
BDR-1550/4550 Digital Repeater Owner's Manual



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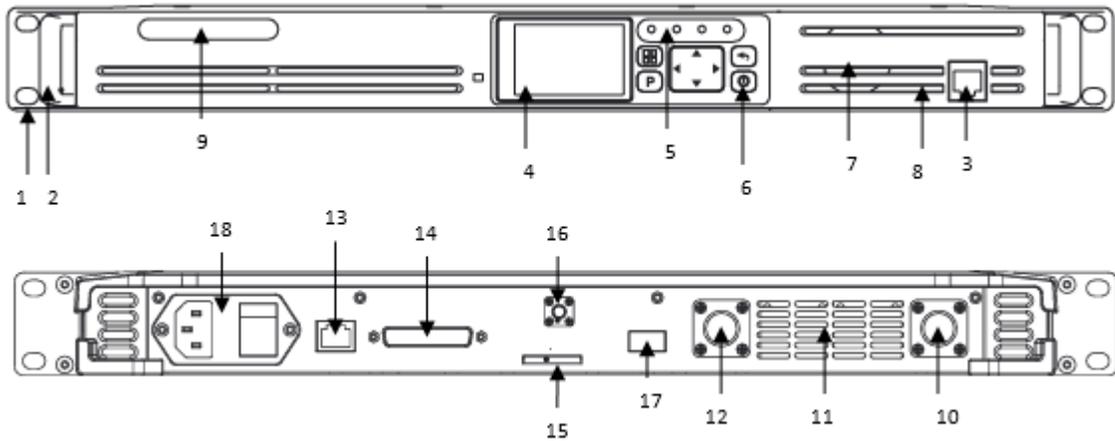
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Overview

Front and Rear View

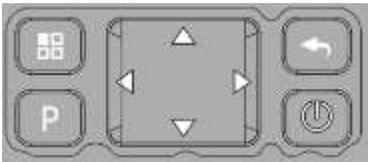


- 1. Cabinet Standard Rack Mount Installation Holes (1U)
- 2. Handle (right/left)
- 3. Microphone Interface, Programming Cable Interface
- 4. LCD
- 5. LED Indicator's
- 6. Keypad Interface with Front Panel On/Off
- 7. Speaker
- 8. Cooling vent
- 9. BridgCom Systems Logo
- 10. Transmitter Tx antenna interface
- 11. Cooling vent
- 12. Receiving RX antenna interface
- 13. Ethernet port
- 14. DB 25 pin Female connector
- 15. SIM card slot
- 16. 4G Antenna Interface (optional interface)
- 17. DC Input Power Connector
- 18. AC Power Connector

Panel LED Indicator

No.	Icon	Named	Description
1	 TX1	TX Slot 1 Indicator	1.When operating in DMR mode, the light turns on during transmission in timeslot 1. 2.When operating in Analog/NXDN mode, timeslot 1 and timeslot 2 lights will be on.
2	 TX2	TX Slot 2 Indicator	1.When operating in DMR mode, the light turns on during transmission in timeslot 2. 2.When operating in Analog/NXDN mode, timeslot 1 and timeslot 2 lights will be on.
3	 RX1	RX Slot 1 Indicator	1.When operating in DMR mode, the light turns on during Receiving in timeslot 1. 2.When operating in Analog/NXDN mode, timeslot 1 and timeslot 2 lights will be on.
4	 RX2	RX Slot 2 Indicator	1.When operating in DMR mode, the light turns on during Receiving in timeslot 2. 2.When operating in Analog/NXDN mode, timeslot 1 and timeslot 2 lights will be on.

Front Keypad

No.	Icon	Named	Description
1		Arrow Buttons	Used to control menu navigation (up/down), adjust volume, LCD brightness, and other operations.
			Press  to select menu options.
			Press  to return to the previous menu or save. Under standby status, press  to enter channel selection.
			Reserved, non-functional.
		 Power On/Off	Long press to power on/off; short press to return back to the standby display.

Microphone Accessory interface

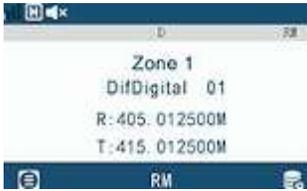


- ▶ Push in until MIC connector clicks. To remove depress bottom connector tab and pull to remove MIC connector.
- ▶ MIC: Press PTT to initiate a call, release to wait for response.
- ▶ Programming Cable: Use to Read or Write the repeaters programming Information.

Note:

- △When using this interface, only use the standard accessory supplied with this repeater.
- △Using non-standard accessory products may cause damage to the interface or equipment.

