

COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATION HF TRANSCEIVER

DX-801



Instruction Manual

Thank you for purchasing this **ALINCO** transceiver. To obtain optimum performance from this transceiver, read this instruction manual thoroughly, and keep it for future reference.

PRECAUTIONS

 Do not open the transceiver case or touch no-user-serviseable components.



 Do not expose the transceiver to direct sunlight or to source of heat. Also, avoid using the transceiver in an extremely dusty or humid environment.



 Do not place anything which might spill over on top of the transceiver.



 For good ventilation, allow about 10 cm between the rear of the transceiver and the wall.



 If the transceiver causes harmful interference to VCR or TV reception, move the transceiver away from the appliance.



 Do not yank the power cable from its outlets. Also, do not rewire the power cable with other extension cables. Such handling may damage or short-circuit the cable.



 Use a 13.8 V DC regulated power supply to operate this transceiver. The transceiver must be grounded.



Beware of moisture condensation. Moisture in the air will condense on the transceiver when you move it from a cold place to a warm place. Condensation will cause the unit to malfunction. If condensation forms on the unit, wipe or let dry.



 If the transceiver ever emits smoke or strange smells, immediately turn sit off and unplug it. Then, contact your nearest ALINCO dealer.

Cleaning

Use a dry, silicone or soft cloth to clean the control panel and case.

- Do not use thinner, benzine, alcohol, or any solvent that might deform or discolor the transceiver.
- If any part of the transceiver excessively dirty, use a waterdiluted neutral detergent to clean.

DOCUMENT CONVENTIONS

Bold Typeface

Indicates controls (keys, knob, etc.), terminals, and functions.

Display Example

Shows only the related indication.

Icons

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Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

Indicates a hazardous situation that, if not avoided, will result in serious damage to the unit.



Indicates an exception or note related to the procedure.



Provides helpful hint.

→ Indicates a reference page.

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1. FEATURES

- Easy-to-use, compact commercial HF transceiver
- General coverage from 1.6 MHz to 30 MHz in SSB, AM, FM and DIGITAL modes
- Detachable control panel (With the optional kit, the panel can be installed up to 1.5m or 4.5m away from the transceiver body.)
- ± 2.0 PPM rock-solid frequency stability (TCXO)
- Built-in RF preamplifier and attenuator
- Continuous transmission within operating temperature range
- Automatic-antenna-tuner control (Optional accessory required)

2. SUPPLIED ACCESSORIES

Check if these accessories are included in the shipping carton.

• DC power cable



• Microphone



Fuse





• Instruction manual (this manual)



3. INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION (FOR BASE STATION)

Connection Diagram

This diagram shows the connections for a base station.



Connecting an Antenna

Use a properly-adjusted (low SWR) antenna to obtain optimum performance from the transceiver. A 50 impedance coaxial cable with UHF plugs is required for this connection.

Connecting a Ground

To prevent electric shock hazard and radio interference with other electronic appliances, bury a rod or copper plate under the ground and connect it to the transceiver **GND** terminal. Use a heavy gauge, short cable for this connection.



Warning: Do not ground the equipment on gas pipes, electrical conduits, or plastic water pipes.

Connecting the Microphone-

Unlock the latches and separate the control panel from the body. 1.



2. Plug the microphone into the microphone connector of the body.



3. Tighten the screw on the connector to secure the connection.

Note: Be sure to tighten the ring until it stops.



4. Let the microphone cord go through the notch hole in the control panel, and then attach the panel to the body.





• First fit the lower part of the control panel into the body and press on the panel until hearing a click.

Connector pin assignment



Connecting an External Speaker

Plug a 3 W or higher, 8 Ω speaker into the **EXT SP** or **AF OUT** jack on the rear panel. These jacks accept a 3.5 mm diameter mono plug.



• When the AF OUT jack is plugged, the internal speaker remains active.

Connecting Headphones

Plug 4 to 32 Ω headphones into the **EXT SP** or **AF OUT** jack on the rear panel. These jacks accept a 3.5 mm diameter resistor plug.



Plug wiring

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Audio output

GND

Notes: • When the EXT SP jack is plugged, the internal speaker turns off.

- When the AF OUT jack is plugged, the internal speaker remains active.
- For stereo headphones, use a stereo/mono conversion plug to activate both channels.

