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About this Manual

LATEST UPDATE: 15 November 2006

I made the following improvements to the Yaesu FT-8800R Operating Manual:

- Reformatted the material to make it easier to read and locate information
- Reworded some of the more difficult to understand passages and key terminology
- Greatly expanded the **Hyper Memory** section
- Clarified and expanded the **Scanning** section
- Reorganized the material into a more logical order
- Updated some of the artwork to make it more presentable
- Added cross-references

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Happy reading! Jack Swinden, W5JCK

Conventions are used in this manual

- The "Main band" is the side of the FT-8800R on which you can transmit. This band is indentifed on the FT-8800R's LCD screen by the MAID symbol.
- The "Sub band" is the side of the FT-8800R on which you can receive only.
- The "MAIN DIAL knob" is the DIAL knob on the side of the FT-8800R currently set as the Main band.
- Menu items and key terms are shown in **bold Arial text**, and menu names (functions) and menu options or shown in monospace text.

For example: "Menu #21 LOCK can be set to OFF or ON."

• Notes are presented as below:



This is a sample note. Notes typically contain extra information designed to clarify the information presented in a topic. Sometimes they contain **CAUTION**s or **WARNING**s.

Introducing the FT-8800R



The **FT–8800R** is a ruggedly-built, high quality Dual Band FM transceiver providing 50 Watts of power output on the 144 MHz Amateur band and 35 Watts on the 430 MHz band.

The high power output of the **FT–8800R** is produced by its RD70HVF1 Power MOS FET amplifier, with a direct-flow heat sink and thermostatically-controlled cooling fan maintaining a safe temperature for the transceiver's circuitry.

Featuring 1054 memory channels (527 channels each for **Main** and **Sub** band), full duplex operation with independent **Volume** and **Squelch** controls, and built-in **CTCSS** and **DCS** encoder/decoder circuits, the **FT–8800R** includes provision for remote-head mounting, utilizing the optional **YSK–8900 Separation Kit**, which allows installation even in the most compact of cars.

We recommend that you read this manual in its entirety, so as to fully understand the many features of your new **FT-8800R** transceiver.

Front Panel Controls



(1) Left and Right DIAL knobs

These 20-position detented rotary switches are the tuning dials for the left and right bands.

- Press the adjoining knob momentarily to switch the **Main** band to the side where the knob is located.
- When in the **Memory** mode, press this knob to enable rapid tuning (in 10 channel steps) using this knob.
- When in the **VFO** mode, press this knob to enable rapid tuning (in 1 MHz steps) using this knob.
- When in the **VFO** mode, press and hold in this knob for ½ second to toggle the operating band as follows:

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144 MHz \rightarrow 250 MHz \rightarrow 350 MHz \rightarrow 430 MHz \rightarrow 850 MHz
```

(2) Left and Right VOL Knobs

The **VOL** (Volume) control adjusts the speaker audio level for the adjoining receiver.

- Clockwise rotation increases the audio level.
- Press this knob momentarily to switch the Internet Connection feature on and off.

(3) Left and Right SQL Knobs

The **SQL** (Squelch) control is used to silence background noise on the adjoining receiver.

- Clockwise rotation decreases the squelch level.
- It should be advanced clockwise just to the point where the noise is silenced (and the gust indicator on the display turns off), so as to provide the best sensitivity to weak signals.

(4) Hyper Memory Buttons 1... 6

- Press and hold in one of these buttons for 2 seconds to store the current total configuration of the radio into a special Hyper memory bank.
- Press the appropriate button momentarily to recall the desired Hyper memory.

(5) Left and Right Side Key

Left Side Keys

Right Side Keys

The left side keys function as LOW, V/M, HM, and SCN.





The right side keys may be set to function as LOW, V/M, HM, and SCN (default) or as MHz, REV,

TONE, and SUB (VKEY2).

Left Side Keys (always) and Right Side Keys when in Key Mode 1

Low Key: (Default)

• Press this key repeatedly to toggle the transmitter power output level of the adjoining band:

```
LOW → MID2 → MID1 → HIGH
```

• When the adjoining band is set to the **Memory** mode or **Home Channel**, press and hold in this key for ½ second to switch the memory channel display between the Frequency format and the Alpha-numeric Tag format.

WM Key: (Default)

- Press this key momentarily to switch the frequency control for the adjoining band between the **VFO** and Memory Systems.
- When the adjoining band is set to the **VFO** mode, press and hold in this for ½ second to activate the Smart Search Feature.
- When the adjoining band is set to the **Memory** mode, press and hold in this key for ½ second to activate the Memory Bank feature.

M Key: (Default)

- Press this key momentarily to recall a favorite **Home Channel** on the adjoining band.
- Press and hold in this for ½ second to activate **Priority Channel Scanning** on the adjoining band.

SCN Key: (Default)

- Press this key momentarily to activate the **Scanner** on the adjoining band.
- When the adjoining band is set to the **Memory** mode, press and hold in this key for ½ second to shift to the Memory Tuning feature on the adjoining band.

Right Side Keys when in Key Mode 2 (TKEY2)

To set the right side keys to **Key Mode 2**:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAID DIAL knob to select Menu #20 KEY. MOD.
- 3. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to change the setting to KEY 2.
- 4. Press and hold in the MAID DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

When set to **Key Mode 2**, the **VKEY2** indicator is displayed and the keys function as follows:

MHz Key: while in Key Mode 2

- Press this key momentarily to allow tuning in 1-MHz steps on the **Main** band **VFO**.
- Press and hold in this key for ½ second to allow tuning in 10-MHz steps on the **Main** band **VFO**.

REV Key: while in Key Mode 2

- Press this key momentarily to reverse the transmit and receive frequencies on the Main band during split-frequency (i.e. Repeater) operation.
- Press and hold in this key for ½ second to change the frequency shift direction:

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RPT - (minus shift) \rightarrow RPT + (plus shift) \rightarrow RPT OFF (simplex)
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• Press this key momentarily to change the **Tone Squelch** mode:

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ENC (CTCSS Encoder) \rightarrow ENC.DEC (CTCSS Tone Squelch) \rightarrow DCS (DCS operation)
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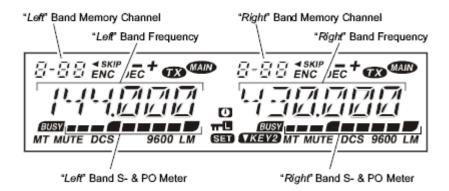
SUB Key: SCN while in Key Mode 2

- Press this key momentarily to activate the **Sub** band function (the blink on the **Sub** band). When the **Sub** band function is activated, any keys you press act on the **Sub** band.
- When the **Sub** band function is activated (the **Sub** band), press this key momentarily to deactivate the **Sub** band function.

(6) **SET** Key

- Press this key momentarily to enter the **Set** (**Menu**) mode.
- Press and hold in this key for ½ second to transfer the contents of the Main band VFO into a Memory register.

LCD Display Screen



Icons

: Preferential Memory Channel

SKIP: Skip Memory Channel

-: Minus Shift

+: Plus Shift

-+: Odd Split

ENC: Tone Encoder

DEC: Tone Decoder

Transmission in Progress

Main Band

Busy Channel (or Squelch Off)

MT: Memory Tune Mode

MUTE: Audio Mute Active

DCS: Digital Code Squelch (DCS)

9600: 9600 bps Packet Mode

L: Low TX Power Selected

M: Middle TX Power Selected (No Icon indicates High TX Power)

①: Automatic Power-Off Active

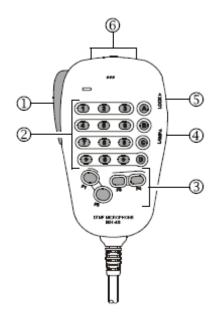
T: Keypad/DIAL Lock Active

SET: Menu (Set) Mode

TKEY2: Key Function Mode is set to

KEY-2

MH-48A6J Microphone Overview



(1) PTT Switch

Press this switch to transmit, and release it to receive.

(2) Keypad

The 12 number keys generate DTMF tones during transmission.

In the receive mode, these keys can be used for direct frequency entry and/or direct numeric recall of the Memory channels.



The A, B, C, and D keys serve no function on the FT-8800R.

(3) Programmable Buttons

You can program any of the Programmable buttons for the following functions: BAND, HOME, LOW, MHz, PRI, REV, RPTR, SCAN, SQL.OFF, TCALL, TONE, VFO/MR.

(See Program the Microphone Buttons on page 14 for details.)

button: default setting is BAND function

- Press this button to switch the Main band between the Left and Right displays on the LCD screen. This is the best and easiest way to set the Main band to the side you prefer.
- Press and hold this button for ½ second to move operation to the next-highest frequency band on the **Main** band.

button: default setting is VFO/MR function

• Press this button momentarily to switch the frequency control for the **Main** band between the **VFO** and Memory Systems.

- When the **Main** band is set to the **VFO** mode, press and hold in this button for ½ second to activate the Smart Search Feature.
- When the **Main** band is set to the **Memory** mode, press and hold in this button for ½ second to activate the Memory Bank feature.

B button: default setting is TONE function

Press this button repeatedly to select the CTCSS or DCS mode on the Main band:

