

CC SKYWAVE 2

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Please read all the instructions completely before use and save this manual for future reference.



C.CRANE

Introduction

The CC Skywave 2 radio uses the latest in digital chip technology along with our own ideas developed at C. Crane. This radio is a travel essential for several reasons:

1. Experiencing local music and social customs is enlightening.
2. If there is a problem at the airport or with your plane you can usually find out the reason and make adjustments.
3. The cost of using data on your smart phone overseas can be prohibitive.

The AM/FM, Weather, Shortwave and Aviation bands give you information and insight into a country that is available by no other means. Small and lightweight but with high quality reception and features. Easy button navigation makes it a superior companion for night time listening at home or abroad. The new micro-USB connector works well from any USB Port along with improved in-circuit battery charging. Other changes are a better speaker with slightly more amplification, circuit noise reduction, and long feet for better stability. If you have any question about your radio, please give us a call or check out www.ccrane.com.

Owners Record

UNPACKING

The box should contain the CC Skywave 2, CC Buds Earphones, carry case, warranty card and this manual. If anything is missing or damaged, please contact your dealer immediately. We recommend that you keep the packaging in the unlikely event that your radio needs servicing.

FOR YOUR FUTURE REFERENCE:

Serial No. (Found inside battery compartment): _____

Date of purchase/Name & address of dealer: _____

Safety Instructions

CAUTION

- Before turning the unit on, set your volume control to a low setting.
 - Slowly increase the sound until you can hear it comfortably and clearly without distortion.
 - Long-term exposure to loud sounds may cause hearing damage. It is best to avoid high volume levels when using headphones/earbuds, especially for extended periods.
-

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS - READ BEFORE OPERATING EQUIPMENT SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read and understand all safety and operating instructions before the radio is operated
2. **Heat:** Never put the radio in direct sunlight in an unventilated area or behind glass like a car's interior. The appliance should be away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances that produce heat.
3. If the radio is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, remove the batteries. The batteries may leak and damage furniture or your radio.

Safety Instructions

4. The user should not attempt to service the appliance beyond that described in the operating instructions.
5. All other servicing should be referred to qualified service personnel.

WARNING: DO NOT CHARGE ALKALINE BATTERIES. Use only the recommended AC charging adapter that we offer for recharging NiMH batteries.

Table of Contents

Introduction _____	02
Owners Record _____	03
Safety Instructions _____	04

Getting Started

Installing the Batteries _____	09
Display Screen Identification _____	11

Radio Operation

Power Button/Sleep Timer _____	13
Up and Down Tuning Buttons _____	13
Memory Preset Buttons 0-9 _____	14
Changing AM/FM Bands _____	14
Setting Weather Alert _____	14
Frequency Button _____	15
Page Button/Changing Tone _____	16

Table of Contents

Automatic Tuning System (ATS) Button	16
Setting Bandwidth Filters	16
Meter/Stereo Button	17
Lock Button	18
Speaker	18
WX/SW/AIR Button	19
About the Weather Band	19
About the Shortwave Band	20
About the Air Band	20
Changing Time Format	21
Charge Button/Battery Charging	21
Time Set Button	21
Activate 9 or 10 kHz AM Tuning Button	22
Expanding the FM Band	22

Table of Contents

Alarm Button/Setting The Alarm	22
Positioning the Whip Antenna	23
Tuning Knob	24
Squelch Mode	24
Volume Control	25
Antenna Jack	25
Earphone Jack	25
USB Power/Charging Jack	25
Charging NiMH Batteries	26
Reset Hole	27
Hidden Settings	28
Troubleshooting Guide	30
Specifications	34
Accessories	37

