

Vertex Standard

VX-820 SERIES OPERATING MANUAL



16-KEY VERSION



4-KEY VERSION



NON-LCD VERSION

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CONGRATULATIONS!

You now have at your fingertips a valuable communications tool—a Vertex Standard two-way radio! Rugged, reliable and easy to use, your Vertex Standard radio will keep you in constant touch with your colleagues for years to come, with negligible maintenance down-time. Please take a few minutes to read this manual carefully. The information presented here will allow you to derive maximum performance from your radio, in case questions arise later on.

We're glad you joined the Vertex Standard team. Call on us anytime, because communications is our business. Let us help you get your message across.

IMPORTANT NOTE

- ❑ There are no owner-serviceable parts inside the radio. All service jobs must be referred to an authorized Vertex Standard Service Representative. Consult your Authorized Vertex Standard Dealer for installation of optional accessories.
- ❑ In order to maintain the specified water integrity performance, periodic maintenance is recommended.
- ❑ Should the radio sustain a severe shock (e.g. if it is dropped), the water integrity may be compromised, requiring service. Should this occur, contact your Authorized Vertex Standard Dealer.

Important Notice for North American Users Regarding 406 MHz Guard Band

The U.S. Coast Guard and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration have requested the cooperation of the U.S. Federal Communications Commission in preserving the integrity of the protected frequency range 406.0 to 406.1 MHz, which is reserved for use by distress beacons. Do not attempt to program this apparatus, under any circumstances, for operation in the frequency range 406.0 - 406.1 MHz if the apparatus is to be used in or near North America.

Warning - Frequency band 406 - 406.1 MHz is reserved for use ONLY as a distress beacon by the US Coast Guard and NOAA. Under no circumstance should this frequency band be part of the pre-programmed operating frequencies of this radio.

INTRINSIC SAFETY (IS) INFORMATION

IS versions of the **VX-820**, equipped with any of the following optional units, meets the requirements of ANSI/UL 913 5th Edition for Class I, II, III, Division 1 Groups C, D, E, F, G, T3C for hazardous locations.

Battery Packs:	FNB-V129LIIS-UNI
Speaker Microphone:	MH-50_{D7A}, MH-66_{A7A}, MH-66_{B7A}
Encryption/DTMF Unit:	FVP-25
Encryption:	FVP-35, FVP-36
ANI Unit:	VME-100, VMDE-200
Voice Storage Unit:	DVS-5

- Never charge the battery in the hazard areas.
- Never install/removal the battery in the hazard areas.
- Never install/remove the optional unit (includes the Speaker Microphone) in the hazard areas.
- The **VX-820** shall not be directly installed or used in any process where its enclosure might be electrostatically charged by the rapid flow of a non-conductive media.
- Ensure that there is no external damage to the radio, antenna or battery before entering the potentially explosive atmospheres, as it might compromise the safety of the unit. eg an antenna with a damaged end or insulation must be replaced before use in any potentially explosive atmospheres.
- Substitution of components may impair intrinsic safety. Installation of **FNB-V129LIIS-UNI** does NOT convert normal radio into IS version.
- To acquire the IS version of the **VX-820**, you must select the Intrinsically Safe battery option at the time of purchase.

WARNING! FCC RF EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS

This Radio has been tested and complies with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) RF exposure limits for Occupational Use/Controlled exposure environment. In addition, it complies with the following Standards and Guidelines:

- ❑ FCC 96-326, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radio-Frequency Radiation.
- ❑ FCC OET Bulletin 65 Edition 97-01 (1997) Supplement C, Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields.
- ❑ ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1992, IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz.
- ❑ ANSI/IEEE C95.3-1992, IEEE Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Potentially Hazardous Electromagnetic Fields - RF and Microwave.

 **WARNING:**

This radio generates RF electromagnetic energy during transmit mode. This radio is designed for and classified as Occupational Use Only, meaning it must be used only during the course of employment by individuals aware of the hazards, and the ways to minimize such hazards. This radio is not intended for use by the General Population in an uncontrolled environment.

 **CAUTION:**

To ensure that your exposure to RF electromagnetic energy is within the FCC allowable limits for occupational use, always adhere to the following guidelines:

- **This radio is NOT approved for use by the general population in an uncontrolled exposure environment. This radio is restricted to occupational use, work related operations only where the radio operator must have the knowledge to control his or her RF exposure conditions.**
- **When transmitting, hold the radio in a vertical position with its microphone 2 inches (5 cm) away from your mouth and keep the antenna at least 2 inches (5 cm) away from your head and body.**

WARNING! FCC RF EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS

- The radio must be used with a maximum operating duty cycle not exceeding 50%, in typical Push-to-Talk configurations.
DO NOT transmit for more than 50% of total radio use time (50% duty cycle). Transmitting more than 50% of the time can cause FCC RF exposure compliance requirements to be exceeded.
The radio is transmitting when the red LED on the top of the radio is illuminated. You can cause the radio to transmit by pressing the P-T-T button.
- SAR compliance for body-worn use was only demonstrated for the specific belt-clip Part Number (CLIP-820). Other body-worn accessories or configurations may NOT comply with the FCC RF exposure requirements and should be avoided.
- DO NOT transmit when the radio is used in Body Worn configuration with the following accessory: belt-clip.
It must be used ONLY for (1) there is 1.5 inches (4 cm) distance from the body during transmitting, (2) monitoring purposes, using the speaker only and (3) for carrying purposes.
- Always use Vertex Standard authorized accessories.
- The information listed above provides the user with the information needed to make him or her aware of RF exposure, and what to do to assure that this radio operates with the FCC RF exposure limits of this radio.
- Electromagnetic Interference/Compatibility
During transmissions, this radio generates RF energy that can possibly cause interference with other devices or systems. To avoid such interference, turn off the radio in areas where signs are posted to do so.
Do not operate the transmitter in areas that are sensitive to electromagnetic radiation such as hospitals, health care facilities, aircraft, and blasting sites.

WARNING! IC RSS GENERAL REQUIREMENT

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- ❑ Under Industry Canada regulations, this radio transmitter may only operate using an antenna of a type and maximum (or lesser) gain approved for the transmitter by Industry Canada. To reduce potential radio interference to other users, the antenna type and its gain should be so chosen that the equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) is not more than that necessary for successful communication.
- ❑ This radio transmitter (identify the device by certification number, or model number if Category II) has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed at the right with the maximum permissible gain and required antenna impedance for each antenna type indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

VHF MODEL	UHF MODEL
ATV-8A: 2.15 dBi, 50-ohm	ATU-6A1: 2.15 dBi, 50-ohm
ATV-8B: 2.15 dBi, 50-ohm	ATU-6D: 2.15 dBi, 50-ohm
ATV-8C: 2.15 dBi, 50-ohm	ATU-6F: 2.15 dBi, 50-ohm

- **When transmitting, hold the radio in a vertical position with its microphone 2 inches (5 cm) away from your mouth and keep the antenna at least 2 inches (5 cm) away from your head and body.**
- **The radio must be used with a maximum operating duty cycle not exceeding 50%, in typical Push-to-Talk configurations.**

DO NOT transmit for more than 50% of total radio use time (50% duty cycle). Transmitting more than 50% of the time can cause IC RSS General Requirement to be exceeded. To keep the Body Worn configuration with the Vertex Standard CLIP-820 belt-clip, reduce the maximum operating duty cycle still more.