Connecting a DC Regulated Power Supply-

The DX-801 is designed to operate on a 13.8V DC regulated power supply. Use the supplied power cable to connect the transceiver and a DC power supply.



Warning: Before connecting, be sure to turn off the transceiver and DC power supply.

Recommended DC regulated power supplies
 DM-330MVZ/MVE (Input 220V AC)

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Replacing the fuse

Use a 30A blade-type fuse.

• DM-330MVT (Input 120V AC)



4. INSTALLATION AND CONNECTION (FOR MOBILE OPERATION)

Connection Diagram

This diagram shows the connections for mobile operation.



* : Please follow the instructions of these devices for proper use/set-up.

Connecting an Antenna

Use a properly-adjusted (low SWR) antenna to obtain optimum performance from this receiver.

- 1. Secure a commercially-available antenna base in a proper position on your car.
- 2. Ground the antenna base to the chassis.
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- Warning: A ground is indispensable for an HF band antenna-

3. Connect the antenna and transceiver using a 50 Ω impedance coaxial cable with UHF plugs.



Installing the Transceiver-

With Control Panel Attached

- Attach the optional mobile mount bracket (EBC-9) under the dashboard or in another convenient position.
- Note: Attach the bracket to a position where the controls and microphone are easily accessible and allow you to safely drive.



2. Install the transceiver in the bracket.



Note: NEVER use screws other than those provided as the standard. Longer screws may touch the components inside, and shorter screws may result in insufficient installation that the unit can't be held securely.



Front Panel Separation

This transceiver can be separated into the control panel and body. Using the optional front control remote kit (EDS-4 or EDS-6), front control angle bracket (EBC-8), and microphone extension cable (EDS-5), the panel can be installed in a position convenient for you when driving.

1. Separate the control panel from the body.

2. If necessary, connect the microphone extension cable to the body.



- **3.** Disconnect the two cables from the panel and body, and connect the remote cables of the optional kit instead.
- 4. Attach the covers of the optional kit to the panel and body.





5. Using the front control angle bracket, install the control panel in a position where the controls are easily accessible.



- **6.** Install the body in a proper position such as below a seat.

Note: Use proper supporting brackets to fix the unit for safty purposes.

7. Connect the microphone plug to the extension cable connector.





Tip: The control panel has screw holes in the bottom side. Using the holes, the panel can also be mounted on a commercially-available angle bracket for in-car TV sets or CD players.

Connecting the Power Cable



an optional DC/DC converter.

• NEVER connect the power cable to a cigarette lighter connector because the available current there is much lower than the DX801 requires._

Tip: The DX-801 is designed to filter ignition noise with a noise blanker (NB). However, if you pick up excessive ignition noise from your car, it is recommended to use a resistor spark plug, or consult with the radio/car dealers for other common tips to eliminate the noise.

Connecting an External Speaker

Please refer page8.

5. CONTROLS, TERMINALS, AND DISPLAY

Control Panel



- ① **POWER** Turns the power on/off.
- ② DIM Changes the LCD brightness.
- ③ TUNE Activates an optional antenna tuner for proper antenna matching.
- ④ HIGH/LOW Switches the output power between high and low.
- **5 TX LED** Lights red when the PTT key on the microphone is pressed.
- **6 RX LED** Lights green when signals are received or squelch is unmuted.
- **⑦ CHECK** Unmutes squelch to check the transmission frequency.
- 8 CALL Accesses the call channel.
- **9 AF GAIN** Adjusts the AF volume level.
- **\textcircled{0} RIT** Fine-tunes the reception frequency within a range of ± 1.4 kHz.
- Image: Break and the Break
- **1 NB** Turns the noise blanker on/off.
- **SQUELCH** Selects the squelch level from BUSY, 1, 2, 4, and 6.
- **U** LOCK Locks the main tuning dial.
- Dial Changes the memory channel number (frequency).



1	RF-20 -10 0 <10	Indicates the RF gain or attenuation.
2	NB	Appears when the noise blanker is turned on.
3	•	Appears on the memory number and frequency being set.
4	0	For the dealer-programmable SET mode. Indicates the transmission frequency programming is being executed.
5	888	Indicates the modulation mode.
6	МЕМО	Always appears with a memory channel number.
1	LOW	Appears when output power is set to low.
8	TUNE	Appears during the optional antenna tuner is tuning.
9	88	Indicates the selected memory channel number.
1	D-LOCK	Appears when the dial lock function is activated.
1	88.888.8	Indicates the transmission/reception frequency.
12	BUSY	Appears when squelch is unmuted.
13		Indicates relative received signal strength and relative output power level. This meter also indicates squelch level.
1	RIT	Appears when the RIT function is active.
15	+0.8	Indicates the RIT offset.

