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Technisonics TDFM-9100 Multi-Band Radio REFERENCE





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NOTE: The manufacturer of the radio has excellent training products to support this unit. HOWEVER, some of the features of the radio have been changed from the manufacturer's default settings to settings that are more appropriate for the missions conducted by the Civil Air Patrol. This guide is to be considered the most up to date authority on feature sets, button nomenclature and mode layout of the radio.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

- <u>CHANNEL</u> Term that describes a specific radio frequency in conventional radio.
- <u>CONVENTIONAL</u> Term that describes a radio function where radio signals are transmitted, processed and received without the use of a computer to perform a trunking function.
- CTCSS Acronym. Continuous Tone-Coded Squelch System. A sub-audible analog tone that is transmitted with analog voice communication that opens the squelch on another radio. Used to prevent unwanted opening of squelch due different users on the same frequency. Commercially known as "PL Tone" or "Channel Guard". Available CTCSS tones are listed in a separate tab.
- CSQ Carrier Squelch. The radio will open squelch on any transmission received on the tuned frequency. Radios programmed with CSQ are subject to interference and unwanted skips from distant stations on the same frequency. This is multiplied with altitude in an aircraft.

- DCS Acronym. <u>Digital Coded Squelch</u>. A sub-audible digital tone that is transmitted with analog voice communication that opens the squelch on another radio. Used to prevent unwanted opening of squelch due different users on the same frequency. Commercially known as "DPL Tone" or "Digital Channel Guard". Available DCS tones are listed in a separate tab.
- MODE A slot in the radio for an individual channel or talkgroup to be programmed.
- MONITOR In conventional radio, turning monitor function on turns off the requirement for a radio transmission to have the correct CTCSS/DCS/NAC code in order to open the radio squelch.
- NAC Acronym. Network Access Code. A sub-audible digital tone that is transmitted with digital (P25) voice communication that opens the squelch on another radio. Used to prevent unwanted opening of squelch due different users on the same frequency.
- P25 Radio transmission protocol where information is transmitted and received digitally. Digitizing the signal allows for the voice signal to be transmitted as data. Additionally, other pieces of information can be transmitted as data. P25 transmissions are subject to packet loss, which can lead to a failure in communication.
- <u>PACKET LOSS</u> When a digital (P25) signal is transmitted by a radio, some or all of the digitized information is not received by the system or other user radio resulting in incomplete transmission and broken communication.

- <u>REF</u> Acronym specific to the TDFM-9100. <u>R</u>otary <u>E</u>ncoder <u>F</u>unction. The rotary encoder is the knob on the lower left side of the radio face.
- Rx Abbreviation for Receive
- <u>SIMPLEX</u> The radio is transmitting and receiving on the same frequency. No repeaters are being used to relay or amplify transmissions.
- <u>Tx</u> Abbreviation for Transmit
- <u>TALKGROUP</u> Term used in trunking radio that describes a group of radios that a communicating with each other. Similar to a channel, but talkgroups are not frequency specific like a conventional channel.
- <u>TRUNKING</u> Radio function where a computer system controls and assigns the availability of the various frequencies of the radio system. VIPER is a trunked radio system.
- <u>VIPER</u> Acronym. <u>Voice InteroPerability for Emergency Responders. The statewide, trunked radio system in the 700/800 spectrum for voice communication for public safety entities.</u>
- <u>ZONE</u> A group of channels and/ or talkgroups that have a similar function and have been grouped together by the radio programmer for function or radio operator convenience.

SCREEN NOMENCLATURE



The screen can be divided into four separate area, each with a specific function.

- 1. Zone / Channel area.
- 2. Module Symbols
- 3. Soft Key Definition
- 4. Rotary Encoder Function Indicator

Zone / Channel area

ZONE - The first five characters are the name of the zone. There are 12 zones; which are listed are listed on reverse side of this tab.

CHANNEL – The last nine characters are the name of the individual channel or talkgroup. The individual channels and talkgroups are listed on individual tabs elsewhere in this document.

