



USER GUIDE

Trimble® TDL 450L/450H Radio



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- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and the receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or Trimble directly for help.

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Safety Information

Before you use your radio, ensure that you have read and understood this publication, as well as safety requirements.

CAUTION – A license is required before operating radio communication equipment.

Warnings and cautions

An absence of specific alerts does not mean that there are no safety risks involved.

Always follow the instructions that accompany a Warning or Caution. The information they provide is intended to minimize the risk of personal injury and/or damage to the equipment. In particular, observe safety instructions that are presented in the following formats:

WARNING – A Warning alerts you to a likely risk of serious injury to your person and/or damage to the equipment. A warning identifies the nature of the risk and the extent of possible injury and/or damage. It also describes how to protect yourself and/or the equipment from this risk. Warnings that appear in the text are repeated at the front of the manual.

CAUTION – A Caution alerts you to a possible risk of damage to the equipment and/or loss of data. A Caution describes how to protect the equipment and/or data from this

Exposure to radio frequency energy

The radio is designed to comply with the following national and international standards and guidelines regarding exposure of human beings to radio frequency electromagnetic energy, in addition to protection against harmful interference of neighboring electrical equipment:

- FCC Report and Order FCC 96-326 (August, 1996)
- American National Standards Institute (C95.3-1992)
- National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurement (NCRP - 1986)
- International Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNRP - 1986)
- European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC)
- FCC CFR47 Part 15
- FCC CFR47 Part 90
- Industry Canada RSS 119
- ETSI EN 300 113-2
- ETSI EN 300 489
- ACA AS/NZS 4295
- iDA Spec 111
- OFTA STD-1E
- RRC CMII

Contact your sales representative for model specific country approval.

To assure optimal radio performance and to ensure that exposure to RF energy is within the guidelines in the above standards, observe the following operating procedures:

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- Do not operate a transceiver when someone is within the distance noted below of the antenna (unity gain).
 - 120 cm (approximately 4 ft) for the TDL 450H radio @ 35 W
 - 30 cm (approximately 12 in) for the TDL 450L/TDL 450H radios @ 2 W – 60 cm (approximately 2 ft) for TDL 450L/TDL 450H radio @ 4 W
 - 15 cm (approximately 6 in) for the TDL 450L radio @ 1 W
 - Do not operate the transceiver unless all RF connectors are secure and any open connectors are properly terminated.
 - Avoid contact with the antenna while operating the transceiver.
 - Do not operate the transceiver with a damaged antenna. If a damaged antenna comes in contact with the skin, a minor burn may result.
 - Do not operate the equipment near electrical blasting caps or in an explosive atmosphere.
 - Antennas are excellent conductors of electricity, so use extreme caution when operating near power lines and other sources of electric current or during stormy weather.

CAUTION – Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the FCC could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Exposure to hot surfaces

The TDL 450H enclosure and heat sink may become very hot during operation, depending on the air temperature, transmit power, and transmission duty cycle. Turn off the unit and let it cool before handling. Always use the heat-resistant handle to hold or move the TDL 450H radio.

Rechargeable batteries

The radio uses a 12 V, deep-discharge, lead-acid battery (portable power battery).

CAUTION – Storing batteries for an extended time in a discharged state damages them.

***Note** – For specific safety information, refer to the documentation included with your battery.*

WARNING – Do not damage the battery. A damaged battery can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or property damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not use or charge the battery if it appears to be damaged. Signs of damage include, but are not limited to, discoloration, warping, and leaking battery fluid.
 - Do not expose the battery to fire, high temperature, or direct sunlight.
 - Do not immerse the battery in water.
 - Do not use or store the battery inside a vehicle during hot weather.
 - Do not drop or puncture the battery.
 - Do not open the battery or short-circuit its contacts.
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WARNING – Avoid contact with the battery if it appears to be leaking. Battery fluid is corrosive, and contact with it can result in personal injury and/or property damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- If the battery leaks, avoid contact with the battery fluid.
- If battery fluid gets into your eyes, immediately rinse your eyes with clean water and seek

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- medical attention. Do not rub your eyes!
 - If battery fluid gets onto your skin or clothing, immediately use clean water to wash off the battery fluid.
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WARNING – Charge and use the rechargeable battery only in strict accordance with the instructions. Charging or using the battery in unauthorized equipment can cause an explosion or fire, and can result in personal injury and/or equipment damage. To prevent injury or damage:

- Do not charge or use the battery if it appears to be damaged or leaking.
 - Charge the battery only in a Trimble product that is specified to charge it. Ensure that you follow all instructions that are provided with the battery charger.
 - Discontinue charging a battery that gives off extreme heat or a burning odor.
 - Use the battery only in Trimble equipment that is specified to use it.
 - Use the battery only for its intended use and according to the instructions in the product documentation.
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CAUTION – **Do not** use any battery charger as a power supply for any radio. This may damage the radio. **Do not** recharge any battery while it is connected to a radio.

Transmission Rules and Regulations

Licensing requirements

It is the responsibility of the owner to comply with applicable rules and regulations concerning the operation of a radio transmitter. In the United States, the FCC regulates the licensing of this equipment.

The TDL 450L and TDL 450H transceivers use extended frequencies and may contain functions that are not operational in the United States and its territories. Users should check with the radio authority of the country of operation for any restrictions that might apply.

Application for a license is made by submitting FCC Form 600 along with evidence of frequency coordination (if required) and applicable fees. Similar licensing requirements exist worldwide. Penalties for broadcasting without a license can be severe, and may include the confiscation of your radio.

For more information, contact our customer service department.

WARNING – Always obey local licensing requirements and restrictions. It is illegal to transmit in the United States while CSMA is turned off. CSMA is not required within the European Union and should be turned off.

Equipment compliances

The radios have been tested and found to comply with Parts 15 and 90 of Title 47 of the Code of Federal Regulations. They have also been tested and found compliant for type certification and approval in many other countries worldwide.

For more information concerning our worldwide compliances, contact customer support.