Getting Started

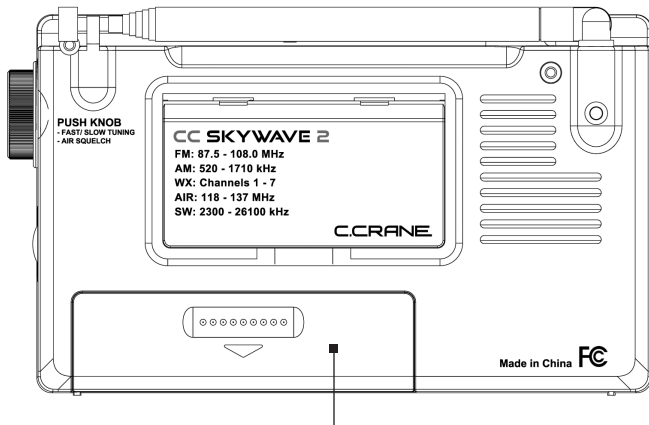
INSTALLING THE BATTERIES - DO NOT USE LITHIUM BATTERIES.

1. Position the radio face down on a soft surface to protect it.
2. Remove the battery cover by applying pressure and sliding downwards towards the bottom of the radio.
3. Insert the two (2) "AA" alkaline or NiMH cell batteries into the compartment as indicated. Be sure the negative (-) end of each battery is against the spring.
4. Replace the battery cover. You are now ready to operate your radio.

NOTE: You will have 30 seconds after batteries are removed before the clock and alarm settings are lost. We recommend having your new batteries ready to insert quickly after removing the old ones.

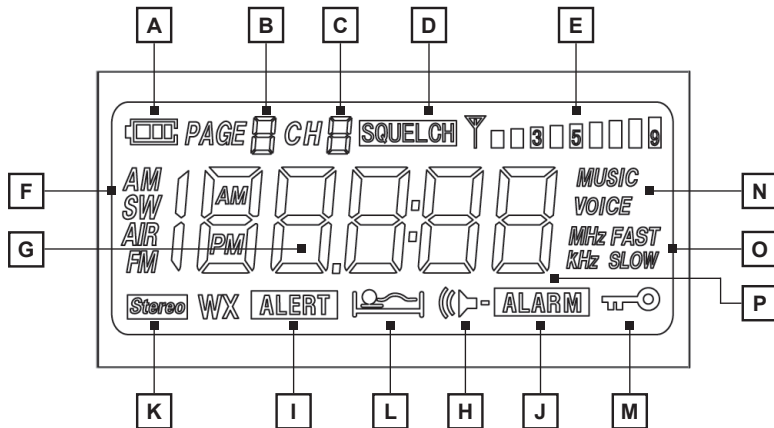
In our test, (going slowly) it took us about 15 seconds to add the new batteries after removing the old ones. The memory presets and other settings are stored in permanent memory so they will not be lost if the radio is unpowered for a duration of time.

Getting Started



Two (2) "AA" Alkaline or NiMH batteries. **DO NOT USE LITHIUM BATTERIES.**

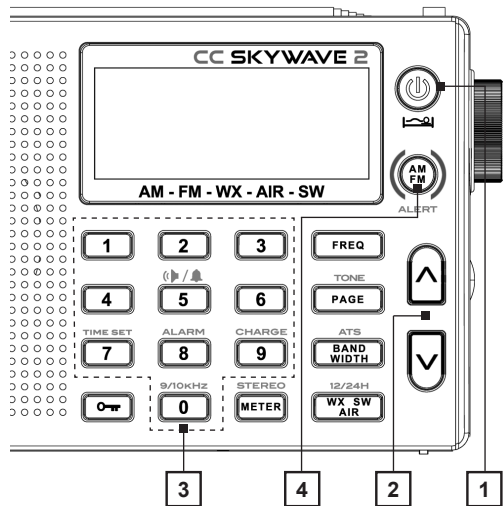
Display Screen Identification



Display Screen Identification

- A.** Battery Icon/Charge Indicator
- B.** Page Number (for station memories)
- C.** Station memories 0-9
- D.** Squelch
- E.** Reception Signal Strength
- F.** Band Indicators
(AM, SW, AIR, FM, WX)
- G.** Frequency
- H.** Alarm Set for Radio Station
- I.** Alert is Activated
- J.** Alarm is Activated
- K.** Stereo FM Reception
- L.** Sleep Timer is Activated
- M.** Radio is Locked
- N.** Audio Filter for Voice or Music
- O.** Tuning Speed with Knob
- P.** Tuning Increments

Radio Operation



1. POWER BUTTON - SLEEP TIMER

To turn the radio “ON” just press the red power button. To set the Sleep Timer, press and hold the red power button.

