





AUTOMATIC HF/VHF ARDF TRANSMITTER

# **TRAINER 07**

instruction manual

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# FOREWORD

The **TRAINER 07** ARDF transmitter is designed for local and regional ARDF competitions and training of any level. The possibility of frequency, transmitted code, keying speed and timing schedule adjustments opens the new area in the ARDF competitions and allows using more transmitters on different frequencies.

The operation is very easy: just install the antenna, plug in the connector and transmitter automatically recognizes the proper band and starts operation.

This transmitter is extremely suitable for training use due to its low weight and small size.

#### FEATURES:

- PLL synthesizer provides 16 channels in 3,5 MHz band and 4 channels in 144 MHz band
- 4 various timing schedules
- · Various transmitted codes
- · Keying speed adjustable in 4 steps
- Output power adjustable in 2 steps
- Automatic band recognition
- Built-in automatic accumulator charger and protection
- Rugged house
- Simple operation

# IMPORTANT!

**READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS** carefully and completely before using the transmitter. **SAVE THIS INSTRUCTION MANUAL** for future reference. This manual contains important operating instructions for the **TRAINER 07**.

# PRECAUTIONS

- **! NEVER** apply AC or any voltage higher that 20V DC to any terminal of the transmitter. This could cause a fire or ruin the transmitter.
- AVOID using or placing the transmitter in areas with temperatures below -20°C or above +60°C.

Use only accessories supplied by the manufacturer.

# **7** TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Transmitter connector pin-out:



- 144 MHz antenna with 4,7kohm resistor in parallel
  - common ground, counterpoise
- 3,5 MHz antenna
- charger supply (+12V DC)
- 3,5 MHz band sense (short to ground)

# 8 OPTIONS

- Charger for the set of transmitters
- Automatic synchronizer combined with 12V supply
- Automatic DCF controlled synchronizer combined with 12V supply

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- Foxoring antenna
- Various transmitting antennas
- cable lock

# 9 WARRANTY, SERVICE

Should this equipment malfunction under normal use, it will be repaired without charge for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

The customer shall not have any claim under this warranty for repair or adjustment expenses if the trouble is caused by improper, rough or careless treatment or mechanical damage, by a fire or other natural calamity or by improper repair or adjustment made by anyone other than manufacturer.

The warranty does not cover the accumulators.

After the first year of use manufacturer offers the free of charge adjustment and check of the equipment including the recalibration of clock and synthesizer. Any other information, service or modifications are provided by the manufacturer:

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# **6** SPECIFICATIONS

### General

Supply	built-in Li-	built-in Li-Ion accumulator 3,7V/2,3Ah			
Operating temperature ra Storage temperature rang Covering	•				
Dimensions Weight	65(w)x36( 300 g	65(w)x36(h)x126(d) mm (projections not included) 300 g			
Operating period	REL	CONT			
POWER	HI 26 hrs	6 hrs			
POWER	LO 80 hrs	20 hrs			

#### 3.5 MHz transmitter

Carrier frequency	16 channels (3,52 3,67 MHz)
Mode	CW
Output RF power @ 50 ohm	HI: 1 W, LO:0,2 W
Spurious emissions:	Less than -66 dB
Antenna:	vertical wire 8 m + 8m counterpoise

### ■ 144 MHz transmitter

Carrier frequency

Mode:

Antenna:

145,25 MHz, 145,50 MHz AM, keyed carrier, AM 80% Output RF power @ 50 ohm HI: 0.8 W, LO: 0,2 W PEP Spurious emissions: Less than -60 dB omnidirectional turnstile

### Logic unit

Transmitted codes: Keying speed: Timing schedules:

MOE, MOI, MOS, MOH, MO5, MO, A ... Z 35,50,70 or 100 PARIS 60 s transmitting, 240 s space 30 s transmitting, 120 s space 60 s transmitting, 60 s space 12 s transmitting, 48 s space

+-20 ppm (approx. 2 s/day)

4 channels: 144,5 MHz, 144,85 MHz,

Time stability

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# **UNPACKING**

#### Accessories included with the TRAINER PLL:

- 3,5 MHz antenna + counterpoise
- 144 MHz antenna +2\*2 elements
- DC charging cable
- protecting case
- this manual

# CONTROLS

# Control panel :



Parameter setting (top cover removed):



# **5** TROUBLESHOOTING

The following list is designed to help you correct problems which are not equipment malfunctions. If you are unable to locate the cause of a problem or solve it through the use of this list, contact the manufacturer.

After turning on the indicator does not flash
 Possible cause: exhausted accumulator
 Solution: recharge the accumulator immediately (see ch.5)
 Possible cause: blown fuse
 Solution: replace the fuse (see ch. 4) with equal one. If the fuse blows again, do not continue and contact the manufacturer.

#### ■ Transmitter poorly audible (3,5 MHz)

**Possible cause:** antenna not properly tuned or installed, radiator wire whipped out from the socket **Solution:** check for the antenna installation and/or tuning

# Transmitter poorly audible (144 MHz) Possible cause: antenna too low or tilted, elem

**Possible cause:** antenna too low or tilted, element(s) lost **Solution:** check for the antenna installation

- Transmitter not audible, but antenna indicator flashes Cause: you are using the antenna for uncorrect band Solution: check for the antenna installation
- Transmitter does not transmit even with connected antenna Possible cause: you have used the antenna from the different transmitter Solution: use the antenna supplied with the TRAINER 07 transmitter

**NOTE**: antennas from TRAINER PLL, CONTEST2002 or CONTEST07 transmitters can be used also with TRAINER 07.

Transmitter transmits wrong code or in wrong time Possible cause: wrong settings, clock start Solution: check for the settings, restart the clock (see ch. 3)

# **4** MAINTENANCE

### ■ <u>Charging</u>

The charging period of the built-in accumulator is 1-4 hours according to the discharge level. We recommend to charge the transmitter after each competition or training. The built-in charger automatically terminates the charging after the accumulator is fully charged.