Being part of the RF community

Operation of a licensed radio product makes you a member of the RF community. Be aware that virtually all frequencies licensed are provided on a shared basis with other users. Each frequency dedicated specifically to RTK surveying activities has certain restrictions and limitations. For complete information, refer to the appropriate documentation from the licensing agency in your country of operation, e.g., Part 90, Title 47, of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Most frequencies sharing data transmissions and voice transmissions give priority to voice users. Be mindful of the persistent nature of a GPS RTK data transmission and always limit your RF transmission output power when performing close-in survey situations to avoid interference with co-channel users. Trimble recommends using the low RF power setting for construction site and other line-of-site surveys with baselines less than two miles (depending on terrain).

WARNING – If you are in conflict with a co-channel user, select another frequency to avoid formal actions by government agencies. In most cases, you are required to vacate a frequency upon complaint by a shared channel voice user.

Most survey operations are itinerant in that the system is moved on a frequent basis. For fixed system installations, you should not use frequencies set aside for itinerant operations, but should coordinate a frequency based on the fixed area operation.

Regulations differ from country to country, please be aware of the local regulations before using radio equipment.

Automatic station identification

For operation in the United States, the FCC requires that radio transmitters broadcast a station identifier every 15 minutes. The station identifier is the call sign assigned to you on the station license.

The radios support the broadcast of station identification in a manner that meets the requirements of the FCC. Upon receipt of equipment, use the TDLCONF software to program your FCC call sign into the configuration of the radio. This is only required for transmitters.

The call sign is transmitted every 15 minutes in Morse code. It is not included in any data packet and so is not processed by the receiving radio. However, data transmission is interrupted for a few seconds while the call sign is being transmitted. If you leave the *Call sign* field blank (on the TDLCONF *Identification* screen), the radio programmed with this configuration file will not transmit any call sign.

WARNING – Failure to transmit your station identification is in violation of FCC regulations. If you are operating outside the United States, check with the local authorities if you need to transmit a call sign.

Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA)

CSMA is a technology implemented in the radios to meet the United States Federal Communication Commission (FCC) transmitter requirements. It is illegal to transmit on any UHF radio within the United States without CSMA enabled. CSMA holds off the radio

transmission if the frequency is currently being used by a co-channel user. On occasion, you may note that the radio broadcasts stop for short periods of time. Most often, this is a case of co-channel interference and the radio is holding off broadcasts due to the FCC-mandated CSMA.

Note – *You should turn CSMA off when transmitting within the European Union.*

GPS RTK equipment is designed to function with intermittent gaps in the data. Heavy co-channel use may limit the ability of the radio to transmit the required information. In areas of heavy co-channel usage, try changing channels to a less used frequency.

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Introduction

This manual describes how to set up and use the Trimble® TDL 450L or 450H radio. The radios are advanced, high speed, wireless data links that are designed specifically for GNSS/RTK applications, but are also appropriate for many other applications requiring digital data links. Your success in using the radios is the primary goal of Trimble. Trimble stands behind its products by providing expert support and service. Your comments and questions are welcome.

This guide provides information concerning the use of the following radios:

- TDL 450L
Model numbers ADLV-1 (410 to 430 MHz) and ADLV-2 (430 to 470 MHz)
- TDL 450H
Model numbers ADLP-1 (410 to 430 MHz) and ADLP-2 (430 to 470 MHz)

This guide is written for the first-time user and gives details concerning system setup, operation, and maintenance. We urge you to take the time to review this short manual completely before you set up the system.

Note about this guide

We believe that the TDL 450L/450H systems provide the best value and performance for the user. As such, we provide our equipment in complete turnkey systems, including all of the items necessary for operation with your GPS.

You may have purchased this radio from a third-party supplier. On occasion, the bundled product provided by these sources may differ from the kits provided directly from Trimble. If this guide does not accurately reflect the equipment that you received, please contact your supplier for specific instructions concerning the setup of items that differ.

Technical Support

If you have a problem and cannot find the information you need in the product documentation, contact your local dealer or go to the Support area of the Trimble website (www.trimble.com/global-services/). Product updates, documentation, and any support issues are available for download.

Your Comments

Your feedback about the supporting documentation helps us to improve it with each revision. Email your comments to readerfeedback@trimble.com.

Overview

Features

Compatibility

- Facilitates radio equipment mix and match
- Interoperable with Trimble radio products, Pacific Crest (RFM, PDL, and ADL), and SATEL
- All models support 12.5 kHz and 25 kHz channel bandwidth communications
- Available in two bands: 410 MHz–430 MHz and 430 MHz–470 MHz
- Provides upgrade path for existing installations

Enhanced user interface

- Backlit LCD display and five-button navigation interface
- View and change radio channel, modulation, and protocol types
- Monitor signal levels, baud rates, and other parameters

Fast over-the-air data rate

- Up to 19,200 bits per second
- Reduced latency provides better GNSS position information
- Shorter transmit times reduces power consumption for longer battery life

User-selectable RF output

TDL 450L: Select between 0.1 W, 0.5 W, 1 W, 2 W, and 4 W

TDL 450H: Select between low power (2 W), and four configurable power output settings from 2 W to 35 W

- Increase range by switching to a higher output power
- Increase battery life by reducing output power when you do not need the range

Rugged construction

Designed specifically for real-world working environments

- All metal construction and shock-mounted electronics ensure highest reliability and EMI-resistance.
- Watertight, corrosion-resistant connectors stand up to bad weather conditions.

Software compatibility

Current versions of the following software were tested and verified for compatibility with Windows® 7, Windows XP, and the Business Edition of the Windows Vista® operating systems:

- TDLCONF
- PCC Range Estimator

Configuring the Radios

TDLCONF configuration software

TDLCONF is the software application for configuring and troubleshooting all TDL radios. Running the TDLCONF software on a computer attached through a serial cable to a TDL radio enables you to check the status of the radio, enter receive-only channel tables, and set radio parameters such as channel bandwidth and output power. Channel tables for transmission of data must be obtained from authorized Trimble dealers. If your radio did not come with a channel table already installed, you can obtain one from your dealer and then import it using the TDLCONF software.

The latest version is available for free download from www.trimble.com. The *TDLCONF User Guide* is also available on the Trimble website. A user guide that describes how to configure the TDL 450L radio is available by running the TDLCONF software and then selecting *Help / User Guide*.