SETTING THE SLEEP TIMER

The Sleep Timer will automatically shut off the radio after the set amount of time expires. The display will cycle through minutes 120, 90, 60, 45, 30, 15, and OFF.

Release the power button to activate the sleep setting you desire. The radio will remember your last Sleep Timer setting for the next time you activate it.

2. UP AND DOWN TUNING BUTTONS

Press once quickly to tune to the next

Radio Operation

frequency increment.

Press and hold for 2 seconds to automatically tune to the next strong station. Hold continuously to cycle through the whole band.

3. MEMORY PRESET BUTTONS 0-9

To save your favorite stations to memory buttons press and hold any memory button for 2 seconds while the station is playing. To play a saved station, press the same button once quickly. **NOTE:** The CC Skywave 2 is a “smart” radio and will remember current settings when a station is preset into memory. The current settings that will be saved with your station are:

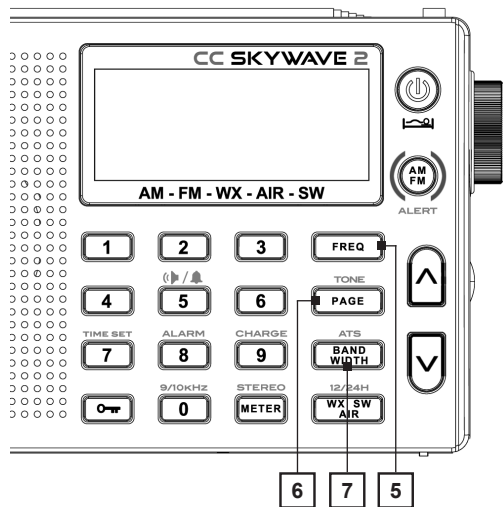
- **Stereo** or **Mono** selection on FM
- **Bandwidth** selection on AM, Shortwave, or Air bands.
- **Audio tone** selection. On or Off.

4. CHANGING AM/FM BANDS - SETTING WEATHER ALERT

Press the AM/ FM button once quickly to switch between AM and FM bands.

For NOAA Weather Alert: Press and hold this button to activate the weather alert for 4, 8, or 16 hours.

Radio Operation



Release button to make selection. To disable alert, press and hold this button for 2 seconds. **NOTE:** When alert is set and radio is OFF, light will flash indicating alert is on and working. Turning off when not needed will help conserve batteries (See page 30).

5. FREQUENCY BUTTON

When you are in your selected band, this button lets you directly enter the frequency number of your desired station using the number buttons. For example, to play 1480 kHz in the AM band, quickly press the FREQ button and then enter 1, 4, 8, 0 using the number buttons. **NOTE:** When manually entering SW frequencies 2300 to 2610, you must press the FREQ button after entry.

6. PAGE BUTTON/CHANGING TONE

Each memory page allows you to save 10 additional stations per band. To change to a different page, press the PAGE button once quickly, then press any memory button 0-9 to select the Page that you desire. To change between Music and Voice tones, press and hold this button for two seconds. Display will switch between “Music” and “Voice”.

7. AUTOMATIC TUNING SYSTEM (ATS) BUTTON

Automatic Tuning System (ATS). This feature programs all receivable stations in the AM, FM and Shortwave bands to memory buttons. To use ATS, select your desired band: AM, FM or Shortwave, and press and hold the ATS button for two seconds. The CC Skywave 2 will scan the entire band and automatically set all available stations in sequence 1-10. If more than 10 stations are available then the remaining stations will be preset to the next memory page, and so on.

