Motorola XTS 5000 Portable Operations Manual

The Motorola XTS 5000 Series Portable Radio is one of three vendor portable radios currently approved for use on the Alaska Land Mobile Radio (ALMR) Communications System. Others can be found at www.alaskalandmobileradio.org/radios.htm.

XTS 5000 Functional Controls

![Motorola XTS 5000 Portable Radio](image)

Figure 1
Table 3: Status Symbols

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| 📞     | Call Received  
Flashes when an Individual Call is received. |
| 🗣️     | View/Program Mode  
The radio is in the view or program mode.  
• On steady = view mode  
• Flashing = program mode |
| 📡     | Received Signal Strength Indication (RSSI)  
The received signal strength for the current site, for trunking only. The more stripes in the symbol, the stronger the signal. |
| ⚡️     | Battery  
• Conventional = flashes when battery is low  
• Smart = the number of bars (0-3) shown indicates the charge remaining in your battery; flashes when battery is low |

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| 🔄 | Talkaround  
• On = you are talking directly to another radio, not through a repeater, during conventional operation only  
• Off = you are talking through a repeater |
| 🔊 | Monitor (Carrier Squelch)  
The selected channel is being monitored during conventional operation only. |
| ⏰ | Secure Operation  
• On = secure operation  
• Off = clear operation  
• Flashing = receiving an encrypted voice call |
| 📡 | Scan  
The radio is scanning a scan list. |
| 🚨 | Priority-One Channel Scan  
One channel is assigned as the priority channel during scan operation. |
| 🚨 (Dot Steady) | Priority-Two Channel Scan  
Two channels are assigned as the priority channels during scan operation. |

**Display indication** – when the XTS 5000 is turned on the radio will revert to the last channel selected before it was powered down.  
**NOTE:** All available status symbols are shown for illustration purposes only. Not all status symbols will be displayed at one time during normal operation.

"**dot soft keys**" (i.e. the 1, 2 or 3 dot Menu Select Buttons) select the function shown over them on the display. As you change programming modes, the function of these soft keys changes to the function displayed above them.

**Normal Operation:** (see figures 1-3)

When powered up with the ON/OFF Volume Knob, the XTS 5000 should be on your "Home Zone/Channel" (the last zone/channel selected when the radio was powered down). If the required Home Zone is not displayed:
1. Press the Single Dot key on the keypad under ZONE on the display. The first letter on the display will flash on and off.

2. Press the left or right arrow on the 4-way Navigation Button to select the ADM Zone.

3. Press the Home Button to select the ADM Zone and rotate the 16-Position Select Knob until ADMN 8 is displayed.

4. Press the Push-To-Talk (PTT) button and wait for the Talk Permit Tones (3 quick beeps) before speaking.

During an incident, dispatch or the Communications Unit Leader (COML) will assign a Command (CMD) or Tactical (TAC) channel for the incident. A typical assignment would be “Command 2 (CMD 2) or North Tactical 2 (NTAC 2).”

To select a Command or Tactical channel in the Incident Command (IC) Zone rotate the 16-Position Select Knob until the desired channel is displayed. If you are assigned a channel away from your Home Channel, follow procedures 1 through 3 above to select the proper assigned zone and channel.

Command Channel: When dispatched to an incident, acknowledge your arrival at the scene to dispatch or the assigned COML on the IC HAIL Channel for that region. Dispatch or the COML will assign you to the appropriate Command Channel.

TAC Channel: Communications between agency/unit first responders should be on the assigned Tactical channels or day-to-day channels.

Scanning Use and Review: Place the Three Position toggle switch in the A position. To review the zones and channels (modes) programmed to scan, press the “3 dot” soft key under VIEW on the display and then press the “1 dot” soft key under SCAN. The square in the upper right of the display now indicates you are in the SCAN review or programming mode. Press the Left or Right keys on the 4-way Navigation Button to review the zones and channels setup to scan. Press the Home Button to return to normal operation.

NOTE: You can scan multiple zones and channels outside of the normal zone or the zone you are assigned. During an active incident, this may cause you to miss a call. Use of the scan function is NOT recommended on the ALMR System.