Factory default settings

To return the radio to its factory default configuration, use the TDLCONF software. Click **Restore Factory** to the right of the screen and then click **Program**. The following table shows the factory default settings:

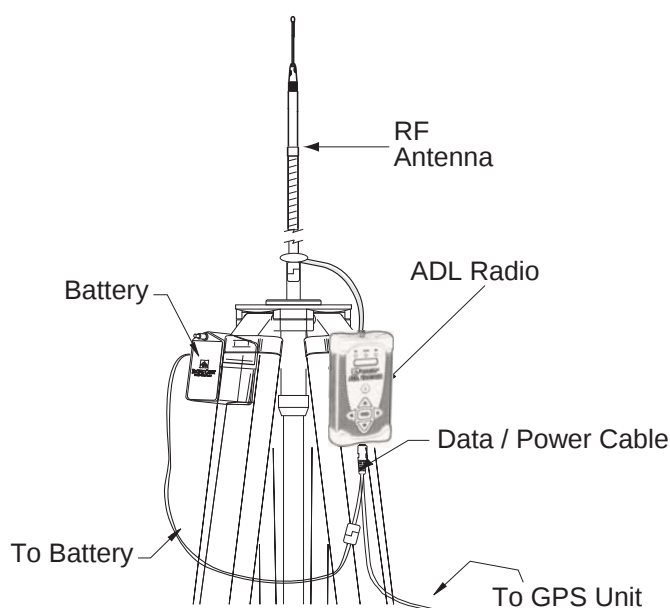
Description	Default Setting
Device Status	Battery status
Chanel/Frequency	Channel 01 and frequency (MHz)
Channel Tx Frequency	Channel No. and frequency (MHz)
Data Protocol	Transparent EOT (End of Transmission)
Radio Link Rate	9600
Operation Mode (Trimble protocol)	Base/Rover
Sensitivity	High (Rover)
Rx LED Meaning	Signal Received
Serial Baud	38000
Advanced Menus	Hide
CSMA	On
Security Code	Off
Edit Configuration	Enabled
Scrambling	On
Forward Error Correction	On
Language Select (TDL 450H only)	English

Setup in the Office

1. Plug the radio's desktop power supply into the wall. You may alternatively use an approved 12 Volt battery for power. But you must never power a radio with a battery while it is being recharged. This will damage the battery.
2. Attach the desktop power supply's (or battery's) SAE connector to the radio programming cable's SAE connector.
3. Attach the programming cable's DE-9 connector into a serial port on your PC. If your PC does not have a serial port, you should use a serial-to-USB adaptor.
4. Attach the programming cable's LEMO plug (with the red dot facing up) into the bottom of the radio. This will turn the radio on.
5. Install TDLCONF, available for free download from www.trimble.com/global-services/
6. Launch TDLCONF and refer to its user guide for instructions on connecting to TDL radios. The user guide is displayed when you click Help > User Guide on TDLCONF's main menu. In most cases, you simply click the Connect button on the right of the TDLCONF main screen.
7. After connecting to the radio for the first time you should click File > Export and save a copy of the radio's original configuration to your PC. You also can return the radio to its factory configuration by clicking File > Import and selecting this file. You will not lose any channel tables or personalized configurations such as Owner Name or Call Sign by importing a configuration file.

Setting up in the Field

1. Attach the antenna to the radio, either directly to the top of the radio or to an antenna cable.
2. Attach the radio to your tripod using the tripod clip on the back of the radio. See the figure below for setup suggestions.
3. Connect the radio to the source of the data you will transmit, for example, a GPS receiver, using the data/power cable. The TDL 450L and TDL 450H radios use the same data connector – with the same pinouts - found on the PDL HPB radio. This makes the radios compatible with existing HPB data cables.
4. Join the data/power cable's SAE connector to the 12 Volt battery's SAE connector. This will turn the radio on. If the radio had previously been powered on and then off, turn it on again by pressing the On/Off button in the center of the front panel.
5. The TDL 450L and TDL 450H's user interface allows you to configure and trouble shoot your radio in the field. The top row of the radio's LCD displays the name of the currently selected firmware function. Press the right or left buttons on the front panel to display other functions available in the TDL. The bottom row displays the various options for the selected function. The currently active setting is marked with an asterisk. To select another option for the displayed function, press the up or down button to display the desired parameter. Then press Enter to reconfigure the radio to use this new parameter.



Note – If you operate the TDL 450H in a fixed installation, you should attach it to a wall with the wall mount accessory (P/N 84269). The wall mount includes two small fans that move air over the rear of the radio to reduce its internal temperature when transmitting at high duty cycle.

Tripod mounts

Each TDL 450L radio includes a tripod clip on the rear of the radio. Insert the clip into a slot on the tripod:



Each TDL 450H radio includes a high-impact polymer handle with built-in tripod clip. Insert the clip into a slot on the tripod:



Antenna and antenna mount

The most important activity in setting up a radio transmitter is determining the placement and type of the antenna. Where flexibility permits, always place the antenna on the highest point available and always select an antenna with a gain pattern (more on this later) which optimizes the coverage. In general, use a directional gained antenna such as a Yagi for a point-to-point fixed location application and a gained omnidirectional antenna for mobile point-to-point or point-to-multipoint communication systems.

Note – Safety Concerns

- *Be aware of power lines or other obstacles that can inadvertently come in contact with the antenna and cause potentially lethal conditions.*
- *Guy-wire antenna masts higher than 10 feet.*
- *Use lightning arrestors for equipment and personal protection if erecting an antenna in areas prone to lightning.*
- *Installation of antennas on buildings or other structures (towers, etc.) must be done in accordance with local building regulations. Contact a local antenna installer who is familiar with building codes and proper antenna installation for any permanent installation.*

If you have an antenna with a male TNC connector, you can attach it directly to the RF connector on the top of the radio. We highly recommend, however, that you elevate the RF antenna as much as possible. The most common set up is similar to that shown in the following illustration where an antenna cable with male TNC connector is attached to the radio. The other end of this cable is attached to a tripod or elevated section of range pole. The RF antenna is then attached to the end of the cable. Trimble offers an antenna cable that attaches to standard 5/8-in threaded tripods and range poles and antennas with NMO connectors.

