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Multi-function operation guide

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How to expand functions

EASY mode and MULTI-FUNCTION mode

The IC-W21A and IC-W21E have an EASY mode and a MULTI-FUNCTION mode.

EASY mode covers all basic functions such as transmitting, receiving, scanning, clock settings, LCD lighting, etc., essential for daily operations.

Repeater operation with default settings is also possible. If you program repeater information, including offset frequency and subaudible tone frequency, into memory channels in the MULTI-FUNCTION mode, this information can also be used in the EASY mode.

The MULTI-FUNCTION mode has many advanced functions, such as subaudible tone setting,* offset frequency setting, timer, memory skip/mask, priority watch, DTMF memories, etc. This Tech Talk gives you information about these functions which is not described in the instruction manual.

* Optional for non-U.S.A. versions.

Entering the MULTI-FUNCTION mode

① Turn power OFF.

2 While pushing [V/M] and [LIGHT], turn power ON.

• To confirm the transceiver is in the MULTI-FUNCTION mode, the clock indication or "BATT" blinks while pushing and holding [S].



To activate advanced functions, please learn the operations on this page completely.

Selecting a function

- ① Push and hold [S] until the function indicator flashes.
- ② While continuing to push [S], rotate the main dial to select a desired function.
- ③ Release [S].



Selectable functions						
FUNCTION INDICATOR	FUNCTIONS	REF. SECTION				
15:00	Time indication	_				
5 <i>6 AN</i>	Scan	1A				
DI MF	DTMF memory channels	7				
10 NE *	Tone encoder, tone squelch, pocket beep	4, 5				
DU P	Duplex set, offset frequency set	6				
Р5 r	Pager, code squelch	15				
Pr IO	Priority watch	11				
5K IP	Skip channel setting	8, 10				
MR SK	Masking a channel	9				
TI ME	Timer functions	14				
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* An optional UT-63 is necessary for non-U.S.A. versions.

NOTE: AI (Artificial Intelligence) in the transceiver automatically memorizes the order of selected functions.

1. Different operations in MULTI-FUNCTION mode

Select "SCAN" function.

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A Scanning

\Diamond in the EASY mode:

Push and hold [S] for 1 sec. to start programmed scan or memory scan. See instruction manual for details.

- \Diamond In the MULTI-FUNCTION mode:
- (1) Select "SCAN" in the function display.
- Select VHF or UHF with [BAND].
- ③ Select VFO mode for programmed scan: select MEMORY mode for memory scan.
- (4) Push [S] momentarily to start the scan.
 - To change the scanning direction or to skip the paused frequency, rotate [DIAL].
- (5) Push [S] again momentarily to stop the scan.

NOTE: In the MULTI-FUNCTION mode, the scan resume condition can be changed using the SET mode. See "12. SET mode" for details.

2. Returning to EASY mode

The procedure is the same as for entering the MULTI-FUNCTION mode.

- 1) Turn power OFF.
- (2) While pushing [V/M] and [LIGHT], turn power ON.
 - To confirm the transceiver is in the EASY mode, scan starts while pushing and holding [S].







EASY MODE

NOTE: When returning to the EASY mode, all modified SET mode contents and VFO conditions (frequency, tuning step) are initialized, however, repeater information programmed in memory channels can be used in the EASY mode.

B Calling up a call channel

\Diamond In the EASY mode:

Push [S] momentarily to call up a call channel. See instruction manual for details.

- ♦ In the MULTI-FUNCTION mode:
- (1) Select "CALL" in the function display.
- (2) Select VHF or UHF with [BAND].
- ③ Push [S] momentarily to call up the call channel.
- (4) To return to the normal operating mode (VFO or MEMORY), push [S] again momentarily.



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"C" appears.

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C Battery voltage indication

♦ In the EASY mode:

- Push [FUNC] + [S] momentarily if the clock is indicated in the function display.
- To reset the reference voltage, push and hold [FUNC] + [S] for 1 sec. while the function display shows the battery voltage.

Select "BATT" function.