For charging, connect the transmitter to N12 charger or any source of 10-16V DC. Using the supplied DC charging cable, connect the red/black wire to the positive terminal and black wire to the negative terminal of the any 10-16V DC supply.

There is no need to discharge accumulator intentionally (like NiCd or NiMH accumulators).

# ■ <u>Cleaning:</u>

Keep the transmitter dry and clean. If the transmitter becomes wet, dry it with the clean cloth and let it dry in a room temperature. **Never** use strong heaters!

If the transmitter becomes dusty or dirty, clean it with a brush or a dry, soft cloth. **Avoid** the use of strong chemical solvents such as benzine or alcohol to clean the transmitter.

### ■ Fuse replacement:

The built/in accumulator is protected with a fuse T3,15A. Replacement procedure:

- 1. Remove two screws beside DIP/switches (see picture below).
- 2. Turn the transmitter upside down and take inner part from the plastic cover.
- 3. Find the fuse holder by the accumulator (see picture below).

4. Replace the fuse with the same one and assemble the transmitter in reverse order.

5.If the fuse blows again, do not replace it with the new one and contact the manufacturer immediately.

Except for fuse, there are no user serviceable parts inside the transmitter! Do not touch coils or trimmers!





# **2** PARAMETERS SETTING

Removing the top cover of the transmitter, you will find two sets of DIP switches:

Right set adjusts: - 3,5 MHz band frequency (switches 1-2-3-4)

- 144 MHz band frequency (switches 5-6).

Left set adjusts:

- keyed code (switches 1-2-3-4-5)
  keying speed (switches 6-7)
- timing schedule (switches 8-9)
- output power (switch 10).

**Timing schedule must be set before clock starts!** Frequency must be set in STBY state (MODE selector in STBY position or antenna disconnected). All other parameters can be readjusted any time, even while transmitting.



# $\mathbf{3}$ OPERATION, INSTALLATION

### ■ <u>Unpacking</u>

After unpacking, check carefully the transmitter and all accessories included. In the case of any damage do not use the transmitter and contact immediately the manufacturer.

### Before operating

Before the first usage, charge the accumulator for at least 5 hours. You can use this time for reading of this instruction manual.

### Turning the transmitter ON:

Turn the FUNCTION selector to any position other than **OFF.** The green LED (accumulator indicator) starts flash and transmitter logic unit resets.

The green indicator shows the accumulator voltage:

- accumulator full
- 80%
   ● 60%
- ● 60%
- 40%
   10%
- off: accumulator empty.

In this case internal protection shuts down RF stages of the transmitter in order to prevent the accumulator from deep discharge. The logic unit remains in operation.

When the accumulator is being charged, the green indicator shines continuously with pulsing intensity according to the scheme above.

### ■ FUNCTION selector

There are 4 positions of the selector::

- **OFF** transmitter turned OFF.
- **STBY** transmitter does not transmit, the logic unit (clock) runs only. The time synchronization is kept. Transmitter turns to this status also when no antenna is connected.
- REL (relations) transmitter operates according to the set parameters and antenna connected in relations
- **CONT** (continuous) transmitter operates according to the set parameters and antenna connected continuously.

### Clock synchronization

Adjust the time schedule. Turn on the transmitter exactly at the beginning of the interval of its scheduled operation. From this moment, transmitter will keep the synchronization regardless of the position or readjusting any switch (except for turning OFF or time schedule - DIP switches 8-9 - readjusting).

### ■ <u>3,5 MHz antenna installation</u>

3,5 MHz antenna consists of a counterpoise (brown wire ended with a DIN connector) and the radiator itself (black wire ended with a banana plug).

Lay the counterpoise wire on the ground, straight towards the competition starting point. In case of the 3-radial counterpoise, lay the radials to all directions.

The radiator shall hang, for instance, from the tree branch. Use the whole length of the radiator if possible. During dry weather, the radiator may lay even on the tree trunk surface. When the trees are wet, the radiator shall better hang in a free space.

Plug the banana plug into the socket at the counterpoise wire and the DIN connector to the socket on the top panel of the transmitter.

Avoid close vicinity of large metal objects such as fences, rails or wires, which disturb the electromagnetic field and makes the finding difficult.

**NOTE:** It is advisable to turn the counterpoise once around the tree in order to prevent the plugs against whipping out when the competitor catches the wire.

#### Antenna tuning

Turn the **FUNCTION** selector to the **CONT** position, then tune the antenna by the **ANT** button. Try to reach the maximum brightness of the indicator. Then eventually turn to the **REL** position.

### <u>144 MHz antenna installation</u>

The 144 MHz antenna consists of an antenna body with cable and four elements (two short and two long). Screw the elements into the antenna body - the shorter ones horizontally and the longer tilted. Hang the antenna on the tree branch by the string tied on the top of an antenna body. The coax cable shall lead vertically down.

Install the antenna as high as possible, 3 m at least. Plug the DIN connector to the socket on the top panel. The 144 MHz antenna needs no tuning. The ANT indicator shows only transmitted carrier.

### Band selecting:

The transmitter recognizes connected antenna and selects automatically the appropriate band. If no antenna is connected, the transmitter turns to the **STBY** mode (regardless of the **FUNCTION** selector position).