```
ENC \rightarrow ENC.DEC (Tone Squelch) \rightarrow DCS
```

button: default setting is LOW function

Press this button repeatedly to select the transmitter power output level on the **Main** band:

- LOW: 5 watts VHF/UHF
- MID2: 10 watts VHF/UHF
- MID1: 20 watts VHF/UHF
- HIGH: 50 watts VHF. 35 watts UHF

When the **Main** band is set to the **Memory** mode or **Home Channel**, press and hold in this key for ½ second to switch the memory channel display between the Frequency format and Alpha-numeric Tag format.

(4) LAMP Switch

This switch illuminates the Microphone keypad.

(5) LOCK Switch

This switch locks out the Microphone buttons (except for the keypad and PTT switch).

(6) DWN / UP Buttons

Press (or hold in) either of these buttons to tune (or scan up or down) the operating frequency or through the memory channels on the **Main** band. In many ways, these buttons emulate the function of the (rotary) **DIAL** knob.

Program the Microphone Buttons

Default FT-8800R key functions have been assigned to the MH-48A6J Microphone P1, P2, and buttons at the factory. These may be changed by the user, if you wish to utilize another function on one of these keys. (See MH-48A6J Microphone Overview on page 12 for details.)

To program the function assigned to a key:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the Manu Item to be configured:
 - To program the Dutton select Menu #28 PG P1
 - To program the Dutton select Menu #29 PG P2
 - To program the button select Menu #30 PG P3
 - To program the button select Menu #31 PG P4
- 3. Press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAID DIAL knob to select the function you wish to assign to the button you selected in the previous step.
- 4. Press the SET key to save the new setting, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select another programmable button to modify, if desired, and repeat the above steps.
- 5. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to exit to normal operation.

Programming Options for the Buttons

BAND function (factory default for **D** button)

- Press the button to toggle the **Main** band of operation between the Left band and right band.
- Press and hold the button for $\frac{1}{2}$ second to switch operating band on the **Main** band.

HOME (HM) function

- Press the button to switch operation to the Home Channel on the Main band.
- Press and hold the button for ½ second to activate the Priority Scanning.

LOW function (factory default for button)

- Press the button to select the transmit power output level on the **Main** band.
- When the **Main** band is set to the **Memory** mode or **Home Channel**, press and hold in this button for ½ second to switch the memory channel display between the Frequency format and Alpha-numeric Tag format.

MHz function

- Press the button to allow tuning in 1-MHz step on the **Main** band **VFO**.
- Press and hold the button for ½ second to allow tuning in 10-MHz step on the **Main** band **VFO**.

PRI function

- Press the button to activate the **Priority** feature on the **Main** band.
- No press and hold function for this button.

REV function

- Press the button to reverse the transmit and receive frequencies during split-frequency operation.
- Press and hold the button for ½ second to select Repeater Shift direction on the Main band.

RPTR function

- Press the button to select Repeater Shift direction on the Main band.
- No press and hold function for this button.

SCAN function

- Press the button to activate the Scanner on the **Main** band.
- When the **Main** band is set to the **Memory** mode, press and hold the button for ½ second to shift to the Memory Tuning feature.

SQL.OFF function

- Press the button to open the Squelch on the Main band to allow un-muted reception.
- Press and hold the button for ½ second to open the Squelch on the Main band to allow un-muted reception.

TCALL function

- Press the button to activate 1750 Hz Tone Burst.
- Press and hold the button for ½ second to activate 1750 Hz Tone Burst.

TONE function (factory default for **B** button)

- Press the button to activate the CTCSS or DCS operation on the **Main** band.
- No press and hold function for this button.

VFO/MR function (factory default for button)

- Press the button to switch frequency control between the **VFO** and **Memory** modes on the **Main** band.
- When the **Main** band is set to the **VFO** mode, press and hold the button for ½ second to activate the Smart Search Feature.
- When the **Main** band is set to the **Memory** mode, press and hold the button for ½ second to activate the **Memory Bank** feature.

Select the Main Operating Band

In the factory default configuration, the FT-8800R operates in the Dual Receive mode.

During **Dual Receive** operation, the **Main** band frequency (on which transmission is possible) will be indicated by the MAIN icon.

You will observe the icon lighting up alternate sides of the display as you switch **Main** bands from the left side to the right side, and vice-versa. (The following illustration shows the **Main** band on the left side and the **Sub** band on the right side.)



To establish the **Main** band, momentarily press one of the following:

- The left or right **DIAL** knob
- MH-48A6J microphone's Pl key

To switch the frequency band, see Change the Frequency Band on page 18 for details.

Change the Frequency Band

In the factory default configuration, the FT-8800R operates in the **Dual Receive** mode.

The following illustration shows UHF–VHF (**U-V**) mode of operation.



The FT-8800R can also be configured to operate in V-U mode (not shown), or V-V or U-U modes (shown below).





To switch the frequency band:

• When in **VFO** mode, press and hold in the left **DIAL** knob for ½ second to cycle the operating band on the left side to the next-highest frequency band.

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144 MHz \rightarrow 250 MHz \rightarrow 350 MHz \rightarrow 430 MHz \rightarrow 850 MHz
```

• When in **VFO** mode, press and hold in the right **DIAL** knob for ½ second to cycle the operating band on the right side to the next-highest frequency band.