The radio is transmitting when the red LED on the top of the radio is illuminated. You can cause the radio to transmit by pressing the P-T-T button.

- **SAR compliance for body-worn use was only demonstrated for the specific belt-clip (CLIP-820). Other body-worn accessories or configurations may NOT comply with the IC RSS General Requirement and should be avoided.**
- **When operate the radio with the Vertex Standard CLIP-820 belt-clip, make the transmission time as short as possible, to keep the Body Worn configuration.**

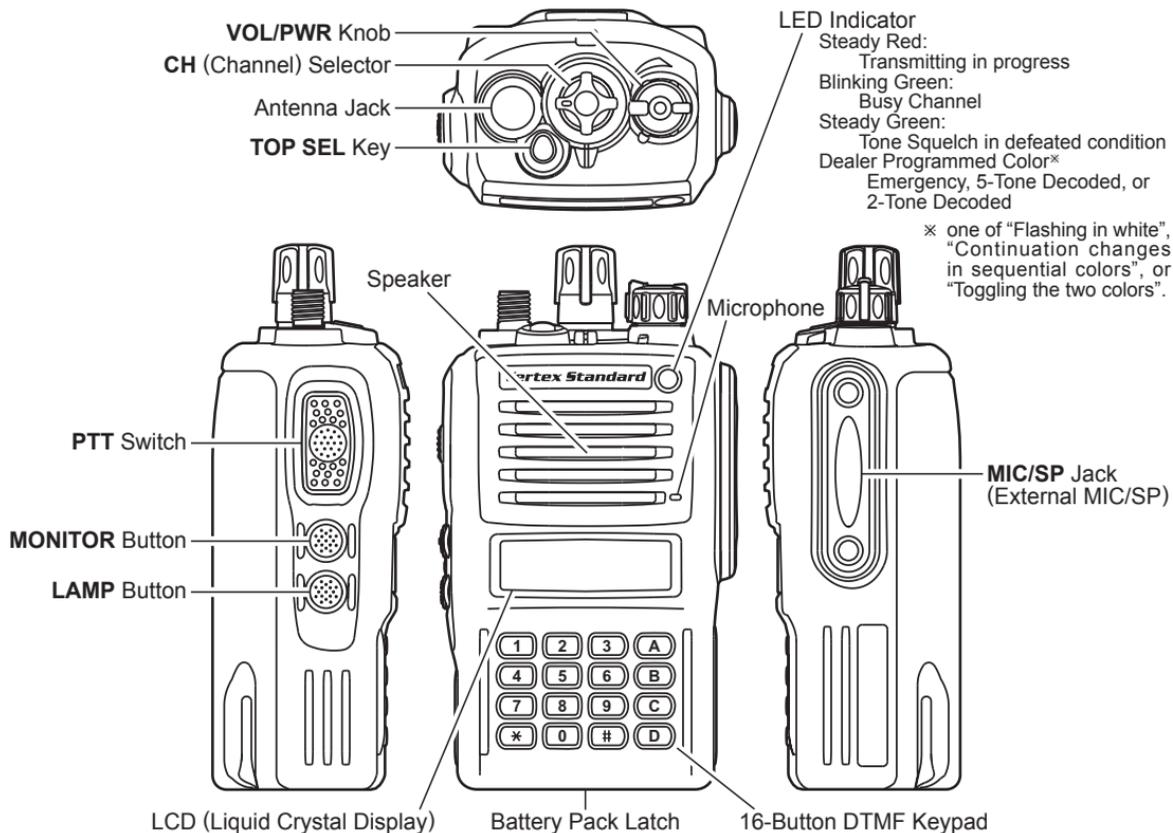
WARNING! IC RSS GENERAL REQUIREMENT

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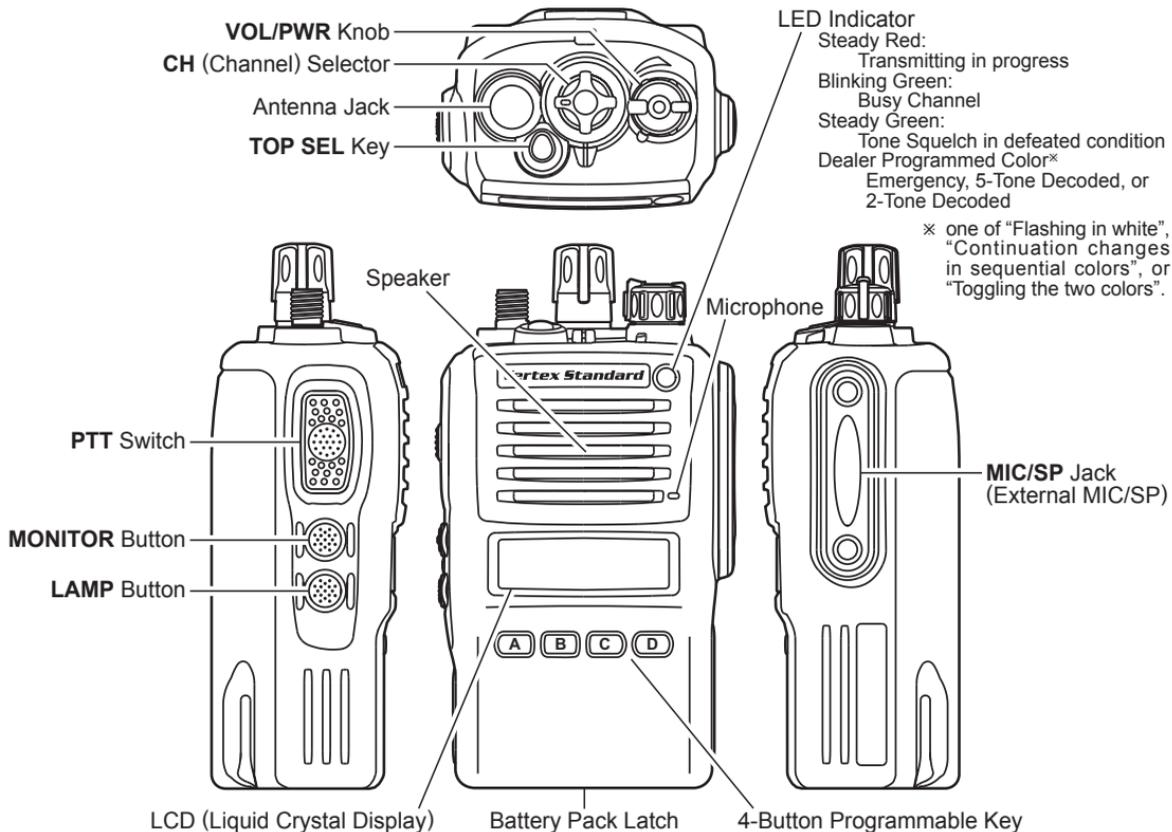
- ❑ Conformément à la réglementation d'Industrie Canada, le présent émetteur radio peut fonctionner avec une antenne d'un type et d'un gain maximal (ou inférieur) approuvé pour l'émetteur par Industrie Canada. Dans le but de réduire les risques de brouillage radioélectrique à l'intention des autres utilisateurs, il faut choisir le type d'antenne et son gain de sorte que la puissance isotrope rayonnée équivalente (p.i.r.e.) ne dépasse pas l'intensité nécessaire à l'établissement d'une communication satisfaisante.
- ❑ Le présent émetteur radio (identifier le dispositif par son numéro de certification ou son numéro de modèle s'il fait partie du matériel de catégorie I) a été approuvé par Industrie Canada pour fonctionner avec les types d'antenne énumérés dans le droit et ayant un gain admissible maximal et l'impédance requise pour chaque type d'antenne. Les types d'antenne non inclus dans cette liste, ou dont le gain est supérieur au gain maximal indiqué, sont strictement interdits pour l'exploitation de l'émetteur.
- **Pour émettre, tenez votre radio verticalement en plaçant le microphone entre 2,5 et 5 cm de la bouche. L'antenne doit toujours être à plus de 2,5 cm de votre tête.**
- **Le temps total d'émission de la radio ne doit pas dépasser 50% du temps de fonctionnement dans une configuration normale avec alternat. Par conséquent, vous ne devez PAS émettre pendant plus de 50% du temps total d'utilisation de la radio. Si cette règle n'est pas respectée, vous vous exposez à un dépassement de l'exposition aux fréquences électromagnétiques telle que définie par la norme de sécurité. La radio émet lorsque le voyant LED rouge (situé au sommet de la radio) est allumé. Vous pouvez déclencher l'émission en appuyant sur le bouton Alternat ou avec un micro-casque VOX, si la radio permet d'utiliser cet accessoire.**
- **La conformité SAR pour utilisation sur le corps n'a été confirmée que pour l'attache ceinture de nomenclature CLIP-820. L'utilisation de tout autre accessoire pour port sur le corps PEUT être non conforme aux normes d'exposition aux radio-fréquences et doit donc être évitée.**
- **N'opérez pas votre radio en mode d'émission lorsque vous la portez fixée sur le corps à l'aide de l'accessoire suivant : CLIP-820 attache ceinture.**