Scanning Programming: To program a zone, or channels (modes) within a zone, for scanning, press the “2 dot” soft key under PROG and then use the left or right 4-way Navigation Button until SCAN appears above the “1 dot” soft key. Depress the “1 dot” soft key. The flashing square in the upper right of the display now indicates you are in the scan review or programming mode. (The “3 dot” RCL (recall) button will review the channels and zones currently set to scan).
To select a channel for scanning toggle the left or right 4-way Navigation Button until the desired channel is displayed. Press the “1 dot” SEL select soft key. The will appear in the display indicating this channel is set to scan. To delete a channel from the scan list, press the “2 dot” DEL (delete) key. You can select up to 15 channels per System for scanning. If you exceed 15 selections you will receive an error beep. Press the Home Button to save your selections and return to normal operation.

NOTE: If you turn on the Scan function and you receive a low tone, and the display indicates “EMPTY LIST,” you have no channels programmed for scan. Turn off the scan switch and program a scan list.

Emergency Button: When depressed, the Top Orange Button will send an emergency alert to the Dispatch Center that your channel/talkgroup is assigned to along with your subscriber unit number. You will be called immediately by Dispatch and asked the nature of your emergency. If you have hit this button accidentally you must cancel it by holding it for two seconds, or until the beeping goes away. You will still need to transmit the nature of the emergency, or the error, to the Dispatcher so he/she can clear the alarm. The Emergency button is to be used for EMERGENCIES only.

IMPORTANT: ALMR radios are NOT equipped with GPS. This means if you hit the Emergency button (aside from lots of bells) no one knows your location or what your emergency is. If you can move and talk, notify dispatch with a voice call and the nature of your emergency.

Signal Strength and Coverage: There is a signal strength indicator on the display. If you are out of range the indicator bars will drop to none and the radio will emit a long, repeating beep. Move your location or try your vehicle radio.

Tone Mute Button: On the menu above there is a MUTE selection. When pressed, this brings up the option to turn on/off the beep tone when any button is pressed.

Top Side Purple Button: This button turns the Display Lamp on/off.

Side Button #1: Used when someone is privately calling your radio and to monitor a conventional/simplex channel. To monitor the channel, press and hold the side button #1 as long as you want to monitor the channel.

Direct operation: The CONV (conventional) channels operate in Conventional/Simplex mode. That is, local unit to local unit without going through the repeaters. This mode can be used for local operations like traffic control or training, without tying up a repeater frequency. Channel 8 in the State and Regional IC Zones is a conventional/simplex channel.

Site Switch:

NOTE: Your radio is programmed to automatically allow you to roam throughout the ALMR System, much like a cell phone system, without any action on your part. However, there may be times, such as when a site goes into SITE TRUNKING, when you may wish to have your radio affiliate with a different repeater site.
Press the **Side Button 2** briefly to display the current site with which your radio is affiliated. The radio will display the repeater site you are affiliated with for approximately two seconds. The radio will then display the Received Signal Strength Indicator (RSSI) and a number between 0 and 120 (any number above 60 is considered good). After approximately two seconds, the radio will return to normal operation.

To force the radio to affiliate with a different repeater site, press and hold the SITE button (side button #2) until SCANNING appears in the display. The radio will attempt to affiliate with a different repeater site. The radio may affiliate with a different site, or it may re-affiliate with the same site. Press SITE button (side button #2) to confirm which site you are now affiliated with. If you need to affiliate with a different site, repeat these actions until you affiliate with an adequate site.

**Appendix:**

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<td>High-Pitched Beeps</td>
<td>Low Battery (Chirp)</td>
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<td>High-Pitched Beeps (every 6 seconds)</td>
<td>Page Alert</td>
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<td>Phone Tone Busy (when pressing PTT)</td>
<td>System Busy</td>
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<td>Short High-Pitched Beeps</td>
<td>Automatic Call Back or Talk Permit</td>
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<td>Continuous Low-Pitched Tone (when pressing PTT)</td>
<td>Talk Prohibit/Out of Range or Time-Out Timer or Illegal Mode</td>
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<td>High-Pitched Beep every 10 seconds</td>
<td>Failsoft</td>
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**Removing the Microphone connector plate to attach the external Speaker / Microphone**

**NOTE:** Always turn the radio off first before performing any maintenance.

Insert a flat blade screwdriver into the area between the bottom of the cover and the slot below the connector. Hold the top of the cover with your thumb while you pry the bottom of the cover away from the radio with the screwdriver. Ensure you put the cover somewhere where you can find it!

Remember - your radio is your lifeline. Know it well!