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430 MHz \rightarrow 850 MHz \rightarrow 144 MHz \rightarrow 250 MHz \rightarrow 350 MHz
```

To switch the Main band, see Select the Main Operating Band on page 17 for details.

Change the Frequency

Navigation using the Tuning Dial

Rotating the **DIAL** knob allows tuning in the pre-programmed steps established for the current operating band. Clockwise rotation of the **DIAL** knob causes the **FT–8800R** to be tuned toward a higher frequency, while counter-clockwise rotation will lower the operating frequency.

On the **Main** band frequency, press the **DIAL** knob momentarily, then rotate the **DIAL** knob, to change the **Main** band frequency steps to 1 MHz per step. This feature is extremely useful for making rapid frequency excursions over the wide tuning range of the **FT–8800R**.

Direct Keypad Frequency Entry using the MH-48A6J Microphone

The keypad of the MH-48A6J DTMF Microphone may be used for direct entry of the Main band operating frequency.

To enter a frequency from the MH-48A6J keypad, just press the numbered digits in the proper sequence. There is no decimal point key on the MH-48A6J keypad.

Examples:

- To enter 146.480 MHz, press 1 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 0
- To enter 433.000 MHz, press $4 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 0$

Scanning

From the **VFO** mode, press and hold the select the bandwith for the **VFO** scanner. Now, press the scanning toward a higher frequency. The **FT-8800R** will stop when it receives a signal strong enough to break through the squelch threshold. The **FT-8800R** will then hold on that frequency according to the setting of the **Resume** mode (**Menu #34** SCAN).

If you wish to reverse the direction of the scan (i.e. toward a lower frequency, instead of a higher frequency), just rotate the **DIAL** knob one click in the counter-clockwise direction while the **FT-8800R** is scanning. The scanning direction will be reversed. To revert to scanning toward a higher frequency once more, rotate the **DIAL** knob one click clockwise.

Press the sex again to cancel scanning.

Transmit

Transmitting

To transmit, simply depress the PTT (Push To Talk) switch on the microphone.

The FT-8800R will transmit only on the Main band. During transmission, the icon will appear at the upper right of the Main frequency field on the display.

Changing the Transmitter Power Level

You can select from among a total of four transmit power levels on your FT-8800R.

To change the power level, press the we key to select one of the four power settings. These power levels will be stored in memory registers at the time of memory storage.

- LOW: 5 watts VHF/UHF
- MID2: 10 watts VHF/UHF
- MID1: 20 watts VHF/UHF
- HIGH: 50 watts VHF, 35 watts UHF

During transmission, the Bar Graph will deflect in the display, according to the power output selected.

You may change the power level on the **Main** band using the **MH-48A6J** microphone's key.

Activate the Lock Feature

In order to prevent accidental frequency change, the panel switches and **DIAL** knobs may be locked out.

To activate the Lock feature:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #21 LOCK.
- 3. Press the **MAIN DIAL** knob momentarily, then rotate the **MAIN DIAL** knob to change the setting to ON.
- 4. Press the SET key momentarily to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.
- 5. To unlock the panel switches and **DIAL** knobs, select OFF in step 3 above.

Activate the Key/Button Beeper

A key/button beeper provides useful audible feedback whenever a key/button is pressed.

If you want to turn the beep on:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #5 BEEP.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to change the setting to ON.
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.
- 5. To turn the beep off, select OFF in step 3 above.



Menu #5 BEEP controls all **FT–8800R** beeps, including those sounded when powering on the radio and when the radio is receiving a signal.

Select the Channel Step

The FT-8800R's synthesizer provides the option of utilizing channel steps of 5/10/12.5/15/20/25/50 kHz per step, any number of which may be important to your operating requirements. The FT-8800R is set up at the factory with different default steps on each operating band which probably are satisfactory for most operation. However, if you need to change the channel step increments, the procedure to do so is very easy; remember to get set up on the desired band before making any changes, as different steps may be programmed for each operating band.

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #38 STEP.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to select the new channel step size.
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Set the Display Brightness

The **FT–8800R** display illumination has been specially engineered to provide high visibility with minimal disruption of your night vision while you are driving. The brightness of the display is manually adjustable, using following procedure:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #9 DIMMER.
- 3. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select a comfortable brightness level: DIM 1, DIM 2, DIM 3, or DIM.OFF (no illumination).
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Activate the Band Linking Feature

For operation on Amateur satellites which use a normal (not inverted) FM transponder, the **Band Link** feature may be useful.



- 1. Both sides of the FT-8800R have to be in VFO mode.
- 2. Band Linking does not work with AMSAT AO-51 (or similar) satellites.
- 1. Set both sides of the radio to the VFO mode by pressing the www.key, if necessary.
- 2. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 3. Rotate the DIAL knob to select Menu #43 VFO.TR.
- 4. Press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAID DIAL knob to change the setting to ON.
- 5. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

As you rotate the **MAID DIAL** knob, you will observe that the frequencies for both bands are changing together. When you are done with this operating mode, select OFF in step 3 above.

Select the Audio Muting Preference

The **Audio Mute** feature is useful in situation where it would be helpful to reduce the audio level of the **Receive Only** band whenever you receive a signal on the **Main** band or you transmit on the **Main** band during **Dual Receive** operation.

To activate the **Audio Mute** feature:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #24 MUTE.
- 3. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to choose the desired selection.
 - TX: Reduces the audio level of the **Receive Only** band whenever you transmit on the **Main** band
 - RX: Reduces the audio level of the **Receive Only** band whenever you receive a signal on the **Main** band
 - TX/RX: Reduces the audio level of the **Receive Only** band whenever you receive a signal on the **Main** band or you transmit on the **Main** band
 - OFF: Disables the Audio Mute feature
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Set the RF Squelch Level

A special **RF Squelch** feature is provided on this radio. This feature allows you to set the squelch so that only signals exceeding a certain S-meter level will open the squelch.

When setting up the RF Squelch circuit for operation, note that you may set the **RF Squelch** independently for the left and right sides, using the following procedure:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #32 RF SQL.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to select the desired signal strength level for the squelch threshold (OFF, S-2, S-5, S-9, or S-FULL).
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.
- 5. Finally, rotate the **SQL** knob fully clockwise.

Activate the Time-Out Timer

The **Time-Out Timer** (**TOT**) feature is designed to force the transceiver into the **Receive** mode after a preset time period of continuous transmission (the default is 6 minutes). This feature prevents your transceiver from transmitting a dead carrier for a long period of time in the event that the microphone **PTT** switch is accidentally locked in the **TX** position. **The Time-Out Timer**'s switch-to-receive time may be adjusted, in one minute increments, for any period between 1 and 30 minutes.

To change the default (6 minute) time setting, use the following procedure:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #42 TOT.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the desired interval (between 1 and 30 minutes), or OFF.
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Activate Automatic Power Off

The Automatic Power-Off (APO) feature will turn the radio completely off after a user-defined period of PTT switch or key/button inactivity. If you do not press any front panel keys or buttons, rotate the DIAL knobs or use the microphone's keys and buttons, or transmit, and so long as the transceiver is not scanning or engaged in priority monitoring, the radio will shut itself off after the specified time period. This feature is useful in minimizing battery drain in a mobile installation if you forget to turn the transceiver off when you leave your vehicle.

To activate the **APO** feature, use the following procedure:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAID DIAL knob to select Menu #1 APO.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to set the desired switch-off time (between 1 and 12 hours in 0.5 hours increments), or OFF.
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Set FM Bandwidth and MIC Gain

You can reduce the microphone input level and receiver bandwidth when operating on tightly, clustered frequencies (channel spacing of 12.5 or 15 kHz). This will reduce the transmitter and receiver deviation, thus minimizing interference to other users (and improving reception).

To configure for the narrower bandwidth, use the following procedure:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the Man DIAL knob to select Menu #44 WID.NAR.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to change the display to NARROW.
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

To restore the normal (higher) microphone input level and normal (15 kHz) receiver bandwidth, select WIDE in step 3 above.

Program Band Limits for VFO Mode

The FT-8800R contains ten sets of band-edge memories, also know as Programmable Memory Scan (PMS) channels, labeled L1/U1 through L10/U10.

This feature allows you to set sub-band limits for either scanning or manual **VFO** operation. For example, you might wish to set up a limit (in North America) of 144.300 MHz to 148.000 MHz so as to prevent encroachment into the SSB/CW "Weak Signal" portion of the band below 144.300 MHz.

Here's how to do this:

- 1. Set the FT-8800R to the VFO mode by pressing the WM key, if necessary.
- 2. Tune to 144.300 MHz on the Main band.
- 3. Press and hold in the SET key for ½ second. A memory number will appear (blinking) on the display.
- 4. Within ten seconds of pressing the SET key, use the MIDIAL knob, or the microphone's UP and DWN buttons, to select the PMS channel L1 (the "L" designates the Lower sub-band limit).



- 5. Press the **SET** key momentarily to save the entry and exit to normal operation.
- 6. Tune to 148.000 MHz on the **Main** band and repeat steps 3 through 5 to store 148.000 MHz into **PMS** channel u1 (the "U" designates the Upper sub-band limit).
- 7. Switch to the **Memory** mode by pressing the www key momentarily, then rotate the **DIAL** knob to select Memory Channel L1.
- 8. Press and hold in the key for ½ second to start **PMS** operation; the **MT** icon will appear on the display. Tuning and scanning (engaged by pressing the momentarily) will now be limited within the just-programmed range.

Operate through Repeaters

Repeater stations, usually located on mountaintops or other high locations, provide a dramatic extension of the communication range for low-powered hand-held or mobile transceivers. The **FT-8800R** includes a number of features which make repeater operation simple and enjoyable.

Repeater Shifts

Your **FT-8800R** has been configured at the factory for the repeater shifts customary in your country. While the 144 MHz shift will be 600 kHz; on 70 cm the shift may be 1.6 MHz, 7.6 MHz, or 5 MHz (USA version).

Depending on the part of the band in which you are operating, the repeater shift may be either downward (–) or upward (+), and one of these icons will appear on the LCD (above the frequency) when repeater shifts have been enabled.

Automatic Repeater Shifts

The FT-8800R provides a convenient Automatic Repeater Shift (ARS) feature, which causes the appropriate repeater shift to be automatically applied whenever you tune into the designated repeater sub-bands in your country. These sub-bands are shown below.

If the **ARS** feature does not appear to be working, you may have accidentally disabled it.

To enable ARS:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #2 ARS.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to change the setting to ON (to enable Automatic Repeater Shift).
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Manual Repeater Shift Activation

If the **ARS** feature has been disabled, or if you need to set a repeater shift direction other than that established by the **ARS**, you may set the direction of the repeater shift manually.

To set repeater shift manually:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the **MAIN DIAL** knob to select **Menu #33** RPT.MOD.
- 3. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select the desired shift from -, +, and OFF.
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Changing the Default Repeater Shifts

If you travel to a different region, you may need to change the default repeater shift so as to ensure compatibility with local operating requirements.

