

Wildlife Materials International, Inc.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE TRX-4000S RECEIVER

Important Precautions: Please read all instructions before usage.

DO NOT EXPOSE TO WATER, FIRE or EXCESSIVE DUST. Aluminum box is water resistant; interior is NOT GUARANTEED WATERPROOF. In rain or fog, close lid, wrap in plastic or use from inside vehicle.

When the DC external power cord is used, **ALWAYS** insert the cord's plug into the receiver's DC external power jack **BEFORE** plugging the cigarette lighter cord into a vehicle. Failure to follow this procedure can cause the fuse in the cigarette lighter power plug to blow.

After batteries have been used for 5 hours, they should be charged for 4 hours for each hour of operation. **Do not charge more than 24 hours.** Overcharging can result in loss of battery life.

INFORMATION about CONTROLS:



ANTENNA JACK: Accepts any 50 ohm coaxial cable with a BNC plug. To insert plug, push in jack and give a slight twist to the right.

ATTENUATOR Switch: Prevents swamping of the received signal at close range. When the transmitter-wearer's signal seems to come to the receiver with equal strength from all directions, an attenuator can make the true direction easier to find. Turn Attenuator switch ON. The strongest signal will come from one direction, where the animal is located. When not needed, (if transmitted animal moves farther out) **turn attenuator switch OFF.**

PHONE JACK: Allows use of monaural headphones or earphones with 1/8-inch (3.5 mm.) plug.

GAIN: Varies the sensitivity of the receiver. Lowest gain is obtained by turning the control to the left; highest gain is achieved by turning the control to the right.

Δ (DELTA) TUNE: Makes fine adjustments in the receiver frequency in order to give the most pleasant tone to the transmission being received. When the knob pointer faces up or is centered, the receiver will be tuned to the exact frequency indicated by the frequency switches (located to the right of the signal meter). When the knob pointer is turned to the left, it tunes in a slightly lower frequency; when turned to the right, the receiver is tuned slightly higher in frequency than frequency switches indicate.

SIG/BAT TOGGLE SWITCH: Causes the meter to indicate either the signal strength of a transmission being received or a low battery in the receiver. Normally, a charged battery will register 6 or 7 on the meter. If the meter falls below 6, the battery requires recharging.

LED/ML TOGGLE SWITCH: Allows user to select either the meter light for night tracking or the flashing LED circuit (located at the upper left of the meter) which gives off an intensity proportional to the strength of the incoming signal. A center-off position allows the user to save battery drain during daytime.

INT/EXT TOGGLE SWITCH: Chooses the means of powering the receiver--either the internal receiver battery or the external DC power source. When the receiver is not in use, the switch should be left in the center-off position.

Signal METER: Serves the dual purpose of registering a low battery or relative signal strength. The previously mentioned SIG/BAT toggle switch selects the information desired.

FREQUENCY SELECT SWITCHES (3): Identify the frequency to be used by the transmitter. Small pushbuttons, marked with "+" or "-", will change the number in the window of each switch until the last three numbers of the transmitter frequency are selected. EXAMPLE: If a transmitter frequency label is marked 217.137, then 137 will be selected by pushing the switches. The Δ TUNE control might require adjusting to give the most pleasant tone to the transmission. NOTE: The last digit (right hand switch) may need to be moved up or down one digit, when temperature variations or other factors intervene, to allow for easy adjustment of the Δ TUNE near the middle of its range.

BAND SELECTION KNOB: Located at upper right, this knob allows user to choose which band (of four choices) to receive a signal on. Band A, left most position, will always bring in the **lower** frequency band of the four available. Band B, next position, will bring in the **next highest** frequency band programmed to the receiver. This same logic applies to the other positions, with the right most position, Band D, bringing in the **highest** frequency band programmed on this receiver.

DC EXT POWER JACK: Allows receiver to be powered by a DC power cord with cigarette lighter plug-in.

AC CHARGER: Allows receiver's NiCad battery to be charged from a standard 110-120 VAC power source. NOTE: Charger should be left on 12 to 16 hours but never more than 24 hours. Overcharging will shorten battery life.

AC CHARGE CORD and DC EXTERNAL POWER CORD: Included as accessories. A leather carrying case is optional (Part No. 1000S-CC).

