

RF20 - EPM handheld transceiver



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RF20 EPM handheld multiband transceiver with improved resistance to electronic warfare is designated for use at the lowest tactical command levels for all kinds of military units. Depending on the type of selected frequency band, the transceiver is able to communicate in HF band with frequency modulation, with VHF RF13 transceivers, [RF2350](#), [RF2050](#) mobile transceivers and with airborne transceivers in Aircraft band I.

Operation features

a) in all operation modes

- automatic self-test after power-up, with failure indication on the transceiver display (BITE);
- operational data programming from external units;
- emergency erasure of operation data on fixed frequency channels, including encryption unit codes and information for FH networks including TRANSEC and COMSEC;
- transmission of tone calling (1000 ± 200 Hz, in VHF III band (1750 ± 25) Hz);
- acoustic signaling switching on/off by transceiver operator;
- display and keypad backlight activation;
- adjustable display contrast;
- battery pack voltage signaling;
- transmission power signaling on the display, transmission signaling by LED on the top panel;
- "reception only" mode, with transmission disabled;
- whisper mode with increased microphone sensitivity and decreased audio volume;
- displaying of servicing information - firmware;
- position, velocity and time display on the LCD with GPR23 receiver connected;
- easy to control;
- transceiver remote control via PRC20 protocol;
- automatic transition from increased output to nominal output with dropped nominal supply voltage;
- possibility of using bag for modular carrying system.

b) in fixed frequency mode

- max. 10 presets from the entire frequency range, fewer preset channels if occupied by FH networks;
- simplex or semi-duplex operation;
- 150 Hz sub-tone squelch or signal squelch (only signal in VHF II);
- voice operation via internal encryption unit compatible with RF13, RF23, RF2050 - in FM ranges;
- transmission and reception of short encrypted messages - FLASH, with the opposite transceiver identification;
- data transmission according to MIL-STD-188-220 (NET);
- channel parameter programming from keypad;
- preset channel scanning;
- operation frequency setting in 6.25 kHz, 8.33 kHz, 25 kHz or 1 MHz steps;
- transmission band for digital voice and data transmission 16 kbit/s according to STANAG 4204, edition 2.

c) in FH operation

- max. 6 network presets;
- operation frequency range from 30.000 MHz to 87.975 MHz;
- secure operation TRANSEC and secret operation COMSEC;
- simplex or semi-duplex operation with frequency hopping;
- compatibility with RF23 and RF2050 transceivers and RX2050 receiver on simplex and semi-duplex channels;
- selectable frequency hopping operation mode - FH, DFF, FCS, MIX and IFF with quick transition to HLC, HLG or HLA;
- communication on the channel with a continuous carrier;
- iso-fixed frequency operation mode;
- establishing of connection with fixed frequency transceivers through HLC and HLG monitoring;
- 121.500 MHz (HLA) frequency monitoring and transition to HLA with transmission disabled;
- late net entry with synchronization request;
- master transceiver switching depending on the network condition;
- transmission of warning message to all network participants;
- all transceivers authentication request;
- MASTER transceiver selective communication with a selected slave transceiver;
- transmission and reception of short text message, maximum 156 characters;
- preparation, saving and reading of up to 10 short text messages;
- transmission over notification (BREAK IN) by all transceivers;
- INTERLEAVING switching off for close-to-the-limits communication;
- data transmission at adjustable rates - 7100 bit/s, 4800 bit/s and 2400 bit/s (P2P);
- data transmission according to MIL-STD-188-220 (NET);
- G-track, sending position reports via radio channel (with GPR23 receiver connected);
- own position sending by SMS (with GPR23 receiver connected).