To do this, follow the procedure below:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #36 SHIFT.
- 3. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select the new repeater shift magnitude.
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

If you just have one odd split that you need to program, don't change the default repeater shifts using this **Menu** item. Enter the transmit and receive frequencies separately, as shown in **Store Independent Transmit Frequencies** on page 38.

CTCSS Tone System

Many repeater systems require that a very-low-frequency audio tone be superimposed on your FM carrier in order to activate the repeater. This helps prevent false activation of the repeater by radar or spurious signals from other transmitters. This tone system, called **CTCSS** (Continuous Tone Coded Squelch System), is included in your **FT-8800R**, and is very easy to activate.

CTCSS setup involves two actions: Setting the Tone Mode and then setting of the Tone Frequency. These actions are set up by using the Set mode Menu #41 TONE $\,^{\text{M}}$ and Menu #40 $\,^{\text{TONE}}$ $\,^{\text{F}}$.

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #41 TONE M.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob so that ENC appears on the display; this activates the CTCSS Encoder, which allows repeater access.



You may notice an additional **DCS** icon appearing while you rotate the **DIAL** knob in this step. (See **DCS Tone System** on page 31 for details.)

- 4. Rotating the DIAL knob one more click clockwise in step 3 above will cause ENC.DEC to appear. When ENC.DEC appears, this means that the **Tone Squelch** system is active, which mutes your **FT-8800R**'s receiver until it receives a call from another radio sending out a matching **CTCSS** tone. This can help keep your radio quiet until a specific call is received, which may be helpful while operating in congested areas.
- 5. When you have made your selection of the CTCSS tone mode, press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAID DIAL knob one click counterclockwise to select Menu #40 TONE F. This Menu selection allows setting of the CTCSS tone frequency to be used.
- 6. Press the DIAL knob momentarily to enable adjustment of the CTCSS frequency.

7. Rotate the **MAID DIAL** knob until the display indicates the **Tone Frequency** you need to be using.

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

8. When you have made your selection, press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.



- 1. Your repeater may or may not re-transmit a CTCSS tone—some systems just use CTCSS to control access to the repeater, but don't pass it along when transmitting. If the S-Meter deflects, but the FT-8800R is not passing audio, repeat steps 1 through 4 above, but rotate the DIAL knob so that ENC is displayed—this will allow you to hear all traffic on the channel being received.
- 2. You may select the Tone Squelch mode (ENC, ENC.DEC, or DCS) on the Main band using the microphone's key.

DCS Tone System

Another form of tone access control is **Digital Code Squelch (DCS)**. It is a newer, more advanced tone system which generally provides more immunity from false paging than does **CTCSS**. The **DCS Encoder/Decoder** is built into your **FT-8800R**, and operation is very similar to that just described for **CTCSS Tone System** on page 30. Your repeater system may be configured for **DCS**; if not, it is frequently quite useful in Simplex operation if your friend(s) use transceivers equipped with this advanced feature.

Just as in CTCSS operation, DCS requires that you set the Tone Mode to DCS and that you select a tone code.

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #41 TONE M.
- 3. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob until DCS appears on the display; this activates the DCS Encoder/Decoder.

- 4. Now, press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #10 DCS.COD.
- 5. Press the DIAL knob momentarily to enable the adjustment of the DCS code.
- 6. Rotate the MAID DIAL knob to select the desired DCS Code (a three-digit number).

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

7. When you have made your selection, press and hold in the MAID DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.



- 1. Remember that the **DCS** is an Encode/Decode system, so your receiver will remain muted until a matching **DCS** code is received on an incoming transmission. Switch the **DCS** off when you're just tuning around the band.
- 2. You may select the DCS mode on the Main band using the microphone's P4 key.

Tone Search Scanning

In operating situations where you don't know the **CTCSS** or **DCS** tone being used by another station or stations, you can command the radio to listen to the incoming signal and scan in search of the tone being used.

Two things must be remembered in this regard:

- You must be sure that your repeater uses the same tone type (CTCSS or DCS).
- Some repeaters do not pass the **CTCSS** tone; you may have to listen to the station(s) transmitting on the repeater uplink (input) frequency in order to allow **Tone Search Scanning** to work.

To scan for the tone in use:

- 1. Set the radio up for either CTCSS Tone System (see page 30) or DCS Tone System (see page 31) operation. In the case of CTCSS, **ENC DEC** will appear on the display; in the case of **DCS**, **DCS** will appear on the display.
- 2. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 3. Rotate the DIAL knob to select Menu #40 TONE F when CTCSS is selected, or Menu #10 DCS.COD during DCS operation.
- 4. Press the **MAID** DIAL knob to enable adjustment of the selected **Menu** Item.
- 5. Press the Main band sex key momentarily to start scanning for the incoming CTCSS or DCS tone/code.
- 6. When the radio detects the correct tone or code, it will halt on that tone/code, and audio will be allowed to pass. Press the DIAL knob momentarily to lock in that tone/code, then press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.



- 1. If the **Tone Scan** feature does not detect a tone or code, it will continue to scan indefinitely. When this happens, it may be that the other station is not sending any tone. You can press the **Main** band key to halt the scan at any time.
- 2. Tone Search Scanning works either in the VFO or Memory modes.

DCS Code Inversion

The **DCS** system was first introduced in the commercial **LMR** (**Land Mobile Radio**) service, where it is now in widespread use. **DCS** is sometime referred to by its different proprietary names, such as **DPL**® (**Digital Private Line**®, a registered trademark of Motorola, Inc.).

DCS uses a codeword consisting of a 23-bit frame, transmitted (subaudible) at a data rate of 134.4 bps (bit/sec). Occasionally, signal inversion can result in the complement of a code to be sent or received. This prevents the receiver squelch from opening with **DCS** enabled, as the decoded bit sequence would not match that selected for the operation.

Typical situations that might cause inversion to occur are: connection of an external receiver preamplifier, operating through a repeater, and connection of an external linear amplifier.

Note that code inversion does not mean that any of the above listed equipment is defective.

In certain amplifier configurations, the output signal (phase) is inverted from the input. Small signal or power amplifiers having an odd number (1, 3, 5, etc.) of amplification stages may result in inversion of a transmitted or received **DCS** code.

While under most circumstances this should not occur (amplifier designs and industry standards take this into account), if you find that your receiver squelch does not open when both you and the other station are using a common **DCS** code, you or the other station (but not both) can try the following:

- 1. Press the **SET** key momentarily to enter the **Set** mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #11 DCS.N/R.
- 3. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select the mode:
 - TRX N: Encoder; Normal, Decoder; Normal
 - RX R: Encoder; Normal, Decoder; Reverse (Inverted)
 - TX R: Encoder; Reverse (Inverted), Decoder; Normal
 - TRX R: Encoder; Reverse (Inverted), Decoder; Reverse (Inverted)
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

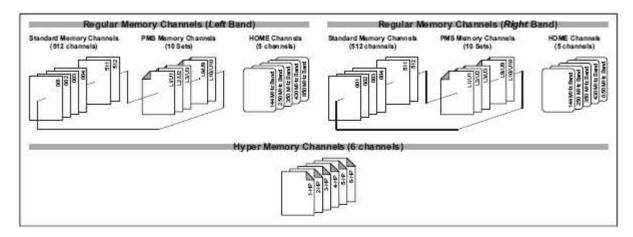


Remember to restore the default setting to ${\tt TRX}\ {\tt N}$ (Encoder; Normal, Decoder; Normal) when done.

Regular Memory Overview

The FT-8800R provides a wide variety of memory system resources. These include:

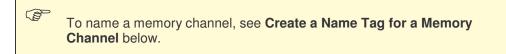
- Independent **Regular Memory Channels** for the **Main** and **Sub** bands, each consisting of:
 - 512 Standard memory channels (see page 36), numbered 001 through 512
 - Five Home channels (see page 40), providing storage and quick recall of one prime frequency on each operating band
 - Ten sets of band-edge memories also known as Programmable Memory Scan channels (see page 27), labeled L1/U1 through L10/U10
 - Ten Memory Channels (see page 40), labeled BANK1 through BANK10
- Six Hyper Memory channels (see page 43)



Store a Frequency in Memory

To store a frequency in a memory channel:

- 1. Select the desired frequency while operating in the **VFO** mode on the **Main** band. Be sure set up any desired **CTCSS** or **DCS** tones, as well as any desired repeater offset. The power level may also be set at this time, if you wish to store it.
- 2. Press and hold in the SET key for ½ second. A memory number will appear (blinking) on the display.
- 3. Within ten seconds of pressing the SET key, use the MAIN DIAL knob, or the microphone's and buttons, to select the desired memory channel for storage. If the channel is already occupied by data stored previously, the channel's frequency will appear on the display.
- 4. Press the SET key momentarily to save the entry and exit to normal operation.



Create a Name Tag for a Memory Channel

To add an Alpha-numeric Name Tag to a memory:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #25 NAME.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily to display ". ".
- 4. Press the **MAIN DIAL** knob momentarily to select the first character location. The character at this location will blink.
- 5. Rotate the DIAL knob to select the apha-numeric character you wish to store in the blinking location, then press the DIAL knob momentarily to move on to the next character.
- 6. Again rotate the DIAL knob to select the desired letter, number, or symbol, then press the DIAL knob momentarily to move on to the next character location. If you make a mistake, press the microphone's button to move back to the previous character slot, then re-select the correct letter, number, or symbol.

- 7. Repeat step 6 to program the remaining letters, numbers, or symbols of the desired **Name Tag**. A total of six characters may be used in the creation of a tag.
- 8. When you have completed the creation of the **Name Tag**, press and hold in the **DIAL** knob for ½ second to save the tag and exit to normal operation.

To modify an Alpha-numeric Name Tag for a memory:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the **MAND DIAL** knob to select **Menu #25** NAME.
- 3. Press the **MAID DIAL** knob momentarily to display the **Name Tag**.
- 4. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily to select the first character location. The character at this location will blink.
- 5. Press the microphone's and buttons to move to the character location you want to modify, rotate the DIAL knob to select the apha-numeric character you wish to store in the blinking location, then press the DIAL knob momentarily to move on to the next character location.
- 6. Repeat step 5 to modify the remaining letters, numbers, or symbols of the desired **Name Tag**.
- 7. When you have completed the modification of the **Name Tag**, press and hold in the **DIAL** knob for ½ second to save the tag and exit to normal operation.

To delete/hide an Alpha-numeric Name Tag for a memory:

The only way to manually delete a **Name Tag** from a **Memory** channel is to delete the channel then re-enter it without the tag.

Store Independent Transmit Frequencies

To store independent transmit frequencies (odd splits) in a memory channel:

- 1. Store the receiving frequency using the instructions described in **Store a Frequency** in **Memory** on page 36.
- 2. Turn to the desired transmit frequency on the **Main** band, then press and hold in the **SET** key for ½ second.
- 3. Within ten seconds of pressing the SET key, use the DIAL knob or microphone's and buttons to select the same memory channel number as used in step 1 above.
- 4. Press and hold in the PTT switch, then press the SET key momentarily while holding the PTT switch to save the entry and exit to normal operation. (This will not cause transmission; instead, it signals the microprocessor that a separate transmit frequency is being programmed into that memory register.)



Whenever you recall a memory which contains independently-stored transmit and receive frequencies, the — + (odd split) indicator will be displayed.

Recall a Stored Memory

To recall (activate) a stored memory channel:

- 1. If operating in the **VFO** mode, press the will key momentarily to enter the **Memory** mode.
- 2. Rotate the **DIAL** knob to select the desired channel.



When the radio is already set to the **Memory** mode, an easy way to recall memories is enter the three-digit memory channel number from the **MH–48A6J** microphone's keypad. For example, to recall memory channel #4, press $0 \rightarrow 0 \rightarrow 4$.

Tune from a Stored Memory

Once you have recalled a particular memory channel, you may easily tune off that channel, as though you were in the VFO mode.

- 1. With the FT-8800R in the MR (Memory Recall) mode, select the desired memory channel.
- 2. Now press and hold in the key for ½ second. The MT (Memory Tune mode) icon will appear on the display.