Rear Panel-



1	EXT SP jack	External speaker or headphones jack. When this jack is plugged, the internal speaker turns off.
2	RELAY jack	For connecting external equipment such as a linear amplifier.
3	AF OUT jack	External speaker or headphones jack. When this jack is plugged, the internal speaker remains active.
4	EXT ALC jack	ALC input for linear-amplifier (ALC input voltage: 0 to -3V DC).
5	ACC connector	For connecting peripherals such as an external automatic antenna tuner.
6	POWER connector	For connecting the supplied DC power cable (Input voltage: $13.8V \text{ DC} \pm 15\%$).
7	ANT connector	For connecting an HF band antenna.
8	GND terminal	For connecting a grounding cable.

Other Components



Microphone⁻



- ① Internal speaker
- ② Control panel latches
- ③ Control cable
- (4) Stand
- **⑤** Screw hole for the optional bracket
- 6 Microphone connector
- ⑦ Cable holder
- ① **PTT** Push to transmit, and release to receive.
- ② **DOWN** Decreases the memory channel number.
- (3) UP Increases the memory channel number.

6. BASIC OPERATION

Reception

- Press the **POWER** switch to turn the power on.
- **2.** Rotate the Dial to select the desired memory channel or frequency.
 - Turn the Dial clockwise to increase the memory channel number or frequency.
 - Turn it to decrease the number or frequency.
- **3.** Press the **SQUELCH** key to select the proper squelch level.
 - The level is selectable from BUSY, 1, 2, 4, and 6.
 - The current level is shown on the S-meter.
 - Adjust to the level that the noise barely dissappears.
- 4. Rotate the AF GAIN knob to adjust the volume.
 - Turn the knob clockwise to increase the volume.
 - Turn it counterclockwise to decrease the volume.



Transmission

- 1. Rotate the Dial to select the desired memory channel to transmit.
- 2. If necessary, press the HIGH/LOW key to select the desired output power level.
 - LOW appears when the low level is selected.
 - LOW disappears when the high level is selected.
- **3.** Push and hold the **PTT** key down and speak into the microphone.
 - The **TX** LED lights red and the S-meter indicates the current output power level.
 - The brightness of the **TX** LED changes according to the intensity of your voice.



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Indicates output power level

Note: Be sure to properly set up the system including power-supply and antenna before transmitting. Improper setting may cause serious damages to the unit.

7. USEFUL FUNCTIONS

CALL Channel (Only Memory mode or Channel mode)

The **CALL** channel is used to store most-often used frequency and setting for easy and quick recall.

Press the **CALL** key to recall the **CALL** channel.

• To return to a memory channel, press the CALL key again.

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RIT Function

The **RIT** function fine-tunes the reception frequency within a range of ± 1.4 kHz. This change does not affect the transmission frequency.

Turn the **RIT** knob clockwise to increase the frequency in 25 Hz increment.

Turn the **RIT** knob counterclockwise to decrease the frequency in 25 Hz increment.

Note: Always return to RIT 0(default) after the contact is over. шерерове мемо С I I2.345.6+ !.4 ещерерове мемо С I I2.345.6- !.4 ещерерове мемо С I I2.345.6- !.4 ещерерове

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Squeich Selector

The squelch level is selectable from BUSY, 1, 2, 4, and 6.

Press the SQUELCH key to select the desired squelch level.

• The current level is shown on the S-meter.

RF/ATT Function-

The **RF/ATT** function adjusts the **RF** gain by switching between the preamplifier and attenuator.

Press the **RF/ATT** key to select one of the **RF** gain settings.

• Each time the **RF/ATT** key is pressed, one of the following icon will be displayed on the LCD:

are 20 10 0 10 . The 10 dB preamplifier is activated. Select this setting when receiving weak signals.

RF-20-10 0 This is the factory default setting.

RF-20 10 The -10 dB attenuator is activated. Select this setting when receiving strong local signals.

The -20 dB attenuator is activated. Select this setting when receiving very strong local signals or when you run into such signals near the received signal.

Noise Blanker

The noise blanker suppresses pulse noise like that from car ignition to clarify the received signal.