Technical parameters

Frequency range	25.000 MHz to 145.9875 MHz
Nominal input/output impedance	50 Ω
Frequency ranges	
HF	25.000 MHz to 29.975 MHz
VHF I	30.000 MHz to 108.000 MHz
VHF II	117.975 MHz to 140.000 MHz
VHF III	140.025 MHz to 145.9875 MHz
Modulation type	
HF	FM
VHF I	FM
VHF II	AM
VHF III	FM
Channel spacing	
HF band	25 kHz
VHF I band	25 kHz; 12.5 kHz; 6.25 kHz
VHF II band	25 kHz; 8.33 kHz
VHF III band	25 kHz; 12.5 kHz
Number of operation channels at 25 kHz channel spacing	
HF	200
VHF I	3121
VHF II	882
VHF III	239
Preset channels	10
Number of channels monitored in all special operation modes	3 (two adjustable, third fixed at 121.500 MHz)
Max. number of programmable nets	6
Nominal supply voltage	7.2 V
Limit supply voltage	6.5 V to 9.5 V
Frequency band with special operation modes	30.000 MHz to 87.975 MHz
Voice operation F3E	according to STANAG 4204

Types of special operation modes	
FH	secure frequency hopping
DFF	secure digital fixed frequency
FCS	secure free channel search
MIX	secure mixed operation FH and FCS
IFF	secure iso-fixed frequency
Time to first synchronization	max. 5 s
Synchronization hold with transceiver off and battery pack connected	min. 48 hours
Transceiver synchronization hold with battery pack disconnected	min. 50 s
Transceiver current consumption	
- transmission (nominal power)	1.6 A
- transmission (reduced power)	0.65 A
- transmission (increased power)	3.2 A
- reception	0.2 A
- stand-by	0.18 A
Operation time transmission [2 W] : reception : stand-by = 1 : 1 : 10	
with LP1302 battery pack	min. 15 hours
with LP20 battery pack	min. 28 hours
TRANSMITTER PARAMETERS	
Transmitter nominal output for FM	2 W
Transmitter nominal output for AM	1 W
Transmitter reduced output for FM	0.2 W
Transmitter reduced output for AM	0.1 W
Transmitter extended output for FM	5 W
Harmonics suppression	min. 40 dB
Spurious suppression at > 25 kHz mistuning	min. 60 dB
RECEIVER PARAMETERS	
Sensitivity	0,5 μ V at 12 dB SINAD
Non-linear distortion factor	10 %
Loudspeaker output power	min. 200 mW/8 Ω
Audio bandwidth	
narrow band	(300 to 3 000) Hz
wide band	(10 to 11 000) Hz
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES AND RESISTANCE	
Immersion	1 m depth
Operating temperature range	-40 °C to +70 °C
Dimensions - transceiver with battery pack	W 97 mm x H 217 mm x D 44 mm
Dimensions - LP1302 battery pack	W 79 mm x H 61 mm x D 44 mm
Dimensions - LP20 battery pack	W 76 mm x H 95 mm x D 45 mm
Weight - transceiver	0.85 kg
Weight - LP1302 battery pack	0.30 kg
Weight - LP20 battery pack	max. 0.45 kg
Average ranges in a medium undulated and wooded terrain at nominal power	
• with AS1301 short tape antenna	0.8 km
• with AL1301 long tape antenna AL1301	5 km

Set

EPM handheld transceiver set RF20 - (2300.000.10)
set with modular carrying system elements RF20 - (2300.000.62)

Documentation

RF20 operating instructions 2300.010.02
RF20 short operating instructions 2300.011.02

Accessories

Battery pack	LP1302 - (7029.100.02)
Short tape antenna 0.5 m	AS1301 - (2038.100.01)
Long tape antenna 1.1 m	AL1301 - (2037.100.01)
Transceiver bag	(6000010032)
Set bag	(6000010033)
Battery pack bag	(7020.116.01)
Battery pack	LP20 - (7029.100.11, 7029.100.13)
Battery holder	PP20 - (7029.100.50)
Universal charger set	NU1302 - (7027.000.02)
Mobile charger set	NM1302 - (7028.000.02)
Small mains charger set	PC20 - (7046.000.12)
Long-wire antenna	PD13 - (2036.100.10)
Hang-up antenna	RF13.8 - (2036.100.11)
Long tape antenna 1.5 m	AL13 - (2039.100.01)
Handheld microphone/speaker	RM1301 - (2009.100.01)
Handset with control	RM20 - (2313.100.01)
Fill gun set	PK20 - (2320.000.02)
GPS receiver for RF20 radio system	GPR23 - (2332.100.01)
GPS receiver cable	(1050.312.23)
Data cable (USB)	(1050.285.01)
Data cable (RS232C)	(1050.285.02)
CD for modem configuration	(2025.500.51)
RF headsets	