SETTING BANDWIDTH FILTERS (FOR AM, SW, AND AIRBAND ONLY)

The AM and SW bands have five bandwidth settings that can be used to filter out unwanted noise or adjacent overlapping stations. The Airband has three filters for this.

Radio Operation

Quickly press the BANDWIDTH button to view the current selection. Press it again to choose the setting that sounds best to you. A narrow bandwidth of 1 kHz may work best when receiving a weak or noisy signal. For strong local signals 6 kHz is usually best, especially for music.

If the station is changed then the radio will return to the default bandwidth setting. By default, the CC Skywave 2 is set to 3 kHz bandwidth for good audio, noise filtering, and voice quality. The default bandwidth can be changed by holding down the bandwidth button for more than five seconds with the power OFF. Release the button to choose the displayed selection.

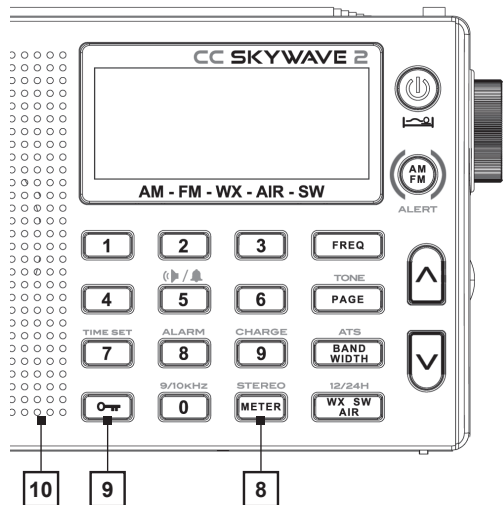
8. METER/STEREO - CHANGING METER BANDS

In the Shortwave band the METER/STEREO button will change between frequencies according to popular meter bands.

STEREO OR MONO RECEPTION

In the FM band the METER/STEREO button will cycle between stereo and mono FM reception. Typically, FM Mono will have better reception than FM Stereo. **NOTE:** If a

Radio Operation



station does not broadcast in stereo, or the radio cannot lock on to the stereo signal the radio will only receive FM mono and the stereo symbol will not be displayed.

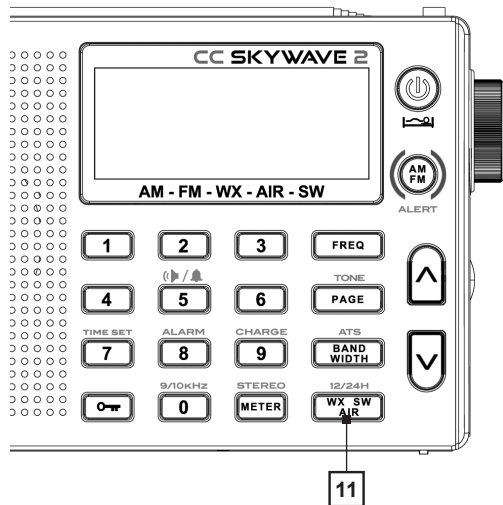
9. LOCK BUTTON

The lock button will disable all buttons and controls, except the volume control. A Key icon will display on the screen when the radio is locked. To enable lock press the lock button  for two seconds. To disable press and hold again for two seconds.

10. SPEAKER

The speaker will be disabled when headphones are plugged into the headphone jack.

Radio Operation



11. WX/SW/AIR - WEATHER, SHORTWAVE AND AIR BANDS

Quickly press the “WX/SW/AIR” button to cycle between Weather, Shortwave, and AIR bands.

ABOUT THE WEATHER BAND

The CC Skywave 2 can receive all 7 NOAA weather band channels. NOAA is short for National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It is a network of stations across the USA and territories that continuously broadcasts local weather forecasts and Emergency Alerts are issued for serious weather conditions and public safety information. Enable the ALERT

Radio Operation

feature to be notified when a warning is issued in your area (See page 14). Fully extend the whip antenna for best reception.