- ♦ In the MULTI-FUNCTION mode: - Select "BATT" in the function display to indicate the battery voltage.
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- To reset the reference voltage, push [FUNC] + [S] momentarily while the function display shows the battery voltage.





3. Useful functions

A With an optional HM-75/A

The optional HM-75/A has remote control functions. When using the HM-75/A with the IC-W21A/E, the [A] switch functions as the [BAND] switch, however, the [A] switch can be changed to function as the [S] switch as follows:

\diamond Setting the [A] switch as [S]

- (1) Turn power OFF.
- (2) While pushing [FUNC] and [S], turn power ON.

♦ Setting the [A] switch as [BAND] (default setting) 1) Turn power OFF.

(2) While pushing [FUNC] and [BAND], turn power ON.

NOTE: The [A] switch setting remains effective even when returning to the EASY mode.

B Partial resetting

If you want to initialize an operating condition (such as the SET mode contents, etc.) without clearing the memory contents, timer setting or clock, a partial resetting function is available for the IC-W21A/E.

1) Turn power OFF.

② While pushing [H/L], turn power ON.

After partial resetting, the transceiver's condition is as follows:

AFTER PARTIAL RESETTING
VFO mode
Initialized
Unchanged
Initialized
Unchanged
Cancelled
Cancelled

4. Optional unit installation

An optional UT-63 TONE SQUELCH UNIT is available for the IC-W21A/E. The UT-63 provides pocket beep, tone squelch and programmable tone encoder functions. The U.S.A. version already includes an equivalent unit.

- (1) Turn power OFF, then remove the battery pack or DC power cable.
- (2) Unscrew the 6 screws; then, remove the bottom plates as shown below.

CAUTION:

Use a Phillips screw driver that matches the screw size. Otherwise. you may strip the screw head.



(3) Carefully open the front and rear panels as shown below. • DO NOT lose the battery pack release button.





(5) Reassemble the front and rear panels; then, tighten the 2 black screws as shown in step (2).







6 Be sure not to unplug the connector board.

(7) Insert the flat spring onto the release button; then, reassemble the bottom plates with the 4 remaining screws.



5. Subaudible tone operations

An optional UT-63 is required for non-U.S.A. versions.

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Tone	frequenc	y set		one	function set
 "T" b tone Rotate select audibl Push 	 Push [FUNC] + [S]. "T" blinks and a subaudible tone frequency appears. Rotate the main dial to select the desired sub- audible tone frequency. Push [S] or [PTT] to exit the condition. 			uen Push elec enco	subaudible tone fre- cy. (See left.) [S] momentarily to t programmable tone der, tone squelch, or et beep. Normal operation
					TO DE
	AUDIBLE T				
67.0 Hz	107.2 Hz	167.9 Hz		[S]
71.9 Hz	110.9 Hz	173.8 Hz			44235
74.4 Hz	114.8 Hz	179.9 Hz	·		
77.0 Hz	118.8 Hz	186.2 Hz			TONE
79.7 Hz	123.0 Hz 192.8 Hz		[S]	[S	Pocket beep
82.5 Hz	127.3 Hz	203.5 Hz			
85.4 Hz	131.8 Hz	210.7 Hz			442.35 :
88.5 Hz	136.5 Hz	218.1 Hz			TO NE
91.5 Hz	141.3 Hz	225.7 Hz		ſS	Tone squeich
94.8 Hz	146.2 Hz 233.6 Hz				
97.4 Hz	97.4 Hz 151.4 Hz 241.8 Hz				44235
100.0 Hz	00.0 Hz 156.7 Hz 250.3 Hz				TONE
103.5 Hz 162.2 Hz					
♦ What is the subaudible tone encoder?					

♦ What is the subaudible tone encoder?

Used for accessing a repeater that requires a subaudible tone.

\diamond What is the pocket beep?

When the transceiver receives a subaudible tone that matches the programmed frequency, the transceiver beeps for 30 sec. Even if you are away from the transceiver, " ((-)) " blinks continuously to alert you on return.

\diamond What is the tone squelch?