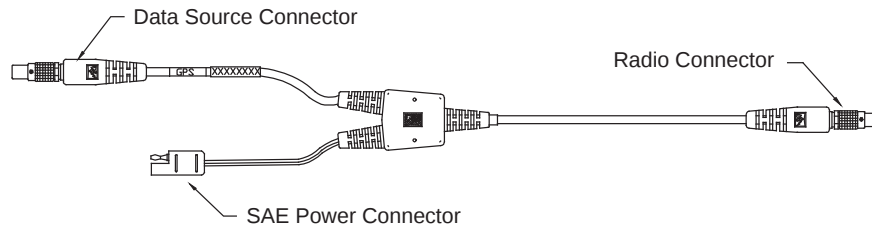
Inspect the antenna center push-pin contact to ensure that it makes good contact with the antenna mount. A good antenna connection is critical to system performance.

The TDL 450H radio includes an antenna detection/VSWR measurement feature. VSWR (Voltage Standing Wave Ratio) is a measurement of the ratio of RF energy transmitted out of the device over the RF energy reflected back into the device. The higher the ratio, the lower the amount of transmitted energy, the poorer the range and the greater the danger that the RF energy reflected back into the device will damage components. The TDL 450H radio measures VSWR prior to first transmit. The user is notified on the LCD's Device Status screen to check the antenna if $VSWR > 4:1$. The TDL 450H radio will reduce its TX power to 2W if $VSWR > 4:1$. The user is also notified that no antenna is detected if $VSWR > 8$.

Note – Always ensure that an antenna is connected before transmitting with any radio. A good field practice is to attach the antenna before you turn on the radio and then turn off the radio before you detach the antenna. Using a gained antenna raises the Effective Isotropic Radiated Power (EIRP) of the radio. Ensure that the resultant EIRP does not exceed your licensed limit.

Data/Power cable

The radio is connected to a data source, such as a GNSS receiver, using a data/power cable (see below). This cable is available with different connectors for attaching to a large variety of data sources. Contact your sales representative for selecting the best cable to meet your needs:



Each radio data/power cable also connects the radio (and in some cases, the data source) to external power through an SAE-type connector. Trimble strongly recommends you use the external battery, which includes an SAE connector. It is sold both separately and as part of the battery/charger kits.

Indicator LEDs

LED	Description
Tx	Shows that the radio is broadcasting. In most GPS RTK applications, the Tx LED flashes approximately once per second.
Pwr	Shows the power status and also provides a high and low external voltage supply indicator. When lit, power is turned on. If the power is too high or too low, the LEDs will flash the number of the Error Code (see page 26). The PWR LED blinks when the external voltage drops to a level determined using TDLCONF software. (The default level is 10 VDC.) If the PWR LED does not turn on/off when pressing the On/Off button on the radio's front panel, inspect the external voltage supply. The minimum voltage required by the radio is 9 VDC.
Rx	Shows that the radio is receiving signals from another radio or from a source of interference. The default is <i>Signal received</i> , but you can reset the radio so that when its Rx LED flashes it means <i>Data packets received</i> . You can reset the meaning either through the radio or with the TDLCONF software. During normal operation, the Rx LED flashes at once per second to show reception of transmissions from the transmitting radio. If the Rx LED is on continuously, a source of interference may be affecting the radio's ability to receive data. To reduce or eliminate the interference, reposition the antenna, or change to another channel at both the transmitter and receiver.

Enclosure

The radio enclosure is made from a tough, impact-resistant aluminum alloy. The enclosure receives an anti-corrosion treatment and is further protected with a chemical- and scratch-resistant polyurethane coating. Elastomer end caps provide the first level of shock protection for the internal components. An internal isolation system reduces the effects of vibration on the radio receiver board.

Antenna connector

The integrated antenna connector provides an industry standard TNC-female RF connector that is compatible with a wide range of mobile whip antennas. Trimble also sells cables that connect the radio to remote antennas.

Battery care

The TDL 450L Battery/Charger kit includes a 12 V, 12-AHr, battery. The TDL 450H Battery/Charger kit includes a 12 V, 35-AHr, battery. Both are deep-cycle, deep-discharge, sealed lead-acid batteries, also known as portable power batteries. Both batteries provide all-day operation for the respective radios and can be recharged approximately 300 times over a period of three years if proper care is maintained.

A deep-discharge battery will last longer if it is never fully discharged during use and always fully charged before storage. If the battery is discharged entirely, the capacity will diminish. The TDL 450H radio will maintain the transmit power level as the battery voltage is reduced. Transmitting at a high power level for a long period of time may cause the battery to reach the automatic shut off level before eight hours of use and will need to be recharged.

If you use your own batter, select a deep-discharge battery with a minimum capacity of 30 AHr. If necessary, you can use an automotive battery, but it will be damaged by repetitive discharge/charge cycles. An automotive battery will lose capacity in just a few cycles. Trimble does not recommend this practice.

To protect the battery from over-discharge, a TDL 450L or TDL 450H will flash a low voltage warning when the input voltage declines to 10 V DC. If the voltage continues to decline, the radio will shut itself off at 9 V DC. At 10 V DC, the LEDs on the front of the radio will flash twice, pause, flash twice again, pause, etc. indicating low input voltage. If a radio has shut itself off because of low input voltage, it will automatically turn itself back on when the voltage returns to 9 V DC or higher.

The 10 V warning and 9 V shut-off levels are the factory defaults. If you wish, you can use TDLCONF software (Radio Link - Advanced screen) to configure other power levels. The minimum shut off level for an TDL 450H is 9 V DC and cannot be changed. You can input a lower value for the TDL 450L, but please be advised that values lower than 9 V might permanently damage your battery.

Charging

The charger supplied with the radio Battery/Charger kit provides two-stage charging and must be connected to the battery following every full day of operation to ensure good battery life and performance. The first stage quickly charges the battery to capacity, and the second stage trickle charges the battery to maintain a full charge. It is important to recharge your battery every time it is used. Do not allow a battery to remain in a discharged state any longer than necessary.

It is important to periodically charge any battery that is stored for an extended length of time. Storing batteries for an extended time in a discharged state damages them and will

reduce the capacity of the battery. To recharge a user-supplied battery, select a charger of appropriate type. A battery charge designed for use with a deep-cycle, deep-discharge, sealed lead acid battery may damage an automotive battery. An automotive battery charger may not fully charge a deep-cycle, deep-discharge, sealed lead acid battery. Never recharge any battery while it is connected to a radio as it could damage the radio and/or the battery.