Press the **NB** key to turn on the noise blanker.

- **NB** appears on the LCD.
- To turn off the noise blanker, press the **NB** key again.

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Note: As a side-effect of noise suppression, you might be interfered by adjacent stations or the AF quality becomes slightly poor. Use it only when necessary.

CHECK Function

The CHECK function unmutes squelch to check if the transmission frequency is clear.

Press the CHECK key.

• The **RX** LED lights green and the transmission frequency is received whithout being squelched.

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DIAL LOCK Function

The **D-LOCK** function locks the dial and keys avoiding unintentional changes of current setting.

Press the LOCK key.

- **D-LOCK** appears on the LCD.
- To cancel this function, press the LOCK key again.



Dimmer

The dimmer changes the display brightness. It can be selected from five different levels. At the lowest level, the LCD, **TX** LED, and **RX** LED go off.

Press the **DIM** key to select the desired brightness.

External Antenna Tuner Control-

This function activates an optional antenna tuner for proper antenna matching.

Press the **TUNE** key to activates an external antenna tuner.

• **TUNE** is displayed during tuning.

RF=20 50 0 40		use
	12.345.6	<i>0.0</i>
TUNE	1 1 3 4 6 0 7 1 B 111	· · 20 · 40 · 64

Digital Voice Communication (OPTION)

By installing an optional digital unit EJ-53U, digital voice communication becomes possible. Install EJ-53U to the connecter CN16 of the MAIN unit. Select the digital mode. (FM mode only)



8. TROUBLESHOOTING

In all cases check that the cables connecting the front control panel and the body are connected properly.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Remedy
Power does not come on.	1. DC power cable is incorrectly connected.	1. Correctly connect cable.
	2. Fuse is blown.	2. Replace fuse.
	3. Plug polarity is wrong.	3. Correct polarity and replace fuse.
	4. Power switch of DC regulated power supply is off.	4. Turn power switch on.
	5. Voltage from the power supply is insufficient.	5. Supply a regulated 13.8 V DC± 15%
Abnormal LCD display.	 Power supply voltage is low. To transmit at 100W output, the power supply must be capable of supplying 30 Amps continuously at 13.8 V DC. 	 Check that DC regulated power supply is used. Adjust the operating voltage within a range of 13.8 V DC ± 15% (11.7 to 15.8 V DC). To transmit at 100W output, the power supply must be capable of supplying 30 Amps continuously at 13.8 V DC.
No sound from speaker.	1. AF GAIN knob is turned fully	1. Rotate AF GAIN knob to adjust
	counterclockwise.	volume.
	2. PTT key of microphone is on.	2. Release PTT key.
	3. External speaker cable is short- circuited or damaged.	3. Check cable.
	4. Headphones or earphone is plugged into the EXT SP jack.	4. Unplug headphones or earphone.
	5. Squelch level is set too high.	 Press the SQUELCH key repeatedly.
Only strong signals are received.	1. Squelch is muted.	1. Press the SQUELCH key to decrease the squelch level.
	2. ATT is on.	2. Press RF/ATT key to turn ATT off.
	3. Defective antenna or short- circuited or damaged coaxial cable.	3. Check antenna, cable, and especially UHF plugs.
	4. Antenna is not suitable for receive band.	 Connect correct antenna for receive band.

Symptom	Possible Cause	Remedy
No channel change when rotating the Dial	1. Dial is locked.	1. Press DIAL LOCK key to free dial.
No transmission or low output power	 Microphone is disconnected or poorly connected. Antenna connection is poor or wrong. Antenna matching is improper. Microphone output level is low. Power supply is of insufficient capacity. 	 Connect microphone correctly. Check antenna connection. Correct antenna matching. Connect correct antenna for operating bands. Increase microphone gain. Use a regulated 13.8 V DC power supply with a capacity of 20 Amps continuous duty. The cable for the power supply should be kept as short as possible, and
Linear amplifier does not activate.	 ALC is set to wrong level. Connection between DX-801 and the Linear-amplifier is poor. 	 Acpt as short as possible, and away from co-ax if possible. Adjust ALC level on your Linear- amp. Check that relay-cable, ALC- cable, co-ax cable are all connected properly between DX- 801 and the Linear-amp. Also check that DX-801 's HF antenna terminal is connected with the HF Linear-amp.

