



Model T8500/T8510/T8530/T8550 series  
KEM-PK14190-47A

# MOTOROLA TALKABOUT®

## Two-Way Radio User's Guide

To ensure optimal radio performance and make sure human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic energy is within the guidelines set forth in the above standards, always adhere to the following procedures.

### Portable Radio Operation and EME Exposure

**Antenna Care**  
Use only the supplied or an approved replacement antenna. Unauthorized antennas, modifications, or attachments could damage the radio and may violate FCC regulations.

Do NOT hold its antenna when the radio is "IN USE." Holding the antenna affects its effective range.

### Body-Worn Operation

To maintain compliances with FCC/Health Canada RF exposure guidelines if you wear a radio on your body when transmitting always place the radio in a Motorola-supplied or approved clip holder, holster, case or body harness for this product. Use of non-Motorola-approved accessories may exceed FCC/Health Canada RF exposure guidelines.

If you do not use one of the Motorola-supplied or approved body-worn accessories and are not using the radio held in the normal use position, ensure the radio and its antenna are at least 1 inch (2.5 cm) from your body when transmitting.

### Data Operation

If applicable, when using any data feature of the radio with or without an accessory cable, position the radio and its antenna at least one inch (2.5 cm) from the body.

### Approved Accessories

For a list of approved Motorola accessories, visit our Web site at [www.motorola.com](http://www.motorola.com).

### Electromagnetic Interference/Compatibility

**Note:**Nearly every electronic device is susceptible to electromagnetic interference (EMI) if inadequately shielded, designed or otherwise configured for electromagnetic compatibility. This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- This device may not cause harmful interference; and
- This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

### Facilities

To avoid electromagnetic interference and/or compatibility conflicts, turn off your radio in any facility where posted notices instruct you to do so. Hospitals or health care facilities may be using equipment that is sensitive to external RF energy.

### Aircraft

When instructed to do so, turn off your radio when onboard an aircraft. Any use of a radio must be in accordance with applicable regulations per airline crew instructions.

### Medical Devices – Pacemakers

The Advanced Medical Technology Association recommends that a minimum separation of 6 inches (15 cm) be maintained between a handheld wireless radio and a pacemaker. These recommendations are consistent with the independent research by and recommendations of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

### Medical Devices – Other

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- Give full attention to driving and to the road.
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## Menu Options (continued)

### VibraCall™ Alert

VibraCall is a vibrating alert that notifies you that your radio is receiving a message. This is useful in noisy environments. When the alert is on, the radio vibrates once every 30 seconds when you receive a message on the channel and code you set.

- To turn vibrating alerts on, press  until  is displayed. The current setting will flash.
- Press  or  to change the setting to Off/On.
- Press  to set or  to continue set up.

### QT Noise Filtering

The QT noise-filtering feature helps to ensure uninterrupted communication with other Motorola radios that have this feature. This feature also filters out unwanted transmissions from other radios. This is useful in places where there is heavy radio traffic, such as amusement parks or ski resorts.

**Note:** QT noise filtering is not available when the radio is scanning.

To turn QT noise filtering on or off:

- Press  until QT displays. The current setting On/Off will flash.
- Press  or  to turn noise filtering On or Off.
- Press  to confirm your selection or  to continue set up.

To transmit to a radio that has QT noise filtering turned on:

- Select the same channel and Interference Eliminator Code as the other radio.
- Press  to send a call tone. This allows your voice to pass through the QT noise filter on the receiving radio.
- Press  and speak normally.

**Note:** If you skip step 2, the beginning of your message may not be heard on the receiving radio. For a 30-second period, starting after the last transmission, all transmissions received on the selected channel and code will pass through the QT noise filter.

### Keypad Tones

You may enable or disable the speaker key tones. You will hear the key tone each time a button is pushed.

- Press  until  appears. The current setting On/Off will flash
- Press either  or  to turn On or Off.
- Press  to confirm or  to continue set up.

**Note:** When the key tone feature is off, the following are not disabled:

- Transmit timeout alert tone
- Call tone
- Low battery alert tone or
- The transmitted talk confirmation tone.

### Transmitting a Talk Confirmation Tone

You can set your radio to transmit a unique tone when you finish transmitting. It is like saying “Roger” or “Over” to let others know you are finished talking.

- With the radio on, press  until the  appears. The current setting On/Off flashes.
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## Special Features

### Keypad Lock

To avoid accidentally changing your radio settings:

- Press and hold  until  displays.
- When in lock mode, you can turn the radio on and off, adjust the volume, receive, transmit, send a call tone, and monitor channels. All other functions are locked.

To unlock the radio, press and hold  until  is no longer displayed.

### Scanning Channels

Use scan to search the 22 channels for transmissions from unknown parties, to find someone in your group who has accidentally changed channels, or to quickly find unused channels for your own use.

There is a priority feature and 2 modes of scanning ( basic and advanced ) to make your search more effective. The basic scan mode uses the channel and code combinations for each of the 22 channels as you have set them ( or with the default code value of 1). The “Advanced Scan” mode will scan all channels for any and all codes, detect any code in use, and use that code value temporarily for that channel.

