System for frequencies found for each Session.

You can create and save several sessions with different settings. Every time you start a session you create a Run that can later be reviewed in the scanner or the Sentinel software.

RUNNING A DISCOVERY SESSION

To start a discovery session:

Press **MENU/Discovery** then select either *Trunking Discovery* or *Conventional Discovery*.

Select either *New Session* or an existing session. If you select *New Session*, you will be prompted to name the session.

If you selected *Trunking Discovery* and this is a new session, you will be prompted to select the trunked system and site to perform discovery on. In order to run trunking discovery, the trunked system and site must be available for scanning (i.e. in an active *Favorites List* or within the defined location of the *Main Database*). Select the system and the site.

Refer to the following table for Discover options.

Menu Item	Description
<i>Start Discovery</i>	Start a discovery session using the currently set parameters.
<i>Edit Session Name</i>	Edit the name of the selected session.
<i>Set Limit Frequencies</i> (Conventional Discovery Only)	Set the upper and lower limits of the frequency range you want to run a Discovery session on.
<i>Set Modulation</i> (Conventional Discovery Only)	Set the demodulation method to use. If set to <i>AUTO</i> (default), the scanner will use the default demodulation method for the frequency.
<i>Set Step</i> (Conventional Discovery Only)	Set the frequency step size for the session. If set to <i>AUTO</i> (default), the scanner uses the default frequency step for the frequency.
<i>Set Delay</i>	Sets how long the scanner pauses after a transmission waiting for a reply.
<i>Set Logging</i>	<i>ALL</i> for all hits; <i>NEW</i> for only items that are not yet discovered in this session.
<i>Set Compare to Database</i>	<i>On</i> compares hits to database and ignores the hit if it is already in the database. <i>Off</i> records all hits.

Menu Item	Description
<i>Set Record Duration</i>	Sets how much audio the scanner records for each hit. Once the record duration has been met, the frequency or TGID is considered "discovered."
<i>Set Time-Out Timer</i>	Sets how long the scanner will monitor a hit before automatically resuming scan. This prevents open carriers from locking up the discovery session.
<i>System Information (Trunking Only)</i>	Displays the Favorites List, system and site used, as well as the type of trunking system.
<i>Set Auto Store</i>	When on, creates a Favorites List called Conventional Discovery or Trunking Discovery and saves all hits as channels.
<i>Delete Session</i>	Deletes the discovery session, including all hits.
<i>Change System</i>	Enter the system name to change to.

REVIEWING A DISCOVERY SESSION

In Review Discovery mode, you can review the results of discovery mode runs, resume runs, or restart saved discovery sessions.

1. Press **MENU/Discover/Review Discovery**
2. Select either *Trunk Discovery Results* or *Conv Discovery Results* (Conventional).
3. Scroll to select the results to review.

Refer to the following table for review options:

Option	Description
<i>Review Run Results</i>	Select <i>Summary</i> to list by each frequency or talk group id; select <i>Detail</i> to list by each individual hit.
<i>Restart this Run</i>	Deletes existing log files for this session and starts a new session with the same settings.
<i>Resume this Run</i>	Keeps existing log files and resumes the session.
<i>Delete this Run</i>	Deletes the run and all log files for the run.
<i>Run Information</i>	Displays information about the settings used for the Discovery session.

USING ANALYZE FEATURES

The SDS150 includes some analysis features that can help you find out more information about systems you are scanning.

SYSTEM STATUS

This function displays the signal strength, decode quality, and how busy the system is in an easy-to-decipher display.

To use this function:

MENU/Analyze/System Status

The scanner prompts for a trunked system to analyze. In order to be analyzed, the system must currently be scannable (in an active *Favorites List* or *Main Database* and within the range set for scanning).

Enter the first few letters of the system name, then press **E/YES** to see a list of all matching systems. Scroll to the desired system, then press **E/YES**. A list of scannable sites for the system is shown. Scroll to the desired site, then press **E/YES**. *System Status* mode starts.