Operating Instructions:

1. Turn the POWER SWITCH to INT for internal battery usage, or to EXT for external power source. If the DC external power cord will be used, insert the cord's plug into the receiver's DC external power jack BEFORE plugging the cord's cigarette lighter end into a vehicle.
2. Preset GAIN control to "12:00 o'clock" position.
3. Preset Δ TUNE to 0 position.
4. Choose the band you wish to track. (See explanation for BAND SELECTION KNOB above) The receiver operator can go back and forth between frequency bands as needed.
5. Dial desired frequency on the 3 FREQUENCY SWITCHES. Push the small buttons marked with "+" or "-" until numbers represent the last 3 digits in the transmitter frequency. EXAMPLE: A transmitter marked 217.650 would require the switch numbers to register 650.
6. Attach antenna cable to ANTENNA JACK by pushing the BNC plug down and twisting slightly to the right until it clicks into place.
7. Activate transmitter now.
8. Δ TUNE control can now be adjusted to give the most pleasant tone/pitch from receiver. **Each time you change frequencies** (turn the BAND SELECTION KNOB to a different frequency range) **you will need to adjust the Δ Tune control for best tone.**
9. Advance the GAIN control slowly in clockwise motion as far as necessary to receive a clear signal.
10. If the signal sounds loud or distorted, turn the GAIN control counterclockwise until the signal is clear and acceptable in volume.
11. If the Δ TUNE control cannot bring in the signal clearly and with a pleasant pitch, the last FREQUENCY SWITCH on the right can be moved up or down 1 or 2 digits to bring the tuning within the range of the Δ TUNE control. If the right switch is already at an extreme, e.g. 0 or 9, the middle digit can be readjusted up or down one number.

EXAMPLE: If a user dialed 139 on the receiver, turned the Δ TUNE control all the way toward "+" or to the right, and found that the tone from the speaker was still not quite acceptable, he/she could dial 140 or 141 and readjust the Δ TUNE control back toward 0 again. Or, if a user dialed 100 on the receiver and the Δ TUNE control was turned all the way toward "-" (left), and the tone was still not acceptable, he/she might try dialing 098 or 099. Then readjust the Δ TUNE control back toward 0.

12. To use the SIGNAL METER, place the SIG/BAT toggle switch in the SIG position. The meter will indicate relative signal strength. If the meter needle moves too far to the right, turn the GAIN control to the left. If no signal meter indication is seen, advance the GAIN to the right.

13. To determine strength of the receiver battery, place the SIG/BAT toggle switch in the BAT position. A charged battery will register 6 or more on the meter. If the meter falls below 6, the receiver battery requires recharging. See recharge directions in #18 below.

14. For night use, the ML/LED toggle switch can select either the meter light or a flashing LED circuit. Both the signal meter and the LED can be adjusted by using the GAIN control to compensate for weaker or stronger transmitter signals. NOTE: During daylight hours, keep the ML/LED switch in the center-off position to conserve the battery.

15. To prevent swamping of the received signal at close range, turn Attenuator switch on. If your animal's signal comes at the receiver equally from all directions, you are very close. Turn Attenuator switch on so that the strongest signal will come from one direction, where animal is located.

16. To use headphones, turn the GAIN control all the way to the left, plug in headphones, and adjust GAIN for comfortable volume level.

17. To use the DC EXTERNAL POWER CORD, insert the cord's plug into the receiver's DC EXT POWER jack BEFORE plugging the cord's fused cigarette lighter plug into a vehicle. Then move the INT/EXT power switch to EXT to use the external power source.

18. The receiver's nickel cadmium batteries give 5 to 6 hours of tracking between charges. Before charging, place the power switch on **OFF**. **To charge the receiver, insert the AC CHARGER CORD plug into the AC CHARGER JACK. Then plug the other end of the AC CHARGER CORD into a 110-120 VAC, 60-hertz power source (house current).** To fully charge a battery, charge for at least 16 hours and **never more than 24 hours. Overcharging may shorten battery life.** After your receiver is fully charged, it should be charged 4 hours for every one hour of operation. **Again, never recharge for more than 24 hours.**

19. **Vary your recharge times** to avoid a "memory" buildup. If you recharge 4 hours **each** time, the battery will gradually become good for **only** 4 hours of life. **Avoid** a recharging **pattern** to get the most out of a battery. For instance, if you charge for 4

hours one time, use your equipment until a charge of 8-10 hours or 12-14 hours or 16-20 hours is required the next time.

