Bendix/King Silver Crown Plus™ Avionics Systems Pilot's Guide

Audio Panel Systems Communication Transceivers Nav/Comm Systems Navigation Receiver DME Systems ADF System Transponders



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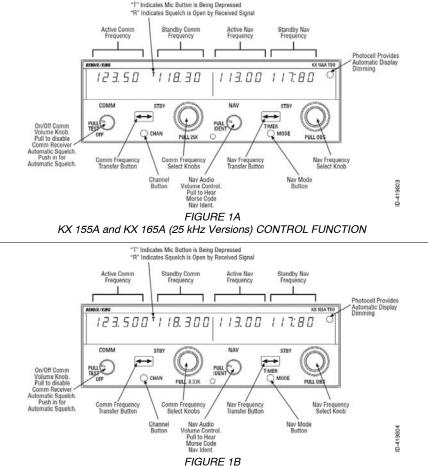
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# KX 155A and KX 165A VHF Communication/Navigation Transceivers KX 155A and KX 165A Operation (25 kHz Versions)

All controls required to operate the KX 155A and KX 165A are located on the unit front panel.



KX 165A (8.33 kHz Versions) CONTROL FUNCTION

**NOTE:** The 25 kHz and 8.33 kHz versions of the KX 165A are distinguishable from one another in two ways. The 25 kHz version has "PULL 25K" nomenclature below the Comm Frequency Select Knobs while the 8.33 version has "PULL 8.33K". In addition, the 25 kHz version has two digits to the right of the decimal in the Comm frequency while the 8.33 kHz version has three digits to the right of the decimal. The 8.33 kHz channel spacing is required for flight in certain European (ICAO EUR Region) airspace.

### **COMM Transceiver**

Rotate the VOL knob clockwise from the OFF position. Pull the VOL knob out and adjust for desired listening level. Push the VOL knob back in to actuate the automatic squelch.

The left portion of the digital display readout is allocated for COMM ACTIVE and COMM STANDBY frequencies with a "T" between them to indicate TRANSMIT and an "R" to indicate RECEIVE modes of operation.

Select the desired operating frequency in the standby display by rotating the Frequency Select Knobs either clockwise or counterclockwise. A clockwise rotation will increment the previous frequency while a counterclockwise rotation will decrement the previous frequency.

The outer knob will change the MHz portion of the standby display. At one band-edge (118 or 136 MHz) the following 1 MHz change will wrap around to the other band-edge.

#### KX 155A and KX 165A 25 kHz Versions

The inner knob will change the kHz portion of the standby display. It will change in increments of 50 kHz when the knob is pushed in and 25 kHz when the knob is pulled out. The frequency wrap around at the edge of the band is also utilized when incrementing or decrementing the kHz portion of the standby display.

#### KX 165A 8.33 kHz Version

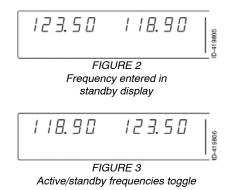
The inner knob will change the kHz portion of the standby display. It allows selection of 25 kHz frequencies only when the knob is pushed in and both 8.33 kHz and 25 kHz frequencies

when the knob is pulled out. The frequency wrap around at the edge of the band is also utilized when incrementing or decrementing the kHz portion of the standby display.

To tune the radio to the desired operating frequency, the desired frequency must be entered into the standby display (Figure 2) and then the transfer button must be pushed. This will trade the contents of the active and standby displays (Figure 3).

**NOTE:** An optional remote-mounted transfer switch may also be installed in a convenient location (such as the control yoke) to perform the transfer operation.

The operating frequency can also be entered by accessing the ACTIVE ENTRY (direct tune) mode which is done by pushing and holding the COMM TRANSFER button for 2 or more seconds. In the direct tune mode, only the active part of the display is visible (Figure 4). The desired frequency can be directly entered into the display. Push the COMM TRANSFER button again to return to the active/standby display.



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FIGURE 4 Frequency entered in active entry mode

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The transceiver is always tuned to the frequency appearing in the ACTIVE display. It is therefore possible to have two different frequencies stored in the ACTIVE and STANDBY displays and to change back and forth between them at the simple push of the transfer button.

During the transmit mode of operation, a "T" will appear between the ACTIVE and STANDBY displays. An "R" will appear between the ACTIVE and STANDBY displays if a detected signal is strong enough to open the squelch, signifying that the transceiver is in the receive mode of operation.