- S=Signal Strength
- Q=Decode Quality
- A=System Activity

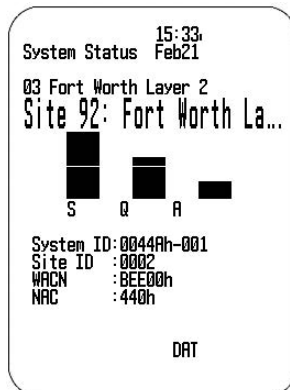
LCN FINDER

LCN Finder helps you determine the correct LCN (Logical Channel Number) settings for those systems requiring LCN entry. You first need to create the system. Use any number as the LCN when you create the system, then run the LCN Finder by:

MENU/Analyze/LCN Finder

The scanner prompts for a trunked system. For LCN Finder to run, the system must currently be scannable (in an active *Favorites List* or *Main Database* and within the range set for scanning), and must be a type that requires LCN (EDACS, LTR, MotoTRBO, DMR TIII, or NXDN).

Enter the first few letters of the system name, then press **E/YES** to see a list of all matching systems. Scroll to the desired system, then press **E/YES**. A list of scannable sites for the system is shown. Scroll to the desired site, then press **E/YES**. LCN Finder mode starts.



Once all LCNs are found, you can save the LCNs to the system. If you abort before all LCNs are found, you can still save the LCNs that were found up to that point.

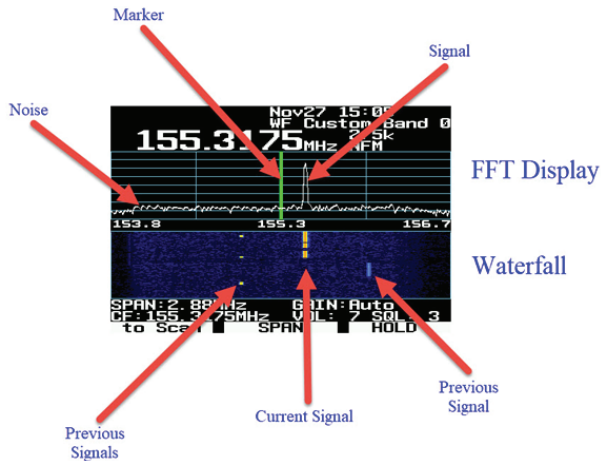
Note that LCN finder works best on systems with moderate activity. Too much or too little traffic makes LCN finder take longer to complete for most systems.

WATERFALL

The Waterfall feature graphically displays current radio transmissions of a user-selectable span and band. It shows how active the span/band is and lets you navigate and listen to it. All transmissions in the span display at the same time and it is possible to see relationships between transmissions. For example, you might be able to match a repeater input frequency with a repeater output frequency, or see simultaneous repeater transmissions across multiple frequencies. Signal strength can also provide information about the transmissions, such as how near or far away the transmitters are. These observations can provide a quick overview of unfamiliar radio systems or new locations.

UNDERSTANDING THE WATERFALL DISPLAY

In the Waterfall function, the scanner's display is divided into two panes. The upper pane is the FFT (Fast Fourier Transform, an algorithm that converts a signal to a frequency display) display and the lower pane is the Waterfall display.



FFT Display

The FFT display shows a real-time graph of the radio signal strength and the background RF noise. Grid lines on the horizontal axis depict frequencies, and grid lines on the vertical axis depict signal strength levels.

Marker

The Marker is a vertical line in the center of the graph (default color = green). This line represents the frequency that the scanner is currently tuned to.

Change the current frequency by entering a new frequency with the keypad and pressing **E/YES** or by turning the multifunction knob.

When using the knob, the frequency changes by the current value of the Step with each knob click. This works well for small frequency changes but is probably too slow to move to a more distant active frequency. If you press **FUNCTION** before turning the knob, the frequency will change by a much larger amount, allowing you to quickly move to the area of the more distant

frequency. When you get closer to the desired frequency, press **FUNCTION** again to revert to movement by Steps to fine tune to the exact desired frequency. You can also quickly move the marker back to the center by pressing **MENU** twice.

To Quick Save a frequency, press **E/YES** (Enter).

When the user changes the current frequency, depending on the *Set Marker/Marker Position* menu setting, the Marker will either move (Default = Position Adjustable) or will remain centered in the display (Fixed in Center Screen).