Zn#	Zn Name	Zn Description	FPP
1	CAPUS	National VHF CAP channels.	N
2	CAPNC	NC Specific VHF channels and VIPER talkgroups.	Ν
3	AOB	Airfield Operations Battalion channels.	Y
4	NCEM	NC Emergency Management VIPER talkgroups.	N
5	NCAIR	VIPER talkgroups for air / ground coordination.	N
6	S-EVT	State Event VIPER talkgroups used for common communications between various resources.	N
7	NTROP	National VHF, UHF, 700 & 800 interoperability channels.	N
8	BOAT	US VHF Marine channels for operating with maritime or swift water teams.	N
9	FRS	UHF Family Radio Service used as an affordable walkie-talkie for private individuals.	N
10	V-FPP	16 blank channels for Front Panel Programming in the VHF conventional spectrum.	Y
11	U-FPP	16 empty channels for Front Panel Programming in the UHF conventional spectrum.	Y
12	78FPP	16 empty channels for Front Panel Programming in the 700/800 conventional spectrum.	Y
13	WX	NOAA weather radio broadcast stations, receive only capability.	N

Module Symbols area

Symbols that indicate to the user that certain features of the radio are active or inactive. From left to right, the mission symbols are:

Z个MPHØA

- Z If the "Z" is present, the radio is <u>scanning</u> the preprogrammed scan list. Absence of the "Z" is the indicator that the radio is not scanning.
- 1 If the upward arrow is present, then the selected channel is operating in a <u>simplex or direct</u> manner. This means that the radio is transmitting on the same frequency as it is receiving and by-passing a repeater.
- M If the "M" is present, the radio is <u>monitoring</u> the selected channel with the CTCSS/DCS/NAC requirement deactivated. The radio will open the squelch for any and all transmissions received on the selected channel. Absence of the "M" is the indicator that the radio requires the correct CTCSS/DCS/NAC code to open the squelch. Transmissions without the correct CTCSS/DCS/NAC tone are ignored by the radio.
- P If the "P" indicator is present, the currently displayed channel or talkgroup is the <u>priority</u> of the scan list. By NCWG programming, the selected channel or talkgroup will always be the priority when scanning.

- H or L Indicates the radio <u>transmitting power level</u>; high or low. This feature can be changed by use of the soft keys. Remember, good radio operator technique dictates to use as little power as necessary for effective communication. Over powering transmissions could cause interference, distortion or damage to other radio equipment.
- O or Ø Pronounced "Oh" or "Zero". "Oh" indicates that the <u>scan feature is turned on</u>. The "Zero" indicated that the scan feature is turned off. This indication is changed by pressing the 0/ESW key.
- A or B or C Indicates the position of the */TSW key. Indications A and C have no function, and either are desirable for normal operation. Indication B places the radio into Scan List Program Mode. When the radio is in Scan List Program Mode, it IS NOT RECEIVING ANY RADIO TRAFFIC. If the radio stays in indication B for a period of time with no interaction, the radio will sound a loud tone, reminding the user that the receive function of the radio is off.

Soft Key Definitions area

There are three (3) buttons on the face of the radio whose function is dependent on the mode of the radio; that is the functions of the buttons change based on the mode of the radio. The keys are indicated by the " – " marking. The left most key correlates with the left most title. Likewise, the center key corresponds with the middle title and the right most key with the right most title. NCWG radios soft keys are programmed in the following manner:

CONVENTIONAL	TRUNKED
CHANNELS	TALKGROUPS
ZnUP -Select Zone Up	ZnUp – Select Zone Up
ZnDn – Select Zone Down	ZnDn – Select Zone Down
FPP – Front Panel Program	PWR – Hi / Low Power
PWR – Hi / Low Power	MUTE – Cycles button beep
DIR – Simplex / Repeater	NUIS – Nuisance Delete
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Rotary Encoder Function (REF) Indicator area

The REF indicator displays the current function of the rotary encoder knob on the front panel. The knob is a rotary encoder, which turns endlessly. The knob also has a push button incorporated so you can press the knob as well. Pressing the knob will toggle through the following possible knob modes:

	The Rotary Encoder will change:
Channel	Modes (Channels or Talkgroups)
Volume	Increase or decrease volume
Zone	Scroll through zones
NumLock	Redefines keypad for numbers, not functions
Recall	Allows user to type in the mode number for a
	specific channel or talkgroup in the current
	selected zone.

BUTTON NOMENCLATURE

Mode Select 1 – VIPER CAP 1 NC
Mode Select 2 – AIR 2
Mode Select 3 – VIPER NC EOC
Volume Set Tone
No function for NCWG
Mode Up (Channel / Talkgroup Up)
Scroll soft keys right
Brighten screen
Turn Scan On / Turn Scan Off
Master Radio Settings
Mode Down (Channel / Talkgroup Down)
Scroll soft keys left
Dim the screen
A – Blank, B – Scan List Program, C - Blank

FRONT PANEL PROGRAMMING

The TDFM-9100 has the option to front panel program analog and digital conventional channels in the VHF, UHF and the 700/800 modules. The AOB, V-FPP, U-FPP and 78FPP zones are the only zones where front panel programming can be conducted. All other zones are locked and can only be changed with the appropriate software. Pressing FPP will initiate the following process:

RX Frequency - The receive frequency of the current channel will be displayed with the first digit blinking. Type in the desired frequency or just press the 'Next' menu key for no changes. Pressing 'Exit' menu key or the HOME key at any time will escape the programming process and bring the radio back into normal operating mode. If an invalid frequency is entered, the radio will revert to the previously programmed frequency.