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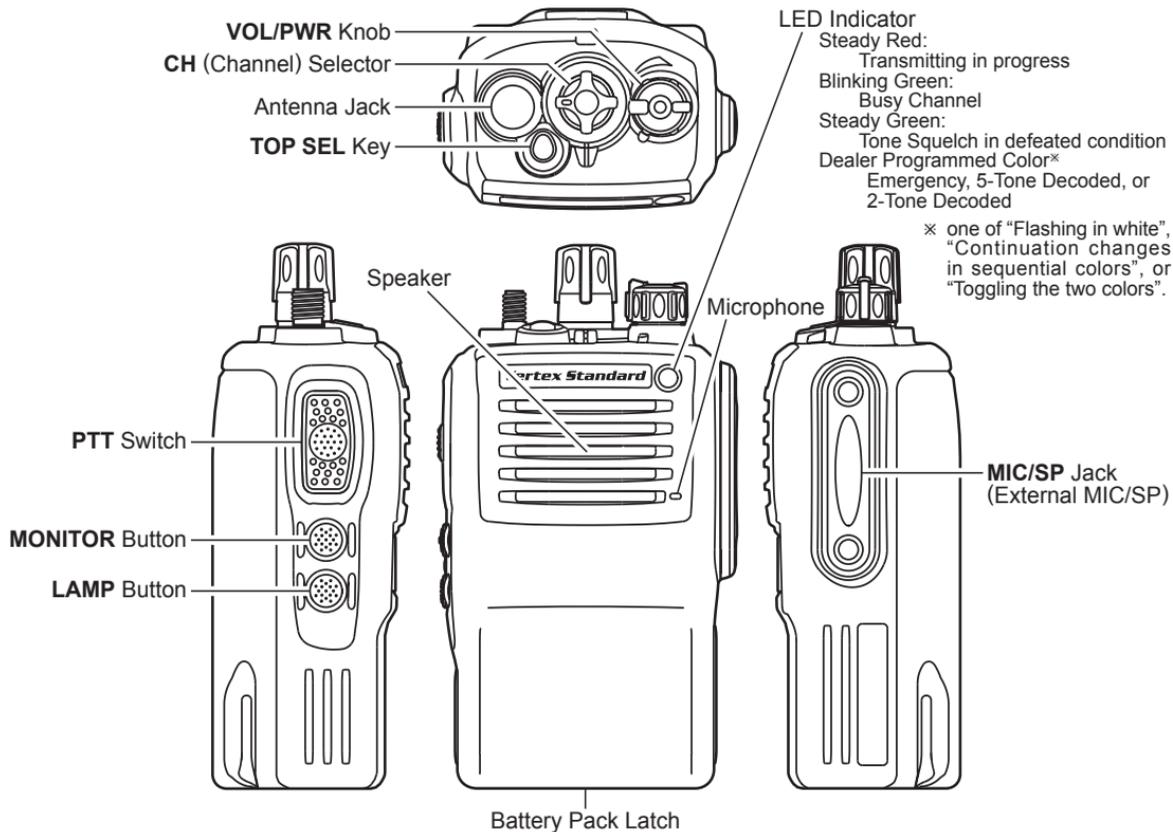
CONTROL & CONNECTORS (16-KEY VERSION)



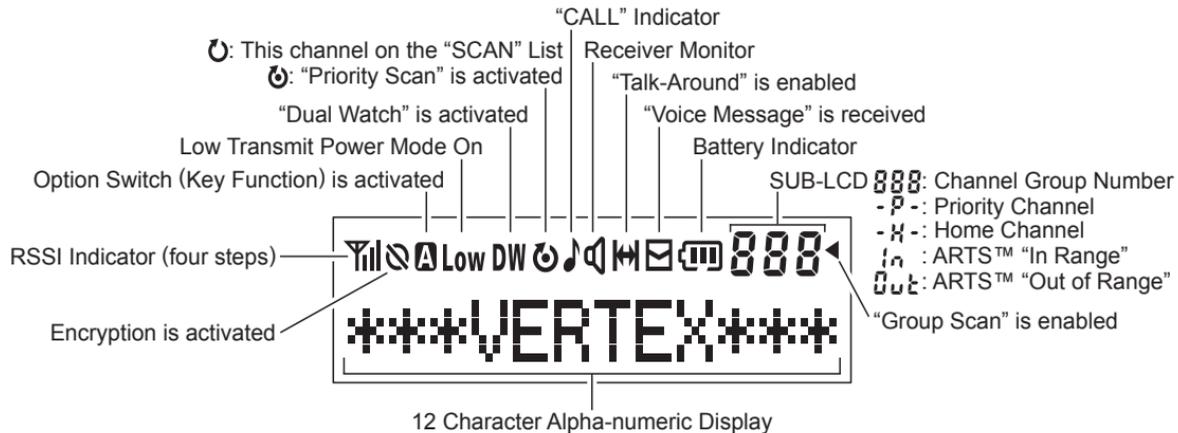
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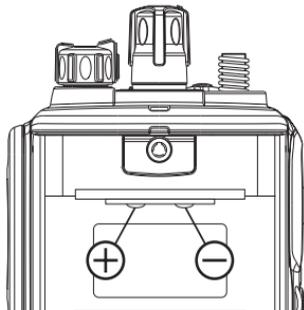
CONTROL & CONNECTORS (NON-LCD VERSION)