Priority is given to the “home channel,” that is, the channel (and Interference Eliminator Code) your radio was set to when you start the scan. This means the initial channel (and code setting) is scanned more often than the other 21 channels, and your radio will respond quickly to any activity occurring on the home channel as a priority.

### To start Scanning:

- Briefly press the  key. The scan  will appear in the display, and the radio will begin to scroll through the channel and code combinations.
- When the radio detects channel activity matching the channel and code combination, it stops scrolling and you can hear the transmission.
- To respond and talk to the person transmitting, press  within five seconds after the end of the transmission.
- The radio will resume scrolling through the channels five seconds after the end of any received activity.
- To stop scanning, briefly press the  key.

### To start Advanced Scanning:

- Set the Interference Eliminator Code to “zero” or OFF.
- Briefly press the  key. The scan  will appear in the display, and the radio will begin to scroll through the channels. No Interference Eliminator Codes will filter what is heard.
- When the radio detects channel activity with ANY code (or NO code), it stops scrolling and you can hear the transmission. Any Interference Eliminator Code that may be in use by that party will be detected and displayed.
- To respond and talk to the person transmitting, press  within five seconds of the end of the transmission. The radio will transmit using the newly detected Interference Eliminator Code.
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### Scanning Notes:

- If you press  while the radio is scrolling through inactive channels, the transmission will be on the “home channel”. Scanning will resume five seconds after the end of your transmission. You may press the  key to stop scanning at any time.
- If the radio stops on an undesired transmission, you may immediately resume the scan by briefly pressing  or .
- If the radio repeatedly stops on an undesired transmission, you may temporarily remove that channel from the scan list by pressing and holding  or  for three seconds. You may remove more than one channel in this way.
- To restore the removed channel(s) to the scan list, turn the radio off and then back on, or exit and re-enter the scanning mode by pressing .
- You cannot remove the home channel from the scan list.
- In Advanced Scan, the detected code will only be used for one transmission. You must note the code, exit scan, and set that detected code on that channel to permanently use the detected code.

## Weather Receiver

Your radio can tune in to broadcasts by the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio and Environment Canada Weatheradio.

You can listen to a weather channel (see “Weather Channels and Frequencies” table below) or set your radio to alert you to emergency weather broadcasts that interrupt routine broadcasts.

When you listen to a weather channel, you cannot use your radio in scan mode or for two-way communications.

Both NOAA and Environment Canada have transmitters located throughout the United States and Canada, respectively. These transmitters broadcast watches, forecasts, and other information 24 hours a day.

**Note:** NOAA weather radio stations are assigned to cover specific areas and service may be limited. Please check with your local weather office for frequency and details, or visit [www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/nwr) in the US or [www.msc-smc.ec.gc.ca/cd/factsheets/wxradio](http://www.msc-smc.ec.gc.ca/cd/factsheets/wxradio) in Canada to view the appropriate transmitter for your area.

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### Turning Weather Channel Reception On and Off

- To turn weather reception on, press and hold  for three seconds.
- To turn off, press  or turn the radio off and then back on.

### Setting the Weather Channel

Your radio receives weather frequencies:

- After turning weather reception on, press . The current channel flashes.
- Press  or  to select the appropriate channel with good reception in your area.
- Press  to save the weather channel setting.

### Setting the Weather Alert

Your radio can be set to respond to NOAA Weather Radio emergency messages. A special alarm tone sounds an alert and turns on the weather receiver to give you immediate weather and emergency information.

- After turning weather reception on, press  twice. On/Off displays.
- Press  or  to select On/Off. If you activate Weather Alert and return to two-way mode,  will display.
- Press  to save the weather alert setting.
- Press  to return to two-way mode.

As with two-way radio reception, weather channel reception depends on how close you are to a transmitter and whether you are indoors or outdoors. Because weather channels are transmitted without codes, they may contain static or noise. Weather Alert will not function while actively transmitting or receiving in two-way mode.

### Channels and Frequencies

Channel	Frequency	Description	Channel	Frequency	Description
1	462.5625 MHz	GMRS/FRS	12	467.6625 MHz	FRS
2	462.5875 MHz	GMRS/FRS	13	467.6875 MHz	FRS
3	462.6125 MHz	GMRS/FRS	14	467.7125 MHz	FRS
4	462.6375 MHz	GMRS/FRS	15	462.5500 MHz	GMRS
5	462.6625 MHz	GMRS/FRS	16	462.5750 MHz	GMRS
6	462.6875 MHz	GMRS/FRS	17	462.6000 MHz	GMRS
7	462.7125 MHz	GMRS/FRS	18	462.6250 MHz	GMRS
8	467.5625 MHz	FRS	19	462.6500 MHz	GMRS
9	467.5875 MHz	FRS	20	462.6750 MHz	GMRS
10	467.6125 MHz	FRS	21	462.7000 MHz	GMRS
11	467.6375 MHz	FRS	22	462.7250 MHz	GMRS