- 3. Rotate the **DIAL** knob to tune to a new frequency. The synthesizer steps selected for **VFO** operation on the current band will be the steps used during Memory Tuning.
- 4. Press and hold in the www key for ½ second during **Memory Tuning**, the data will be copied to **VFO**, although the original memory contents will remain intact on the previously-stored channel.
- 5. If you wish to return to the original memory frequency, press the wm key momentarily. The mr icon will disappear.

Delete a Memory

With 1052 memories available (except memory channel #1), there are frequently situations where you may desire to delete certain memorized frequencies. The procedure for deleting a channel is quite simple:

- 1. If operating in the **VFO** mode, press the www key momentarily to enter the **Memory** mode.
- 2. Press and hold in the SET key for ½ second, then rotate the DIAL knob to select the memory channel to be deleted. (Note that memory channel #1 may not be deleted.)
- 3. Press the Main band sen key momentarily. The display will revert to memory channel #1. If you rotate the DIAL knob to the location you just Masked, you will observe that it is now invisible.



Set a HOME Channel

A special one-touch **HOME** channel is available (one for each of the five operating bands), to allow quick recall of a favorite operating frequency on each band.

To store a **HOME** channel:

- 1. Select the desired frequency while operating in the **VFO** mode on the **Main** band. Be sure to set up any desired **CTCSS** or **DCS** tones, as well as any desired repeater offset. The power level may also be set at this time.
- 2. Press and hold in the SET key for ½ second. A memory number will appear (blinking) on the display.
- 3. While the memory channel number is blinking, press the key. The frequency and other data will now be stored in the special **HOME** channel register.
- 4. You may repeat this process on the other operating bands.
- 5. To recall the **HOME** channel, just press the **HMM** key while operating either in the **VFO** or **Memory** mode.

Use Memory Banks

To assign a Memory channel to a Memory Bank:

- 1. Recall the Memory channel (except L1/U1 through L10/U10) to be assigned to a Memory Bank.
- 2. Press and hold in the wim key for ½ second, then rotate the Memory Bank (BANK1 through BANK10) you want as the Memory Bank for this channel.

3. Press and hold in the SET key for ½ second to copy the memory channel data into the Memory Bank.



- 1. You cannot assign the PMS memory channels (L1/U1 through L10/U10) to a **Memory Bank**.
- 2. If you manually program the FT-8800R, you can assign a Memory channel to only one Memory Bank. However, if you use programming software like FTB8800 you can assign a Memory channel to as many as ten Memory Banks.

To recall (activate) a Memory Bank:

- 1. Set the radio to the **Memory** mode by pressing the WM key, if necessary.
- 2. Press and hold in the wim key for ½ second, then rotate the Man DIAL knob to select the Memory Bank (BANK1 through BANK10).
- 3. Press the SET key momentarily to lock in the selected Memory Bank.
- 4. In the **Memory Bank** mode, you can only select **Memory** channels in the current **Memory Bank**.
- 5. To change the **Memory Bank**, press and hold in the will key for ½ second, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob.
- 6. To exit from **Memory Bank** mode, press and hold in the will key for ½ second, then rotate the **MAIN DIAL** knob to select ALL.MEM, then press the **SET** key momentarily.

To delete a Memory channel from a Memory Bank

- 1. In the **Memory Bank** mode, recall the **Memory** channel to be deleted from the **Memory Bank**.
- 2. Press and hold in the key for ½ second, then press and hold in the SET key for ½ second to delete the Memory channel from the Memory Bank.

Activate Memory Only Mode

Once **Memory** channel programming has been completed, you may place the radio in a **Memory Only** mode, whereby **VFO** operation is impossible. This may be particularly useful during public-service events where a number of operators may be using the radio for first time, and ultimate simplicity of channel selection is desired.

To place the radio into the **Memory Only** mode:

- 1. Turn the radio off.
- 2. Press and hold in the Left while turning the radio on.
- 3. Rotate the Right DIAL knob to select the (F-6 M-ONLY MODE), then press the SET key momentarily.

To return to normal operation, repeat the above steps.

Hyper Memory Overview

The FT-8800R uses two different types of memory systems, Regular Memory (see page 35) and Hyper Memory, that store different kinds of information. One of the most difficult concepts for users to comprehend has been the distinction between these two memory systems.

The **Regular Memory** is a memory system that stores information specific to a memory channel. For example, the information needed to operate on a particular repeater will be stored in a **Regular Memory** channel. The **FT–8800R** contains 512 **Regular Memory** channels per side (left and right) for a total of 1024 **Regular Memory** channels. (See the table below for the types of data that are stored in a **Regular Memory** channel.)

The **Hyper Memory** is a memory system that stores information specific to the overall configuration of your **FT–8800R**. That is, a **Hyper Memory** records, or is a snapshot of, the way you have set up your **FT–8800R** to operate and meet your communication needs. For most radios, you can only have one configuration setup. However, the **FT–8800R** has six **Hyper Memory** channels thus allowing you to set up six unique configurations. (See the table below for the types of data that are stored in a **Hyper Memory** channel.)

REGULAR MEMORY Storage memory channel information	HYPER MEMORY Storage radio configuration information	
 Each Regular Memory channel contains the information for one frequency on which you want to operate. Memory channel number (left/right) Receive/Transmit frequencies Operating mode (AM, FM, NFM) Repeater information (shift, offset, encoding method, CTCSS tone, DCS code) Whether to display frequency or name tag Transmitting power Scan/Skip preference Bank assignments Hyper Memory assignments 	Each Hyper Memory channel contains a set of information on how you operate your FT-8800R. • Which Memory channels to include • ARS (activation/deactivation) • Band edge criteria • Sub band display format • Packet information (Baud rate, operating band) • Memory scan mode (MEM, MSM) • Band Linking (Off, On) • Automatically tune AM for Aircraft band (Off, On) • Default Operating mode for each side (VFO, Memory, Home) • Active band (left/right) • Which Banks to scan (left/right) • Which Memory channel to default to (left/right) • Which Menu item to default to (left/right) • Which is the Active side: Main band (left or right)	

Some examples of using Hyper Memory

Let's say that you frequently monitor the local HAM repeaters in your area, that you belong to the RACES organization for your county, and that you like to work Amateur Radio satellites. You could set up your **Hyper Memory** channels as follows:

Hyper Memory Channel 2 Use to operate on local HAM repeaters

Left Side -- start on Regular Memory channel 39

-- use as **Sub** band

-- **Memory** mode (only UHF repeaters) -- 430MHz band (when in **VFO** mode)

Right Side -- start on Regular Memory channel 1

-- use as Main band

-- **Memory** mode (only VHF repeaters) -- 144MHz band (when in **VFO** mode)

Hyper Memory Channel 3 Use to operate on local RACES/ARES/Skywarn repeaters

Left Side -- start on Regular Memory channel 1

-- use as **Sub** band

-- **Memory** mode (all local, VHF/UHF HAM repeaters)

-- 430MHz band (when in **VFO** mode)

Right Side -- start on Regular Memory channel 501

-- use as **Main** band

-- **Memory** mode (only RACES/ARES/Skywarn repeaters)

-- 144MHz band (when in **VFO** mode)

Hyper Memory Channel 4 Use to operate on Amateur Radio satellites

(**Band Linking** feature activated)

Left Side -- start on Regular Memory channel 301

-- use as Main band

-- **Memory** mode (only Amateur Radio satellite frequencies)

-- 430MHz band (when in VFO mode)

Right Side -- start on Regular Memory channel 301

-- use as **Sub** band

-- **Memory** mode (only Amateur Radio satellite frequencies)

-- 144MHz band (when in **VFO** mode)

With this setup, you would be ready for three of your HAM radio interests at the press of a button! You now have three complete and unique radio configurations, each catered to a specific need.

To operate on the local HAM repeaters you will press **Hyper Memory** key 2.



If a RACES activation occurs, you will press **Hyper Memory** key 3.



When you get ready to work an Amateur Radio satellite, you will press Hyper Memory key .

Store a Hyper Memory

To store the current radio configuration into a **Hyper Memory**:

- Set up the transceiver according to the desired configuration.
- Press and hold in a **Hyper Memory** key (through 6) for 2 seconds. The current configuration will be stored in this **Hyper Memory** channel.

Recall a Stored Hyper Memory

To recall (activate) a stored **Hyper Memory** channel:

1. Press the appropriate Hyper Memory button (through momentarily to recall the desired Hyper Memory channel.

Scanning Overview

The FT-8800R allows you to scan just the Memory channels via Memory Scan mode (see page 49), the entire operating band in VFO Scan mode (see page 48), or a portion of that band via Programmable Memory Scan (see page 27). It will pause on signals encountered, so you can monitor the station(s) on that frequency.

Scanning operation is basically the same in each of the above modes. Before you begin, take a moment to select the way in which you would like the **FT-8800R** to resume scanning after it pauses on a signal. (See **Set the Scan-Resume Preference** on page 46.)

Set the Scan-Resume Preference

Two options for the **Scan-Resume** mode are available:

In this mode, scanning will pause on a signal it encounters, and will hold there for five seconds. If you do not take action to disable scanning within five seconds, scanning will resume even if the stations are still active. This is the default setting.

In this mode, scanning will pause on a signal it encounters. Two seconds after the carrier has dropped, scanning will resume.

To set the **Scan-Resume** mode:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #34 SCAN.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to select the desired Scan-Resume mode (TIME or BUSY).
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Priority Channel Scanning (Dual Watch)

The FT-8800R's scanning features include a two-channel scanning capability which allows you to operate on a VFO, Memory channel, or Home channel, while periodically checking a user-defined Priority Memory Channel for activity. If a station is received on the Priority Memory Channel which is strong enough to open the Squelch, the scanning will pause on that station. Scanning will resume according to the Scan-Resume mode that was selected. See Set the Scan-Resume Preference on page 46 for details.

You may operate individual **Priority Channel Dual Watch** features on both bands at the same time, such as having the **VFO Priority** mode engaged on the Right band and the **Memory Priority** mode engaged on the Left band.

VFO Priority

To activate **Priority Channel Dual Watch** operation:

- 1. Recall the memory channel you wish to use as the **Priority** frequency.
- 2. Now set the **FT-8800R** for operation on a **VFO** frequency.
- 3. Press and hold in the key for ½ second to activate the VFO Priority mode. The display will remain on the VFO frequency, but every five seconds the FT-8800R will check the Priority Memory Channel for activity.
- 4. Press and hold in the key for ½ second to disable the **VFO Priority** mode.

Memory Priority

To activate **Priority Channel Dual Watch** operation:

- 1. Store the frequency you wish to be the **Priority Memory Channel** into **Memory** channel 1.
- 2. Now set the **FT-8800R** for operation on another **Memory** channel.
- 3. Press and hold in the key for ½ second to activate the Memory Priority mode. The display will remain on the current Memory channel, but every five seconds the FT-8800R will check the Priority Memory Channel (Memory channel 1) for activity.
- 4. Press and hold in the key for ½ second to disable the **Memory Priority** mode.



When the **Memory Bank** feature is activated, the **FT–8800R** will use the lowest **Memory** channel in the **Memory Bank** as the **Priority Memory Channel**.

HOME Priority

To activate **Priority Channel Dual Watch** operation:

- 1. Recall the **Memory** channel you wish to use as the **Priority** frequency.
- 2. Now set the **FT-8800R** for operation on a **HOME** channel.
- 3. Press and hold in the key for ½ second to activate the **HOME Priority** mode. The display will remain on the **HOME** channel, but every five seconds the **FT-8800R** will check the **Priority Memory Channel** for activity.
- 4. Press and hold in the key for ½ second to disable the **HOME Priority** mode.

Scan in VFO Mode

This mode allows you to scan the entire current operating band.

- 1. Select the **VFO** mode by pressing the WM key, if necessary.
- 2. Press and hold in the seem key for one second, then rotate the DIAL knob to select the bandwidth for VFO scanning. Available selections are +-1MHz, +-2MHz, +-5MHz, ALL, PMS-X, and BAND.
 - ALL: Scanning will sweep all frequencies between 108 520 MHz and 700 999.990 MHz.
 - PMS-X: Scanning will sweep frequencies within the currently-selected PMS frequency pair (where x is PMS memory channel number). See **Program Band Limits for VFO Mode** on page 27.
 - BAND: Scanning will sweep frequencies only on the current band.
- 3. Press the sch key momentarily to start scanning.
 - During scanning, the P-X indicator appears on the display if the PMS-X option was selected, otherwise the P Sc indicator appears on the display.