A non-volatile memory stores the comm ACTIVE and STANDBY frequencies on power down. When the unit is turned on again, the COMM ACTIVE and STANDBY windows will display the same ACTIVE and STANDBY frequencies that were displayed before power down.

The KX 155A and KX 165A also have provisions to program 32 channels. Pressing the CHAN button for 2 or more seconds will cause the unit to enter the channel program mode. Upon entering the channel program mode, "PG" is displayed next to the channel number and the channel number will flash indicating that it can be programmed (Figure 5).



Entering channel program mode

The desired channel can be selected by turning the comm kHz knob (Figure 6).



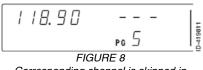
Selecting desired channel

The channel frequency can be entered by pushing the COMM TRANSFER button which will cause the standby frequency to flash. The comm frequency knobs are then used to enter the desired frequency (Figure 7).

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FIGURE 7 Selecting desired frequency

If dashes (displayed when rotating the outer knob between 136 MHz and 118 MHz) are entered instead of a frequency, the corresponding channel is skipped in channel selection mode (Figure 8).



Corresponding channel is skipped in channel selection mode

Additional channels may be programmed by pressing the COMM TRANSFER button and using the same procedure. To exit the program mode and save the channel information, momentarily push the CHAN button. This will cause the unit to return to the previous frequency entry mode. The unit will also exit the channel program mode if there is no button or knob activity for 20 seconds.The channel selection mode can then be entered by momentarily pushing the CHAN button (Figure 9).



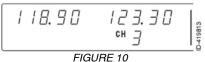
FIGURE 9 Entering channel selection mode

"CH" is displayed next to the last used channel number.

**NOTE:** If no channels have been programmed, channel 1 appears with dashes

displayed.

The comm frequency knobs can be used to select the desired channel (Figure 10).



Selecting desired channel

The unit will automatically exit the channel mode, with the channel frequency remaining in the STANDBY window, if no channel is selected within 5 seconds after entering the channel selection mode. The channel frequency is then made the ACTIVE frequency in the normal manner by pressing the COMM TRANSFER button.

**NOTE:** An optional remote-mounted channel switch may be installed that increments the next programmed channel into the standby window each time the switch is activated. The unit is placed in the transmit mode by depressing the MIC KEY button.

The unit has a stuck microphone alert feature. If the microphone is keyed continuously for greater than 33 seconds, the transmitter stops transmitting and the active Comm frequency flashes to alert the pilot of the stuck microphone condition.

**NOTE**: Radio control of airport runway lighting is available at selected airports to provide airborne control of lights by keying the aircraft's microphone. Approved lighting systems may be activated by keying the microphone as indicated below: 7 times in 5 sec. - Highest intensity available 5 times in 5 sec. - Medium or lower intensity 3 times in 5 sec. - Lowest intensity

available

Due to the close proximity of airports using the same frequency, an airport's radio controlled lighting receiver may be set at a low sensitivity, requiring the aircraft to be relatively close to activate the system. It is also important to be very deliberate with the keying. The requirement for the ground station decoder is such that it will not respond to very rapid or "staccato" transmissions. If the first attempt at lighting the runway lights is unsuccessful, repeat with a slower, more deliberate cadence of microphone keying.

### **NAV Receiver**

The right portion of the display is allocated to NAV receiver information. The frequency channeling is similar to the COMM when operating in the frequency mode (Figure 1A and 1B). The NAV increment/decrement knobs are located on the right hand side of the front panel. The outer knob operates in 1 MHz steps and increments/decrements the STANDBY frequency display.

The inner knob operates in 50 kHz steps. The NAV receiver's lower and upper frequency limits are 108.00 MHz and 117.95 MHz. Exceeding the upper limit of frequency band will automatically return to the lower limit and vice versa.

Depressing the NAV frequency transfer button for 2 seconds or more will cause the display to go in to the ACTIVE ENTRY mode. Only the ACTIVE frequency will be displayed and it can be directly changed by using the NAV inc/dec knobs. The display will return to the ACTIVE/STANDBY mode when the NAV frequency transfer button is pushed.

Depressing the mode button will cause the NAV display to go from the ACTIVE/STANDBY format to the ACTIVE/CDI (Course Deviation Indicator) format as shown in Figure 11.

FIGURE 11 Nav display active VOR frequency/ CDI format

The vertical "needle" moves side to side similar to a mechanical CDI. When the needle is centered, the aircraft is on the selected OBS course. When the active frequency is tuned to a VOR frequency, the center of the CDI scale displays the "TO" or "FROM" indicator.