LCD ICONS & INDICATORS (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSIONS)



BATTERY TERMINALS

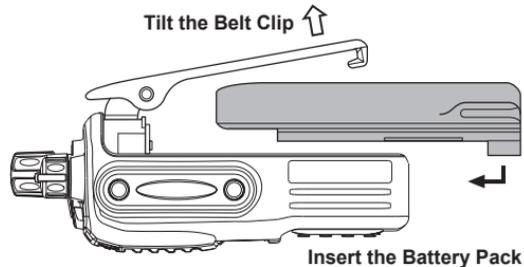


	VHF Model	UHF Model
Maximum Input Voltage:	8.4 V DC	8.4 V DC
Maximum Input Current:	2.5 A	2.5 A
Maximum Input Power:	21 W	21 W
Maximum Internal Capacitance:	50.52 μ F	51.32 μ F
Maximum Internal Inductance:	5.51 μ H	5.46 μ H

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Battery Pack Installation and Removal

- ❑ To install the battery, hold the transceiver with your left hand, so your palm is over the speaker and your thumb is on the top of the belt clip. Carefully mate the battery's four insertion slots with their corresponding alignment tabs on the transceiver case, while tilting the Belt Clip outward. Proper alignment occurs with the battery pack offset about 1/2 inch (1.5 cm) from the top edge of the battery compartment.
- ❑ Guide the pack on to the tabs with a slight inward pressure, then slide the battery pack upward, until it locks in place with a “*Click*”.



- ❑ To remove the battery, turn the radio off and remove any protective cases. Slide the Battery Pack Latch on the bottom of the radio toward the front panel while sliding the battery down about 1/2 inch (1.5 cm). Then lift the battery out from the radio while unfolding the Belt Clip.

! Do not attempt to open any of the rechargeable Lithium-Ion packs, as they could explode if accidentally short-circuited.

! WARNING **!**

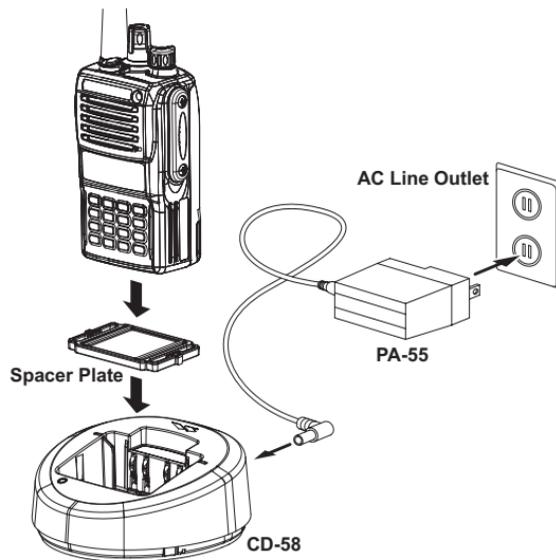
The IS version of the **VX-820** is only intrinsically safe with the use of the **FNB-V129LIIS-UNI** Battery Pack. To acquire the IS version of the **VX-820**, you must select the Intrinsically Safe battery option at the time of purchase. Replacement **FNB-V129LIIS-UNI** battery may also be purchased however to be considered IS the radio must have originally been purchased with the IS battery option.

- Do not reverse-connect the battery terminals.
- Do not parallel-connect the battery terminals.
- Do not charge batteries in hazardous locations.
- To reduce the risk of explosion, recharge the batteries outside of hazardous locations.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

Battery Charging (VAC-UNI: CD-58/PA-55) for the FNB-V127LI-UNI/-V128LI-UNI/-V129LI-UNI/-V129LIIS-UNI

- ❑ Install the Spacer Plate to the nest of the optional **CD-58** Desktop Charger, if the Battery Spacer is not installed.
- ❑ Insert the DC plug from the optional **PA-55** AC Adapter into the DC jack on the rear panel of the optional **CD-58** Desktop Charger, and then connect the **PA-55** AC Adapter to the AC line outlet.
- ❑ Insert the battery pack into the **CD-58** Desktop Charger while aligning the slots of the battery pack with the guides in the nest of the **CD-58**; refer to the following illustration for details on proper positioning of the battery pack. If charging with the transceiver attached, turn the transceiver off. The antenna jack should be at the left side when viewing the charger from the front.
- ❑ If the battery pack is inserted correctly, the LED indicator will glow red. A fully-discharged battery pack will charge completely in 1.5 - 3.0 hours (depending on the battery pack being charged).
- ❑ When charging is completed, the LED indicator will change to green.
- ❑ Disconnect the battery pack from the **CD-58** Desktop Charger and unplug the **PA-55** AC Adapter from the AC line outlet.



BEFORE YOU BEGIN



1) The VAC-UNI (CD-58/PA-55) charges only the Vertex Standard FNB-V127LI-UNI, FNB-V128LI-UNI, FNB-V129LI-UNI and FNB-V129LIIS-UNI Lithium-Ion Battery Pack.

2) If the IS version of the VX-820 is being used in a hazardous environment where Intrinsic Safety (IS) is required you must use the FNB-V129LIIS-UNI battery.

3) Use only the Vertex Standard PA-55 AC Adapter.

4) To reduce the risk of explosion, recharge the batteries outside of hazardous locations.

5) Perform the battery charging where the ambient temperature range +41 °F to +104 °F (+5 °C to +40 °C). Charge out of this range could cause damage to the battery pack.

6) Battery Pack shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire, or the like.

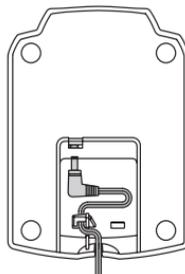
7) Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Dispose of used batteries according to the instructions.

8) For further details and cautions of the charging, refer to the Operating Manual of the CD-58 Desktop Charger.

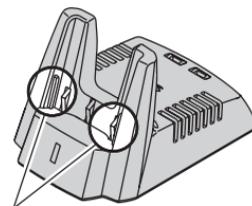
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Battery Charging (VAC-921: CD-53/PA-42) for the FNB-V86LIA/-V87LIA/-V92LI

- ❑ Insert the DC plug from the **PA-42** AC Adapter into the DC jack on the bottom side of the **CD-53** Desktop Rapid Charger, then plug the **PA-42** AC Adapter into the AC line outlet.
- ❑ Insert the battery pack into the **CD-53** Desktop Rapid Charger while aligning the slots of the battery pack with the guides in the nest of the **CD-53**; refer to the illustration at the right for details on proper positioning of the pack. If charging with the transceiver attached, turn the transceiver off, and the antenna jack should be at the left side when viewing the charger from the front.
- ❑ If the battery pack is inserted correctly, the LED indicator will glow red. A fully-discharged pack will be charged completely in 1.5 - 3.0 hours (depending on the battery pack being charged).
- ❑ The LED indicator will blink red/green alternately when charging is nearing completion.
- ❑ When charging is completed, the LED indicator will change to green. Even if the charging is completed, the LED indicator will sometimes change to red for trickle charging.
- ❑ Disconnect the pack from the **CD-53** Desktop Rapid Charger, and unplug the **PA-42** AC Adapter from the AC line outlet.