In the Position Adjustable mode, the marker moves (and the receive frequency changes) but the lower and upper limits of the span remain fixed.

In the Fixed in Center Screen mode, when you change the receive frequency, the marker remains in the center but the span shifts accordingly, so the lower and upper span limits change.

Other Information Displayed

The area above the FFT graph displays the following information:

Line 1	Data about transmission being received (for example, P25)	Current Date (month and day) Current Time (hours and minutes)
Line 2	Name of Band being received	Pre-programmed band User-defined band
Line 3	Current frequency being received in large numbers	Step size Modulation Type

Waterfall Display

The Waterfall display is a continuous display of transmissions and noise levels. It shows you a rolling 10-second window of activity. The most current, most recent observation is at the top and the oldest observation is at the bottom. Because the Waterfall display color-codes the strength of signals or noise received and because observations move downward in time, the display resembles a waterfall, and hence this feature's name.

Transmissions appear as lines whose lengths reflect the length of the transmissions. Signal strengths are shown by the color of the lines. Each color represents a particular range of signal strength and there are 5 signal ranges and 5 colors. The feature's default colors are adequate for most purposes, but the user can customize them.

Other Information Displayed

Line 1	Span size Current Gain setting	
Line 2	Current frequency the scanner is tuned to	Current volume setting Current squelch setting

Soft Keys

Mode	Soft Key 1	Soft Key 2	Soft Key 3
Default	To Scan	Span	Hold
	The scanner exits the Waterfall feature and resumes scanning.	Changes the value of the frequency span of the band being observed. IMPORTANT: At span size settings above 2.88 MHz, the scanner cannot receive a transmission unless the Hold soft key is pressed first.	Freezes the display, allowing the user to tune to a frequency before the displayed transmission disappears from the display. User can unfreeze the display by pressing any key again (Sweep).
Function key pressed	Step	Max Hold	MC > CF
	Change the value of the frequency step size or select Auto. Each time this key is pressed, the step value changes.	Signals shown in the FFT display will remain after transmission ends so you can observe all peaks over a period of time. Pressing the FUNCTION key and this key again returns the display to real-time mode.	Moves the Marker (and Frequency being received) to the display's Center frequency,

Adjusting Display Screen Space Allocation

While the Waterfall feature is running, you can conveniently change the amount of screen space dedicated to each type of display (FFT and Waterfall) by pressing **FUNCTION** followed by the **9 DISP** key on the keypad. To return to the Waterfall, simply press **E/YES** after making your selection.

Options are:

- FFT: 25% / WF: 75%
- FFT: 50% / WF: 50%
- FFT: 75% / WF: 25%
- FFT: 100%

SEARCH KEY ASSIGNMENT

You can also add the Waterfall function to one of the three search keys (numbers 1 - 3) on the keypad. These are labeled SRCH1, SRCH2, and SRCH3. To do this, go to **MENU/Search for/Set Search Key/Search Key n (n = 1 - 3)/Waterfall**.

When Waterfall is assigned to a search key, you can start the Waterfall feature when the scanner is held on a channel. Press **FUNCTION** and the **SRCHN** key assigned to Waterfall.

RF GAIN

The scanner's RF Gain defaults to *Automatic*. This setting is preferred and adequate in most cases. Adjust RF gain by selecting one of 16 available gain levels (0 through 15) or Auto.

In an area with nothing but weak signals, increase the RF gain to receive more signals. In an area with very strong signals, decrease the RF gain to compensate. Be aware that changing

the gain simultaneously affects both the strength of the background noise as well as the signals themselves.

NOTE: If you increase the gain too much in a strong signal or noisy environment, the display will saturate and distort, making it impossible to obtain accurate information.

To change the RF Gain setting, press **FUNCTION** and press the zero ("0") key on the keypad, labeled **0 LVL**. Turn the multifunction knob to change the setting.