Used for quiet standby. The squelch opens only when the transceiver receives a subaudible tone that matches the programmed frequency.

6. Duplex operation Duplex set (1) Push [RPT] to select Simplex operation - duplex or push it again 442.35 for + duplex. RH P • When the UT-63 is installed or for the U.S.A. [RPT] 4 - Duplex operation version, "T" appears along 44235 with "- DUP" or "DUP." "T" indicates the subaudible]] [] የ tone encoder is ON. [RPT] + Duplex operation 2 Push [RPT] until "DUP" disappears to cancel du-44235 plex and select simplex. RU P **IRPTI** NOTE: • "-DUP" or "DUP" appears to indicate a minus or a plus shift in the transmit frequency, respectively. • When "DUP" is selected in the function indicator, the [S] switch also selects the duplex direction. In this case, the subaudible tone encoder is not turned ON or OFF. Offset frequency set ① While pushing [S], rotate the main dial to select "DUP." 2 145.68 2 Select VFO mode for the desired band. 442.35 ③ Set the tuning step to the re-BU P peater tuning step for your area in advance. - Push [FUNC] + [H/L/TS].

25 - Rotate the main dial to select the tuning step. 15 - Push [H/L/TS] to set the tuning step. 4 Push [FUNC] + [S]. 5.00 **(4)** • "DUP" blinks and an offset frequency appears. 111 P (5) Rotate the main dial to set an Rotate the offset frequency. main dial. · Rotating the main dial while pushing [FUNC] changes the fre-(5) quency in 100 kHz steps. 5:02-6 Push [S] or [PTT] to exit the ILL P

setting condition.

7. DTMF memory channels

DTMF codes are used for autopatching, accessing repeaters, controlling other equipment, etc. The transceiver has 4 DTMF memory channels (t1-t4) for storage of often-used DTMF codes of up to 15 digits.



8. Skip channel setting

Memory channels can be specified to be skipped for memory skip scan. This is useful to speedup the memory skip scan interval. These skip channels are also skipped during priority watch (memory scan watch) and the frequencies of the channels are skipped during programmed scan.

This setting is effective when the frequency skip function is ON. See "12. SET mode" for details.



9. Masking a channel

Unwanted memory channels can be masked (hidden). A masked memory channel cannot be selected for normal use. The contents of the masked memory, however, can be recalled. See "Recalling a masked channel" below.

Pre-operation	
While pushing [S], rotate the main dial to select "MASK."	145.68
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Mask channel set	
① Select VHF or UHF with [BAND].	0
② Push [V/M] to select MEMORY mode.	_145.68
③ Rotate the main dial to select	442.35
the memory channel to be masked.	
④ Push [S] to mask the memory channel.	[©] 443.80
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10. Frequency skip function

Unwanted frequencies can be skipped during programmed scan. This function is useful, for example, when you wish to skip a repeater frequency which is always accessed.

Turn the frequency skip function ON in SET mode in advance, otherwise the function does not operate. See "12. SET mode" for details.



 Masked memory channels 32~11 are used in reverse sequence.

NOTE:

After programming, the frequencies are skipped during programmed scan or memory scan. If you wish to scan the skip frequencies, cancel the skip information in the memory channel or mask the memory channel. Refer to "8. Skip channel setting" or "9. Masking a channel" for details.

11. Priority watch

The priority watch checks for signals on a memory or call channel every 5 sec, while operating on a VFO frequency. The transceiver has 3 priority watch types to suit your needs. You can transmit on the VFO frequency while the priority watch operates.

When receiving a signal, priority watch pauses for 5 sec. (if the signal disappears within 5 sec., the watch resumes).

Memory channel watch

Memory scan watch

Call channel watch

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While pausing on

channel, "PRIO"

a memory

blinks.

Pr IO

Memory

Mch 1

Mch 2

Mch 3

Mch 32

Call

channel

VFO

frequency

VFO

frequency

VEO

frequency

Operation

- (1) Select VHF or UHF with [BAND].
- ② Select VFO mode; then, set an operating frequency.
- (3) Set the watching channel(s). For memory channel watch: Select the desired memory channel.

