

POP™ MODE ALERTS

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Because POP™ Mode travels on regular radar bandwidth, there is no particular alert for POP™ Mode transmissions. POP™ Mode alerts will be displayed as a regular radar alert.

Safety Warning System™

In communities where transmitters are located, the Safety Warning System™ displays over 60 text messages. When Safety Radar is detected, the audio alert is geiger counter-like.

Safety Warning System Text (XTR-520 Only)

Example: Poor - Road - Surface.

- XTR-220 Model displays a "5." to indicate a SWS™ message has been received.

NOTE: Not all areas have Safety Warning System™ transmitters.

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Speed Radar Audio/Visual Alerts

When X, K, or Ka is detected, the band ID and signal strength are displayed. The audio alert is continuous and has a geiger counter-like pattern. The faster the beep, the closer or stronger the radar source.

Laser Audio/Visual Alerts

When a laser signal is detected, the audio alert is continuous for a minimum of 3 seconds.

- Model XTR-520 displays:  The more "III", the closer the laser source.
- Model XTR-220 displays: 

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Pulse Protection®

Pulse (or instant-on) radar is more difficult to detect than conventional radar because it remains "off" until activated to measure the speed of a targeted vehicle.

When a pulse type transmission is detected, your Whistler detector sounds an urgent 3-second audio warning and:

- Model XTR-520 displays: 
- Model XTR-220 displays: 

After the 3-second pulse alert, the standard alert pattern continues for as long as the signal is present.

It is important to respond promptly to a pulse alert, since warning time may be minimal.

VG-2 Audio/Visual Alerts

NOTE: You must turn this feature on before it will detect VG-2.

When a VG-2 signal is detected, the detector "hides" its own radiated signal and becomes undetectable by the VG-2.

Once VG-2 is detected, every 30 seconds, the detector checks for a VG-2 signal. If a VG-2 signal is still present, the unit continues to hide and repeats the VG-2 alert. If no signal is detected, two beeps are provided, indicating an 'all clear' condition. During VG-2 Alert X, K, and Ka band signals cannot be received (Reference page 19 for VG-2 information).

NOTE: Having a radar detector capable of detecting the VG-2 may alert you to the presence of a speed trap. As of this printing, the newest tool Police have to detect radar detectors is called Spectre, as of this printing, Spectre can detect all undetectable (VG-2) laser/radar detectors on the market.

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VG-2 ALERTS

Alert Priority

When two or more signals are received at the same time, the alert priority is:

1. Laser
2. VG-2
3. Speed Radar
4. Safety Radar

Example:

If X band is alerting, then suddenly VG-2 is detected, the VG-2 warning will override the X band alert.

Reset Features

All user features can be reset to factory settings.

- Unplug Power Cord from unit.
- Plug Power Cord into unit.

Unit is now reset.

Default factory settings are:

1. Audio to level (5).
2. Display reads Highway. (XTR-520 only) 'H' illuminates on XTR-220
3. Dim/Dark Mode to Dim-Bright
4. Auto Quiet Mode OFF.
5. VG-2 Detection Mode OFF.
6. Safety OFF.
7. Vehicle Battery Saver ON.
8. Full Power Up sequence.
9. Default TONE 3.
10. POP ON
11. Voice On (XTR-520 only)

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TROUBLESHOOTING

Your Whistler detector is expertly engineered and designed to exacting quality standards to provide you with reliable, trouble-free operation. If your unit has been correctly installed following the guidelines in this manual, but is not operating optimally, please refer to the troubleshooting guide below.

PROBLEM: No display or audio.

- Check fuse in Whistler plug; replace if necessary with a 2 amp 3AG type.
- Check fuse for lighter socket; replace if necessary.
- Make sure lighter socket is clean.

PROBLEM: The unit alarms when vehicle hits bumps.

Laser-Radar detectors are legal in every state (with the exception of Virginia and Washington, D.C., which have local regulations restricting the use of radar receivers in any vehicle) when used in automobiles or light trucks (under 10,000 lbs.).

PROBLEM: The unit alarms when using vehicle electrical accessories (brakes, power mirrors, power windows, turn signals, horn, etc.).

Concerning trucks over 10,000 lbs., the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) issued a regulation, effective January, 1994 which prohibits radar and laser detector use in these types of vehicles nationally. Prior to the FHWA regulation, laws existed in the state of New York restricting the use of radar detectors in trucks over 18,000 lbs. and in Illinois in trucks over 26,000 lbs.

PROBLEM: The remote no longer controls the detector

- Make sure the remote is pointed at the front display.
- Possible weak or dead remote battery, replace battery.

PROBLEM: The audio alerts are not loud enough.

- Cancel Auto Quiet Mode or City Mode.
- Check audio level setting (see page 7).