START WATERFALL

- 1. Press **MENU**; the Main Menu displays.
- 2. Turn the multifunction knob until *Waterfall* displays and is highlighted in the list. Press the multifunction knob or **E/YES**. The Waterfall menu options display. (See page 36 for a complete list of Waterfall menus.)
- 3. Select one of the following Waterfall submenus to begin:

Submenu	Starts Waterfall Using:
Start Waterfall	Current Settings. Using a user-defined default band and settings.
Start Preset Waterfall	One of several named bands and settings that Uniden defines for you.
Start Custom Waterfall	One of several named bands and settings that you define.

USING BLUETOOTH® LOW ENERGY

Install the “Uniden U/AWARE” app on a Bluetooth low energy-compatible device to wirelessly operate the SDS150 scanner.

NOTE: Direct connection to Bluetooth audio devices is not supported. Audio received via radio is supported only through the app. Listen to received audio through the app.

INITIAL SETUP

1. Press **MENU** and select *Setting*.
2. Select *Bluetooth Options*.
3. Select *Set Bluetooth Function* to enable Bluetooth functions.

NOTE: Turn this off when not in use to conserve power.

4. Set the name entered for your device during pairing under *Edit Bluetooth Name*.
 - The name may be up to 7 characters.
 - The model name “SDS150” will be automatically added before the name.
 - The default name consists of the last 7 digits of the scanner’s serial number (Example: SDS150:2000009).
 - Press **E/YES** with a blank input will restore the default name.

PAIRING

Pairing and connection to the SDS150 must be done through the U/AWARE app. Be sure to turn on Bluetooth on the device you want to connect to.

NOTE: Pairing and connection are only available when Set Bluetooth Function is set to Enabled.

1. Select **MENU/Setting/Bluetooth Options/Pairing** to begin the SDS150 pairing process.
2. Launch the U/AWARE app on your device after enabling Bluetooth on both your device and the SDS150.
3. Press **DEVICE SEARCH** in the app. The SDS150, which is waiting to connect, will appear on the app’s Device List.
4. Select the SDS150 you wish to connect to; the pairing process begins.

NOTE: Up to 10 previously paired SDS150 names display with the most recent listed first. The oldest name drops off if a new name is added.

5. *Bluetooth Pairing Completed* displays when connection is completed. Press any key on the SDS150 to exit the menus.
6. The U/AWARE app automatically reconnects at the next launch.

NOTE: Be sure the SDS150 Bluetooth function is set to Enable before trying to connect.

NOTE: If pairing is unsuccessful, delete the pairing information from the Bluetooth settings in both the connecting device and the SDS150. After deleting the pairing information, try pairing again.

RESET PAIRINGS

All pairing data (pairing keys) stored in the SDS150 will be deleted. Delete U/AWARE app memory from the connected device.

APPENDIX

TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Solution
Scan Mode, Nothing to Scan	• Make sure you Set Your Location to scan the Database. • Make sure Favorites Lists are enabled in Set Scan Selection. • Make sure Service Types are enabled for the Channels you want to hear. • Make sure you have locations programed if Use Location Control is On. • Make sure longitude and latitude are N and W (for N America). • Make sure Systems/Departments/Channels are not Avoided. • Make sure Favorites List/System/Department/Site quick key is enabled. • (Search with Scan) Make sure Search with Scan is enabled in Select Lists to Monitor and the Search for Menu and for the Custom Search.
Scanning Interrupted Every Few Seconds	• Turn off Priority Scan. • Change Priority Interval. • Turn off Close Call Priority. • Turn off Weather Priority. • Set Channel Delay longer. • Set positive Channel Delay.
All Channels Out of Range	• Increase your range. • Change your location. • Turn Location Control off for the Favorites List.
No FM radio signals are received when searching the FM broadcast band	When searching FM Radio Band frequencies (87.5MHz – 108.0MHz), set FM to Off via MENU/Srch/CloCall Opt/Broadcast Screen/Set Each Band/FM. NOTE: If left Off, strong local FM broadcasts may interfere when Close Call is turned ON. It is recommended to turn FM back ON.