For memory scan watch:

Push [V/M] to select MEMORY mode. While pushing [S], rotate the main dial to select "SCAN"; then, push [S] to start the memory scan.

For call channel watch:

While pushing [S], rotate the main dial to select "CALL"; then, push [S] to select the call channel.

- (4) While pushing [S], rotate the main dial to select "PRIO." (5) Push [S].
 - The transceiver receives the memory or call channel frequency everv 5 sec.
- 6 Push [S] to return to normal operation.

NOTE:

- Priority watch does not operate when:
- The selected memory channel is a masked channel.
- An optional pager or code squelch function is activated.
- If an optional pocket beep function is activated, the transceiver automatically selects the tone squelch function when priority watch starts.
- A memory channel with skip information can be watched.

12. SET mode

The SET mode is used for programming infrequently changed values or conditions of functions. This transceiver's SET mode has 11 items.

Even if you have set items to your desired values, all settings are reset to the initial values or conditions once you enter the EASY mode. Set the items again when re-entering the MULTI-FUNCTION mode from the EASY mode.

SET

Pre-operation







NOTE: Some items can be set independently on both bands. Push [BAND] to select the desired band.

Programming memory channel number appears.

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,		The settin	gs are initialized whe	en returning to EASY mode or	after (partial) resettir	ng. Upper conditions are the d	efault settings.
PTT lock		Confirmation beep		Frequency skip funct	ion	Power saver duty rate	
The PTT lock function	"PT" appears.	A beep sounds each time	"BE" appears.	The frequency skip func- tion can be ignored even	"PS" appears.	The power saver function reduces the current flow	"PD" appears.
locks the PTT switch elec- tronically to prevent acci-	p	a switch is pushed to con- firm it. This confirmation	an	when skip channels are		for battery conservation.	<i> :4</i>
dental transmission.	P	beep can be turned OFF for silent operation.	an	programmed.	o F F	The duty rate can be se- lected from 1:4, 1:16 or	1:4
When PTT is pushed with the PTT lock ON, a beep	рт	NOTE: Even if the confir-	BE	This item can be set sepa- rately for each band.	PS	OFF.	P]
tone sounds to indicate	‡	mation beep is OFF, the	‡	Talely for each band.	\$	♦ Duty cycle 1:4	‡
transmission is impos- sible. The whisper func-	PL	auto power-off, timer and pager/code squelch beeps				The function repeatedly turns the receiver circuit	1:15
tion can be used even when the PTT lock func-	PL	still sound.	o F F		o n	ON and OFF as follows: • Circuit on : 125 msec;	1: 15
tion is in use.	рт рт		JE		P5	Circuit off : 500 msec.	
Receive indicator (bus	sy lamp)	LCD lighting timer		LCD contrast		The function repeatedly	+
The receive indicator lights up in green when	"BL" appears.	The LCD lighting has a 5 sec. timer. This timer can	"LI" appears.	The LCD contrast can be selected from 2 levels (1	"LC" appears.	turns the receiver circuit ON and OFF as follows:	o F F
the squelch opens. This	[0 1	be turned OFF for contin-	5	and 2) for your pref-		Circuit on : 125 msec;	o F F
receive indicator can be turned OFF to save bat-	an	uous lighting such as dur- ing nighttime external	5	erence.	1	Circuit off : 2 sec.	
tery power.	BL	power operation.		Select a suitable level depending on the ambient			
NOTE: The transmit indi-	\$	NOTE: Continuous light-	.	light.	1	Scan resume condition	"SC" appears.
cator lights while trans- mitting even when the		ing remains activated even when the power is	on	• Level 2 is higher contrast.	2	tion can be selected as a	
receive indicator is turned OFF.	o F F	turned OFF and ON again.	מח	· ·	2	pause scan or timer scan. This item can be set sepa-	E-10
	<u> </u>		LI			rately for each band.This setting is not related to	E - 10
External speaker sele	ction	Automatic power dov	In function	Whisper time-out time	er	priority watch.	<u> </u>
When an external speaker	"SP" appears.	The automatic power down function automat-	"EL" appears.	To prevent continuous transmission with the op-	"TT" appears.	♦ Timer scan	
is connected, audio of each band can be se-	out	ically selects "ELOW (15	an	tional whisper function,	5	(t-05, t-10, t-15) When the operating scan	- <i>t - 05</i>
lected to external speaker		mW)" as the output power just before the battery		the transceiver has a time- out timer.	5	detects a signal, the scan	E - 15
or the internal speaker. • "in" appears for internal	out ^{5P}	becomes exhausted.				resumes after pausing on the frequency for 5, 10 or	<u></u> 5€
audio output; "out" appears for external audio output.	\$	This function can be	\$	This timer can be selected from 3 periods (5, 15 and	\$	15 sec. ♦ Pause scan (P-02)	
		turned OFF if desired.		30 min.) or can be turned OFF if desired.	30	When the operating scan	- 9- 02
This item can be set sepa- rately for each band.	10					detects a signal, the scan pauses on the frequency	P-02
	o ut 5P				30	until the signal disappears	55
						and resumes 2 sec. later.	