- TX Frequency The transmit frequency can be edited in the same fashion as the RX frequency.
- RX Mode The receive mode will be displayed. The mode can be Analog, Digital (P25), or Mixed (both). Press the knob or the 'Next' menu key.
- TX Mode The transmit mode will be displayed. Transmit mode can only be Analog or Digital and can only be changed if the receive mode was Mixed.
- RX CTCSS Receive CTCSS tone (also known as a PL or TPL tone) will be displayed. Rotate the knob for the desired tone or 'OFF.' Press the knob or 'Next' menu key.
- RX DCS RX DCS will only appear if the RX CTCSS was set to 'OFF.' The receive DCS code (also known as a DPL code) will be displayed. Rotate the knob to the desired code or 'OFF.' Selecting OFF will set the channel to carrier squelch only. Press the knob or 'Next' menu key.
- TX CTCSS Transmit CTCSS tone will be displayed. Rotate the knob for the desired tone or 'OFF.' Press the knob or 'Next' menu key.
- TX DCS TX DCS will only appear if the TX CTCSS was set to 'OFF.' The transmit DCS code will be displayed. Rotate the knob to the desired code or 'OFF.' Selecting off will set the channel to carrier only. Press the knob or 'Next' menu key.

RX NAC - The receive network access code will be displayed. The NAC is a 3-digit hexadecimal number which can include digits 0-9 and letters A-F. The keypad will act as numbers or letters. '123' or 'ABC' will be displayed on the bottom right corner of the display to indicate the mode which can be changed by rotating the knob. Press the knob or the 'Next' menu key when the desired NAC is entered.

TX NAC - Enter the TX NAC as described above in RX NAC

Zone Name - The Zone name will be displayed. The first letter will be flashing. Rotating the knob will scroll through the available letters, numbers, and symbols. Press the knob to move to the next letter. Press 'Next' when done editing. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE ZONE NAMES IN NCWG AIRCRAFT.

Channel Name - The Channel name will be displayed. Edit the channel name as described above.

Talkgroup ID - The Talkgroup ID will be displayed. This is a 4-digit hexadecimal number that can be edited as described under RX NAC above. Press 'Next' when done editing.

Press the knob one more time and the radio will return to normal operating mode.

NOTE: Trunked or VIPER talkgroups cannot be front panel programmed.

CTCSS / PL / CHANNEL GUARD TONES

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WULF	62	41	42	43	47	44	45	46	£9	00	
MOT	8Z	M2	M3	M4	Z6	M5	9W	M7	ZO	CSQ	
TONE	206.5	210.7	218.1	225.7	229.1	233.6	241.8	250.3	254.1	CSQ	
WULF	26	27	28	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38
MOT	4A	48	52	5A	5B	62	6A	6B	72	7A	M1
TONE	141.3	146.2	151.4	156.7	162.2	167.9	173.8	179.9	186.2	192.8	203.5
WULF	13	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23	24	25
MOT WULF	ZB 13	12 14	1A 15	18 16	22 17	2A 18	2B 21	32 22	3A 23	3B 24	42 25
MOT	ZB	12	1A	18	22	2A	28	32	3A	3B	42
TONE MOT	97.4 ZB	100.0 12	103.5 1A	107.2	110.9 22	114.8 2A	118.8 2B	123.0 32	127.3 3A	131.8 3B	136.5 4Z

CTCSS / DCS / NAC CODE

CICSS / DCS / NAC

DCS / DPL / DIGITAL CHANNEL GUARD TONES

703	712	723	731	732	734	743	754							
909	612	624	627	631	632	654	662	664						
503	909	516	532	546	265									
411	412	413	423	431	432	445	464	465	466					
306	311	315	331	343	346	351	364	365	371					
205	223	226	243	244	245	251	261	263	265	271				
114	115	116	125	131	132	134	143	152	155	156	162	165	172	174
23	25	26	31	32	43	47	51	54	99	71	72	73	74	

NAC CODES

Network Access Codes have many combinations, far too many to list in this guide. NAC codes are in Hexadecimal (Base 16) format and contain numerals and letters A through F. There are two NAC codes that may be of use.