ABOUT THE SHORTWAVE BAND

With shortwave you can listen to radio signals from around the world. Signals are usually received best at night and early morning when the earth's ionosphere does not cause interference with the bouncing signals. The CC Skywave 2 has several bandwidth filters to reduce interference. Select which one sounds best by pressing the "BAND WIDTH" button after a station is tuned in.

ABOUT THE AIR BAND

With air band you can listen to communications between pilots and control towers. Basic instructions for moving the plane and updates for weather and possible delays can also be heard. Many airports broadcast a continuous feed that updates frequently for this information. To find station frequencies that are used for your airport, we recommend searching the internet. One good site is www.radioreference.com. See Page 24 for setting Squelch.

CHANGING TIME FORMAT

12 or 24 Hour Time Switch between 12 hour and 24 hour time. With the radio OFF, press and hold the 12/24H button for two seconds to change this setting.

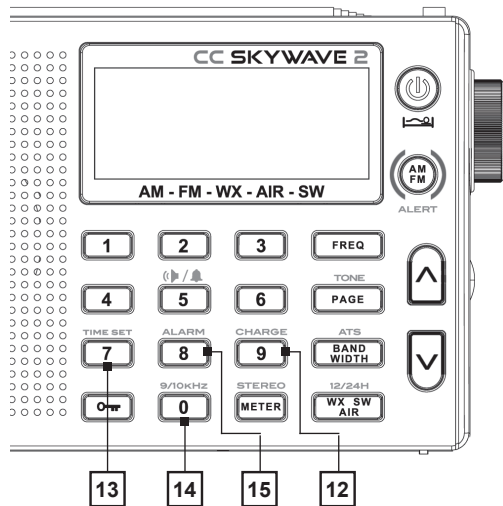
12. CHARGE BUTTON - BATTERY CHARGING

Use the CC Skywave 2 to recharge your NiMH type batteries. Supply power to the CC Skywave 2 from AC charging adapter (not included). With the radio powered **OFF**, press and hold the CHARGE button for two seconds. The battery icon  on the display will begin to cycle indicating that the batteries are charging. Charging will continue for 10 hours or until the batteries are full. Do not charge alkaline batteries.

13. TIME SET BUTTON - SETTING THE TIME

With the radio OFF, press and hold the TIME SET button for two seconds. While the hour is flashing, press the **▲** or **▼** tuning buttons (or rotate knob) until the hour and AM/PM time is correct. Press the TIME SET button again to adjust the minutes. When finished, press the TIME SET button again.

Radio Operation



14. ACTIVATE 9 OR 10 KHZ TUNING BUTTON - EXPAND FM BAND

Many parts of the world, including Europe, use 9 kHz tuning steps for the AM band. 10 kHz tuning steps for AM are used in the USA and other regions. Switch tuning steps by holding the 9/10 kHz button for two seconds with the radio turned OFF. When tuning steps are set to 9 kHz the FM Band will also be expanded to cover 76-108 MHz (FM band in Japan).

15. ALARM BUTTON - SETTING THE ALARM

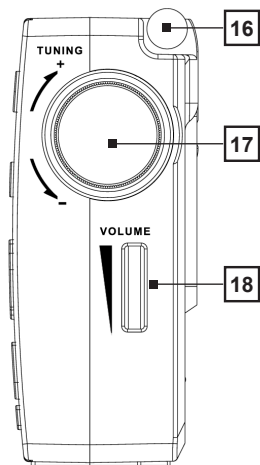
With the radio powered off, press and hold the ALARM button  for two seconds.

Radio Operation

While the hour is flashing, press the **▼** or **▲** tuning buttons (or rotate knob) until the hour and AM/PM time is correct. Press the ALARM button again to adjust the minutes. When finished, press the ALARM button again to confirm. To disable alarm, press the ALARM button for three seconds. By default, the alarm will wake you with a beep. To wake to a radio station, press the #5  button during alarm setup. A speaker icon  displays on the screen indicating that the alarm will wake to the previous radio station played. It is best to check the station frequency and adjust the volume level to your wake up preference before going to sleep to insure that is just how you want it. When the alarm sounds, press the power button to turn the alarm off, or press any other button to sleep for 10 more minutes.