In the CDI mode, the increment/ decrement knob (pushed in) channels the ACTIVE frequency window and depressing the frequency transfer button will cause the ACTIVE frequency to be placed in blind storage and the STANDBY frequency (in blind storage) to be displayed in the ACTIVE window display.

When the ACTIVE window is tuned to a VOR frequency, the standby frequency area is replaced by a three digit OBS (Omni Bearing Selector) display. The desired OBS course can be selected by pulling out the inner NAV frequency knob and turning it. The CDI needle may be automatically centered with a "TO" indication by depressing the mode button for 2 seconds. This OBS display is independent of any OBS course selected on an external CDI or HSI. An "OBS" in the middle of the NAV display will flash while the inner NAV frequency knob is pulled out. The CDI is displayed on the line below the frequency/OBS.

When the ACTIVE window is tuned to a localizer frequency, the standby frequency area is replaced by "LOC" (Figure 12).

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FIGURE 12 Nav display Active localizer frequency/ CDI format

When the received signal is too weak to ensure accuracy the display will "flag". See Figure 13.



Depressing the mode button will cause the NAV display to go from the ACTIVE/CDI format to the ACTIVE/BEARING format. In the BEARING mode, the increment/ decrement knob channels the ACTIVE frequency window and depressing the frequency transfer button will cause the ACTIVE frequency to be placed in blind storage and the STANDBY frequency (in blind storage) to be displayed in the ACTIVE window display. In bearing mode of operation, the right hand window of NAV display shows the bearing TO the station.

Figure 14 illustrates the NAV side of the display in this mode.

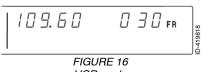


VOR mode bearing to function

When a too weak or invalid VOR signal is received the display flags as shown in Figure 15.

VOR mode active/bearing, flag display

Another push of the mode button will cause the NAV display to go from the ACTIVE/BEARING format to the ACTIVE/RADIAL format as shown in Figure 16.



VOR mode radial from function

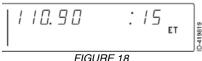
In the RADIAL mode, the increment/ decrement knob channels the ACTIVE frequency window and depressing the frequency transfer button will cause the ACTIVE frequency to be placed in blind storage and the STANDBY frequency (in blind storage) to be displayed in the ACTIVE window display. In radial mode of operation, the right hand window of NAV display shows the radial FROM the station. Figure 16 illustrates the NAV side of the display in this mode.

When a too weak or invalid VOR signal is received the display flags as shown in Figure 17.



FIGURE 17 VOR mode active/radial flag display

Another push of the mode button will cause the unit to go into the TIMER mode. See Figure 18.



Timer mode

When the unit is turned on the elapsed timer begins counting upwards from zero. The timer can be stopped and reset to zero by pushing the NAV frequency transfer button for 2 seconds or more causing the ET on the display to flash. In this state the timer can be set as a countdown timer or the elapsed timer can be restarted. The countdown timer is set by using the NAV inc/dec knobs to set the desired time and then pushing the NAV frequency transfer button to start the timer. The outer knob selects minutes, the inner knob in the "in" position selects ten second intervals, and the inner knob in the "out" position selects individual seconds. After the countdown timer reaches zero, the counter will begin to count upwards indefinitely while flashing for the first 15 seconds. Or the elapsed timer can also be reset to zero and started again after it has been stopped and reset to zero by pushing the NAV frequency transfer button. The Audio Alert, if installed, is then sounded.

The NAV ACTIVE and STANDBY frequencies are stored in the memory on power down and return on power up.

When the smaller

increment/decrement knob is pushed in, depressing the NAV TRANSFER button will interchange the ACTIVE and STANDBY frequencies. The NAV IDENT knob is active in the pulled out position so that both voice and ident can be heard. When this knob is pushed in, the ident tone is attenuated. The volume of voice/ident can be adjusted by turning this knob.

### **Pilot Configuration**

This mode can be accessed by pressing and holding the Nav Mode Button for more than 2 seconds and then pressing the Nav Frequency Transfer Button for an additional 2 seconds, while continuing to hold the Nav Mode Button. When the Pilot Config Mode is entered the unit will show the "SWRV" mnemonic which is the unit software revision level. Adjustment pages can be accessed by MODE button presses.

The pilot may adjust two parameters in the pilot configuration, the display minimum brightness and sidetone volume level.