If difficulties occur which cannot be solved by information in this Troubleshooting Guide, please call Whistler Customer Service at 1-800-531-0004 or visit our FAQ page at www.whistlergroup.com/faq-detectors.asp, before returning your unit for service.

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CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Care And Maintenance

During the summer months, avoid prolonged exposure to direct sunlight by removing your unit from the dash when your vehicle is parked for an extended period of time. Do not spray water, cleaners, or polishes directly onto the unit. The spray may penetrate through the openings and damage the unit. Also, do not use any abrasive cleaners on the unit's exterior.

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FCC INFORMATION

FCC ID: HSXWH17

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

IMPORTANT

FCC requirements state that changes or modifications not expressly approved by Whistler or voids the user's authority to operate the equipment.

SPEED MONITORING

Radar Detector Detectors (VG-2)

The Interceptor VG-2, or simply VG-2, is a microwave receiver used by police to detect signals radiated by the local oscillator of a radar detector. Because its purpose is to identify persons driving with radar detectors, the VG-2 is known as a 'radar detector detector'.

The VG-2 is the primary tool used by the police to identify radar detector equipped vehicles. If caught in a state where detectors are illegal, (see page 18), drivers risk losing their radar detector and receiving a fine. In addition, instant-on radar is almost always used in combination with a VG-2, leaving unsuspecting motorists vulnerable to receiving two tickets - one potentially for speeding, the other for possession of a detector.

Having a radar detector capable of detecting the VG-2 may alert you to the presence of a speed trap. For more information on speed monitoring technologies, please visit our FAQ page on our website:

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SPEED MONITORING

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the individual radar detector operator to know and understand the laws in your area regarding the legality of the use of radar detectors.

Radar Facts

A radar gun operates by transmitting radio waves at certain frequencies which reflect off of objects and are then picked up by the radar gun's receiving section. When a radar beam reflects off a moving target, a measurable frequency shift occurs. The radar unit converts this shift into miles per hour to determine your vehicle's speed. Currently, the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) permits operation of traffic radar guns at X Band (10.500 - 10.550 GHz), K Band (24.050 - 24.250 GHz), and Ka Band (33.400 - 36.000 GHz).

Note: A radar detector will not alarm if an officer is not transmitting on any one of the above radar bands.

POP™ Mode

POP™ Mode is a feature on some newer radar guns operating on K and Ka bands. When the gun is in POP™ Mode and activated, a brief burst of energy, less than 1/10 of a second, is transmitted and the vehicle's speed is quickly acquired. A detector without POP™ Mode detection capability cannot respond to this brief transmission. This detector has the power to report this new gun where other detectors cannot!

Total Band Protection™

Complete Band Coverage that detects laser, radar, VG-2 and safety radar bands.

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XTR-220/520 Total Band Protection™ LASER-RADAR DETECTOR

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Order#	Description	Price
202151	Windshield Bracket Kit	\$ 9.95
206552	Straight Power Cord (5')	\$ 14.95
206553	Coiled Power Cord (7')	\$ 15.95
206880	Hardwire Kit (10')	\$ 9.95 (for wiring to fuse box)
206666	Modular Cord Package (includes coiled and straight cords, and power adapter)	\$ 17.95
159032	Package of 8 Suction Cups	\$ 2.95
402081	Non-Skid Dash Pad	\$ 6.95
206660	Straight Modular Cord & Socket Multiplier	\$ 11.95
206661	Coiled Modular Cord & Socket Multiplier	\$ 12.95
260251	Remote Control	\$ Call
260250	Retractable Lanyard Key Ring	\$ Call

*Modular: Interconnecting pieces cord and plug. Shipping and handling (per order) \$5.00 Prices are subject to change without notice.

One or more U.S. patents may apply:
#5,146,227, #5,379,456, #5,666,120, #5,990,821

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Laser Tips
If you are the targeted vehicle, a laser gun can often determine your speed within a few seconds after you receive an alert. In this situation there is generally no time to safely adjust your speed. However, if you are traveling near or behind the targeted vehicle and receive an alert, response time should be sufficient. Any laser alert, regardless of duration, requires immediate action!

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Dear Whistler Owner,
If you have questions concerning the operation of this Whistler product please call:

CUSTOMER SERVICE 1-800-531-0004

Monday - Friday • 8:00 am - 5:00 pm CT
or visit our website

www.whistlergroup.com

Please keep the receipt in a safe place. You may register your product online at www.whistlergroup.com. For warranty verification purposes, a copy of your dated store receipt must accompany any unit sent in for warranty work. If the unit is returned without a dated store receipt an out of warranty service charge applies.

Note: *Your warranty period begins at the time of purchase. The warranty is validated only by the dated store receipt!* Please record the serial number of the unit in the space provided in the warranty section of the manual.

To fully acquaint yourself with the operation of your Whistler laser radar detector we recommend reading this entire manual or visiting our FAQ page on our website www.whistlergroup.com

Enjoy your Whistler and please drive safely.