Operating the Radio

Turning the radio on and off

To turn on the radio, attach the radio to power using either the programming cable (attached to wall/mains current) or the data/power cable (attached to the external battery of the radio). Once the radio detects power on its data connector, it automatically turns on and is ready for communication within 5 seconds. If the wall/mains current is interrupted, the radio automatically turns itself on and resumes transmitting data within 5 seconds of power restoration. If the radio is attached to an antenna when the radio is turned on, it automatically runs an antenna test before it will communicate. Wait until this test is complete before transmitting any data.

To turn off the TDL 450L radio, either detach its power cable or depress the On/Off button in the center of the front panel for 5 seconds..

To turn the radio on again, either press the On/Off button or remove and reinsert the data/power cable.

The 35 Watt TDL 450H draws enough current to damage electrical components if it is shut off improperly. If the data/power cable is disconnected from the battery while the radio is powered on, electrical arcing can damage the battery terminal connectors on the cable. If the data/power cable is disconnected from the radio while it is powered on, arcing can damage the socket on the radio and the connector on the cable and can even burn out some of the radio's internal components.

Evidence of damage caused by improperly shutting off the TDL 450H is a blown fuse in the power cable, pitting or blackening of the connectors or the inability to turn the radio back on.

To avoid any damage, always turn the radio off by depressing the power switch on the radio's front panel BEFORE you remove the data/power cable from either the radio or from the battery.



CAUTION – The TDL 450H enclosure and heat sink may become very hot during operation. The radio's temperature depends on the ambient temperature, RF power selection, and transmission duty cycle. Turn off the unit and allow it to cool before handling. Always use the heat-resistant handle to hold or move the TDL 450H radio.

User interface

The user interface includes three LEDs, an On/Off button, a two-row LCD display, four scrolling buttons marked with arrows, and a central **Enter** button:



The LCD has a backlight that stays on for 20 seconds. The backlight must be on for the **Enter** or arrow buttons to function. If the backlight is off, pressing any button turns it on. To have the backlight stay on, click **Advanced** on the TDLCONF's *Serial Interface* screen and clear the *Turn off radio LCD backlight after 20 seconds* check box. Click the TDLCONF **Program** button to program the radio with this change.

To save power, the LCD and keypad on the TDL 450H will automatically go into sleep mode 5 minutes after the last keystroke (except while the radio is being configured by TDLCONF). All other features, including the transmitter and LEDs, will continue to function normally. To wake up the LCD and keypad, press the On/Off button for one second. To turn the TDL 450H off when its LCD and keypad are in sleep mode, depress the On/Off button for 5 seconds or remove the power cable.

The LCD displays information that is determined in any of five different ways:

- Settings such as the serial number and model number are written in the factory
- The battery status, signal strength, and error codes are constantly monitored by the radio firmware
- The channel tables (including frequency and bandwidth) and maximum transmit power are determined by your dealer
- Everything else can be set by you using the TDLCONF software

In addition, you can configure many radio settings using the buttons on the front panel and the LCD. The top rows of the LCD display the name of the currently selected radio configuration function. The bottom LCD rows display the various parameters you can choose for the displayed function. Press the left or right arrows to scroll to different functions. Press the up or down arrows to scroll to different choices for the displayed function.

The following table describes the various functions available, and lists the choices for each function. The default settings, where applicable, are shown in bold.

Function	Description	Parameter choices
Device Status	Displays radio status and identification information	Battery status Serial Number Owner name Call sign Modulation type Channel bandwidth Transmitter status Duty cycle (when a TRIMTALK protocol is selected) Internal temperature Firmware version
Channel / Frequency	Displays/selects channel number and receive frequency	Channel No. and frequency (MHz) AutoRover (TDL 450L only) Manual Entry (TDL 450L only)
Ch TX Frequency	Displays Tx freq (if different from the channel's Rx freq)	Channel No. and frequency (MHz)
Data Protocol	Displays/selects data protocol type	Trans EOT (End of Transmission) Trans EOC (End of Character) Packet Switched TRIMTALK™ 450S TRIMMARK™ II/IIIE TT450S (HW) TRIMMARK 3 SATEL Trans FST
Radio Link Rate	Displays/selects bit rate for radio transmission/reception	4800 8000 9600 16000 19200
Repeater Mode	Sets the radio to be a repeater (non-Trimble) protocols	Off (Not a repeater) On (Is a repeater)
Operation Mode	Sets the radio to be a repeater (Trimble protocols)	Base/Rover Base w/ One Rpt Base w/Two Rpt Repeater 1 Repeater 2
Sensitivity	Displays/selects radio squelch level	High (rover) Moderate Low (base)

Function	Description	Parameter choices
Transmit Power	Displays / selects transmitter power level	Low power Low intermediate power Intermediate power High intermediate power High power
Rx LED Meaning	Displays/selects what it means when the Rx LED flashes	Signal received Data received
Serial Baud	Displays/selects serial baud rate of the radio's data port	2400 4800 9600 19200 38400 115200
Signal Strength	Displays strength of the received signal (RSSI) in dBm High: Med: Low:	Press the Enter button RSSI > -90 dBm -90 > RSSI > -110 dBm -110 > RSSI > -150 dBm
Advanced Menus	Displays or conceals rarely used menus	Hide Show
CSMA	Displays/selects Carrier Sense Multiple Access Settings	On Off
Security Code	Encrypts/Decrypts transmitted data (Not displayed if a Trimble protocol is selected or if no code has been programmed into the radio.)	Off On
Edit Configuration	Enables/Disables configuration using the radio interface	Enabled Disabled
Scrambling	Fills dead air with non-zero bits (Not displayed if a Trimble protocol is selected.)	On Off
FEC	Turns Forward Error Corrections on/off (Not displayed if a Trimble protocol is selected.)	On Off
Previous Error	Displays current error status	No Error
Language Select (TDL 450H only)	Selects the display language	English Chinese Russian
Antenna Detection	Reduces TX power to 2W if antenna reflects too much energy back into the radio at first transmission	Disabled Enabled

For the field-configurable functions, the available choices are displayed on the bottom row of the LCD. The currently selected parameter is marked with an asterisk. To select a different choice for the displayed function, scroll up or down with the arrow buttons and press **Enter** when the required choice is displayed.