9. OPTIONS

- DC regulated power supply
 DM-330MVZ/MVE(Input 220V AC)
 - DM-330MVT(Input 120V AC)



EBC-8 front control angle bracket

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■ EBC-9 mobile mount bracket



EDS-4 front control remote kit(1.5m)
 EDS-6 front control remote kit(4.5m)



■ EDS-5 microphone extension cable



 EJ-53U digital unit (Where permitted) ■ ERW-5 interface cable



10. EXTERNAL ANTENNA TUNERS AVAILABLE



KENWOOD AT-50

Connection Example



Note: We do not guarantee the accuracy of connections with antenna-tuners of other makes, as they may change their specifications without any notice or obligations.

KENWOOD AT-300

Connection Example



ICOM AH-3

Connection Example





- Notes: For details on how to connect an antenna tuner, see the instruction manual provided with it.
 - Names of products used in this manual are for identification purpose only and may be trademarks or registered trademarks of their respective company.

11. APPENDIX : VFO mode operation

Reception

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 If VFO mode is set accessible by the system-manager, you can select the frequency and mode using the dial and keys.

Press the **CALL**(SELECT) key to the cursor to be set.

• Press the **CALL** key and the cursor moves to the 10MHz digit. Press the key several times more, the cursor shifts like this:

 \rightarrow Mode \rightarrow 10MHz \rightarrow 1MHz \rightarrow 100KHz -

- On the flashing digit or the cursor, rotate the Dial to get the desired digit. Continue this until the desired frequency is displayed.
- Press the **DIM** key cancels the cursor. Rotating the dial will change the frequency in 100Hz steps.
- 2. Selecting mode (modulation)

Press the **CALL** key to flash the mode digit. LSB : LSB mode USB : USB mode AM : AM mode FM : FM mode Fd : DIGITAL mode

Note: DX-801 has been designed for commercial communications use that usually assign the channel frequencies. Excessive use of main-dial in VFO mode may result in faster consumption of the encoder used for it.

11. SPECIFICATIONS

General

Frequency coverage	Receiver: 0.5 to 29.9999 MHz continuously Transmitter: 1.6000 to 29.9999 MHz
Mode	J3E (USB, LSB), A3E (AM), F3E (FM), F1E (DIGITAL)(optional)
Usable temperature	-10 °C to +60 °C
Frequency stability	±2.0 PPM
Antenna impedance	50 Ω unbalanced
Power supply	13.8V DC ±15%
Number of memory	100 channels simplex or two-frequency simplex (TX RX split frequency memory)
Current drain (13.8V DC)	Transmission: Approx. 20 Reception: Approx. 1.2 A
Dimensions	W178 × H58 × D228 mm (W7.0 × H2.3 × D9.0 inches) (Projections not included) W179 × H71 × D268 (W7.1 × H2.8 × D10.6 inches)
Weight	Approx. 2.7 kg (6.0 lb)

Transmitter

Output power	J3E (USB, LSB): 1.6 to 29.9999 MHz 100 W A3E (AM): 1.6 to 29.9999 MHz 40 W F3E (FM): 1.6 to 29.9999 MHz 100 W
Spurious emission	Less than -40 dB
Carrier suppression	More than 40 dB
Unwanted sideband	More than 50 dB (1 kHz)
Modulation system	SSB: balanced AM: Low power modulation FM: Reactance modulation
Microphone impedance	2 kΩ

Receiver

Sensitivity	J3E (1.8 to 30 MHz) 0dBμEMF (1μV) (0.5 to 1.8 MHz) +10dBμEMF (3μV) A3E (1.8 to 30 MHz) +12dBμEMF (4.0μV) (0.5 to 1.8 MHz) +20dBμEMF (10μV) F3E (28 to 30 MHz) 0dBμEMF (1μV)	S/N 10dB S/N 10dB S/N 10dB S/N 10dB SINAD 12dB
Selectivity	J3E: 2.4 kHz/-6 dB , 4.5 kHz/-60 dB A3E: 9 kHz/-6 dB , 20 kHz/-50 dB F3E: 9 kHz/-6 dB , 20 kHz/-50 dB	
Intermediate frequency	lst: 71.75 MHz 2nd: 455 kHz	
Spurious and image rejection ratio	More than 70 dB	
Audio output power	More than 2.0 W (8 Ω , 10%) 4W (4 Ω , 10%)	
RIT variable range	± 1.4 kHz or ± 0.2 kHz	

Note: Specifications are subject to change without notice.







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