Sincerely,

The Whistler Group, Inc.

OPERATION

Replacing the Remote Battery

The remote control is powered by a 3 volt coin type cell, model CR 2032. However, all batteries eventually need replacing. When the time comes, follow these steps:

- Remove the Phillips head screw located at the bottom back side of the remote.
- Separate the two halves of the plastic case
- Gently lift out the PC board as the battery is located opposite the buttons.
- The battery should slide out from its holder. Make note of the correct polarity. Positive (+) is facing away from the PC board.
- Insert the new battery, being mindful of the correct polarity.
- Reassemble the reverse of disassembly

Setting Saver

Setting Saver saves your personalized settings so that when the detector is turned off and then on again, you do not have to re-enter them.

Feature Engaged Confirmation

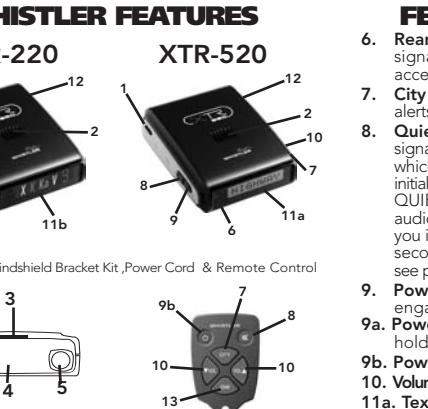
Each time a button is pressed, one beep confirms feature "on", two beeps confirm feature "off".

Audio Level Adjustment

The audio levels can be adjusted high to low or low to high two ways:

1. Press and hold the PWR/VOL (VOL on XTR-520) button and the volume level will increase (Level 7) then proceed to lower the volume (Level 0). Continuing to hold this button will repeat the sequence. As audio level is adjusted, beeps are provided and the display indicates volume level.
2. Press either VOL UP or VOL DOWN on the remote control.

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FEATURE DESCRIPTIONS

Whistler's ergonomic and user-friendly design provides a new level of operating convenience. Special features include:

Note: Not all units have all features listed.

1. **Bracket Release Button** – Provides quick and easy release of the mounting bracket.
2. **Speaker** – Provides distinct audio warnings for X, K, Ka band radar, safety radar, laser and VG-2.
3. **Mounting Bracket Location** – Slot holds mounting bracket firmly.
4. **Radar Antenna** – Compact, high-efficiency antenna receives radar signals.
5. **Front Laser Antenna** – High gain optical lens provides increased sensitivity and field of view for leading-edge laser detection.

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6. **Rear Laser/ Remote Receiver** – Receives laser signals transmitted from the rear of the vehicle, accepts input signals from the remote control.
7. **City Button** - Reduces the annoyance of false alerts typically encountered in urban driving areas.
8. **Quiet/Menu Button** - Pressing QUIET before a signal is detected engages Auto Quiet Mode which automatically reduces the audio level after the initial warning to a low audio level setting. Pressing QUIET during a radar/laser encounter silences audio alerts, while allowing visual alerts to keep you informed. (Pressing and holding for 2 seconds allows you to enter Option Select Mode—see page 12 (XTR-520 only))
9. **Power/Dim Dark** - Turns unit on/off and engages Dim/Dark modes (XTR-520 only)
- 9a. **Power/Volume** - Turns unit on/off and hold to adjust volume (XTR-220 only)
- 9b. **Power** - Turns unit on/off
10. **Volume Button** - Adjust volume up or down.
- 11a. **Text Display (XTR-520 only)** - Provides distinct visual confirmation of signals detected, signal strength, and indicates engaged modes of operation.
- 11b. **7 Segment Icon Display** - Provides numeric signal strength indicator and band identification.
12. **Power Jack** - Provides connection for the power cord.
13. **Dim/Dark** - Press and release button to select Dim/Dark modes.

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INSTALLATION

Mounting Guidelines

- Mount the unit as low as possible near the center of the windshield.
- Do not mount your unit behind wipers, ornaments, mirrored sunscreens, etc. These obstructions have metal surfaces which can affect radar and laser signals and reduce critical warning time. (Regular tinted glass does not affect reception.)
- Some windshields have an Instaclear™ or Electriclear™ type coating, which affect radar signals. Consult your dealer or your vehicle's owners manual to determine if your windshield has this coating.
- Avoid placing unit in direct contact with windshield.
- Avoid placing unit in direct sunlight
- To reduce the possibility of theft, conceal the unit when not in use.

INSTALLATION



Windshield Mounting (Cont.)

If the detector is removed, this may cause blistering of the dash in some vehicles.

- Slide the detector onto the bracket until it locks into place.
- If necessary, the unit may be leveled by bending the windshield bracket. Press the bracket release button and remove the detector before bending.

Power Connection

- Plug the small end of the power cord into the unit's power jack.
- Plug the large end into the vehicle's cigarette lighter.

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