NAC 293 - The default NAC code used nationwide.

NAC F7E – If this RX NAC is set to this code, the aircraft radio will open the squelch regardless of the actual NAC being transmitted. This is similar to CSQ.

CAPUS ZONE

CAPNC ZONE MEMBERS

1	CC 1		19	CONC-48P	37	NBER-R49
2	CC 1P		20	COWE-R50	38	NBER-49P
3	CC 2		21	COWE-50P	39	NPRT-R48
4	CC 2P		22	EDNT-R58	40	NPRT-48P
5	AIR 1		23	EDNT-58P	41	PSGH-R41
6	AIR 1P		24	FARM-R37	42	PSGH-41P
7	AIR 2		25	FARM-37P	43	R67
8	AIR 2P		26	FAYV-R39	44	R67P
9	TAC 1		27	FAYV-39P	45	R68
10	TAC 1P		28	FSHR-R57	46	R68P
11	CAPGUARD		29	FSHR-57P	47	R69
12	CAP 1 NC	VIPER	30	GAST-R49	48	R69P
13	CAP 2 NC	VIPER	31	GAST-49P	49	R70
14	CAP 3 NC	VIPER	32	HBRT-R20	50	R70P
15	CAP 4 NC	VIPER	33	HBRT-20P	51	R63
16	CHAP-R50		34	ILM-R61	52	R63P
17	CHAP-50P		35	ILM-61P	53	R64
18	CONC-R48		36		54	R64P
					55	NC EOC VIPER

AOB ZONE MEMBERS

1	TOWER	9	AIR 1	17	AEMPTY3
2	GROUND	10	AIR 1P	18	AEMPTY4
3	GCA	11	AIR 2	19	AEMPTY5
4	FLTFOL	12	AIR 2P	20	AEMPTY6
5	CC 1	13	TAC 1	21	AEMPTY7
6	CC 1P	14	TAC 1P	22	AEMPTY8
7	CC 2	15	AEMPTY1	23	APGUARD
8	CC 2P	16	AEMPTY2		

NCEM ZONE MEMBERS

All VIPER TG's except for 700 T/A Channels						
1	EOC	9	SW CALL	17	JOC	
2	EBO	10	SW LAW	18	SMAT	
3	СВО	11	SW FIRE	19	EM TAC	
4	WBO	12	SW EMS	20	EM TAC2	
5	CAP 1 NC	13	SW GEN	21	700 T/A1	
6	CAP 2 NC	14	NC RRT	22	700 T/A2	
7	CAP 3 NC	15	NC SAR	23	700 T/A3	
8	CAP 4 NC	16	AIR CMN	23	700 T/A4	

NCAIR ZONE MEMBERS

	All	are V	IPER Talkgro	ups	
1	CAP 1 NC	9	AIROPS4	17	H60 OPS
2	CAP 2 NC	10	AIROPS5	18	H72 OPS
3	CAP 3 NC	11	AIROPS6	19	SHP AIR
4	CAP 4 NC	12	AIROPS7	20	USCG
5	COMMON	13	AIROPS8	21	LZ EAST
6	AIROPS1	14	AIROPS9	22	LZ CENT
7	AIROPS2	15	AIROPS10	23	LZ WEST
8	AIROPS3	16	AIRBOSS		

S-EVT ZONE MEMBERS

State Event talkgroups are available to all system users, however access is controlled by the NCEM 24-hour operations center and State Highway patrol Technical Services Unit. Talkgroups can be requested and reserved through the 24-hour operations center at (919) 733-3300 or the NC EOC VIPER talkgroup.

		All	are V	IPER Talkgrou	ps	
	1	ALPHA 1	12	CHARLY 4	23	FOX 3
	2	ALPHA 2	13	DELTA 1	24	FOX 4
	3	ALPHA 3	14	DELTA 2	25	GOLF 1
	4	ALPHA 4	15	DELTA 3	26	GOLF 2
	5	BRAVO 1	16	DELTA 4	27	GOLF 3
	6	BRAVO 2	17	ECHO 1	28	GOLF 4
	7	BRAVO 3	18	ECHO 2	29	HOTEL 1
	8	BRAVO 4	19	ECHO 3	30	HOTEL 2
	9	CHARLY 1	20	ECHO 4	31	HOTEL 3
1	10	CHARLY 2	21	FOX 1	32	HOTEL 4
1	11	CHARLY 3	22	FOX 2		

NTROP ZONE MEMBERS

Channels in the Interoperability zone are all conventional channels, however some may have analog modulation, while others may have digital modulation. All channels are programmed by guidance from the National Interoperability Field Operations Guide.