 - If a signal strong enough to open the squelch is encountered during scanning, scanning will pause temporarily and the decimal point of the frequency will blink during the pause.
 - Scanning will resume according to the **Scan-Resume** mode that was selected. See **Set the Scan-Resume Preference** on page 46 for details.

4. To cancel scanning, press the sch key momentarily again, or press the microphone's PTT key.



- 1. When you start scanning, the FT-8800R will scan in the upward direction. If you want to change the direction of the scan while it is underway, rotate the DIAL knob one click in the opposite direction (in this case, one click counterclockwise). The scanning direction will reverse and scan downward.
- 2. Pressing and holding in the microphone's very or key will cause scanning to sweep frequencies only on the current band. If you would like the scanner not to be restricted to the current band, set Menu #4 (BAND) to BND.OFF to cause the FT–8800R to hop to the low edge of the next-highest band when the VFO frequency reaches the high end of the current band (or vice- versa).

Scan in Memory Mode

In **Memory Scan** mode, you can set the type of scan to be performed and set the method in which each Memory channel will be scanned.

Set the Type of Memory Scan

You can configure the keys on the FT-8800R to perform either a Standard Memory scan (default) or a Preferential Memory scan when pressed.

Types of Memory Scans				
Standard (default)	 All Memory channels not flagged to be skipped (SKIP) will be scanned. Set Menu #35 (SCAN M) to MEM for Standard Memory scan 			
	• See Standard Memory Scan on page 50 for details.			
Preferential	• Only Memory channels flagged as Preferential (MSM) will be scanned.			
	• Set Menu #35 (SCAN M) to MSM for Preferential Memory scan.			
	• See Preferential Memory Scan on page 53 for details.			

Set the Method to use for Scanning a Memory Channel

The **FT–8800R** allows you to flag each Memory channel with one of three possible flags to determine how it is handled during **Memory** mode scanning.

Types of Memory Channel Scan Flags		
OFF (default)	 Set Menu #37 (SKP.MSM) to MEM (default setting) No icon is displayed when manually selected Scanned during a Standard Memory scan Skipped during a Preferential Memory scan 	
SKIP	 Set Menu #37 (SKP.MSM) to SKIP Designated by a SKIP icon when manually selected Skipped during a Standard Memory scan Skipped during a Preferential Memory scan 	
MSM	 Set Menu #37 (SKP.MSM) to MSM Designated by a ◀ icon when manually selected Scanned during a Standard Memory scan Scanned during a Preferential Memory scan 	

Standard Memory Scan

During **Standard Memory Scan**, scanning will pause on any signal encountered that is strong enough to open the squelch; scanning will then resume according to the **Scan-Resume** mode that was selected. See **Set the Scan-Resume Preference** on page 46 for details.

To Flag a Memory channel to be Scanned during Standard Memory Scan:



This is the default setting, so you only need to complete these steps if you previously changed this setting for this **Memory** channel.

- 1. Set the radio to the **Memory** mode by pressing the WM key, if necessary.
- 2. Rotate the **DIAL** knob to select the channel which you wish to be scanned during **Standard Memory Scan**.
- 3. Set the band for the selected **Memory Channel** to the **Main** band by pressing the **DIAL** knob.
- 4. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 5. Rotate the DIAL knob to select Menu #37 SKP.MSM.
- 6. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to OFF.
- 7. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

To configure the FT-8800R for Standard Memory Scan:



This is the default setting, so you only need to complete these steps if you previously changed this setting. This setting is stored separately for each side of each **Hyper Memory** channel (see page 43).

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the DIAL knob to select Menu #35 SCAN M.
- 3. Press the **DIAL** knob momentarily, then rotate the **DIAL** knob to MEM.
- 4. Press and hold in the **DIAL** knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

To initiate Standard Memory Scan:

- 1. Configure the FT-8800R for Standard Memory Scan, if necessary.
- 2. Press the SCN key momentarily to initiate Standard Memory Scanning.
- 3. To cancel the **Standard Memory Scan**, press the ScN key momentarily.

How to Skip a Channel During Memory Scan

Some continuous-carrier stations like a **Weather Broadcast** station will seriously impede scanning operation especially if **Menu #34** SCAN is set to BUSY, as the incoming signal will not pause long enough for the **FT-8800R** to resume scanning.

To skip a channel during scanning:

- 1. Set the radio to the **Memory** mode by pressing the www.key, if necessary.
- 2. Rotate the DIAL knob to select the Memory Channel to be skipped during scanning.
- 3. Set the band for selected **Memory Channel** to be skipped to the **Main** band by pressing the **DIAL** knob.
- 4. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 5. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #37 SKP.MSM.
- 6. Press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAID DIAL knob to SKIP.
- 7. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

This **Memory Channel** will now be ignored during scanning. The **SKIP** indicator will appear when you manually recall this skipped memory channel.

Preferential Memory Scan

During **Preferential Memory Scan**, scanning will pause on any signal encountered that is strong enough to open the squelch; scanning will then resume according to the **Scan-Resume** mode that was selected. See **Set the Scan-Resume Preference** on page 46 for details.

To place a Memory channel on the Preferential Scan List:

- 1. Set the radio to the **Memory** mode by pressing the WM key, if necessary.
- 2. Rotate the **DIAL** knob to select the channel which you wish to add to the **Preferential Scan List**.
- 3. Set the band for the selected **Memory Channel** to the **Main** band by pressing the **DIAL** knob.
- 4. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 5. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #37 SKP.MSM.
- 6. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to MSM.
- 7. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

To configure the FT-8800R for Preferential Memory Scan:



This setting is stored separately for each side of each **Hyper Memory** channel (see page 43).

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the DIAL knob to select Menu #35 SCAN M.
- 3. Press the **DIAL** knob momentarily, then rotate the **DIAL** knob to MSM.
- 4. Press and hold in the **DIAL** knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Now only the channels which have the ◀ icon displayed will be scanned.

To initiate Preferential Memory Scan:

- 1. Configure the FT-8800R for Preferential Memory Scan, if necessary.
- 2. Press the scn key momentarily to initiate Preferential Memory Scanning. Only the channels which have the scanned will be scanned.
- 3. To cancel the **Preferential Memory Scan**, press the sex momentarily.

Smart Search

The **Smart Search** feature may be used to load—automatically with no operator intervention—a special bank of up to 25 memory channels (per band) on activity.

The **Smart Search** function will sweep the entire band, and will load the special memory bank with the frequency and repeater shift data pertaining to those channels on which activity is found (if **Automatic Repeater Shift** is activated). The channels are loaded in the order in which they are encountered, not according to signal strength or by ascending frequency.

The **Smart Search** feature is especially useful when visiting a city for the first time, where you may be unfamiliar with the repeater frequencies; **Smart Search** discovers where the local activity is to be found, and automatically loads those frequencies for you.

To activate **Smart Search** operation:

- 1. Set the radio to the **VFO** mode by pressing the WM key, if necessary.
- 2. Press and hold in the will key for ½ second to cause the radio to scan upward on the current band, loading channels on which it encounters a signal strong enough to open the squelch.
- 3. When 25 channels are loaded, or when the scanner reaches the band edge, the scanner will stop and the transceiver will revert to the starting frequency.
- 4. To recall the **Smart Search** memories just stored, rotate the **DIAL** knob or press the microphone's week (for the **Main** band **Smart Search** memories only).
- 5. If you find a channel which you wish to store into a Regular Memory channel, follow the procedures in **Store a Frequency in Memory** on page 36.



- 1. The Smart Search memories are so-called soft memories; they will lost if you exit the Smart Search mode or initiate a new Smart Search sweep.
- 2. You may activate **Smart Search** operation on the Main band by pressing and holding in the microphone's P2 key.
- **3.** You may activate **Smart Search** operation on the left and right bands at the same time.

Auto Range Transponder System Overview

The **ARTS** (Auto Range Transponder System) feature uses **DCS** signaling to inform both parties when you and another **ARTS** equipped station are within communications range. This may be particularly useful during Search-and-Rescue situations, where it is important to stay in contact with other members of your group.

Both stations must set up their **DCS** codes to the same code number, then activate their **ARTS** feature using the command appropriate for their radio. Alert ringers may be activated, if desired.

Whenever you push the **PTT** switch, or every 25 seconds after **ARTS** is activated, your radio will transmit a signal which includes a (subaudible) **DCS** signal for about one second. If the other radio is in range, the beeper will sound (if enabled) and the display will show IN.RNG as opposed to the out of range display OUT.RNG in which **ARTS** operation begins.

Whether you talk or not, the polling every 25 seconds will continue until you de-activate **ARTS**. Every 10 minutes, moreover, you can have your radio transmit your callsign via **CW**, so as to comply with identification requirements. When **ARTS** is de-activated, **DCS** will also be deactivated (if you were not using it previously in non-ARTS operation).

If you move out of range for more than one minute (four pollings), your radio will sense that no signal has been received, three beeps will sound, and the display will revert to OUT.RNG. If you move back into range, your radio will again beep, and the display will change back to the IN.RNG indication.

During **ARTS** operation, it is not possible to change the operating frequency or other settings on the **Main** band; you must terminate **ARTS** in order to resume normal operation. This is a safety feature designed to prevent accidental loss of contact due to channel change.

Set Up/Operate ARTS

To activate ARTS:

- 1. Set your FT-8800R and the other radio(s) to the same DCS code number. See DCS Tone System on page 31 for details.
- 2. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 3. Rotate the **MAIN DIAL** knob to select **Menu #3** ARTS.

- 4. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to select the desired ARTS beep option. The available options are:
 - IN RNG: The beeps are issued only when the radio first confirms that you are within range, but does not re-confirm with beeps thereafter.
 - ALWAYS: Every time a polling transmission is received from the other station, the alert beeps will be heard.
- 5. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily. OUT.RNG is displayed on the LCD. ARTS operation has now commenced.
- 6. Every 25 seconds, your radio will transmit a polling call to the other station. When that station responds with its own **ARTS** polling signal, the display will change to IN.RNG to confirm that the other station's polling code was received in response to yours.
- 7. Press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily to exit ARTS operation and resume normal operation.

Set Up the CW Identifier

The ARTS feature includes a CW Identifier. Every ten minutes during ARTS operation, the radio can be instructed to send DE your-callsign K if this feature is enabled. The callsign field may contain up to 6 characters.

To program the CW Identifier:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #8 CWID W.
- 3. Press the **MAID DIAL** knob momentarily.
- 4. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily again to enable entry of your callsign.
- 5. Rotate the **DIAL** knob one click clockwise to begin entry of the letters and numbers in your callsign.
- 6. Press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily to set the first letter or number in your callsign.
- 7. When the correct character has been selected, press the DIAL knob momentarily to move on to the next character.
- 8. Repeat steps 6 and 7 as many times as necessary to complete your callsign.
- 9. Press the Main sen key to delete all data after the cursor that may have been previously stored (erroneously).

- 10. When you have entered your entire callsign, press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily to confirm the callsign.
- 11. Press the SET key momentarily, then rotate the Man DIAL knob one click counter-clockwise to select the Menu #7 CWID.
- 12. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select TX ON (to enable the CW Identifier).
- 13. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily to save the setting and exit to normal operation.

Operating the DTMF Autodialer

Sixteen **DTMF Autodialer** memories are available on the **FT–8800R**. These **DTMF Autodialer** memories can store up to 16 digits of a telephone number for repeater autopatch or other uses.

