Congratulations on your purchase of a Uniden SX237 series radio. This lightweight, palm-sized radio is a state-of-the-art device, equipped with many valuable features. Use it at sporting events, to stay in contact with family and friends, hiking, skiing, and outdoors, in a neighborhood watch for vital communication.

**PACKAGE CONTENTS**

Each radio uses 3 AA rechargeable Ni-MH batteries, included. If your model number contains “C,” your package contains a microUSB Y charging cable. If your model number contains “OK,” it contains a charging kit (including a charging cradle). If your models number contains “HS,” it contains headsets. Refer to the packaging for other specific contents.

**FCC GMRS LICENSE**

The radio operates on the General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) frequencies which require a Federal Communication Commission (FCC) license to operate. For licensing information and application forms, visit the FCC on-line at: www.fcc.gov/arkits or call the FCC hotline at 1-888-418-3767. If you have any questions you can contact the FCC direct at 1-888-225-5322.

**INSTALL THE BATTERIES**

Each radio uses 3 AA rechargeable Ni-MH batteries (included): 1. If necessary, remove the belt clip. Press on the belt clip latch and slide the belt clip off of the radio.
2. Remove the battery compartment door by pressing on and sliding out the compartment door. Remove the cover. Install the 3 AA batteries into the battery compartment. Be certain to follow the + and - symbols in the compartment. Installing the batteries incorrectly will prevent the unit from operating.
3. Allow the radio battery compartment door by sliding the door into place.
4. Replace the belt clip latch on the radio.

**BATTERY LEVEL / LOW BATTERY ALERT**

This unit has a battery level meter on the display to indicate the status of the batteries. When the battery is in the low, the battery level meter icon flashes and . Recharge the batteries immediately.

**CHARGING THE RADIO**

For radios with microUSB Y-cable: 1. Plug one branch of the microUSB Y-Cable into each radio’s microUSB charge port.
2. Insert the other end (USB) into a USB power source (computer, phone charger, etc. not included).
3. Charge the batteries for 16 hours and disconnect the radio from the Y-cable after charging.

For radios with a charging cradle: 1. Connect the AC adapter to DC IN 9V jack on the charger and to a standard 120V AC wall outlet. 2. Set the charging cradle on the desk or tabletop and place the radio in the charging cradle with the keypad facing up. 3. Make sure that the LED illuminates. Charge the batteries for 16 hours and remove the radio from the charging cradle after charging.

**WARNING**

- Neither the radio nor the charging cradle are waterproof.
- If the charging cradle falls into water, unplug it and allow the cradle to dry completely before reusing.
- If your model number contains “CK,” it contains a headset. Insert the other end (USB) into each radio’s microUSB charge port.
- If necessary, remove the belt clip.
- Press and hold the PTT button and speak into the headset microphone instead of pushing the PTT button.
- Press and hold the PTT button for 2 seconds. The icon appears on the display. On a channel that does not have voice operated transmit, you will hear only an open-squelch hissing noise.
- To turn OFF monitor mode, press and hold the CALL/MON key for 2 seconds again.

**SPECIFICATIONS**

Channels 143 (22 Channels + 121 Privacy Codes)
Operating Frequency UHF 462.5000 - 467.7125 MHz
Power 3 rechargeable NiMH batteries
Source of power Battery Life 12 hours typical (5/55 duty cycle)

**USING THE RADIO**

In order to get the most out of your new radio, read this reference guide completely before attempting to operate the radio.

**TURNING THE RADIO ON AND ADJUSTING THE VOLUME**

1. To turn the radio on, Press and hold the Menu key to turn the radio OFF.
2. Press the ▲ or ▼ keys to increase or decrease the volume level. Level 0 - Level 8 displays as you press the keys.

**USING THE MENUS**

Press [MENU] key to enter the Menu system. Each time you press [MENU] key you advance through the system:
- Press [MENU] once, access Privacy Codes (0 - 121).
- Press [MENU] twice, set the transmit (call) tone for your radio (1 - 10, DM).
- Press [MENU] three times - access VOX. (Levels 1 - 5, OFF).

**WORKING WITH CHANNELS / PRIVACY CODES**

Your radio has 22 channels and 121 Privacy Codes. In order to talk to others you must be assigned to the same channel/Privacy Code.

1. With the radio on, press [CHANNEL/PRIV] key once. The current channel number flashes.
2. Use the ▲ or ▼ keys to select other channels (1 - 22). Press and hold the ▲ or ▼ keys to rapidly change channels.
3. Press [CHANNEL/PRIV] key again to set the selected channel.
5. Use the ▲ or ▼ keys to select other Privacy Codes (1 - 121). Press and hold ▲ or ▼ to keys to rapidly change Privacy codes.
6. Press [MENU] key three times to set the Privacy Code and exit the Menus.

**VOICE OPERATED TRANSMISSIONS**

Your radio is equipped with a user selectable Voice Operated Transmitter (VOX) that can be used for automatic voice transmissions. The VOX feature is designed to be used with a headset with a microphone. Transmission is initiated by speaking into the headset’s microphone instead of pushing the PTT button.

