# **MODEL TFM-138 SERIES** Airborne VHF FM Transceivers

## **Technisonic VHF FM Airborne Transceivers**



Technisonic TFM-138 series airborne VHF/FM transceivers utilize state of the art frequency synthesis techniques to provide FM communications on every currently available channel within the VHF/FM High Band. These radios cover the entire band from 138 to 174 MHz in 2.5 KHz increments. Data entry and function control are via a front panel 12 button keypad. Operating frequency and other related data are presented on a 48 character two line LED matrix display which is available in either green or red.

Technisonic FM transceivers can be operated in the Direct Entry or Simplex mode by simply keying in the desired operating frequency, or can function without restriction on any split frequency pair within the band. The TFM-138 features 100 preset memory positions each of which is capable of storing a receive frequency, a transmit frequency, a separate CTCSS tone for each receive and transmit frequency and an alpha numeric identifier for each channel. The TFM-138B features similar storage capability, but provide for 120 channels of preset memory, and offer the additional capability of allowing for DPL (Digital Private Line) or DCS (Digitally Coded Squelch) operation. The TFM-138 and TFM-138B allows either 25 kHz wide band or 12.5 kHz narrow band operation on any or all their preset memory channels. Data can be easily entered into any of the preset non-volatile memory positions for both main and guard channels via the front panel keyboard. Information stored in memory is available for instant recall by keypad entry, or by pressing the UP or DOWN button which allows the operator to scroll through all preset channels. Technisonic FM transceivers feature a synthesized two channel guard, receiver, a DTMF encoder for signaling during transmit, and a scan function which will scan any or all of the frequencies stored in the preset memory positions.

TFM-138 series transceivers are panel mounted (Dzus mounting) and are completely self contained in a 8.0 x 3.0 x 5.75 inch chassis weighing just 3.1 pounds. Front panel controls are **MAIN** for main channel volume; **GUARD** for guard channel volume; **MON** for squelch test; a **MN/GD** switch provides for main or guard transmitter selection; a **G1/G2** switch selects guard 1 or guard 2 receive and transmit; and a **HI/LO** switch allows for control of transmitter power output. Hi power is 10 Watts output, low power is 1 Watt output, which is necessary to comply with Marine harbor environment rules. These transceivers offer 28 volt DC backlighting, which is controlled by the aircraft dimmer bus. Display brightness is controlled from the front panel keypad. The small size and light weight of TFM-138 series transceivers make them ideally suited to helicopter installations Technisonic FM transceivers are compliant with RTCA DO-160C categories relating to Vibration, Overpressure, Humidity, Temperature and Altitude, Magnetic Effect, Power Input, Voltage Spike, Decompression, and RF emission (including Section 21, Category Z)

## General Specifications Model Designation TFM-138

Frequency Range Tuning increments Operating Mode Channel spacing

Memory positions Physical dimensions Weight Temperature range Altitude Power requirement

Certification Environmental Categories Guard receiver CTCSS squelch capability DPL/DCS capability DTMF encoder Audio output Speaker output Back lighting Display

138.000 MHz to 174.000 MHz 2.5 kHz F3E simplex or semi-duplex 25 kHz or 30 kHz as per applicable FCC and DOC specifications 100 channels Approx. 8.0 in x 3.0 in x 5.75 in 3.1 Lbs. (1.4 Kg) -45°C to +70° C 50.000 ft 28 VDC Receive - 600 ma 1 Watt transmit - 1.3 amps 10 Watts transmit - 2 amps FCC and DOC Type approved RTCA DO-160C (B2,D1)XXX(B,M,N)XXXXXZBBXXXZXXX 2 channel synthesized encodes/decodes all 63 available tones not available All standard DTMF tones available 500 mw into 600 Ohms 2.5 Watts into 4 ohms 28V (standard) or 5V (specify) Green (standard), red (optional)

## **TFM-138B**

138.000 MHz to 174.000 MHz 2.5 kHz F3E simplex or semi-duplex 12.5 kHz, 25 kHz or 30 kHz as per applicable FCC and DOC spec. 120 channels Approx. 8.0 in x 3.0 in x 5.75 in 3.1 Lbs. (1.4 Kg) -45°C to +70° C 50.000 ft 28 VDC Receive - 600 ma 1 Watt transmit - 1.3 amps 10 Watts transmit - 2 amps FCC and DOC Type approved 2 channel synthesized encodes/decodes all 63 available tones encodes/decodes all avail digital sq. codes All standard DTMF tones available 500 mw into 600 Ohms 2.5 Watts into 4 ohms 28V (standard) or 5V (specify) Green (standard), red (optional)

## **Minimum Performance Specifications**

#### Main receiver

Sensitivity at 12 dB SINAD Better than 0.35 microvolts Adjacent channel -78 dB for 25 kHz Spurious attenuation -90 dB below carrier Third order intermod -70 dB Image attenuation -80 dB FM acceptance + 6 kHz Better than 50 dB Hum and noise Audio distortion Less than 5% Ant conducted emission Less than -70 dBm

#### **Guard receiver**

All specifications identical to main receiver

#### Transmitter

RF power output Output impedance Maximum deviation

Spurious attenuation Frequency stability Microphone circuit Sidetone output Harmonic attenuation FM hum and noise Audio input 1 Watt or 10 Watts 50 Ohms Limited to 5 kHz

-90 dB below carrier level <u>+</u>0.0005% Carbon or equivalent 500 mw (max) into 600 ohms -65 dB below carrier level -40 dB 50 mV at 2.5 kHz into 200 ohm circuit for <u>+</u>3.5 kHz deviation, adjustable

Audio distortion

Less than 5%

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Better than 0.35 microvolts -78 dB for 25 kHz, -70 dB for 12.5 kHz -90 dB below carrier -70 dB -80 dB <u>+</u> 6 kHz Better than 50 dB Less than 5% Less than -70 dBm

1 Watt or 10 Watts 50 Ohms Limited to 2.5 kHz for 12.5 kHz channels and 5 kHz for 25 kHz channels -90 dB below carrier level ±0.00025% Carbon or equivalent 500 mw (max) into 600 ohms -65 dB below carrier level -40 dB 50 mV at 2.5 kHz into 200 ohm circuit for ±3.5 kHz deviation (25 kHz mode). 50 mV AT 2.5 kHz into 200 ohm circuit for ±2.0 kHz (12.5 kHz mode), adjustable Less than 5 %