16. POSITIONING THE WHIP ANTENNA - FM/WX/AIR/SW

Flip up and fully extend the whip antenna. For most stations, reception is best when antenna is positioned vertically. Other stations may have better reception with the antenna positioned differently.



17. TUNING KNOB

Rotate knob to tune to the next frequency increment. Press the knob “IN” towards the body of the radio (once quickly) to change between “FAST” and “SLOW” tuning increments when rotating the knob. “FAST” tuning will use larger incremental steps between frequencies. “SLOW” tuning can improve AM stations that are slightly frequency on poor signals. Try tuning 1 kHz higher or lower than the actual station frequency to see if reception improves.

SQUELCH MODE

Squelch Mode only works on the Air band. Press and hold the tuning knob “IN” towards the body of the radio (for 2 seconds) to activate. “OFF” will appear on the display screen. Rotate the knob to adjust the level of squelch desired. The optimal level is usually the lowest number that does not have background noise.

Radio Operation

With squelch turned “OFF”, you may be able to receive some very weak signals that do not register when the squelch is enabled. Press the tuning knob “IN” towards the body of the radio one time to save the current squelch setting.

18. VOLUME CONTROL

Rotate the small wheel up for more volume and down for less volume.

19. ANTENNA JACK

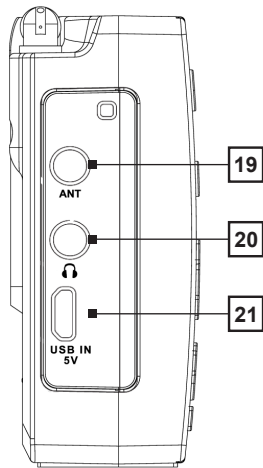
This jack can be used for connecting an external shortwave antenna for improved reception.

20. EARPHONE JACK

For private listening, use headphones or earbuds. This jack can also be used as an audio output to another device.

21. USB POWER / CHARGING JACK

You can power your radio or charge NiMH type batteries with the USB jack connected to a computer or USB AC charging adapter (not included).



POWERING THE CC SKYWAVE 2

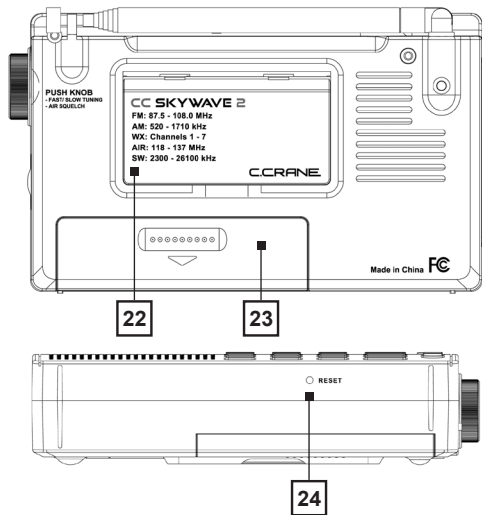
For best reception we recommend using “AA” batteries. Using the (optional) AC charging adapter or a Micro USB to USB charging cable (not included) may generate too much interference on the AM, SW and VHF AIR bands. The FM and WX bands should not have as much interference when connected.

CHARGING NIMH BATTERIES

To begin battery charging press the CHARGE  button for two seconds with the power OFF. Charging will continue for 10 hours or until the batteries are full.

WARNING: DO NOT CHARGE ALKALINE BATTERIES OR OTHER BATTERY CHEMISTRIES. USE ONLY THE RECOMMENDED AC CHARGING ADAPTER THAT WE OFFER FOR RECHARGING NIMH BATTERIES.

Radio Operation



22. BACK STAND

Flip this panel out to prop up your radio for easy use of the controls, best audio and for viewing positioning.