There are two ways to move to a different function screen:

- When viewing a display-only function, such as Device Status or Signal Strength, press the left or right arrow.
- When viewing a display-and-select function, such as Channel/Freq or Data Protocol, press the up/down arrows to display the currently selected parameter (marked with an asterisk) in the second row. Then press either the left or right arrow to move to a new function screen.

***Note** – If the currently selected parameter (shown with an asterisk) is not currently displayed on the LCD, and the backlight is off, you have not pressed a button for more than 20 seconds, you can scroll directly to the selected parameter by pressing the left or right arrow once. To move to a new function screen, press the left or right arrow a second time.*

To speed field configuration and to prevent the selection of unsupported radio configurations, the user interface displays only those function settings that make sense based on the settings chosen for previously displayed functions. What you choose for the data protocol determines your options for radio link rate and repeater mode. For example, if your channel table is set to 12.5 kHz channel spacing, and you select TT450S (HW) on the *Data Protocol* screen, you cannot select a radio link rate (the *Radio Link Rate* screen does not even appear) because the TT450S (HW) protocol works with 12.5 kHz channel spacing only at 4800 bps. And because TT450S (HW) is a Trimble protocol, Trimble-specific “Operation Modes” (instead of “Repeater Modes”) are available for selection. If you decide to undo any of these selections, press the left arrow to return to the *Data Protocol* screen and then select a different protocol.

Although the radio modem supports both GMSK and 4FSK modulation, you cannot select a modulation type with the user interface. The radio automatically selects the appropriate modulation based on the channel bandwidth the channel table programmed into the radio (displayed on the *Device Status* screen as **CH BW: 12.5 or 25 kHz**), the data protocol, and the radio link rate. If you want to select a modulation type first and then an appropriate channel bandwidth, protocol and link rate, use the TDLCONF software to configure the radio.

Eight rarely changed functions are grouped together under Advanced Menus. In order to speed everyday navigation, they are not displayed. The default values are indicated in the table above. To make a change to any of these functions, go to the Advanced Menus feature, press the down arrow until **Show** appears on the second line and then press the **Enter** button. Press the right arrow sequentially to display these eight functions. To hide these features, return to the Advanced Menus feature and then select the *Hide* option.

Automatic Channel Selection

Using the TDL 450L radio (but not the TDL 450H), you can have the radio automatically select the channel with the strongest signal containing decipherable data, i.e., data configured with the same protocol, modulation and link rate. This allows you to transmit data on one radio and then lock onto that transmission without having to remember the

channel number or frequency. However, both radios must still be set to all other radio parameters (radio protocol, Forward Error Correction, Scramble Control, etc.) in order to communicate.

To use the Automatic Channel Selection feature, scroll to the Channel/Freq screen on the TDL 450L front display. Go to the bottom of the channel table and press Enter when you see one of the AutoRover options. Select the AutoRover 1 option when you want the radio to automatically scan the entire channel table and select the frequency with the strongest decodable signal. The AutoRover 1 option will perform one scan when the radio is turned on, tune to the channel with the strongest signal containing decipherable data and stop scanning. The AutoRover 2 option will perform a scan for the strongest decodable signal when the radio is turned on and will perform a subsequent scan if the percentage of received data packets drops under 90%.

If no decipherable data is detected on any of the programmed channels by either of the AutoRover options, the radio will continue to scan the channel table. To stop the scan and select a channel temporarily (until the next power cycle), wait until the channel is displayed on the LCD and press the Enter button. Then check that the radio is configured in the same way as the transmitter. After power cycling the TDL 450L radio, it will return to the selected AutoRover option. To turn the option off, you must select the MANUAL option on ADLCONF's Radio Link screen, click Program and then power-cycle the radio.

Manual Frequency Entry

Using the TDL 450L radio (but not the TDL 450H), you can use the front panel interface to enter a receive-only channel into the channel table. Scroll left or right to the Channel/Freq screen, scroll down to the Manual Tune screen and press Enter. This displays "RO" (for "receive-only") and the frequency of Channel 01. Press the left or right arrow to reduce or increase the displayed frequency by 1 MHz; press the up or down arrow to increase or reduce the displayed frequency by increments of 12.5 kHz (0.01250 MHz). When the correct receive-only frequency is displayed, press Enter to tune to that frequency. This will be displayed on the front panel as Channel 32.

CSMA

Carrier Sense Multiple Access (CSMA) is required only in the United States. You should turn CSMA off when transmitting within the European Union.

Security code

You can use the TDLCONF software to configure TDL radios to send and receive encrypted data via the Transparent EOT/EOC or Packet Switched protocols. When an TDL 450H/TDL 450L radio is programmed for encryption and is set to one of these three supporting protocols, the Security Code screen is displayed as one of the Advanced

Menus. Only radios that are set to one of these three Pacific Crest protocols and are programmed by the TDLCONF program with this code, can interpret data sent by any similarly configured radio. The Security Code screen does not appear when the radio is set to any protocol except Transparent EOT/EOC or Packet Switched protocols or when no code was programmed into the radio using the TDLCONF software. You cannot enter a security code using the radio's interface. To turn off the Security Code feature, press the Up or Down arrow to display the Off option and then press Enter. To turn on the security feature, select the On option.

Note – With the Security Code feature on, the radio will be unable to communicate with other radios that are not set to use the same code. When you enable this feature for one radio, therefore, you should enable it for all the radios in the same communication network. TDL radios with button/LCD interfaces can turn the Security Code feature on or off in the field, but all other Pacific Crest radios must be attached to a computer running the appropriate configuration software to disable the Security Code feature.

Edit configuration

The LCD display includes an *Edit Config* screen that indicates if configuring the radio with the keypad is Enabled or Disabled. The current selection is displayed with an asterisk on the second row of the *Edit Config* screen.