Insert the DC plug from the **PA-42** AC Adapter into the DC jack of the **CD-53** Desktop Rapid Charger.



Align the slots of the battery pack with the guides in the nest of the **CD-53** Desktop Rapid Charger.

BEFORE YOU BEGIN



1) *The VAC-921 (CD-53/PA-42) charges only the Vertex Standard FNB-V86LIA, FNB-V87LIA, and FNB-V92LI Lithium-Ion Battery Pack.*

2) *If the IS version of the VX-820 is being used in a hazardous environment where Intrinsic Safety (IS) is required you must use the FNB-V129LIIS-UNI battery with the VAC-UNI Desktop Rapid Charger.*

3) *Use only the Vertex Standard PA-42 AC Adapter.*

4) *To reduce the risk of explosion, recharge the batteries outside of hazardous locations.*

5) *Perform the battery charging where the ambient temperature range +41 °F to +104 °F (+5 °C to +40 °C). Charge out of this range could cause damage to the battery pack.*

6) *Battery Pack shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire, or the like.*

7) *Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Dispose of used batteries according to the instructions.*

Low Battery Indication

As the battery discharges during use, the voltage gradually becomes lower. When the battery voltage becomes to low, substitute a freshly charged battery and recharge the depleted pack. The LED indicator on the top of the radio will blink red when the battery voltage is low.

**Caution**

Danger of explosion if battery is replaced with an incorrect battery. Replace only with the same or equivalent type.

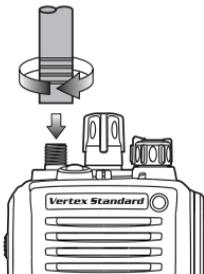
Note

The **FBA-34** was designed as a backup battery pack, and it can be used to power the transceiver if you are in an area that does not require the use of an intrinsically safe radio.

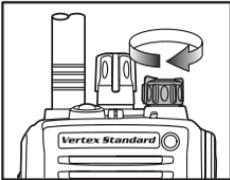
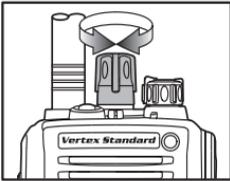
OPERATION

Preliminary Steps

- ❑ Install a charged battery pack onto the transceiver, as described previously.
- ❑ Screw the supplied antenna onto the Antenna jack. Never attempt to operate this transceiver without an antenna connected.
- ❑ If you have a Speaker/Microphone, we recommend that it not be connected until you are familiar with the basic operation of the **VX-820**.

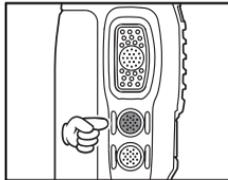
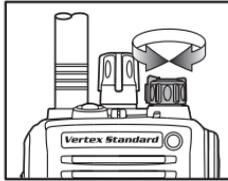


Operation Quick Start

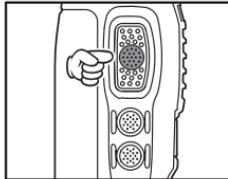
- ❑ Turn the top panel's **VOL/PWR** knob clockwise to turn the radio on.
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- ❑ Turn the top panel's **CH** selector knob to choose the desired operating channel. On the 16-key and 4-key versions, a channel name will appear on the LCD.
 - ❑ If you want to select the operating channel from a different Memory Channel Group, press the Programmable key (assigned to the Memory Group Up or Down function) to select the Memory Channel Group you want before selecting the operating channel. A Group name will appear on the LCD whenever the Programmable key is pressed. **Note:** Some models are programmed so that the operating channels are selected by the Programmable key and the memory channel group is selected by the **CH** selector knob. For further details, contact your Vertex Standard dealer.

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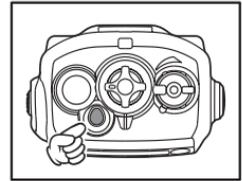
- ❑ Rotate the **VOL/PWR** knob to set the volume level. If no signal is present, press and hold in the **MONITOR** button (under the **PTT** switch) more than 2 seconds; background noise will now be heard, and you may use this to set the **VOL/PWR** knob for the desired audio level. Press and hold the **MONITOR** button more than 2 seconds (or press the **MONITOR** button *twice*) to quiet the noise and resume normal (quiet) monitoring.



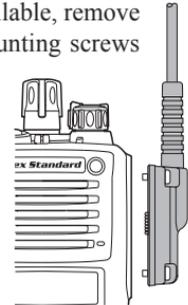
- ❑ To transmit, monitor the channel and make sure it is clear. Press and hold the **PTT** switch. Speak into the microphone area of the front panel (at the lower right corner of the speaker grille) in a normal voice level. To return to the Receive mode, release the **PTT** switch.



- ❑ Press the (Orange) **TOP SEL** key to activate one of the pre programmed functions which may have been enabled at the time of programming by the dealer. See the next section for details regarding the available features.



- ❑ If a Speaker/Microphone is available, remove the plastic cap and its two mounting screws from the right side of the transceiver, then align the connector of the Speaker/Microphone on the transceiver body; secure the connector pin using the screws supplied with the Speaker/Microphone. Hold the speaker grille up next to your ear while receiving. To transmit, press the **PTT** switch on the Speaker/Microphone, just as you would on the main transceiver's body, and speak into the microphone on a normal voice level.



Note 1): Save the original plastic cap and its mounting screws. They should be reinstalled when not using the Speaker/Microphone.

2) When you press the PTT switch on the Speaker/Microphone, it disables the internal micro-

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phone, and vice versa.



Do not remove/install the Speaker/Microphone in a hazardous location.

- ❑ If the Busy Channel Lockout feature has been programmed on a channel, the radio will not transmit when a carrier is present. Instead, the radio will generate short beep three times and indicate “***CH Busy***” on the display (16-key and 4-key versions). Release the **PTT** switch and wait for the channel to be clear of activity.
- ❑ If CTCSS or Digital Coded Squelch (DCS) Lockout has been programmed on a channel, the radio can transmit only when there is no carrier being received or when the carrier being received includes the correct CTCSS tone or DCS code.

Automatic Time-Out Timer

If the selected channel has been programmed for automatic time-out, you must limit the length of each transmission. While transmitting, a beep will sound 10 seconds before time-out. Another beep will sound just before the deadline; the “**TX**” indicator will disappear and transmission will cease soon thereafter. To resume transmitting, you must release the **PTT** switch and wait for the “Penalty timer” to expire.