To select the VOX level:
1. Enter the Menu, Advance through the Menu until the VOX icon appears on the display. The current level (OFF, 1-5) is indicated. Level 0 (OFF) disables VOX operation. Level 1-5 increase sensitivity of the VOX circuit.
2. Press either the ▲ or ▼ keys to select the desired VOX sensativity level. Use level 1 for increased sensitivity to voice in normally quiet environments, and a higher level to reduce undesired activation in very noisy environments.

**CHANNEL SCAN FEATURES**

Your radio has a channel scan feature that allows you to easily scan all 22 channels. When an active channel is detected, the unit pauses on that channel until the channel is clear. Then, after a 2 second delay, the radio continues scanning.

When the unit stops on an active channel, you can press the PTT button on the microphone to transmit on that channel.

**FEATURES / MONITOR MODE**

Quickly press [LIGHT] then hold for 3 seconds. The channels will cycle down through all 22 channels. To reverse scan direction, press [▲]. To stop scanning, press [▼].

**CHANGING THE RADIO**

1. Press and hold the PTT button and speak in a clear, normal voice about 2-3 inches away from the microphone. While you are transmitting, the tx icon displays. To avoid cutting off the first part of your transmission, hold the PTT button slightly after pressing the PTT button before you start talking.
2. When you are finished speaking, release the PTT button. You can continue to transmit on incoming calls. While receiving, the rx icon displays.

**KEY LOCK**

1. To lock the keypad, press and hold WX LOCK key. The icon appears on the display.
2. To unlock the keypad, press and hold WX LOCK key again. The icon disappears from the display.

**MONITOR MODE**

Your radio allows you to listen for weak signals on the current channel at the press of a key. To turn ON monitor mode, Press and hold CALL/MON for 2 seconds. The icon displays. On a channel that does not have voice operated transmit, you will hear only an open-squelch hissing noise.

To turn OFF monitor mode, press and hold the CALL/MON key for 2 seconds again.
Your radio might cause TV or radio interference even when it is operating properly. To determine whether your radio is causing the interference, turn it off. If the interference goes away, your radio is causing the interference. To eliminate the interference by moving your radio away from the receiver, you cannot eliminate the interference, the FCC requires that you stop using the radio.

Environmental Hazards: Do not operate the radio in hazardous environments. Explosion or fire may result. To operate the radio near unshielded electrical blasting caps.

Under certain conditions, radios can interfere with blasting operations and may cause an explosion. Turn your radio OFF to prevent accidental transmission when near a blasting area or your radio will be OFF two-way radio. Construction crews often use remote control RF devices to set off explosives.

Care and Safety: To clean the radio, use a soft cloth dampened with water. Do not use steamer or solvents because they can harm the body of the unit and leak inside circuitry causing performance damage. Use a dry microfiber cloth to clean the battery contacts. Do not submerge the radio in a liquid or water, dry it off, turn it off and remove the batteries immediately.

Dry the battery compartment with a soft cloth to minimize potential water damage. Leave the battery compartment cover off overnight to ensure complete drying. Do not use the radio until the unit is completely dry.

WARNING! Read this information before using the radio.


These guidelines are consistent with the safety standard previously set by both U.S. and international standards bodies. The design of the radio complies with the FCC guidelines and these international standards.

Never allow children to operate the radio without adult supervision and the knowledge of the following guidelines.

**FCC RF EXPOSURE INFORMATION**

**WARNING!** It is up to the user to properly operate this radio transmitter to insure safe operation. Please adhere to the following:

- Use only the supplied or approved antenna. Unauthorized antenna modifications, attachments or accessories may impair safe use, quality, damage the radio, or result in violation of FCC radiation emission limits.
- Do not use the radio with a damaged antenna. If a damaged antenna comes into contact with your skin, a minor burn may result. Please contact your local dealer for a replacement antenna.

**Body-Worn Operation**

This device was tested for typical body-worn operations using the supplied belt-clip.

To maintain compliance with FCC RF exposure requirements, body-worn operations are restricted to the supplied belt-clip.

For hand-held operation, the radio should be held 1 inch from the user’s face. The use of accessories that do not satisfy these requirements may not comply with FCC RF exposure requirements and should be avoided.

**ONE YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY**

**WARRANTOR: UNIDEN AMERICA CORPORATION**

**ELEMENTS OF WARRANTY:** Uniden warrants, for one year, to the original retail owner, this Uniden Product to be free from defects in materials and craftsmanship under normal use and service, and agrees to replace the product if such product proves to be defective or to be in violation of FCC requirements in any manner.

**WHAT WE WILL PAY FOR:***

The following conditions shall apply:

1. This warranty does not cover repairs or service performed by anyone other than an authorized Uniden service center.

For service information about RF exposure, please visit the FCC website at www.fcc.gov.

**FCC PART 15 / IC Compliance**

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules. 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.

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**USER'S MANUAL**

The user should keep this manual for future reference.

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