DEFAULT BAND SETTINGS

Frequency Range		Mode	Step (kHz)	Band
25.0000	26.9600	AM	5	Petroleum Products & Broadcast Pickup
26.9650	27.4050	AM	5	CB Class D Channel
27.4100	27.9950	AM	5	Business & Forest Products
28.0000	29.6800	NFM	20	10 Meter Amateur Band

Frequency Range		Mode	Step (kHz)	Band
29.7000	49.9900	NFM	10	VHF Low Band
50.0000	53.9800	NFM	20	6 Meter Amateur Band
54.0000	71.9500	WFM	50	VHF TV Broadcast 2 – 4
72.0000	75.9500	FM	5	Intersystem & Astronomy
76.0000	87.9500	WFM	50	VHF TV Broadcast 5 – 6
88.0000	107.900	FMB	100	FM Broadcast
108.0000	136.9916	AM	8.33	Commercial Aircraft
137.0000	143.9875	NFM	12.5	Military Land Mobile
144.0000	147.9950	NFM	5	2 Meter Amateur Band
148.0000	150.7875	NFM	12.5	Military Land Mobile
150.8000	161.9950	NFM	5	VHF High Band
162.0000	173.9875	NFM	12.5	Federal Government
174.0000	215.9950	FWM	50	TV Broadcast 7 – 13
216.0000	224.9800	NFM	20	1.25 Meter Amateur Band
225.0000	379.9750	AM	25	UHF Aircraft Band
380.0000	399.9875	NFM	12.5	Trunked Military Band
400.0000	405.9875	NFM	12.5	Miscellaneous
406.0000	419.9875	NFM	12.5	Federal Government Band
420.0000	449.9875	NFM	12.5	70 cm Amateur Band
450.0000	469.9875	NFM	12.5	UHF Standard Band
470.0000	512.0000	NFM	12.5	UHF-T Band
758.0000	787.99375	NFM	6.25	Public Service Band
788.0000	805.99375	NFM	6.25	Public Service Band
806.0000	823.9875	NFM	12.5	Public Service Band
849.0125	868.9875	NFM	12.5	Public Service Band
894.0125	960.0000	NFM	12.5	Public Service Band
1240.0000	1300.0000	NFM	25	25 cm Amateur Band

- When you select AUTO for a channel or modes modulation or step, the above values are used unless you've edited the Band Defaults.
- Steps can be selected from 5/6.25/7.5/8.33/10/12.5/15/20/25/50/100/AUTO (kHz).
- Although TV bands are listed, the scanner cannot decode digital TV audio.

SERVICE TYPES

Service Type	Description
Aircraft	For civilian aircraft and air traffic control operations most typically in the 118-136 MHz and 225-380 MHz bands in AM mode.
Business	Most business related entities not covered by other tags.

Service Type	Description
Corrections	Jail/prison operations, corrections activities, federal prisons.
Emergency Ops	Emergency Operation Centers and similar emergency management or disaster related operations.
EMS Dispatch	Ambulance dispatch, including rescue squads.
EMS-Tac	Ambulance on-scene communications, tactical operations and secondary channels.
EMS-Talk	Ambulance talk-around, car-to-car and supervisor operations.
Federal	All federal government operations (except corrections, traditional law enforcement patrol and fire/EMS operations).
Fire Dispatch	Fire dispatch, including combined fire/ambulance dispatch.
Fire-Tac	Fireground, tactical and on-scene communications, including combined fire/ambulance operations.
Fire-Talk	Fire talk-around and car-to-car operations, chiefs, supervisors, etc., including combined fire/ambulance operations.
Ham	Any amateur radio assignment.
Hospital	Ambulance-to-Hospital communications and patient reports.
Interop	Interoperability communications, cross-agency communications, mutual aid, etc.
Law Dispatch	Law enforcement dispatch.
Law-Tac	Law enforcement tactical, SWAT, on-scene, surveillance and specific sub-agency communications.
Law Talk	Law enforcement talk-around, car-to-car and supervisor operations.
Media	Newspapers, television and broadcast radio operations.
Military	Military operations, e.g., range control, air-to-air combat, etc.
Multi-Dispatch	Combined law enforcement and fire/ambulance dispatch.
Multi-Tac	Combined law enforcement and fire/ambulance tactical and on-scene communications.
Multi-Talk	Combined law enforcement and fire/ambulance tactical talk-around and car-to-car operations.
Public Works	Public agency non-public safety communications. This includes any non-public safety government services, such as trash, streets, roads, sewer, zoos, administration, maintenance, animal control, community initiatives, code compliance, etc.
Race Officials	Available for use to identify officials' frequencies for racing events.
Race Teams	Available for use to identify team frequencies for racing events.
Railroad	All common carrier railroad communications.
Schools	School-related communications (schools, school buses, football games, etc.).