NOTE

ADVANCED OPERATION

Programmable Key Functions

All versions of the **VX-820** include the **TOP SEL**, **MONITOR**, and **LAMP** key. The 16-key and 4-key versions include the **[A]**, **[B]**, **[C]**, and **[D]** function keys. Furthermore, the 16-key version includes the **[*]** and **[#]** function keys.

The Programmable key functions can be customized, via programming by your Vertex Standard dealer, to meet your communications/network requirements.

Some features may require the purchase and installation of optional internal accessories. The possible Programmable key programming features are illustrated at the right, and their functions are explained on page 24. For further details, contact your Vertex Standard dealer.

For future reference, check the box next to each function that has been assigned to the Programmable key on your particular radio, and keep it handy.

FUNCTION	PROGRAMMABLE KEY									
	TOP SEL	MONITOR	LAMP	[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	[*]	[#]	
None										
Monitor										
Lamp ^{*1}										
Lock										
Scan										
Dual Watch										
Low Power										
Talk Around										
TX Save Disable										
Encryption ^{*2}										
Audio PC (PIC)										
Follow-Me Scan										
Follow-Me Dual Watch										
Group Up ^{*1}										
Group Down ^{*1}										
Channel Up ^{*1}										
Channel Down ^{*1}										
Set										
Call Reset										

*1: This function can not be selected on the Non-LCD version.

*2: Requires **FVP-25** or **FVP-36** Encryption Unit.

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FUNCTION	PROGRAMMABLE KEY									
	TOP SEL	MONITOR	LAMP	[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	*	#	
Call 1										
Call 2										
Call 3										
Call 4										
Call 5										
Code Up ^{※1}										
Code Down ^{※1}										
Code Set ^{※1}										
Speed Dial ^{※2}										
Option SW 1										
Option SW 2										
Emergency										
Home ^{※1}										
Selectable Tone ^{※1}										
Direct Channel #1 ^{※1}										
Direct Channel #2 ^{※1}										
Direct Channel #3 ^{※1}										
Direct Channel #4 ^{※1}										
REC/PLAY ^{※3}										
REC ^{※3}										
PLAY ^{※3}										
SQL										
AF Min Volume										
Status Set ^{※1}										
Status Up ^{※1}										
Status Down ^{※1}										
Status Check										
Lone Worker										
DTMF Code Set ^{※2}										
TA Scan										
Priority Disable										
Beep On/Off										
Whisper										
Duty										

※1: This function can not be selected on the Non-LCD version.

※2: This function is only selected on the 16-key version.

※3: Requires **DVS-5** Voice Storage Unit.

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Description of Operating Functions

MONITOR

Press the assigned programmable key to cancel CTCSS- and DCS-controlled squelch; the **BUSY/TX** indicator will glow green. Press and hold this button for 1.5 seconds to hear background noise (unmute the audio); the **BUSY/TX** indicator will blink green.

LAMP (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to illuminate the LCD for five seconds.

LOCK

Press the assigned programmable key to lock the **VX-820**'s knob, programmable keys, and **PTT** switch. The precise lockout configuration is programmed by your Dealer.

Press the key again to disable the Lock function.

SCAN

The Scanning feature is used to monitor multiple signals programmed into the transceiver. While scanning, the transceiver will check each channel for the presence of a signal, and will stop on a channel if a signal is present.

To activate scanning:

- Press the assigned programmable key to activate scanning.
- The scanner will search the channels of each channel, looking for active ones; it will pause each time it finds a channel on which someone is speaking.
- Press the assigned programmable key again to disable scanning. Operation will revert to the programmed revert channel.

Note: Your dealer may have programmed your radio to stay on one of the following channels if you press the **PTT** switch during scanning pause:

- Current channel ("Talk Back")
- "Last Busy" channel
- "Priority" channel
- "Home" channel
- "Scan Start" channel

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DUAL WATCH

The Dual Watch feature is similar to the SCAN feature, except that only two channels are monitored:

- The current operating channel; and
- The Priority channel.

To activate Dual Watch:

- Press the assigned programmable key.
- The scanner will search the two channels; it will pause each time it finds a channel on which someone is speaking.

To stop Dual Watch:

- Press the assigned programmable key.
- Operation will revert to the “Dual Watch Start” channel.

LOW POWER

Press the assigned programmable key to set the radio's transmitter to the “Low Power” mode, thus extending battery life. Press the key again to return to “Normal” transmit power when in difficult terrain.

In the 16-key and 4-key versions, when the radio's transmitter is set to “Low Power” mode, the “**Low**” icon will be indicated on the display.

TALK AROUND (TA)

Press the assigned programmable key to activate the Talk Around feature when you are operating on duplex channel systems (separate receive and transmit frequencies, utilizing a “repeater” station). The Talk Around feature allows you to bypass the repeater station and talk directly to a station that is nearby. This feature has no effect when you are operating on “simplex” channels, where the receive and transmit frequencies are already the same.

In the 16-key and 4-key versions, when the “TA” function is activated, the “” icon will be indicated on the display.

Note that your dealer may have mode provision for “Talk Around” channels by programming “repeater” and “Talk Around” frequencies on two adjacent channels. If so, the key may be used for one of the other Pre-Programmed Functions.

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TX SAVE DISABLE

Press the assigned programmable key to disable the Transmit Battery Saver, if you are operating in a location where high power is almost always needed.

The Transmit Battery Saver helps extend battery life by reducing transmit power when a very strong signal from an apparently nearby station is being received. Under some circumstances, though, your hand-held radio may not be heard well at the other end of the communication path, and high power may be necessary at all times.

ENCRYPTION (REQUIRES THE FVP-25 OR FVP-36)

Press the assigned programmable key to toggle the Encryption feature “On” and “Off”.

AUDIO PC (PIC)

Press the assigned programmable key to toggle the Audio Pitch Controller “On” and “Off”. When you turn the Audio Pitch Controller “On”, the receive audio is enhanced in the high-range frequencies.

FOLLOW-ME SCAN

The “Follow-Me” Scan feature checks a User-assigned Priority Channel regularly as you scan other channels. Thus, if only Channels 1, 3, and 5 (of the 8 available channels) are designated for “Scanning”, the user may nonetheless assign Channel 2 as the “User-assigned” Priority Channel via the “Follow-Me” feature.

To activate “Follow-Me” scanning, first select the channel you want to designate as the “User-Assigned Priority Channel” and press the assigned programmable key. Then rotate the **CH** Selector knob to recall to the “Scanning Start” channel which has been programmed by your dealer to activate the scanner. When the scanner stops on an “Active” channel, the User-assigned Priority Channel will automatically be checked every few seconds; if activity is found on the User-assigned Priority Channel, the radio will switch between it and the Dealer-Assigned Priority Channel, if any.

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FOLLOW-ME DUAL WATCH

To set up a “Dual Watch” frequency pair using the “Follow-Me” feature, select a channel using the **CH** Selector knob. Now press the assigned programmable key; pressing the assigned programmable key locks the current channel as the User-assigned Priority Channel. Now rotate the **CH** Selector knob to select another channel (not the “Scanning Start” channel). Your radio will now switch back-and-forth between the currently-selected channel and the User-assigned Priority Channel.