20. During storage periods, the receiver should be turned on every 3 to 4 months and allowed to run for 2 to 3 hours. Then recharge for 12-16 hours before putting the receiver back on the shelf. When you are ready to track your dog again and if the receiver has not been used for some time, be sure to recharge the unit.

21. Store in a cool dry place.

The TRX-4000S Receiver has a **FIVE YEAR warranty on ELECTRONICS**.

TROUBLESHOOTING the TRX-4000S RECEIVER

Please check the following list **before you return** the TRX-4000S Receiver to WMI for repairs.

I. If you turn the TRX on and it doesn't work:

- A. Turn INT./EXT switch to INTernal power.
- B. Turn BAT/SIG switch to BATtery.
- C. If meter needle registers 6-7, the battery is OK.
- D. If meter needle registers below 6, the battery is probably discharged.
 - 1. Charge battery for 1 hour and recheck. The receiver may now be OK.
 - 2. If the battery does not charge, check the voltage output of the recharge unit on a DC voltmeter. If the recharger fails to register in the normal 12-18 v range, a new recharger is needed. **Return receiver with recharger to WMI**; include note on tests run. During warranty period, old recharger must be returned before new recharger is shipped.
- E. If the battery won't charge and the recharger tests OK, send the receiver back to WMI. Include note on behavior and tests run.
- F. If the battery tests OK, charge receiver 18-20 hours before use. Then try to tune in the frequency no. of a collar.
 - 1. Turn GAIN Control fully clockwise. Do you get a sound? You may need to place your ear by the speaker. If you get no sound, send **receiver and recharger** to WMI with note on behavior and tests run.

II. If you hear a signal, is it a) a musical beep or b) a dull thump?

- A. If you hear a) a musical beep; attach your antenna cable to receiver. Check range of at least 2 transmitter collars **known to be good**. During test, place good transmitters on stump, box, or block about 6-12 inches above ground. Do you get a normal signal range for the collar type used? If not, send receiver and antenna back to WMI with a note on tests run.
- B. If you hear b) only a dull thump,

1. Tune the frequency number up and down several numbers or KHz to see if the frequency has shifted. i.e., if your collar frequency number is 212, go from 213 to 214 to 215; then go down to 211, 210, 209 to see if a signal comes in. It is not unusual for the collar's frequency number to come in on the receiver at a different number, or to slip by 1 to 3 KHz up or down. However, larger frequency shifts of 5 to 10 KHz are uncommon and unacceptable.
2. Borrow a buddy's **working** receiver to see if your transmitter collar's signal will come in at the correct frequency number on another receiver. This will insure that the collar is not the problem.

III. If the receiver is not getting the range you expect:

- A. Is the problem the same with all your collars? If you have only one collar, try a buddy's that is on the same frequency.
- B. If all your collars are giving poor signal range, borrow an antenna and cable that work. Try picking up each collar signal with the borrowed antenna and cable.
 1. If the collar signals come in well, you probably need a new antenna cable. Or, less likely, the antenna needs repairs.
 2. If all collar signals do not come in well with a borrowed antenna and cable, send the **receiver, recharger and collars** back for repair. Include note on equipment behavior and tests run.

IV. If the transmitter collar signal does not come in on the frequency assigned to it:

- A. Check your other transmitter collars on your receiver. Are they off frequency also?
 1. Tune the frequency number **up** and **down** several numbers or KHz to see if the frequency has shifted. For example, if your collar frequency number is 217.212, go up to 213 to 214 to 215 on the frequency dial; then go down to 211, 210, 209 to see if a signal comes in. It is not unusual for the collar's frequency number to come in on the receiver at a different number, or to slip by 1 to 3 KHz up or down. However, larger frequency shifts of 5 to 10 KHz are uncommon and unacceptable.
 2. Borrow a buddy's **working** receiver to see if your collar frequency numbers come in. Insure that the collars are not the problem.
- B. If all collars are off frequency, the receiver needs to be calibrated. Return **receiver and recharger** to WMI.

V. If you get noise from the receiver, but no signal:

- A. Does receiver fail to work when exposed to either very hot or cold or humid conditions?
- B. Allow the receiver to return to room temperature, then check.
- C. If the receiver still doesn't work, return **receiver and recharger** to WMI with note about temperature effects, if any.