Service Type	Description
Security	Non-law enforcement security operations, including private security companies, noncommissioned government agency security, school security, etc.
Transportation	Public and private bus, taxi, and public passenger rail communications.
Utilities	Private electric, water, natural gas, phone, cable TV, etc. operations.
Custom 1-8	User-defined service types.

REMOVING THE MICRO SD CARD

Carefully remove the SD Card by removing the back cover, then removing the battery pack. Slightly press down and slide the SD card holder right, then lift out the card. Gently install the SD Card the same way it was removed.

REFORMATTING THE MICRO SD CARD

SD cards should only be formatted using the special SD Card Formatter (https://www.sdcard.org/downloads/formatter_4/). Then, you need to “Clear User Data” using Sentinel to restore all files and directories to the card.

After formatting, the scanner won’t be automatically detected (since it is wiped clean), so you may need to uncheck “Hide empty drives” in Windows Tools/Folder Options/View before doing the “Clear User Data” step.

TYPE II SPECIAL STATUS BITS

Type II Motorola Smartnet systems use these status bits for special transmissions such as emergency, patches, DES/DVP scrambled transmissions, and multiselects. Motorola trunking scanners directly interpret them for their special functions, thus no difference is noticed by the person with the scanner. The scanner, however, interprets these special talk group status bits as different talk groups entirely. Below is the conversion chart for these special status bits.

TT ID + # Usage	TT ID + # Usage
ID+0 Normal Talk group	ID+8 DES/DVP Encryption talk group
ID+1 All Talk group	ID+9 DES All Talk group
ID+2 Emergency	ID+10 DES Emergency
ID+3 Talk group patch to another	ID+11 DES Talk group patch
ID+4 Emergency Patch	ID+12 DES Emergency Patch
ID+5 Emergency multi-group	ID+13 DES Emergency multi-group
ID+6 unassigned	ID+14 unassigned
ID+7 Multi-select (initiated by dispatcher)	ID+15 Multi-select DES TG

Therefore, if a user was transmitting a multi-select call on talk group 1808, the scanner would actually receive those transmissions on 1815.

Some common uses of these status bits are as follows:

- When a user hits their emergency button, all conversations on the talk group revert to the emergency status talk group (ID+2) until the dispatch clears the emergency status. Therefore, if someone hit their emergency button and their radio was on talk group 16, all communications would switch to talk group 18.
- A lot of Fire and EMS departments dispatch tone-outs and alarms as Multi-select communications (ID+7). Therefore, if your fire department dispatch talk group is 1616, and they do dispatch tone-outs and alarms as Multi-selects, then those communications will be on talk group 1623.

WEATHER CHANNELS

Channel	Frequency	Channel	Frequency
1	162.550	5	162.450
2	162.400	6	162.500
3	162.475	7	162.525
4	162.425		

SAME EVENT CODES

Standard	Event Code	Warning	Watch	Advisory	Advisory
ADR	Administrative Message			O	Admin Message
AVA	Avalanche Watch		O		Avalanche
AVW	Avalanche Warning	O			Avalanche
BHW	Biological Hazard Warning	O			Biological
BLU	Blue Alert	O			Blue
BWW	Boil Water Warning	O			Boil Water
BZW	Blizzard Warning	O			Blizzard
CAE	Child Abduction Emergency			O	Child Emergency
CDW	Civil Danger Warning	O			Civil Danger
CEM	Civil Emergency Message	O			Civil EMG
CFA	Coastal Flood Watch		O		Coastal Flood
CFW	Coastal Flood Warning	O			Coastal Flood
CHW	Chemical Hazard Warning	O			Chemical
CWW	Contaminated Water Warning	O			Contam. Water
DBA	Dam Watch		O		Dam Break
DBW	Dam Break Warning	O			Dam Break
DEW	Contagious Disease Warning	O			Contagious
DMO	Practice/Demo			O	System Demo
DSW	Dust Storm Warning	O			Dust Storm
EAN	Emergency Action Notification	O			EMG Notify
EAT	Emergency Action Termination			O	EMG Terminate
EQW	Earthquake Warning	O			Earthquake