13. U by U function

The trancseiver can receive 2 frequences simultaneously on the UHF band using the U by U function.



NOTE:

- The optional whisper function cannot be used.
- The upper frequency display cannot use 5 and 15 kHz tuning steps.
- UHF band memory channels and repeater memory are used for both frequency displays.
- Repeater memory cannot be changed while it is indicated on the sub band frequency display.

14. Timer functions



15. Pager and code squelch operations

■ What is the pager function?

The pager function is a selective calling system using DTMF codes. You can call or receive any one or all stations in your group. Use the pager function for calling and the code squelch for communication.

What is code squelch?

The code squelch function allows communication with quiet standby. You only receive calls from stations which know vour ID or aroup code.

■ What are code numbers?

The pager and code squelch functions require 3-digit ID codes and a group code. Before operation, program these 3-digit DTMF codes into the code channels.

Code channel assignment

ID OR GROUP CODE	CODE CHANNEL NUMBER	RECEIVE ACCEPT OR RECEIVE INHIBIT
Your ID code	CO	"Receive accept" only.
Other party's ID code	C1~C5	"Receive inhibit" should be programmed in each channel.
Group code	One of C1~C5	"Receive accept" must be pro- grammed.
Memory space	CP*	"Receive inhibit" only.

* When a pager call is received, code channel CP automatically memorizes the ID code of the transmitting station. The contents of the channel cannot be changed manually.

Receive accept and receive inhibit channels

Code channels C1~C5 should be effectively programmed as receive accept or receive inhibit channels.

Receive accept channel ("SKIP" is not indicated.)

Accepts calls when the transceiver receives a signal with a code that is the same as that in the code channel.

The code channel that stores the group code should be programmed as receive accept. Otherwise, you cannot receive group calls.

Receive inhibit channel ("SKIP" is indicated.)

Rejects calls when the transceiver receives a signal with a code that is the same as that in the code channel.

The code channels that store other parties' ID codes should be programmed as receive inhibit. Otherwise, personal calls for other parties are received.

Separate code channels can be programmed for each band.

Pre-operation



(4) Push [S] to exit the condition. Code channel number

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receive

channels.

Code channel programming

- (1) Select the desired code channel as above.
- 2 Push [FUNC] + [S]. • The 1st digit blinks.
- (3) Rotate the main dial to program a blinking digit.
- (4) Push [S] to select next digit.
- (5) Repeat steps (3) and (4) until the last digit is programmed.
- (6) Push [FUNC] to program the code channel.
- (7) Repeat steps (1) ~ (6) to program other code channels.
- (8) Push [S] to exit the condition.

Receive accept/inhibit setting

- (1) Select the desired code channel as above.
- 2 Push [V/M] to set the code channel as "receive accept" or "receive inhibit."
- · "SKIP" appears for receive inhibit channels.
- (3) Push [S] to exit the condition.