1	VCALL10	17	UTAC42	33	7TAC76
2	VTAC11	18	UTAC43	34	7TAC77
3	VTAC12	19	7CALL50	35	7 AG 58
4	VTAC13	20	7TAC51	36	7 AG 60
5	VTAC14	21	7TAC52	37	7 AG 67
6	VSAR16	22	7TAC53	38	7 AG 68
7	VTAC17	23	7TAC54	39	7 AG 78
8	VTAC17D	24	7TAC55	40	7 AG 80
9	VTAC33	25	7TAC56	41	7 AG 85
10	VTAC34	26	7TAC57	42	7 AG 88
11	VTAC35	27	7CALL70	43	8CALL90
12	VTAC36	28	7TAC71	44	8TAC91
13	VTAC37	29	7TAC72	45	8TAC92
14	VTAC38	30	7TAC73	46	8TAC93
15	UCALL40	31	7TAC74	47	8TAC94
16	UTAC41	32	7TAC75		

NOTE: FCC rule 90.531(7) states: (i) Airborne use of these channels are limited to aircraft flying at or below 457 meters (1500 feet) above ground level. (ii) Aircraft are limited to 2 watts effective radiated power (ERP) when transmitting while airborne on these channels.

BOAT ZONE MEMBERS

Marine VHF channels are intended for working directly with NCEM boat teams, USCG or USCG Auxiliary vessels. Inland use of the channels is generally prohibited unless working directly with these resources.

1	01A	11	14	21	23A
2	05A	12	15	22	24
3	6	13	16	23	25
4	07A	14	17	24	26
5	8	15	18A	25	27
6	9	16	19A	26	28
7	10	17	20	27	63A
8	11	18	20A	28	65A
9	12	19	21A	29	66A
10	13	20	22A		

FRS ZONE MEMBERS

CAPR 100-1, Section 9.11.1. Limited Emergency Services FRS Use. One exception to the prohibition against ES use of FRS is when attempting to contact victims or the objects of a search. If it is believed that the victims or search target may be carrying FRS, ES personnel MAY use FRS in an attempt to contact the victims directly, including transmissions from CAP aircraft. FRS will not be used for operation among ES personnel or for any other manner of ES communications support.

1	FRS 01	8	FRS 08	15	FRS 15
2	FRS 02	9	FRS 09	16	FRS 16
3	FRS 03	10	FRS 10	17	FRS 17
4	FRS 04	11	FRS 11	18	FRS 18
5	FRS 05	12	FRS 12	19	FRS 19
6	FRS 06	13	FRS 13	20	FRS 20
7	FRS 07	14	FRS 14	21	FRS 21
				22	FRS 22

	V-FPP, L	J-FP	P & 78FF	P Z	ONE MEM	BERS
	V-FPP	NO	ΓES		U-FPP	NOTES
1	VEMPTY1			1	UEMPTY1	
2	VEMPTY2			2	UEMPTY2	
3	VEMPTY3			3	UEMPTY3	
4	VEMPTY4			4	UEMPTY4	
5	VEMPTY5			5	UEMPTY5	
6	VEMPTY6			6	UEMPTY6	
7	VEMPTY7			7	UEMPTY7	
8	VEMPTY8			8	UEMPTY8	
9	VEMPTY9			9	UEMPTY9	
10	VEMPTY10			10	UEMPTY10	
11	VEMPTY11			11	UEMPTY11	
12	VEMPTY12			12	UEMPTY12	
13	VEMPTY13			13	UEMPTY13	
14	VEMPTY14			14	UEMPTY14	
15	VEMPTY15			15	UEMPTY15	
16	VEMPTY16			16	UEMPTY16	
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	78FPP	NOTES
1	EMPTY 1	
2	EMPTY 2	
3	EMPTY 3	
4	EMPTY 4	
5	EMPTY 5	
6	EMPTY 6	
7	EMPTY 7	
8	EMPTY 8	
9	EMPTY 9	
10	EMPTY 10	
11	EMPTY 11	
12	EMPTY 12	
13	EMPTY 13	
14	EMPTY 14	
15	EMPTY 15	
16	EMPTY 16	

NOAA WX ZONE MEMBERS

1	VHF WX1	6	VHF WX6
2	VHF WX2	7	VHF WX7
3	VHF WX3	8	VHF WX8
4	VHF WX4	9	VHF WX9
5	VHF WX5		