Standard	Event Code	Warning	Watch	Advisory	Advisory
EVA	Evacuation Watch		O		Evacuate Note
EVI	Immediate Evacuation	O			Evacuate Note
FCW	Food Contamination Warning	O			Food
FFA	Flash Flood Watch		O		Flash Flood
FFS	Flash Flood Statement			O	Flash Flood
FFW	Flash Flood Warning	O			Flash Flood
FLA	Flood Watch		O		Flood
FLS	Flood Statement			O	Flood
FLW	Flood Warning	O			Flood
FRW	Fire Warning	O			Fire
FSW	Flash Freeze Warning	O			Flash Freeze
FZW	Freeze Warning	O			Freeze
HLS	Hurricane Statement			O	Hurricane
HMW	Hazardous Material Warning	O			Hazardous
HUA	Hurricane Watch		O		Hurricane
HUW	Hurricane Warning	O			Hurricane
HWA	High Wind Watch		O		High Wind
HWW	High Wind Warning	O			High Wind
IBW	Iceberg Warning	O			Iceberg
IFW	Industrial Fire Warning	O			Industrial Fire
LAE	Local Area Emergency			O	Local EMG
LEW	Law Enforcement Warning	O			Law Enforcement
LSW	Land Slide Warning	O			Land Slide
NAT	National Audible Test			O	National Audible
NIC	National Information Center			O	National Info
NMN	Network Notification Message			O	Network Message
NPT	National Periodic Test			O	Nation Period
NST	National Silent Test			O	Nation Silent
NUW	Nuclear Power Plant Warning	O			Nuclear Plant
POS	Power Outage Advisory			O	Power Outage
RHW	Radiological Hazard Warning	O			Radiological
RMT	Required Monthly Test			O	Monthly
RWT	Required Weekly Test			O	Weekly
SMW	Special Marine Warning	O			Special Marine
SPS	Special Weather Statement			O	Special WX
SPW	Shelter In-Place Warning	O			Shelter
SQW	Snow Squall Warning	O			Snow
SVA	Severe Thunderstorm Watch		O		Thunderstorm
SVR	Severe Thunderstorm Warning	O			Thunderstorm
SVS	Severe Weather Statement			O	Severe WX

Standard	Event Code	Warning	Watch	Advisory	Advisory
TOA	Tornado Watch		O		Tornado
TOE	911 Telephone Outage Emergency			O	911 Phone Outage
TOR	Tornado Warning	O			Tornado
TRA	Tropical Storm Watch		O		Tropical Storm
TRW	Tropical Storm Warning	O			Tropical Storm
TSA	Tsunami Watch		O		Tsunami
TSW	Tsunami Warning	O			Tsunami
TXB	Transmitter Backup On			O	TX Backup On
TXF	Transmitter Carrier Off			O	TX Carrier Off
TXO	Transmitter Carrier On			O	TX Carrier On
TXP	Transmitter Primary On			O	TX Primary On
VOW	Volcano Warning	O			Volcano
WFA	Wild Fire Watch		O		Wild Fire
WFW	Wild Fire Warning	O			Wild Fire
WSA	Winter Storm Watch		O		Winter Storm
WSW	Winter Storm Warning	O			Winter Storm
**A	Unrecognized Watch		O		Unrecognized
**E	Unrecognized Emergency			O	Unrecognized
**S	Unrecognized Statement			O	Unrecognized
**W	Unrecognized Warning	O			Unrecognized

Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System (CTCSS) and Digital Coded Squelch (DCS) are two methods used to prevent interference by other radio communications. Your scanner can receive transmissions that use these codes.

CTCSS FREQUENCIES

The scanner can detect the following 50 CTCSS frequencies.