To switch the selection:

1. Press the down arrow to display the other option and then press **Enter**.
You must enter a passcode, which is 369369 for all TDL radios.
2. Press the right arrow to display a **3** on the second row.
3. Press the down arrow to display a **6**.
4. Press the left arrow to display a **9**.
5. Repeat Step 2 through Step 4. When you see 369369 displayed on the second row of the LCD, press **Enter**; the keypad's ability to configure the radio is changed.

You can also use the TDLCONF software to enable/disable the Edit Config function in the radio. Select/clear the *Enable* check box in the *Advanced* menu of the *Serial Interface* screen.

Scrambling

To demodulate a digital transmission, a receiver must synchronize itself with the transmitter. This can be hard to do when the transmitter sends a long series of one's or a long series of zeroes. But if every nth character in the transmission were switched, a one to a zero or a zero to a one, and if the receiver is expecting this, it can more quickly synchronize itself with the transmission. This is essentially what Scramble Control does and why we recommend you leave it on for all radios. However, if some of the radios in your system are not Pacific Crest or Trimble radios, you may need to turn Scrambling off.

Note - Trimble protocols require Scrambling. With a Trimble protocol selected, you are unable to turn scrambling off.

Forward Error Correction

Forward Error Correction places extra bits in the transmitted data so receivers can check for transmission errors. Although data throughput is adversely affected, using Forward Error Correction can greatly improve range and so is strongly recommended.

Note – The Forward Error Correction screen does not appear when using Trimble protocols as they do not support forward error correction.

Previous Error

The radios perform a variety of power-up and run-time tests to ensure optimal operation. Tests include environmental as well as electrical measurements designed to avoid damage to the unit while maintaining adequate operation. In the event of an error condition, an error code is displayed on the LCD screen and the Pwr LED flashes the number of the error code (two flashes for Error Code 02, followed by a pause, two more flashes, etc.). The following table lists the possible error conditions:

Code	Description	What to do
01	Input voltage is too high	Check battery or power supply voltage level; check power cables; recharge or replace the battery; check the charger.
02	Input voltage is too low	
08	Internal temperature exceeds limit for operation	Place the radio in the shade; check the antenna and antenna cables for damage or disconnection; set radio link rate to 19200 to reduce the duty cycle.
11	Memory error	Turn the radio off and wait a full second before turning it back on. If the radio still reports Error Code 11 or 12, the SRAM memory may be corrupted. Contact Customer Service.
12	RAM Error During Initialization	
15	Transmit Frequency Lock Error	If you are using the radio as a repeater, ensure that the transmit and receive frequencies are less than 10 MHz apart. Otherwise, you should return the radio for service. If the radio displays Error Code 15 (Transmit frequency lock error), it is important to stop using it because the frequency control might be unstable and you might be transmitting at an unprogrammed frequency for which you are not licensed.
16	Receive Frequency Lock Error	
17	Serial buffer overflow	If data comes into the radio faster than it can be transmitted, the serial buffer can overflow. If the radio displays Error Code 17, adjust the serial baud rate and radio link rate so the radio has enough time to transmit each data packet before the next packet is sent to the radio.

If the radio continues to display the error code after you have fixed the situation, clear the error code from the radio's display. Press the On/Off button for four seconds (turning off the radio), wait one full second and then press the On/Off button again. If an error warning persists, contact an authorized dealer or customer support.

Automatic Power Management

All TDL radios protect themselves from heat damage by shutting down if the temperature inside the radio exceeds 85°C (185°F). Keeping the ambient (air) temperature below the maximum operational temperature of 65°C (149°F) for the TDL 450L and 55°C (131°F) for the TDL 450H is the best way to ensure that the internal temperature of the radio does not exceed the 85°C internal limit.

If an TDL radio does shut down in response to high temperature, wait until the radio cools down and then turn it back on either by pressing the On button or by removing and re-inserting the power/data cable. When the radio is turned back on after exceeding its operational temperature maximum, it displays an Error 08 (high temperature) message. To clear this message, power cycle the radio. If the storage temperature exceeds the 85°C maximum, the radio can continue to display the Error 08 and may require repair.

The 35-Watt TDL 450H radio generates more heat than the 4-Watt TDL 450L radio. For this reason, it includes an Automatic Power Management feature that reduces the transmit power before the radio's internal temperature reaches the 85°C maximum. The TDL 450H will continue to transmit at reduced power until the internal temperature reaches 73°C (163°F), whereupon the radio will automatically restore transmit power to the original setting. If the Automatic Power Management feature is ever activated, the TDL 450H LCD will display an Error 08 (high temperature) message. Press the Enter button to clear this message and then go to the radio's Device Status screen to display the current transmit power setting.

There are many ways you can reduce the temperature of your TDL radio besides reducing the transmit power. Doubling the radio link rate halves the amount of heat generated by the radio. Using a compressed data format such as CMRx can reduce the data packet size by as much as 60% allowing the radio to generate 60% less heat. On hot days, keeping the radio above the ground and out of direct sunlight can lower the temperature as much as 20°. When installing the TDL 450H in a fixed location, you should use the wall mount with fan accessory (P/N 84269).

Tips and Techniques for Best Performance

Antenna

Antenna placement is critical for good performance. Range and coverage is directly proportional to the height of the transmitting and receiving antennas in addition to antenna gain. Where possible, select a reference station location that takes advantage of terrain to get the transmitting antenna as high as possible.

Always use the telescoping antenna mast and raise the antenna as high as is practical and safe given terrain and wind conditions.

Do not use a gained antenna if doing so increases the radio's Effective Isotropic Radiated Power beyond the limit of your license.

Antennas are excellent conductors of electricity, so use extreme caution when operating near power lines and other sources of electric current or during stormy weather.

Line loss

Line loss from connectors and cables between the radio and antenna decreases the output power transmitted by the antenna, thereby decreasing the signal's range. To minimize line loss, please check the loss-per-length of cable to be used. For every 3 dB of line loss, the ERP (Effective Radiated Power) decreases by half. For example, if you have a 4 W radio and a line loss of 3 dB in your cable and antenna, the power effectively radiating from the antenna is 2 W. Every 6 dB of loss reduces the radio's effective range by 50%.

Power supplies

Maintain batteries in a fully charged state. They last longer if they are do not become completely discharged. We recommend routinely connecting the battery to its charger after every working day and for 24 hours every three months during period of non-use. This ensures optimal performance and long battery life.