During “Follow-Me” scanning (after you have pressed the key), you can set up the “Dual Watch” feature by rotating the **CH** Selector knob to another channel. The radio will then scan back and forth between the original User-assigned Priority Channel and the newly-selected channel.

The Priority Channel you have assigned (before pressing the key) will be retained in memory until you change it.

GROUP UP/DOWN (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to select a different group of channels. Once the desired Group is reached, rotate the **CH** Selector knob to select the desired channel within the selected Group.

You may wish to have the Scanner pass through more than one Group during the scanning process (normally, scanning is performed within the current group only). To include the current Group in the scanning loop, press and hold in the assigned programmable key for one second. To remove a Group from Group Scan, press and hold in the assigned programmable key again for one second.

Multi-Group Scanning is only possible if you are using the “User Scan” list. To edit the User Scan list, press and hold the assigned programmable key for one second to delete the current Memory Group from the Scanning. Alternatively, press and hold the assigned programmable key for one second to delete the Current Memory channel from the Scanning. When you delete a Group or channel, “**-SCAN Skip-**” will appear on the LCD for one second after pressing the assigned programmable key. To restore a particular channel to your scanning list, press and hold in the assigned programmable key again for one second; “**-SCAN Stop-**” will appear on the LCD for one second after pressing the assigned programmable key.

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CHANNEL UP/DOWN (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to select a different channel within the current group.

SET (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to activate the "User Set" (Menu) Mode. See page 33 for details

CALL/RESET

While the DTMF Paging System

This feature, if enabled, allows the user to change the 3-digit Page Call code, used to call other similarly-equipped stations. Press the assigned programmable key, followed by the three digits representing the Page Call code of the station you wish to call. Three tones will be heard after the last key is pressed (the new code will now be transmitted). The receiver squelch of the other station will be opened, and you can begin communication.

While the 2-Tone/5-Tone Paging System

This feature, if enabled, press the assigned programmable key to send a 2-tone/5-tone sequential tone.

CALL 1 TO CALL 5

Press the assigned programmable key to send a 2-tone/5-tone sequential tone group which is pre-defined.

CODE UP/DOWN (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to select a 2-tone/5-tone encode code from the pre-defined encode list.

CODE SET (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to change the encode digits for 5-tone operation. To change a specific digit, select the desired digit using the [A] key, then change the number using the [B]/[C] keys, and store the number using the [D] key.

SPEED DIAL (16-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Your Dealer may have pre-programmed Auto-Dial telephone number memories into your radio.

To dial a number, press the assigned programmable key, then press the front panel's numeric key corresponding to the Auto-Dial memory number list provided by your Dealer or Network Administrator. The DTMF tones sent during the dialing sequence will be heard in the speaker.

OPTION SW1

Press the assigned programmable key to toggle the optional accessory "1" "On" and "Off".

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OPTION SW2

Press the assigned programmable key to toggle the optional accessory “2” “On” and “Off”.

EMERGENCY

The **VX-820** series include an “Emergency” feature which may be useful for alerting another party monitoring on the same frequency as your transceiver’s channel.

Press the assigned programmable key to initiate an emergency call. For further details contact your Dealer.

HOME (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to recall the pre-defined Home group/channel. When you recall the Home group/channel, the “- **H** -” notation will appear on the LCD.

SELECTABLE TONE (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to select a sub-audible tone (CTCSS/DCS) from the pre-defined tone table. You can operate using the indicated sub-audible tone in the Selectable Tone mode.

DIRECT CH#1 - #4 (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to recall the Dealer pre-programmed channel directly.

REC/PLAY (VOICE STORAGE: REQUIRES THE DVS-5)

This function allows your radio to record a received voice message, and to play back the recorded audio. It requires installation of the optional Voice Recording Unit.

Recording;

Press the assigned programmable key for 1.5 seconds to enable the Voice Recording Mode. If the incoming signal is received, so as to un-mute the squelch and pass audio, the received audio will be recorded.

In the 16-key and 4-key versions, the “

Playback;

Press the assigned programmable key momentarily to play back the last message.

To stop the play-back, press the **TOP SEL** key.

In the 16-key and 4-key versions, while playback is proceeding, you may press the **[A]** key (4-key version) or **[*]** key (16-key version) to jump to the previous message, or press the **[B]** key (4-key version) or **[#]** key (16-key version) to jump to the next message. Furthermore, press the **[D]** key to clear the all messages and stop the play-back.

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You can manually adjust the squelch level using this function:

- ❑ Press the assigned programmable key. A tone will sound, and the current squelch level will appear on the display.
- ❑ Press the **MONITOR/LAMP** button to select the desired squelch level.
- ❑ Two seconds after releasing the **MONITOR/LAMP** button, the display will revert to the normal channel indication.

AF MIN VR

Press the assigned programmable key to reduce the audio output to the (lower) level programmed by your Dealer.

STATUS SET (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to change the 5-Tone status code. To change the status code, select the desired digit by [A] key, then change the number by [B]/[C] key, and store the number by [D] key.

STATUS UP/DOWN (16-KEY & 4-KEY VERSION ONLY)

Press the assigned programmable key to select a 5-Tone status code from the pre-defined status list.

STATUS CHECK

Press the assigned programmable key to check the 5-Tone receive status code. When you press this key, the LCD display will indicate the “Message” corresponding to the receive status condition per the pre-defined status list.

LONE WORKER

Press the assigned programmable key to toggle the Lone Worker feature “On” and “Off”. The Lone Worker feature is designed to emit an alarm for 30 seconds when the Lone Worker Timer (programmed by your Dealer) has expired. If the user does not reset the timer by pressing the **PTT** switch, the radio switches to the Emergency mode.

DTMF CODE SET (16-KEY VERSION ONLY)

You may send the desired telephone number manually.

To dial a number manually, press the assigned programmable key, then press the desired numbers on the front panel’s numeric key. Now, press the **PTT** switch to send the telephone number. The DTMF tones sent during the dialing sequence will be heard in the speaker.

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TA SCAN

Press the assigned programmable key to toggle the TA (Talk Around) scan feature “On” and “Off”.

While TA scan is proceeding, the **VX-820** will search both the transmit and receive frequencies (In the 16-key and 4-key versions, the “” icon will blink). When a signal is encountered on the receive frequency, the **VX-820** will pause until the signal disappears (“” icon will appear but not blink). When a signal is encountered on the transmit frequency, the **VX-820** will check for activity on the receive frequency every few seconds (interval programmed by your Dealer).

PRIORITY DISABLE

Press the assigned Programmable key to disable the Priority feature temporarily. Again press the assigned Programmable key to resume the Priority feature.

BEEP ON/OFF

Press the assigned Programmable key to disable the radio beeps temporarily. Again press the assigned Programmable key to enable the radio beeps.

WHISPER

Press the assigned Programmable key to increase the microphone gain; thus you can speak in a low voice (whisper) temporarily. Again press the assigned Programmable key to resume normal microphone gain.

DUTY

Press the assigned programmable key to toggle the Duty function of the 2-tone/5-tone decoder “On” and “Off”.

When the Duty function is set to “On”, the user will always hear (depending on the sub-audio signalling) all traffic on the paging channel. The radio will sound the paging alert when it receives the programmed 2-tone/5-tone code.