23. BATTERY COMPARTMENT

Requires two “AA” alkaline or NiMH batteries. **DO NOT USE LITHIUM BATTERIES.**

24. RESET HOLE - RESETTING THE RADIO

Quickly press into the reset hole on the bottom of the radio to reset the microprocessor. It is recommended to use a toothpick or other soft device to reset the radio. Do not press too hard as you might

Radio Operation / Hidden Settings

damage the radio. See paragraph below for resetting to all factory settings.

DISABLE BEEP SOUND

With the power OFF, press and hold memory button #3  for two seconds. All beeps are disabled except ALARM and WX ALERT. Repeat sequence to enable beep again.

DESIGNATE FREQUENCY OR CLOCK WHILE LISTENING TO THE RADIO

With the power OFF, press and hold memory button #4  for two seconds. A “C” will appear on the screen indicating that the clock will show while listening to radio. Repeat sequence to display frequency instead. “F” will appear on the screen to indicate that the frequency will show when listening to the radio.

RESET ALL SETTINGS

With the power OFF, press and hold memory buttons #4  and #6  for five seconds. The radio will beep four times, a long pause and three more beeps indicating that all settings have been restored back to the factory defaults.

Hidden Settings

NOTE ON THE DISPLAY BACKLIGHT:

When using the AC charging adapter (sold separately) the following applies:

- Default setting = Light is ON for 15 seconds when any button is pressed.
- If radio is OFF, the display light is OFF.
- If any button is pressed while radio is OFF, the display light will turn ON for 15 seconds
- If LOCK button is tapped while the radio is ON = Light is ON all the time.
- If LOCK button is tapped again while radio is ON= Lights return to default setting of 15 seconds.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS FOR SETTING AND ACTIVATING THE WEATHER ALERT?

1. Turn the radio on by pressing and releasing the red power button (on the front of the radio).
2. Press and release the “WX SW AIR” button (on front bottom right of the radio) until WX shows on the display.
3. Change the channel with the Tuning dial or the Up or Down tuning buttons until you hear your local NOAA Weather Broadcast.
4. Press and hold the “AM FM Alert” button until the desired hours of monitoring (4hr, 8hr or 16hr) are selected.

NOTE: While the weather alert is activated, the display light will flash once every few seconds to remind you that the NOAA Weather Alert is "ON".

5. When NOAA issues a weather alert, the radio will continuously beep for two minutes.
6. Press and release the red Power Button to listen to the weather broadcast.
7. To de-activate the Weather Alert, press and hold the “AM FM Alert” button for 3 seconds or until “OFF” is displayed.

THE CC SKYWAVE 2 WILL NOT TURN ON AND NONE OF THE BUTTONS WORK:

The Lock button:  that is located on the front of the radio may be activated. When activated, a key icon will show on the display screen. Push lock button for 2 seconds to resume normal operation of the radio.

See “Lock Button” on Page 18.

MY RADIO SHUTS OFF AFTER JUST A FEW SECONDS:

Low batteries can cause this situation. Replace them with a new set of batteries.

STATIONS WON'T HOLD IN MEMORY:

The memory button settings are being overwritten. When recalling a station from memory, if you hold the memory button down too long it will program the current station over your previously stored station. To recall a station that has been stored in memory, always press and release the button quickly. To program a new station into memory, tune to the desired station and then press and hold the memory button for two seconds until you hear a beep.

POOR RECEPTION ON AM BAND:

Rotate the radio until the reception is best. Many buildings that use brick, metal, or stucco can absorb or reflect the AM signal. Computers and other electronic equipment, including fluorescent lights, can cause noise that interferes with your AM reception. Move the radio to a different place to see if that helps. Additional noise may affect a weak signal. There are several bandwidth filters which can help to reduce interference. Select which one sounds best by pressing the “BANDWIDTH” button. For better reception, use an external AM antenna like our Terk Indoor AM antenna available at www.ccrane.com.