Minimum Brightness (BRIM) will have a range of 0 - 255. The dimmest is 0 and the brightest is 255.

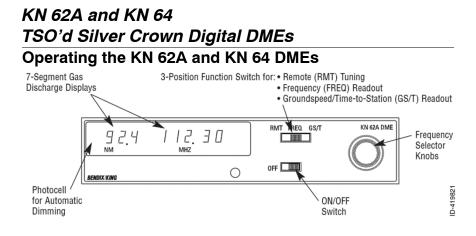
Sidetone volume level is adjusted when SIDE is displayed. Values from 0 - 255 may be selected with 0 being least volume, 255 being the greatest.

Subsequent presses of the MODE button sequences through SWRV, BRIM, SIDE, and then back to SWRV.

Momentarily pressing the Nav Transfer Button exits Pilot configuration mode. The Nav returns to its pre-Pilot Config state with the new brightness and sidetone levels stored in non-volatile memory.

#### **Default Mode**

Turning on the KX 155A or KX 165A while pressing either the COMM or NAV frequency transfer button will bring the unit up in the Direct Tune Mode. 120.00MHz (120.000MHz in 8.33 kHz KX 165A) will be the active COMM frequency and 110.00 MHz will be the active NAV frequency. This will aid the pilot in blind tuning the radio in the unlikely event of display failure.



### Operation

Turn on the unit only after engine start-up. Also, turn avionics off prior to engine shut-down. These simple precautions should be practiced with all avionics. It will protect the solidstate circuitry from short duration high voltage spikes and extend the operational life of your avionics.

The 3-position function switch determines both the information displayed and the channeling source.

Place the function switch on Frequency (FREQ). The unit is channeled internally with its own two concentric frequency selection knobs. The smaller of the two knobs has an "in" and an "out" position. When in the "in" position, this smaller knob changes the 0.1 MHz digit (0.0, 0.1, 0.2, etc.). When pulled "out", it adds 0.05 MHz to the frequency and tunes in 0.1 MHz steps (0.05, 0.15, 0.25, etc.). Pushing the smaller knob "in" subtracts 0.05 MHz from the displayed frequency. The outer, larger knob changes the larger digits (1 MHz, 10 MHz). In FREQ mode, the

unit will display distance and the selected frequency. (See Figure 19.)



FIGURE 19. Distance/Frequency FREQ Mode.

Now move the function switch to the Groundspeed/Time-to-Station (GS/T) position. The unit will hold the internally selected frequency and will display distance, groundspeed and time-to-station. (See Figure 20.)



Distance/Groundspeed/TTS GS/T Mode.

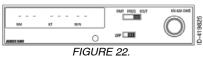
Rotating the frequency selector will have no effect on the display, because the DME is in "Frequency Hold". This frequency hold feature in the GS/T mode prevents accidental rechanneling of the DME when the frequency is not displayed.

Place the function switch in the Remote\* (RMT) position, and your DME will be channeled when you select your NAV frequency on the NAV receiver. Search time is usually about one second. When the unit locks on a ground station, it will display distance, groundspeed and time-to-station. (See Figure 21.)



Distance/Groundspeed/TTS RMT Mode.

Prior to lock on, "dashes" will be displayed. (See Figure 22.)



Prior to Lock On.

Note that you may have two frequencies available at all times (one remotely selected on the NAV receiver and one internally selected with the unit's controls).

\*Remote channeling requires wiring to the NAV receiver.

#### **Operational Notes**

The KN 62A and KN 64 have an audio output for use in identifying the DME ground station being received.

The audio level is preset at the factory, but may be easily adjusted through the top cover.

The unit electronically converts to distance the elapsed time required for signals to travel to and from the ground station. This distance is then indicated in nautical miles on the Distance/ Speed/Time-to-Station display. This distance, commonly referred to as slant range distance, should not be confused with actual along-the-ground distance. The difference between actual ground distance and slant range is least at low altitude and/or long range. If the range is three times the altitude or greater, error is negligible.

The effective range of DME depends on many factors, most important being the altitude of the aircraft. Other contributing factors are the location and elevation of the station, DME transmitter power output, and receiver sensitivity.

The groundspeed feature incorporated in the unit measures the rate of change in DME slant range distance with time. This speed is then read from 0 to 999 knots in 1 knot increments. To obtain accurate groundspeed, the aircraft must be tracking directly to or from the station. To obtain accurate time to station, the aircraft must be tracking directly to the station.

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