When the Duty function is set to “Off”, the user will NOT hear normal radio traffic on the paging channel. The radio will sound the paging alert and unmute only when it receives the programmed 2-tone/5-tone code.

ARTS™ (AUTO RANGE TRANSPOND SYSTEM)

This system is designed to inform you when you and another ARTS™-equipped station are within communication range.

During ARTS™ operation, when the radio receives the correct ARTS™ signal, a short beep will sound and the “**IS**” (meaning “In Service”) notation will be displayed on the sub-LCD*. If you move out of range for more than two minutes, your radio senses that no signal has been received; three short beeps will sound, and “**Out**” (“Out of Service”) will be displayed on the sub-LCD*. If you subsequently move back into range, as soon as the other station transmits, a short beep will sound and “**IS**” will be displayed again on the sub-LCD*.

※: Except on Non-LCD version.

DTMF PAGING SYSTEM※

This system allows paging and selective calling, using DTMF tone sequences.

When your radio is paged by a station bearing a tone sequence which matches yours, your radio's squelch will open and the alert will sound. The three-digit code of the station which paged you will be displayed on your radio's LCD.

※: Requires FVP-25 Encryption/DTMF Pager Unit

LOCK

In order to prevent accidental channel change or inadvertent transmission, various aspects of the **VX-820's** knob, soft keys, and **PTT** switch may be locked.

The precise lockout configuration is programmed by your Dealer.

To locked out the key locking, turn the radio off. Now, press and hold the **PTT** and **LAMP** key while turning the radio on again.

To cancel locking, repeat this process.

USER SET MODE

The 16-key and 4-key versions of the **VX-820** include a “User Set (Menu)” Mode which allows the user to define or configure various settings, such as Beep On/Off, Squelch Threshold Level, LCD Contrast, etc.

To activate the “User Set (Menu)” Mode:

- Press the assigned programmable key for the “SET” function to enter the “User Set Mode”.
- Select the User Set Mode Item you want change using the **CH** selector knob.
- Press the **MONITOR/LAMP** button to select the status of the selected item.
- Press **PTT** switch to exit to normal operation.

DISPLAY	DESCRIPTION
1 SQL	Select the Squelch Threshold Level.
2 SCN List	Select the Scan List “User” or “Dealer”.
3 BEEP	Set the Beep On/Off.
4 BELL	Set the Bell On/Off. (Bell engaged by Sub-audible CTCSS/DCS)
5 Lighting	Set the BUSY/TX LED On/Off.
6 Lock	Set the Lock function to be Locked. (Key/PTT/Key+PTT)
7 Group	Set the Operation Group.
8 SCAN	Set the Scan status. (Same function as Scan key)
9 DW	Set the Dual Watch status. (Same function as DW key)
10 TA	Set the Talk Around status. (Same function as TA key)
11 AF Min VR	Set the Minimum Volume level.
12 Beep VR	Set the Beep Volume level.
13 Contrast	Set the LCD Contrast.
14 Pitch	Not available at this time.
15 REC Mode	ONE : Enables recording one message (Max. 120 seconds), and playback from the beginning of the message. ROL : Enables recording whenever squelch opens, and playback of the last 120 seconds.
16 Play Mode	Set the priority audio on playback mode. PLY : Playback audio is higher priority than received signal. SIG : Received signal is higher priority than playback audio.

Note: The menu “15: REC Mode” and “16: Play Mode” will appear only when the optional **DVS-5** Digital Voice Storage Unit is installed.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

IS APPROVED ACCESSORIES

FNB-V129LIIS-UNI	7.4V  , 3000 mAh Li-Ion Battery Pack (IS version)
FVP-25	Encryption/DTMF Pager Unit
FVP-35	Rolling Code Encryption Unit
FVP-36	Inversion Encryption Unit
DVS-5	Digital Voice Storage Unit
VME-100	MDC1200®/GE-STAR® ANI Encoder Unit
VMDE-200	MDC1200®/GE-STAR® ANI Enc/Dec Unit
MH-50D7A	Speaker/Microphone (Noise Canceling)
MH-66A7A	Submersible External Speaker/Microphone
MH-66B7A	Submersible External Speaker/Microphone (with Speaker-Volume Toggle Switch & Programmable Key)
ATV-8A	VHF Antenna (134-151 MHz)
ATV-8B	VHF Antenna (150-163 MHz)
ATV-8C	VHF Antenna (161-174 MHz)
ATU-6A1	UHF Antenna (400-430 MHz)
ATU-6D	UHF Antenna (450-490 MHz)
ATU-6F	UHF Antenna (490-512 MHz)

 **IMPORTANT NOTE** 

If any of the IS Exempt Accessory is used with the **VX-820** series, the radio is no longer intrinsically safe, and must not be used in hazardous locations.

OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

IS EXEMPT ACCESSORIES

FNB-V127LI-UNI	7.4V  , 1380 mAh Li-Ion Battery Pack
FNB-V128LI-UNI	7.4V  , 2300 mAh Li-Ion Battery Pack
FNB-V129LI-UNI	7.4V  , 3000 mAh Li-Ion Battery Pack
FNB-V86LIA	7.4V  , 1380 mAh Li-Ion Battery Pack
FNB-V87LIA	7.4V  , 2300 mAh Li-Ion Battery Pack
FNB-V92LI	7.4V  , 3000 mAh Li-Ion Battery Pack
FBA-34	Alkaline Battery Case (6 x AA)
CD-58	Desktop Rapid Charger (for FNB-V127LI-UNI/-V128LI-UNI/-V129LI-UNI/-V129LIIS-UNI)
PA-55	AC Adapter (for CD-58)
VAC-UNI	Desktop Rapid Charger (CD-58+PA-55, for FNB-V127LI-UNI/-V128LI-UNI/-V129LI-UNI/-V129LIIS-UNI)
CD-53	Desktop Rapid Charger (for FNB-V86LIA/-V87LIA/-V92LI)
PA-42	AC Adapter (for CD-53)
VAC-921	Desktop Rapid Charger (CD-53+PA-42, for FNB-V86LIA/-V87LIA/-V92LI)
VAC-6058	6-Unit Multi Charger (for FNB-V127LI-UNI/-V128LI-UNI/-V129LI-UNI/-V129LIIS-UNI)
VAC-6920	6-Unit Multi Charger (for FNB-V86LIA/-V87LIA/-V92LI)
VCM-5	Vehicular Charger Mounting Adapter (for CD-58)
LCC-820	Leather Case
CLIP-17B	Swivel Belt Clip
CE59	Programming Software
FIF-12	USB Programming Interface
CT-108	PC Programming Cable (for FIF-12)
CT-116	Radio to Radio Cloning Cable

Availability of accessories may vary; some accessories are supplied standard per local requirements, others may be unavailable in some regions. Check with your Vertex Standard Dealer for changes to this list.

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WARRANTY POLICY

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- North America customers (USA and Canada): <http://www.vertexstandard.com/lmr/warranty-terms.aspx>
- Customers outside of North America: contact the authorized dealer in your country.

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