POOR RECEPTION ON FM, WEATHER AND AIR BAND:

Fully extend the whip antenna and adjust its orientation to obtain the strongest signal. You may be able to get an even better signal by switching to FM mono. Press the STEREO button to change between FM Stereo and FM Mono. For even better reception use an external FM antenna available at www.ccrane.com.

POOR RECEPTION ON SHORTWAVE BAND:

Fully extend the whip antenna and adjust its orientation to obtain the strongest signal. There are several bandwidth filters which can help to reduce interference. Select which one sounds best by pressing the “BANDWIDTH” button. For much better reception, use an external SW antenna available at www.ccrane.com, or use the CC Wire Terminal Antenna Adapter (sold separately) to attach an (60’-100’ recommended) insulated wire.

BATTERY POWER LEVEL INDICATOR DOESN'T SHOW FULL CHARGE WHEN USING RECHARGEABLE BATTERIES:

Rechargeable batteries will not show a full charge on your radio display. The CC Skywave 2 is calibrated to read the charge of your alkaline batteries, which is 1.5 volts at full charge. Rechargeable batteries, however, are fully charged at just 1.25 volts, so your radio will show a partial charge even if the rechargeable batteries have been fully charged.

Specifications

FM BAND:

87.5 - 108 MHz (Regular Mode) / 76 - 108 MHz (Expanded Mode - See page 22)

AM BAND:

520 - 1710 kHz (10 kHz)

522 - 1620 kHz (9 kHz)

SHORTWAVE BAND:

2300 - 26100 kHz

AIR BAND:

118 - 137 MHz

WEATHER BAND:

Channel 1: 162.400 MHz / Channel 2: 162.425 MHz / Channel 3: 162.450 MHz /

Channel 4: 162.475 MHz / Channel 5: 162.500 MHz / Channel 6: 162.525 MHz /

Channel 7: 162.550 MHz

Specifications

POWER SOURCE:

Batteries: (2) "AA" size

POWER CONSUMPTION:

30 - 100 mA DC (depending on headphone or speaker usage)

AUDIO:

Speaker: 1.5", 8 Ohm, 0.5 watt

Stereo headphone jack

ANTENNA:

FM, Weather, Shortwave and Air Band: 19" whip antenna

AM Band: Built-in Ferrite bar

DIMENSIONS:

3" H x 4.75" W x 1.1" D

Specifications / Common Shortwave Broadcast Bands

WEIGHT:

Approximately 5.5 ounces without batteries

WARRANTY:

1-Year Limited Warranty.

NOTE: Specifications are subject to change without notice.

COMMON SHORTWAVE BROADCAST BANDS

2300 - 2495	120 Meters	11500 - 12100	25 Meters
3200 - 3495	90 Meters	13570 - 13870	22 Meters
3900 - 4000	75 Meters	15030 - 15800	19 Meters
4750 - 5060	60 Meters	17480 - 17900	16 Meters
5730 - 6200	49 Meters	18900 - 19020	15 Meters
7100 - 7450	41 Meters	21450 - 21850	13 Meters
9250 - 9900	31 Meters	25670 - 26100	11 Meters

Accessories for your CC Skywave 2



AC Charging Adapter
(Item # SKWV2P)



CC SW Reel Antenna
(Item # CCSWA)



**CC Wire Terminal
Antenna Adapter**
(Item # CCSWT)



**Rechargeable NiMH
“AA” Batteries**
(Item # NHA)

Available at ccrane.com or call: 1-800-522-8863

This page left blank intentionally.

This page left blank intentionally.

MODEL: CC SKYWAVE 2

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 UNDESIRE OPERATION.

NOTICE: Any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the users authority to operate the equipment.

C.CRANE

172 Main Street
Fortuna, CA 95540-1816
Phone: 1-800-522-8863 | Web: ccrane.com

Copyright © 2024 by C. Crane. All rights reserved. No part of this booklet may be reproduced, in any form or means whatsoever, without permission in writing from C. Crane. (Ver 3)