To load DTMF Autodialer memories:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the Man DIAL knob to select Menu #15 DTMF W.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIML knob to select the DTMF Autodialer memory channel number (d-1 through d-16) into which you wish store a telephone number.
- 4. Press the **MAID DIAL** knob momentarily, then rotate the **MAID DIAL** knob to select the first digit of the telephone number you wish to store.
- 5. When you have selected the correct digit, press the **MAID DIAL** knob momentarily.
- 6. Rotate the DIAL knob to select the next number in this current DTMF Audodialer memory register.
- 7. When you have selected the correct digit, press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily.
- 8. Repeat this steps 6 and 7 for each remaining digit in the telephone number.
- 9. Press the Main band sex key momentarily to delete any previously-stored data after the cursor. If you make a mistake, press the microphone's key to move back to the first digit, then re-enter the correct number.
- 10. When entry of all digits is complete, press the SET key momentarily to save the new setting.
- 11. If you wish to store another **DTMF** string, rotate the **MAID DIAL** knob to select another **DTMF** memory register, then repeat steps 4 through 10.
- 12. When all required **DTMF** memories are filled to your satisfaction, press and hold in the **MAID DIAL** knob for ½ second to exit to normal operation.

To transmit the memorized telephone number:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #15 DTMF W.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to select the DTMF Autodialer memory channel to be transmitted.
- 4. Press and hold in the MAID DIAL knob for ½ second to exit to normal operation.

- 5. Press and hold in the **PTT** switch.
- 6. While still holding the **PTT** switch in, press the **Main** band **HM** key momentarily to transmit the tone string.

Once you have pressed the key in the above step, you can release the PTT switch, as the **Autodialer** will transmit the whole **DTMF** string automatically.

To set the speed:

The speed at which the **DTMF** digits are sent can be changed.

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAN DIAL knob to select Menu #14 DTMF S.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the DIAL knob to select the desired speed.
 - 50MS: High: 20 digits per second
 - 75MS: Mid: 13 digits per second
 - 100MS: Low: 10 digits per second
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

To set a delay time:

You can also set a longer delay between the time you press the key (with PTT switch pressed) and when the first **DTMF** digit is sent.

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #13 DTMF D.
- 3. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select the desired time (50MS, 250MS, 450MS, 750MS, or 1000MS).
- 4. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.

Internet Connection Feature

The FT-8800R can be used to access a repeater which has been configured to provide access to the Vertex Standard WIRES™ (Wide-Coverage Internet Repeater Enhancement System) or other Internet Link Systems that use a DTMF string for access.

To access a WIRESTM repeater:

- 1. Press the left **VOL** knob momentarily to activate the **WIRES™** access capability. The INT ON message will be displayed for 2 seconds at the **Main** band. The int icon will appear in the memory channel field on the **Sub** band while **WIRES™** access is enabled.
- 2. Rotate the DIAL knob, while pressing and holding in the left VOL knob, to select the access number (ICOD 0 through ICOD 9, ICOD A through ICOD F) corresponding to the WIRES™ repeater to which you wish to establish an Internet link. Ask the repeater owner/operator if you don't know the access numbers in the network.
- 3. With the **WIRES** capability activated, the **FT–8800R** will generate a brief (0.1 second) **DTMF** tone according to your selection in step 2. This **DTMF** tone is sent at the beginning of every transmission to establish or maintain the link to the remote **WIRES™** repeater.
- 4. To disable the **WIRES™** access capability, press the left **VOL** knob again.

To access other Internet Link Systems that use a DTMF string for access:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Rotate the MAID DIAL knob to select Menu #15 DTMF W.
- 3. Press the DIAL knob momentarily, then load the DTMF tones which you wish to use to establish an Internet link (ask your repeater owner/operator if you don't know the access numbers in the network) into the desired DTMF Memory channel.
 - a. Rotate the MAID DIAL knob to select the DTMF Autodialer memory channel number (d-1 through d-16).
 - b. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily.
 - c. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select the DTMF code, then press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily to move the digit.
 - d. Repeat step c.
 - e. Press the **MAID DIAL** knob momentarily to save the new setting.

- 4. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #17 INET.
- 5. Press the MAIN DIAL knob momentarily, then rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to set this Item to INT. MEM (to enable the alternative Internet Link, and disable the WIRESTM access option).
- 6. Press and hold in the DIAL knob for ½ second to save the new setting and exit to normal operation.
- 7. Press the left **VOL** knob momentarily to activate the **Internet Link System**. INT ON will be displayed for 2 seconds in the **Main** band frequency field. The int icon will then be displayed in the memory channel field on the **Sub** band while the **Internet Link System** access feature is engaged.
- 8. Rotate the DIAL knob, while pressing and holding in the left VOL knob, to select the DTMF access number (IMEM 1 through IMEM16) corresponding to the Internet Link repeater to which you wish to establish an Internet Link.
- 9. With the **Internet Link** feature activated, press the left **VOL** knob, or microphone's key, to send out the **DTMF** tones according to your selection in step 8 (to establish the link to the **Internet Link** repeater).
- 10. To disable the **Internet Link** feature, press the left **VOL** knob again.

To return to WIRES™, recall Menu #17 INET, then set it to INT. COD.

Operate as a Cross-Band Repeater

The FT-8800R can be set up to operate as a full-featured cross-band repeater via a simple **Menu** procedure. This feature is useful for emergency portable work in a remote area, and for cross-band linking.

However, remember these points before using the Cross-Band Repeater mode:

- Check the amateur radio rules and regulations for your country to ensure that this type of operation is permitted.
- Pick your frequency pair carefully, so as not to cause harmful interference to other
 users. The use of cross-band repeaters has the potential to cause serious disruption of
 communications circuits, and the creation of harmful interference to coordinated
 repeaters is inconsiderate and may be illegal. If you are not sure of active repeater
 frequencies in your area, a safe rule is to stay off of the repeater sub-bands and use
 the FM simplex portion of each band. Contact your area's frequency coordinator for
 guidance.
- Remember that the transmit duty cycle will be much higher during repeater service, so we recommend that the transmit power level be set to a Low setting to ensure cooler operation.

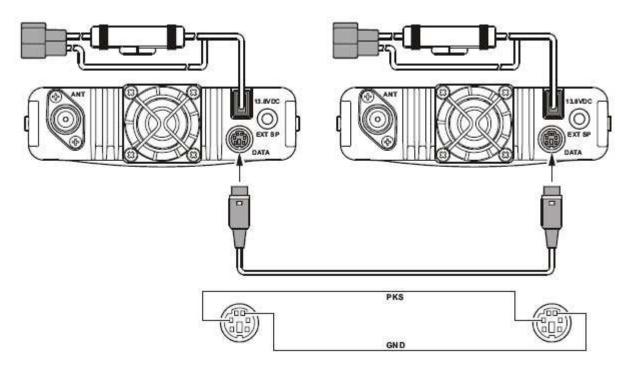
Transceiver **CTCSS** settings (Encode/Decode) may, of course, be selected for each band, allowing selective calling for your repeater. However, keep in mind that if the channels you use are so busy as to motivate you toward **CTCSS Decoding**, you may not have chosen a good frequency pair on which to operate, as the potential for interference to other users is high.

To set up Cross-Band Repeater operation:

- 1. Before enabling **Cross-Band Repeater** operation, configure both band settings as desired, and set the squelch such that background noise is silenced.
- 2. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 3. Rotate the MAIN DIAL knob to select Menu #45 X-RPT.
- 4. Press the MAID DIAL knob momentarily, XSTART will appear on the display.
- 5. Press the DIAL knob again to activate the Cross-Band Repeater mode.
- 6. To exit the Cross-Band Repeater mode, Press the SET key again.

Transfer Data between two FT-8800Rs

You can transfer all data stored in one FT-8800R to another FT-8800R by utilizing the handy Cloning feature. This requires a user-constructed Cloning cable which connects the DATA jacks on the two transceivers, as shown below.



To clone from one transceiver to another:

- 1. Insert the **Cloning Cable** into the **DATA** jack of each transceiver.
- 2. Turn both transceivers off, then press and hold in the **Left** will key on each radio while turning the power on again.
- 3. Rotate the **Right DIAL** knob on each radio to select CLONE START, then press the **SET key**. The display will disappear for a moment, then the CLONE notation will appear on the display.
- 4. On the **destination radio**, press the **Left** key. The CLONE -RX- indicator will appear on the display.
- 5. Now, on the **source radio**, press the **Left** www key. The CLONE -TX- indicator will appear on the display, and the cloning data transfer will immediately begin.
- 6. If there is a problem during the cloning process, CLONE ERROR will be displayed. Check your cable connections, and try again.

- 7. If cloning was successful, the CLONE -RX- and CLONE -TX- indicators will disappear.
- 8. Turn both transceivers off, then remove the **Cloning Cable**.

Channel and operating data for both radios are now identical. They both may be turned on now for normal operation.

Reset Your FT-8800R

To Reset your FT-8800R:

- 1. Turn the radio off.
- 2. Press and hold in the **Left** while turning the radio on.
- 3. Rotate the **Right DIAL** knob to select the **Reset** menu:
 - SETMOD RESET: Resets the Menu (Set) mode settings to their factory defaults.
 - HYPER RESET: Clears the Hyper Memory settings to factory defaults.
 - MEMORY RESET: Clears the Regular Memory settings to factory defaults.
 - M-BANK RESET: Clears the Memory Bank Assignments.
 - ALL RESET: Clears all memories and other settings to factory defaults.
- 4. Press the SET key momentarily to complete the Reset procedure.

Menu (Set) Mode Overview

The FT-8800R Menu (Set) mode is easy to activate and set. It may be used for configuration of a wide variety of transceiver parameters, some of which have not been detailed previously. Use the following procedure to activate the Menu (Set) mode:

- 1. Press the SET key momentarily to enter the Set mode.
- 2. Turn the Menu Item to be adjusted.
- 3. Press the **MAID DIAL** knob momentarily to enable adjustment of the selected **Menu Item**, then rotate the **MAID DIAL** knob to perform the actual adjustment.
- 4. After completing your selection and adjustment, press and hold in the MAID DIAL knob for ½ second to exit the **Set** mode and return to normal operation.

Menu Item Prefixes

Some **Menu Items** or preceded by either the character b or h. The b character denotes that the value for this Menu Item is to be applied separately for each **Operating Band** and/or **Mode**. The h character denotes that the value for this Menu Item is to be applied separately to each Hyper Memory Channel.

Menu Quick Reference Table



Some **Menu** item numbers or preceded by either the character **b** or **h**. The **b** character denotes that the value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately for each **Operating Band** and/or **Mode**. The **h** character denotes that the value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.

Item #	Menu	Function	Available Values	Default
1	APO	Selects the Automatic Power Off time.	OFF, 0.5H – 12.0H	OFF
h 2	ARS	Activates/deactivates the Automatic Repeater Shift feature.	ON, OFF	varies
h 3	ARTS	Selects the ARTS beep mode.	IN RNG, ALWAYS	
h 4	BAND	Enables/disables the VFO Band edge for the current band.	BND ON, BNDOFF	BND ON
5	BEEP	Enables/disables the beeper.	BEP.ON, BEP.OFF	BEP.ON
b 6	CLK.SFT	Shifts the CPU clock frequency.	SFT.ON, SFT.OFF	SFT.OFF
7	CWID	Enables/disables the CW identifier during ARTS operation.	TX ON, TX OFF	TX OFF
8	CWID W	Stores your callsign into the CW identifier.		
9	DIMMER	Sets the Display brightness level.	DIM 1, DIM 2, DIM 3, OFF	DIM 1
b 10	DCS.COD	Sets the DCS code.		023
11	DCS.N/R	Selects Normal or Inverted DCS coding.	TRX N, RX R, TX R, TRX R	TRX N
h 12	DSP.SUB	Selects the Sub Band display format.	FREQ, CWID, DC- IN, OFF	FREQ
13	DTMF D	Sets of the DTMF Autodialer Delay Time.	50MS, 250MS, 450MS, 750MS, 1000MS	450MS
14	DTMF S	Sets of the DTMF Autodialer Sending Speed.	50MS, 75MS, 100MS	50MS
15	DTMF W	Loads the DTMF Autodialer Memories.		
16	HYPER	Enables/disables the Automatic Writing feature for Hyper Memory.	MANUAL, AUTO	MANUAL
17	INET	Selects the Internet Connection mode.	INT.COD, INT.MEM	INT.COD
18	INET C	Selects the Access Number (DTMF digit) for WIRES™ operation.	CODE 0 – 9, CODE A – F	CODE 1
19	INET M	Selects the Access Number (DTMF code) for non- WIRES™ Internet Link System access.	d-1 – d-16	d-1
20	KEY.MOD	Selects the key functions for the <i>right</i> band function switches.	KEY1, KEY2	KEY1

Item #	Menu	Function	Available Values	Default
21	LOCK	Enables/disables the Key/Button Lock feature.	ON, OFF	OFF
22	LOCKT	Enables/disables the PTT Lock feature.	OFF, BAND R, BAND L, BOTH	OFF
23	MIC	Selects the microphone type to be used.	MH-48, MH-42	MH-48
24	MUTE	Selects the Audio Mute mode.	OFF, TX, RX, TX/RX	OFF
b 25	NAME	Stores an Alpha-Numeric "Tag" for a memory channel.		
h 26	PKT.SPD	Sets the transceiver's circuitry for the Packet baud rate to be used.	1200BPS, 9600BPS	1200BPs
h 27	PKT.RXB	Sets the receiving band for Packet operation.	MAIN, R-FIX, L-FIX	MAIN
28	PG P1	Programs the MH–48A6J microphone's P1 button.	BAND, VFO/MR, SCAN, SQL.OFF,	BAND
29	PG P2	Programs the MH–48A6J microphone's P2 button.	TCALL, RPTR, PRI,	VFO/MR
30	PG P3	Programs the MH–48A6J microphone's P3 button.	LOW, TONE, MHz, REV, HOME	TONE