VI. If the Δ (Delta) Tune knob has slid or loosened on its shaft:

- A. You will not be able to locate your dog's signal at its assigned frequency. To center the Delta Tune knob,
1. Turn the Delta Tune **and** the Gain Control knobs down to low, with both their white lines in matching positions.
 2. Then tighten the screw at the side of the Delta Tune knob.
 3. Return Gain knob to desired level.
 4. Place Delta Tune line at 0 or center.

VII. If the Signal Meter Needle stays or "hangs" at the low end of the meter:

- A. When the needle does not go down to **0**, your readings will be off kilter. To "zero the meter,"
1. TURN OFF POWER.
 2. Place BAT/SIG switch on SIGnal.
 3. With a small screwdriver, turn screw beneath signal meter until needle centers on zero line.

VIII. If your receiver has gotten wet (by humidity, fog, rain, snow, dropping in pond, etc.):

- A. The signal meter **needle** sticks at the right side of the meter. The needle stays up or "hangs" rather than coming down.
- B. DO NOT OPERATE during this time. Turn power **OFF**.
- C. **Water damage may void your warranty.**
- D. If your receiver has been **dampened by moisture**:
1. Turn box upside down with lid open to form an inverted V.
 2. Draw moisture out with a fan or blow dryer set on **LOW**. Dry by blowing air through receiver from one end to another.
- E. **We prefer that you send the receiver to us immediately!**
- F. However, **if water runs out** of receiver when turned upside down, the circuit boards have been drenched with water. It becomes important to **minimize damage as quickly as possible**.
1. On receiver **face**, remove four corner screws, 2 from **left side** and 2 from **right side**. These screws are inside the rubber lip and nearest to the lip. Use the screw just right of the AC Charger as guide.
 2. Lift the entire receiver assembly from blue case. DO NOT TAKE THIS ASSEMBLY APART! Leave 3 boards intact, with spacers between.
 3. Disconnect the battery: pull apart white connector at right.
 4. Turn on oven to 200 degrees, open door, **and pull out** bottom rack.
 5. Put receiver assembly on rack so warm air will pass over it.
 6. DO NOT PUT RECEIVER **IN** OVEN, even with door open.
 7. After receiver assembly has dried, reassemble using **new** battery pack (\$35.00). Receiver moisture usually harms battery, which then corrodes and leaks onto circuit boards.

NOTE:

These recommended actions do not guarantee that the receiver will work when reassembled. If the receiver works, there is no guarantee that it will continue to do so for a long period of time. However, the above actions will slow down or minimize corrosion of circuitry.

If the receiver works, the customer may continue to use the unit. However, we recommend that the receiver be returned to WMI as soon as possible for inspection. **WHEN A RECEIVER IS OPENED, THE SENSITIVITY AND CALIBRATION MAY BE ALTERED.**

If the receiver does not work, send it back to us for a **repair estimate**. Please include all receiver parts in your shipment. Also include your **phone number** and a **written message** that explains any unusual behavior and your actions to stop the behavior. This information will help the technician to go quickly to the problem, saving time and repair costs.

TO CHANGE BATTERY PACK:

After your warranty has expired, a battery pack can be changed at home. (When receiver is under warranty, we change the battery at our facility, then charge, retune, & recalibrate to insure quality performance.)

INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Remove 4 screws (at **left upper** and **lower** edge of faceplate; at **right upper** and **lower** edge of plate) from faceplate.
- 2) Lift **only** the faceplate off: grasp antenna jack and tilt right side of faceplate higher. (DO NOT lift up the layers of circuit boards! The receiver is tightly packed with components and you will have difficulty stuffing wires etc. back where they belong! Shorted and burned wires can result.)
- 3) Battery pack is at **right** as you look into receiver. Unplug old battery pack. To get old battery out, you may need to **unscrew/loosen battery holder at right outside** of box.
- 4) Plug new battery pack in, fit into battery holder and tighten outside screw as needed.
- 5) Fit faceplate on, lower left side first. Tighten screws at the four corners.
- 6) **CHARGE BATTERY for 16 to 24 HOURS.**
- 7) Test receiver; hopefully it will not need to be retuned or recalibrated.

VELCRO TO HOLD RECEIVER IN CASE

- With the receiver CASE, you'll find two strips of unattached Velcro that have plastic backing.
- Please look inside the case at the bottom and back center. You'll find two permanently attached Velcro strips.
- To protect your receiver, anchor the receiver to the case with Velcro.
--- Turn the receiver over. Peel the plastic backing off one loose strip. Place the strip at bottom center of box. Rub to seal.

