COUGAR 2000

PRM 5120 Covert Personal Radio

KEY FEATURES

- 136-174MHz coverage
- Analogue or digital voice
- Up to 100 programmable channels
- Meets ETSI approvals
- CTCSS Squelch
- Backwards compatible with existing Cougar
- Scanning and programming/ cloning features
- Compact, rugged construction
- Optimised for use with covert ancillaries



INTRODUCTION

The PRM 5120 is an extremely compact radio specifically designed for covert applications. The main case contains all the radio and cryptographic components packed in a compact, slim unit which is ideal for carrying unobtrusively about the person.

The Cougar 2000 covert radio provides traffic mode compatibility with the VRM 5110 mobile radio - 2 or 4 level Digital FSK modulation; Clear (Analogue) Mode operation in either 12.5 or 25kHz channels and CTCSS. The radio is also compatible with MSHR and existing Cougarnet equipment, providing 16kb/s (or optional 12kb/s) CVSD in 25kHz channels.

The radio operates in the high band-VHF 136-174MHz. RF output power is programmable for either 0.5W or 2W.

The optional internal digital encryption provides 4 crypto codes (A, B, C and D), by means of an embedded MA 5137/87 crypto module. The radio may be supplied without crypto fitted to operate in Clear mode only.

The PRM 5120 has no external operator controls (except Key zeroise) and supports audio ancillaries similar to the existing Cougar PRM 4735.

Operator control is provided by the MA 5125 RCU which is designed to fit unobtrusively in the palm of the hand and can be operated by touch alone. Alternatively, the MA 5130 CLU provides control facilities integrated with a loudspeaker/microphone in a convenient clip-on unit and is intended for users not requiring covert operation. 8 channels are available with the MA5125 and 100 channels with the MA5130.

Both units link to the radio via the TARIFF data format. Channel and mode programming will use common Cougar 2000 fill equipment. The battery may be attached directly to the radio or mounted remotely with an extension lead. The simple end-fed wire antenna is connected directly to the radio.

The radio is rugged and splashproof and is intended primarily for use by surveillance operators (Police, Customs and Excise, Drug-Squad, Government Agencies etc.). Covert operator warnings are provided by means of switched Rx signal or local sidetone thereby avoiding the use of unnatural tones which could be detected.

This compact Cougar 2000 compatible unit may be part of a simple short-range, point-to-point system, or integrated into large-area radio communications systems.



TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

GENERAL

Frequency Range:

136 – 174MHz UHF option: 440 - 512MHz

Frequency Stability:

Within ±5ppm VHF: (including ageing) UHF: Within ±1.5ppm (including ageing)

Channel Spacing:

12.5/25kHz pre-programmed per channel (20kHz and 30kHz available as variants)

Channels: MA5125 RCU selects

channels o-7 MA5130 CLU selects channels o-99

Single or Two-

Operating Modes:

frequency Simplex Analogue: 12.5/25kHz chans F3E (Narrowband FM) 25kHz chans only F1E Digital: (16kb/s data)

Embedded Encryption

MA 5137/87 internal digital speech security module, with Standard, Short and Long-term Key Retention options

Carrier, CTCSS, 150Hz Squelch:

Scan Modes

Group:

Channel: Priority Channel monitor in Standby Rx

mode, programmed for Hailing on Rx/Tx modes.

Best RSSI in group defines operating

channel

Nominal Supply: 10V DC negative

ground

Sidetone: Nominally 6dB below the Received signal

level

Data Programming

Programming via Serial Control Data interface, TARIFF format. Selected features may be entered from a Programmer, or Cloned from a previously enabled radio

ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATION Operating Temperature

-20°C to +55°C

Storage Temperature -30°C to +70°C

Sealing Splashproof

RELIABILITY

MTBF

GM in accordance with MIL-HBK-217F @25°C.

>4000 hours

TRANSMITTER

RF Power Output: 0.5W or 2W

Nominal Load Impedance

Audio Input Impedance

5kΩ

Modulation Sensitivity

Nominally 120µV rms. Optimised for use with covert microphones

Maximum Peak Deviation

Analogue (inc any squelch tones) 25kHz channel +/- 5.okHz peak 12.5kHz channel +/- 2.5kHz peak

Digital Signal:

25kHz channel +/- 5.okHz peak

Adjacent Channel Power

25kHz Analogue or 16kb/s 4FSK Digital ≤-70dBc

12.5kHz Analogue ≤-6odBo

Spurious Emissions

9kHz - 1GHz VHF: 1GHz - 4GHz ≤0.25µW ≤1.0µW UHF: 1GHz - 12GHz ≤1.0µW

AF Response

Analogue mode 300Hz to 3kHz

Audio Distortion

Analogue mode ≤5%

Hum and Noise ≥35dB

Transmit Timeout

Transmission programmable to be either continous, or terminated after a time of 30s, 60s, 90s or 120s

RCU Tone Signalling Mode

When enabled, an 800Hz tone is transmitted in place of the microphone signal. A transmission hang of nominally 1s after the tone PTT has been released allows an ICW (Morse like) transmission to be sent

Whisper Mode

Whisper microphone sensitivity can be programmed to any volume level (normally the lowest two)

MECHANICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Nominal Dimensions

Length: 119mm 75mm Width: Depth 17.6mm Length c/w MA5136C battery

185mm

Weight

PRM 5120 only 250g approximately PRM 5120 c/w MA 5136 Battery, RCU,

Mic/loop and antenna.

575g approximately

RECEIVER

Maximum Usable Sensitivity

≤-117dBm for 12dB

SINAD

Data BER: ≤-117dBm for 1:10 BER

Adjacent Channel Selectivity

25kHz channel ≥70dB 12.5kHz channel ≥6odB

Spurious Response Rejection

100kHz to 4GHz

Intermodulation Response

≥65dB

Blocking Ratio

±1MHz to ±10MHz from wanted

Spurious Emissions

9kHz - 1GHz: <2nW 1GHz - 12.75GHz: ≤20nW

Audio Output

At full volume into $8\Omega \ge 500$ mW rms

AF Response

300Hz to 3kHz Analogue mode:

Hum and Noise ≥40db

Volume Control

(Controlled from the RCU/CLU) Full volume and 5 positions at - 6dB per position, giving a maximum of 3odB attenuation

OPERATIONAL FACILITIES Controls

The only control provided on the radio unit is zeroise. Disconnection of the Mic/loop lead also switches the radio OFF

Operator ON-OFF, Volume, Channel o-7, Tone PTT and Clear/Crypto key controls are provided on the seperate Covert Radio Control Unit MA 5125. Alternatively the Overt Control Loudspeaker Unit MA 5130 may be used, which in addition to the above provides selection of 100 channels plus LCD, Monitor and Scan enable

External Connections

Antenna Connector Mic/CLU/Fill Connector **Battery Contact**

RCU Clone Connector Fill Connector

Type Approved to ETS 300 086 and ETS 300 219

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