Equipment care

Routine equipment care prolongs the life and reliability of your radio. Radio communication equipment is susceptible to damage from shock or environmental extremes. Never operate the radio outside the operating specifications contained in [Safety Information on page 3](#).

Use with Machinery and Vehicles

Vibration damping

TDL 450L/450H radios meet or exceed the MIL-STD 810F standard for vibration (up to 2.6 g). It is always recommended to mount the radio with rubber dampers. Avoid introducing vibration and tension into the data/power connector at bottom of radio. Consider supporting the data/power cable with a rubber-padded clamp.

Mounting inside/outside vehicle cabin

The radios are rated IP67 and can be mounted outside a cabin. However, the radios automatically turn off if the temperature inside the radio exceeds 87 °C (189 °F), so it is best to avoid direct sunlight in very hot environments. Installing all electronic devices inside an air-conditioned cabin is always better.

DC power supply with power conditioner

The radios require 9 to 30 V DC at all times. Voltage spikes over 30 volts can damage the radio and voltage transients can affect performance. The ideal power supply is 13.5 V DC and 3 to 5 amps for TDL 450L radio and 10 amps for the TDL 450H radio. Vehicle installations must always include a suitable power conditioner.

Protection from electromagnetic interference

Always position the radio as far as possible away from:

- Other antennas, particularly transmitting antennas
- Electrical generators/alternators
- Regulated power supplies
- Rotating beacons, strobe lights

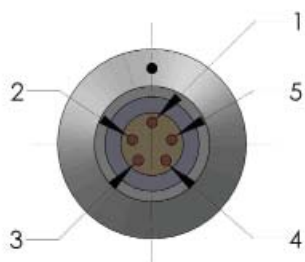
Pinouts and Connectors

The radio uses a #1-shell, 5-pin circular data/power connector. For a mating connector, Trimble recommends using a LEMO P/N FGG.1B.305.CLAD.72Z, or equivalent.

The following table shows the radio's pin assignments:

Code	Description
1	Power: 9 V DC to 30 V DC input
2	Ground for Power
3	Rx (Connects to the external device's Rx pin)
4	Signal Ground
5	Tx (Connects to the external device's Tx pin)

The following figure shows the orientation of the pins in the radio's female data/power connector. It shows a front view of the pin-outs (looking from outside the radio).



Antenna

All TDL radios use a TNC female antenna connector. While you may attach an antenna directly to the radio, range will be greatly improved if you elevate the antenna as high as possible. Trimble makes antenna cables in a variety of lengths. These terminate in industry-standard NMO or N-type connectors. If you wish to use your own antenna cable, we recommend Amphenol-brand connectors. You should also use only high-quality, 50-Ohm impedance cabling.

Connector manufacturer contacts

- Contact LEMO at www.lemo.com
- Contact Amphenol at www.amphenol.com

Technical Specifications

General Specifications	
Communication	1 RS-232 port, 115.2 kbps maximum
User Interface	2-row, 16-character LCD display with five navigation buttons
Power	
Input Power	TDL 450L: 9.0 V DC – 30.0 V DC, 2 amp maximum TDL 450H: 9.0 V DC – 30.0 V DC, 15 amp maximum At 9 V DC, the current must not exceed 15 amps at all times. Warning – Supplying 30.0 V DC or more than the specified current can damage the radio.
Power Consumption (Rx)	TDL 450L : 0.6 W nominal @ 12.0 V DC TDL 450H: 1.7 W nominal @ 12.0 V DC 0.7 W nominal @ 12.0 V DC LCD Backlight (when on) consumes an additional 1.0 watt
Power Consumption (Tx)	TDL 450L: 7 W nominal @ 12.0 V DC, 1 W RF output 13.4 W nominal @ 12.0 V DC, 4 W RF output TDL 450H: 130 Watts nominal @ 12.0 V DC, 35 W RF output, 55 Watts nominal @ 12.0 V DC, 8 W RF output, 8 Watts nominal @ 12.0 V DC, 2 W RF output
Modem Specifications	
Modulation/Link Rates	GMSK: 4800, 8000, 9600, 16000, 19,200 bps 4FSK: 9600, 19,200 bps
Link Protocols	Transparent FST/EOT/EOC, Packet-switched, TRIMTALK™, TRIMMARK™, TT450S (HW), SATEL®
Forward Error Correction	Yes
Radio Specifications	
Frequency Bands	410 MHz to 430 MHz, 430 MHz to 470 MHz
Frequency Control	Synthesized 6.25 kHz tuning resolution Frequency Stability: ±1 PPM -40 °C to +85 °C
Channel Bandwidth	12.5 KHz and 25 kHz, software derived
RF Transmitter Output	Programmable to 2 to 35 Watts (where permitted)
Sensitivity	-110 dBm BER 105
Type Certification	All models are type accepted and certified for operation in the U.S., Europe, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada
Environmental Specifications	
Enclosure	IP67 (Dustproof and watertight to depth of 1 m for 30 minutes)
Operating Temperature (RX)	TDL 450L: -40 °C to +65 °C (-40 °F to +149 °F) TDL 450H: -30 °C to +65 °C (-22 °F to +149 °F)
Operating Temperature (TX)	TDL 450L @ 4W: -30 °C to +65 °C (-22 °F to +149 °F) TDL 450H @ 35W: -30 °C to +55 °C (-22 °F to +131 °F) TDL 450L: -40 °C to +85 °C (-40 °F to +185 °F)
Storage Temperature	TDL 450H: -30 °C to +85 °C (-22 °F to +185 °F)

General Specifications	
Vibration Spec	MIL-STD-810F
Mechanical Specifications	
Dimensions	TDL 450L: 8.89 cm L x 4.6 cm W x 16.0 cm H (3.5 in L x 1.809 in W x 6.3 in H)
	TDL 450H: 11.9 cm L x 8.6 cm W x 21.3 cm H (with handle) (4.7" L x 3.4" W x 8.37" H)
Weight	TDL 450L: 705 g (1.55 lb)
	TDL 450H: 1950 g (4.35 lbs)
Data/Power Connector	5-pin, #1-shell LEMO-type
RF Connector	50 Ohm, TNC-female