67.0Hz	94.8Hz	131.8Hz	171.3Hz	203.5Hz
69.3Hz	97.4Hz	136.5Hz	173.8Hz	206.5Hz
71.9Hz	100.0Hz	141.3Hz	177.3Hz	210.7Hz
74.4Hz	103.5Hz	146.2Hz	179.9Hz	218.1Hz
77.0Hz	107.2Hz	151.4Hz	183.5Hz	225.7Hz
79.7Hz	110.9Hz	156.7Hz	186.2Hz	229.1Hz
82.5Hz	114.8Hz	159.8Hz	189.9Hz	233.6Hz
85.4Hz	118.8Hz	162.2Hz	192.8Hz	241.8Hz
88.5Hz	123.0Hz	165.5Hz	196.6Hz	250.3Hz
91.5Hz	127.3Hz	167.9Hz	199.5Hz	254.1Hz

DCS CODES

The scanner can detect the following 104 hexadecimal DCS codes.

006	031	054	116	145	205	245	266	332	411	452	506	612	703
007	032	065	122	152	212	246	271	343	412	454	516	624	712
015	036	071	125	155	214	251	274	346	413	455	523	627	723
017	043	072	131	156	223	252	306	351	423	462	526	631	731
021	047	073	132	162	225	255	311	356	431	464	532	632	732
023	050	074	134	165	226	261	315	364	432	465	546	654	734
025	051	114	141	172	243	263	325	365	445	466	565	662	743
026	053	115	143	174	244	265	331	371	446	503	606	664	754

REVERSE LIST

Range (MHz)	Offset (MHz)	Range (MHz)	Offset (MHz)
29.5200 - 29.5800	+ 0.1	450.0000 - 454.9875	+ 5
29.6200 - 29.6800	- 0.1	455.0000 - 459.9875	- 5
52.0100 - 52.9900	+ 1	460.0000 - 464.9875	+ 5
53.0100 - 53.9900	- 1	465.0000 - 469.9875	- 5
143.7500	+ 4.375	470.0000 - 472.9875	+ 3
143.9000	+ 4.25	473.0000 - 475.9875	- 3
144.5100 - 144.8900	+ 0.6	476.0000 - 478.9875	+ 3
145.1100 - 145.4900	- 0.6	479.0000 - 481.9875	- 3
146.0100 - 146.3850	+ 0.6	482.0000 - 484.9875	+ 3
146.4150 - 146.5050	+ 1	485.0000 - 487.9875	- 3
146.5950	+ 1	488.0000 - 490.9875	+ 3
146.6100 - 146.9850	- 0.6	491.0000 - 493.9875	- 3
147.0000 - 147.3900	+ 0.6	494.0000 - 496.9875	+ 3
147.4150 - 147.5050	- 1	497.0000 - 499.9875	- 3
147.5950	- 1	500.0000 - 502.9875	+ 3
147.6000 - 147.9900	- 0.6	503.0000 - 505.9875	- 3
148.1250	- 4.375	506.0000 - 508.9875	+ 3
148.1500	- 4.25	509.0000 - 511.9875	- 3
222.1200 - 223.3800	+ 1.6	758.0000 - 775.9937	+30
223.7200 - 224.9800	- 1.6	788.0000 - 805.9937	-30
420.0000 - 424.9875	+ 5	806.0000 - 823.9875	+ 45
425.0000 - 429.9875	- 5	851.0000 - 868.9875	- 45
440.0000 - 444.9875	+ 5	896.0000 - 901.0000	+ 39
445.0000 - 449.9875	- 5	935.0000 - 940.0000	- 39

REPEATER FREQUENCY LIST

Base Frequency (MHz)	Offset (MHz)	Base Frequency (MHz)	Offset (MHz)
455.0151 - 459.9950	- 5	497.0001 - 500.0000	- 3
465.0101 - 469.9950	- 5	503.0001 - 506.0000	- 3
473.0001 - 476.0000	- 3	509.0001 - 512.0000	- 3
479.0001 - 482.0000	- 3	758.0000 - 775.9937	+30
485.0001 - 488.0000	- 3	806.0051 - 823.9875	+45
491.0001 - 494.0000	- 3	894.0125 - 921.0000	+39

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