31	PG P4	Programs the MH–48A6J microphone's P4 button.		LOW
32	RF SQL	Sets the RF SQL threshold level.	OFF, S-2, S-5, S-9, S-FULL	OFF
b 33	RPT.MOD	Sets the Repeater Shift Direction.	RPT.OFF, RPT. – , RPT.+	RPT.OFF
34	SCAN	Selects the Scan-Resume mode.	TIME, BUSY	TIME
b 35	SCAN M	Selects the Memory Scan mode.	MEM, MSM	MEM
b 36	SHIFT	Sets the magnitude of the Repeater Shift.	0.00 – 99.50 MHz	varies
b 37	SKP.MSM	Sets the flag for the Memory Scan List.	OFF, SKIP, MSM	OFF
b 38	STEP	Sets the Synthesizer steps.	5.0k, 10.0k, 12.5k, 15.0k, 20.0k, 25.0k, 50.0k	varies
39	SPCONT	Defines the audio path to an external speaker.	EXT, OFF, INT.EXT, INT	EXT
b 40	TONE F	Sets the CTCSS Tone Frequency.		100 HZ
b 41	TONE M	Selects the Tone Encoder and/or Decoder mode.	OFF, ENC, ENC.DEC, DCS	OFF
42	TOT	Sets the Time-Out Timer.	1 – 30 minutes, OFF	6MIN
h 43	VFO.TR	Enables/disables the VFO Tracking feature.	ON, OFF	OFF
b 44	WID.NAR	Sets the MIC Gain (and Deviation).	WIDE, NARROW	WIDE
45	X-RPT	Enables/disables the Cross-Band Repeater feature.		
b 46	AM	Enables/disables the AM mode.	ON, OFF	OFF
h 47	AUT.AM	Selects the receiving mode.	AUTO, OFF	AUTO

Menu Items

Menu items are listed in numeric order.

Menu #1 APO

Function: Selects the **Automatic Power Off** time (time until power is turned off).

See Activate Automatic Power Off on page 26 for details.

Values: OFF, 0.5 H - 12.0 H in 0.5 hour multiples

Default: OFF (Disables the APO feature)

Menu h 2 ARS

Function: Activates/deactivates the Automatic Repeater Shift feature.

See Automatic Repeater Shifts on page 28 for details.

Values: ON, OFF

Default: Depends on the band of operation.



The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.

Menu h 3 ARTS

Function: Selects the ARTS beep mode.

See Auto Range Transponder System Overview on page 56 for details.

Values: IN RNG, ALWAYS

IN RNG Activates the ARTS feature; a high tone beep will sound when the

transceiver first detects that you are within range, and a low beep will sound

when the other station goes out of range.

ALWAYS Activates the ARTS feature; a high tone beep will sound every time a polling

transmission is received from the other station, and a low beep will sound

once when the other station goes out of range.

Default:



The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.

Menu h 4 BAND

Function: Enables/disables the **VFO Band** edge for the current band.

Values: BND. ON, BND.OFF

When the VFO frequency reaches the high band edge of the current band, the VFO frequency will jump to the low band edge of the current band (or vice versa).

BND . OFF When the VFO frequency reaches the high edge of the current band, the VFO frequency will jump to the low band edge of the next band (or vice versa).

Default: BND. ON



The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.

Menu #5 BEEP

Function: Enables/disables the beeper.

See Activate the Key/Button Beeper on page 21 for details.

Values: BEP.ON, BEP.OFF

Default: BEP.ON

Menu b 6 CLK.SFT

Function: Shifts the CPU clock frequency.

Values: SFT. ON, SFT.OFF

Default: SFT.OFF



- **1.** This function is only used to move a spurious response birdie, should it fall on a desired frequency.
- 2. The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band** / **Mode**.

Menu #7 CWID

Function: Enables/disables the CW Identifier during ARTS operation.

Values: TX ON, TX OFF

Default: TX OFF

Menu #8 CWID W

Function: Stores your callsign into the CW Identifier. Up to six characters may be stored.

See Set Up the CW Identifier on page 57 for details.

Values:

Default:

Menu #9 DIMMER

Function: Sets the Display brightness level.

See Set the Display Brightness on page 22 for details.

Values: DIM 1, DIM 2, DIM 3, OFF

Default: DIM 1

Menu b 10 DCS.COD

Function: Sets the DCS code. See DCS Tone System on page 31 for details.

Values: 104 Standard DCS codes.

Default: 023

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The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu #11 DCS.N/R

Function: Selects Normal or Inverted DCS coding.

See DCS Code Inversion on page 34 for details.

Values: TRX N, RX R, TX R, TRX R

Default: TRX N

Menu h 12 DSP.SUB

Function: Selects the Sub Band display format.

Values: FREQ, CWID, DC-IN, OFF

FREQ Displays the Sub band frequency (Dual band operation).

CWID Displays the CW ID.

DC-IN Displays the DC supply voltage.

OFF No Display.

Default: FREQ



1. When this **Menu Item** is set to any selection other than the FREQ the **Sub** band receiver will be disabled.

2. The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.

Menu #13 DTMF D

Function: Sets the DTMF Autodialer Delay Time.

See Operating the DTMF Autodialer on page 59 for details.

Values: 50MS, 250MS, 450MS, 750MS, 1000MS

Default: 450MS

Menu #14 DTMF S

Function: Sets the DTMF Autodialer Sending Speed.

See Operating the DTMF Autodialer on page 59 for details.

Values: 50MS (high speed), 75MS (mid speed), 100MS (low speed)

Default: 50MS

Menu #15 DTMF W

Function: Loads the DTMF Autodialer Memories.

See Operating the DTMF Autodialer on page 59 for details.

Values:

Default:

Menu #16 HYPER

Function: Enables/disables the Automatic Writing feature for the Hyper Memory.

See Hyper Memory Overview on page 43 for details.

Values: MANUAL, AUTO

MANUAL Disables the Automatic Writing feature.

AUTO Enables the Automatic Writing feature. The Hyper Memory data changes

automatically when the radio's configuration is changed (such as Mode

change, Band Change, etc.).

Default: MANUAL

Menu #17 INET

Function: Selects the Internet Connection mode.

See Internet Connection Feature on page 61 for details.

Values: INT.COD, INT.MEM

INT. COD Sets up the Internet Connection mode for WIRES™ access.

INT.MEM Sets up the Internet Connection mode for other (DTMF string) Internet Link

System access.

Default: INT.COD

Menu #18 INET C

Function: Selects the Access Number (DTMF digit) for **WIRES™** operation.

See Internet Connection Feature on page 61 for details.

Values: CODE 0-9, CODE A-F

Default: CODE 1

Menu #19 INET M

Function: Selects the Access Number (DTMF code) for non-WIRES™ Internet Link System

access. See Internet Connection Feature on page 61 for details.

Values: d-1 - d-16

Default: d-1

Menu #20 KEY.MOD

Function: Selects the key functions for the right band function switches.

See Front Panel Controls on page 7 for details.

Values: KEY1, KEY2

KEY1 left and right side keys function as LOW, V/M, HM, and SCN

KEY2 left side keys function as LOW, V/M, HM, and SCN

right side keys function as MHz, REV, TONE, and SUB

Default: KEY1

Menu #21 LOCK

Function: Enables/disables the Key/Button Lock feature.

See Activate the Lock Feature on page 21 for details.

Values: ON, OFF

Default: OFF

Menu #22 LOCKT

Function: Enables/disables the PTT Lock feature.

Values: OFF, BAND R, BAND L, BOTH

OFF Enables the PTT switch.

BAND R Disables the PTT switch on the right band.

BAND L Disables the PTT switch on the left band.

BOTH Disables the PTT switch on the both band.

Default: OFF

Menu #23 MIC

Function: Selects the microphone type to be used.

Values: MH-48, MH-42

Default: MH-48

Menu #24 MUTE

Function: Selects the Audio Mute mode.

See Select the Audio Muting Preference on page 24 for details.

Values: OFF, TX, RX, RX/TX

OFF Disables the Audio Mute feature.

TX Reduces the audio level of the Sub band whenever you transmit on the

Main band.

RX Reduces the audio level of the Sub band whenever you receive a signal on

the Main band.

TX/RX Reduces the audio level of the Sub band whenever you receive a signal on

the Main band or you transmit on the Main band.

Default: OFF

Menu b 25 NAME

Function: Stores an Alpha-Numeric Tag for a memory channel.

See Create a Name Tag for a Memory Channel on page 36 for details.

Values:

Default:



The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu h 26 PKT.SPD

Function: Sets the transceiver's circuitry for the **Packet** baud rate to be used.

Values: 1200BPs, 9600BPs

Default: 1200BPs

The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.

Menu h 27 PKT.RXB

Function: Sets the receiving band for Packet operation. Note: Packet transmit band is fixed on

the Main band.

Values: MAIN, R-FIX, L-FIX

MAIN Packet can be operated on the Main band.

 ${\tt R-FIX}$ $\;\;$ Packet can be operated on the right band only.

L-FIX Packet can be operated on the left band only.

Default: MAIN

The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.

Menu #28 PG P1

Function: Programs the **MH–48A6J** microphone's **P1** button assignment.

See Program the Microphone Buttons on page 14 for details.

Values: BAND, VFO/MR, SCAN, SQL.OFF, TCALL, RPTR, PRI, LOW, TONE, MHz, REV, HOME

Default: BAND

Menu #29 PG P2

Function: Programs the MH-48A6J microphone's P2 button assignment.

See Program the Microphone Buttons on page 14 for details.

Values: BAND, VFO/MR, SCAN, SQL.OFF, TCALL, RPTR, PRI, LOW, TONE, MHz, REV, HOME

Default: VFO/MR

Menu #30 PG P3

Function: Programs the MH-48A6J microphone's P3 button assignment.

See Program the Microphone Buttons on page 14 for details.

Values: BAND, VFO/MR, SCAN, SQL.OFF, TCALL, RPTR, PRI, LOW, TONE, MHz, REV, HOME

Default: TONE

Menu #31 PG P4

Function: Programs the **MH–48A6J** microphone's **P4** button assignment.

See Program the Microphone Buttons on page 14 for details.

Values: BAND, VFO/MR, SCAN, SQL.OFF, TCALL, RPTR, PRI, LOW, TONE, MHz, REV, HOME

Default: LOW

Menu #32 RF SQL

Function: Adjustd the RF SQL threshold level.

See **Set the RF Squelch Level** on page 25 for details.

Values: OFF, S-2, S-5, S-9, S-FULL

Default: OFF



This **Menu Item** can be set independently on both the **left** and **right** bands.

Menu b 33 RPT.MOD

Function: Sets the Repeater Shift Direction.

Values: RPT.OFF, RPT. -, RPT. +

Default: RPT.OFF (simplex)

The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu #34 SCAN

Function: Selects the Scan-Resume mode.

See Set the Scan-Resume Preference on page 46 for details.

Values: TIME, BUSY

Scanning will halt on a signal it encounters, and will hold five seconds. If you do not take action to disable the scanning within five seconds, scanning

will resume even if the stations are still active.

Scanning will halt on a signal it encounters. Two seconds after the carrier

has dropped because the other station(s) ceased transmission, scanning

will resume.

Default: BUSY

This **Menu Item** can be set independently for each band.

Menu b 35 SCAN M

Function: Selects the Memory Scan mode.

See Scan in Memory Mode on page 49 for details.

Values: MEM, MSM

MEM Enables Memory Scanning on all memory channels.

MSM Enables Memory Scanning on flagged Memory Channels only.

Default: MEM

The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu b 36 SHIFT

Function: Sets the magnitude of the Repeater Shift.

Values: 0.00 – 99.95 MHz (50 kHz step)

Default: Depends on the band of operation.

The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu b 37 SKP.MSM

Function: Selects what action will happen on a flagged Memory Channel.

See Scan in Memory Mode on page 49 for details.

Values: OFF, SKIP, MSM

OFF All memory channels will be scanned (the flag will be ignored).

SKIP The scanner will skip the flagged (Skip) channels during scanning.

MSM The scanner will only scan the flagged (Preferential) channels during

scanning.

Default: OFF

The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu b 38 STEP

Function: Sets the Synthesizer steps.

See Select the Channel Step on page 22 for details.

Values: 5.0k, 10.0k, 12.5k, 15.0k, 20.0k, 25.0k, 50.0k

Default: Depends on the band of operation.

The value for this ${\bf Menu\ ltem}$ is to be applied separately to each ${\bf Operating\ Band\ /\ Mode}.$

Menu #39 SPCONT

Function: Defines the audio path to the external speaker (when used).

Values: EXT, OFF, INT.EXT, INT

EXT The audio is routed to external speaker (internal speaker is off).

OFF The audio is not routed (internal and external speakers are both off).

INT.EXT The audio is routed to both the internal and external speakers.

INT The audio is routed to the internal speaker only (external speaker is off).

Default: EXT

Menu b 40 TONE F

Function: Sets the CTCSS Tone Frequency. See CTCSS Tone System on page 30 for details.

Values: 50 Standard CTCSS Tones

Default: 100 Hz

The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band**, **Mode**, and **Memory Channel**.

Menu b 41 TONE M

Function: Selects the Tone Encoder and, or Decoder mode. See **CTCSS Tone System** on page 30 for details.

Values: OFF, ENC, ENC.DEC, DCS

OFF No Encoder, Decoder

ENC CTCSS Encoder

ENC.DEC CTCSS Encoder, Decoder

DCS Digital Code Squelch Encoder, Decoder

Default: OFF

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The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu #42 TOT

Function: Sets the Time-Out Timer. See Activate the Time-Out Timer on page 25 for details.

Values: 1 – 30 minutes or OFF

Default: 6MIN

Menu h 43 VFO.TR

Function: Enables/disables the VFO Tracking feature.

See Activate the Band Linking Feature on page 23 for details.

Values: ON, OFF

Default: OFF



The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.

Menu b 44 WID.NAR

Function: Reducing the **MIC Gain** (and Deviation).

See Set FM Bandwidth and MIC Gain on page 26 for details.

Values: WIDE, NARROW

Default: WIDE



The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu #45 X-RPT

Function: Enables/disables the Cross-Band Repeater feature.

See Operate as a Cross-Band Repeater on page 63 for details.

Values:

Default:

Menu b 46 AM

Function: Enables/disables the AM mode.

Values: ON, OFF

Default: OFF



The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Operating Band / Mode**.

Menu h 47 AUT. AM

Function: Selects the receiving mode.

Values: AUTO, OFF

Default: AUTO (AM in Aeronautical Band, FM elsewhere)



The value for this **Menu Item** is to be applied separately to each **Hyper Memory Channel**.