### Weather Channels and Frequencies

Weather Channel	Frequency	Weather Channel	Frequency
WX1	162.550 MHz	WX7	162.525 MHz
WX2	162.400 MHz	WX8	161.650 MHz
WX3	162.475 MHz	WX9	161.775 MHz
WX4	162.425 MHz	WX10	161.750 MHz
WX5	162.450 MHz	WX11	162.000 MHz
WX6	162.500 MHz		

## Warranty

### Consumer Two-Way Radio Products and Accessories purchased in the United States or Canada.

#### What Does this Warranty Cover?

Subject to the exclusions contained to the right, Giant International Ltd. warrants the Motorola branded consumer two-way radios that operate via Family Radio Service or General Mobile Radio Service that it manufactures (“Products”), the Motorola branded or certified accessories sold for use with these Products that it manufactures (“Accessories”) to be free from defects in materials and workmanship under normal consumer usage for the period(s) outlined below. This limited warranty is a consumer’s exclusive remedy, and applies as follows to new Motorola branded Products and Accessories manufactured by Giant International Ltd., and purchased by consumers in the United States or Canada, which are accompanied by this written warranty:

Products Covered	Length of Coverage	Exclusions
<b>Products and Accessories</b> as defined above, unless otherwise provided for below.	<b>One (1) year</b> from the date of purchase by the first consumer purchaser of the product unless otherwise provided for below.	<b>Normal Wear and Tear.</b> Periodic maintenance, repair and replacement of parts due to normal wear and tear are excluded from coverage. <b>Batteries.</b> Only batteries whose fully charged capacity falls below 80% of their rated capacity and batteries that leak are covered by this limited warranty. <b>Abuse &amp; Misuse.</b> Defects or damage that result from: (a) improper operation, storage, misuse or abuse, accident or neglect, such as physical damage (cracks, scratches, etc.) to the surface of the product resulting from misuse; (b) contact with liquid, water, rain, extreme humidity or heavy perspiration, sand, dirt or the like, extreme heat, or food; (c) use of the Products or Accessories for commercial purposes or subjecting the Product or Accessory to abnormal usage or conditions; or (d) other acts which are not the fault of Motorola or Giant International Ltd., are excluded from coverage. <b>Use of Non-Motorola branded Products and Accessories.</b> Defects or damage that result from the use of Non-Motorola branded or certified Products, Accessories, Software or other peripheral equipment are excluded from coverage. <b>Unauthorized Service or Modification.</b> Defects or damages resulting from service, testing, adjustment, installation, maintenance, alteration, or modification in any way by someone other than Motorola, Giant International Ltd. or its authorized service centers, are excluded from coverage. <b>Altered Products.</b> Products or Accessories with (a) serial numbers or date tags that have been removed, altered or obliterated; (b) broken seals or that show evidence of tampering; (c) mismatched board serial numbers; or (d) nonconforming or non-Motorola branded housings, or parts, are excluded from coverage. <b>Communication Services.</b> Defects, damages, or the failure of Products or Accessories due to any communication service or signal you may subscribe to or use with the Products or Accessories is excluded from coverage.
<b>1. Decorative Accessories and Cases.</b> Decorative covers and cases.	<b>1. Limited lifetime warranty</b> for the lifetime of ownership by the first consumer purchaser of the product.	
<b>2. Monaural Headsets.</b> Ear buds and boom headsets that transmit mono sound through a wired connection.	<b>2. Limited lifetime warranty</b> for the lifetime of ownership by the first consumer purchaser of the product.	
<b>3. Consumer Two-Way Radio Accessories.</b>	<b>3. Ninety (90) days</b> from the date of purchase by the first consumer purchaser of the product.	
<b>4. Products and Accessories that are Repaired or Replaced.</b>	<b>4. The balance of the original warranty or for ninety (90) days</b> from the date returned to the consumer, whichever is longer.	

#### Who is covered?

This warranty extends only to the first consumer purchaser, and is not transferable.

#### What will GIANT INTERNATIONAL LTD. do?

GIANT INTERNATIONAL LTD., at its option, will at no charge repair, replace or refund the purchase price of any Products or Accessories that does not conform to this warranty. We may use functionally equivalent reconditioned/ refurbished/ pre-owned or new Products, Accessories or parts.

#### How to Obtain Warranty Service or Other Information?

To obtain service or information, please call:

#### USA Two-Way Radios

1-800-638-5119  
[giantintl@callcenter.com](mailto:giantintl@callcenter.com)

#### Canada Two-Way Radios

1-800-638-5119  
[giantintl@callcenter.com](mailto:giantintl@callcenter.com)

For Accessories, please call the telephone number designated above for the product with which they are used.

You will receive instructions on how to ship the Products or Accessories at your expense, to a GIANT INTERNATIONAL LTD. Authorized Repair Center. To obtain service, you must include: (a) a copy of your receipt, bill of sale or other comparable proof of purchase; (b) a written description of the problem; (c) the name of your service provider, if applicable; (d) the name and location of the installation facility (if applicable) and, most importantly; (e) your address and telephone number.

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