LCD Display



No.	Icon.	Named	Description
1	Signal Strength Indicator		Signal strength indicator, the more signal bars, the stronger signal
2	Channel Mode	D	Digital Channel
		A	Analog Channel
3	Power		Low Power
			Middle Power
			Middle High Power
			High Power
4	Speaker		Active Local Monitor
			Not-active Local Monitor
5	Repeater		Signal is being transmitting

Power on and off

- ▶ Power on: Connect the DC power cable or AC power cable. If the AC cable is connected, turn on the AC switch; press and hold the power button for 5 seconds to turn on the repeater.
 - ▶ Power off: When the repeater is powered on, press and hold the power button to turn off the repeater.
- Note: When repeater is connected to the power supply, it will automatically turn on;

Channel selection

- ▶ Press to enter channel menu.
- ▶ Use Up and Down button to select the channel.
- ▶ Press to confirm the selection.

Volume adjustment

- ▶ Press to enter submenu.
- ▶ Select the volume submenu and press to enter the volume adjustment.
- ▶ Press the left and right arrow buttons to adjust the volume. Press to exit.

Monitoring mode

- ▶ Enable this function through programming software.
- ▶ Press  to enter submenu, use UP and Down button until settings.
- ▶ Press , use UP and Down button until Monitor.
- ▶ Press , use UP and Down button, press  to confirm selection.

PTT Allow Calling

- ▶ Enable this function through programming software.
- ▶ Press  to enter submenu, use UP and Down button until settings,
- ▶ Press , use UP and Down to PTT Forbid.
- ▶ Press , use UP and Down button, press  to confirm.

PTT Call

- ▶ Connect the hanger mic.
- ▶ Enable [PTT Allow Call] per above steps.
- ▶ Continuously press and hold MIC PTT, the transmit indicator light will light up, hold the microphone 1 or 2 inches away from you mouth and begin speaking.
- ▶ Release PTT, and wait for response.

Install

- ▶ The equipment can be installed in a rack or cabinet.

△ The cabinets and racks must have rails and hole spacing that conform to the EIA general 48.3 cm (19 inch) specification and must meet the following minimum standards:

- Depth is 41.3 cm (16.25 inches)
- Width is 48.3 cm (19 inches)
- Height is 13.4 cm (5.25 inches)

- Two mounting rails are 5 cm (2 inches) from the front of the cabinet, and the front mounting holes are spaced (2.25 inches) (center to center).
- Only antennas and accessories that meet the standards can be installed.
- Operating temperature range -20°C to +50°C.

△ This temperature is measured near the equipment. For example: If the equipment is installed in a cabinet, this temperature is the temperature measured in the cabinet. Humidity Relative humidity does not exceed 95% at 50°C (122°F).

▶ Input Power requirements

- Repeater is equipped with a DC power interface and a standard 3-core AC power interface (**Do not use both power supplies at the same time**).
- DC power interface, the working range of this device is DC 13.8V±10%, and the supply current is not less than 15A.
- Standard 3-core AC power interface, a standard 3-core wire is provided to connect the power supply to the AC voltage source.
- This device must be installed next to an easily accessible AC power source.
- The socket must be connected to an AC power source that can provide a maximum power of 280W.
- It is recommended to use a standard 3-wire grounded socket to connect the AC power supply.

Note: The DC power interface can only be used as input, not as output, and cannot charge or power devices such as batteries.

- RF transmission cables and AC and DC power lines must be protected from lightning strikes if lightning enters the site.
- Proper RF grounding. This type of grounding involves grounding unwanted RF energy. An example of RF grounding is the use of shielding to prevent or minimize harmful RF energy from communication equipment and cables.

▶ Duplexer

△ The selection of duplexer is critical to communication performance. Some systems that are not used in high RF density locations may use a "notch (band filtering)" duplexer.

△ The duplexer must be able to operate continuously at least 50W. For optimal communication performance, the insertion loss should be less than 2dB.

△ If the device is used in a high RF density location, it is recommended to use a "bandpass-band stop" duplexer.

▶ RF Antenna Connection

△ The RF feedline must be connected to the corresponding interfaces for receiving and transmitting, the connector must be an N-type male connector.

△ In order to achieve good communication, there must be sufficient isolation between antennas, or if one antenna is used, the duplexer must have sufficient isolation between the Tx and Rx ports.

△ The isolation requirements for each frequency band are shown in the following table:

Frequency	Bands	Isolation
UHF	400-470 MHz	75dB
VHF	136-174 MHz	85dB

▶ Antenna selection

△ Antenna selection is critical to communication performance. You must select an antenna with an impedance of 50 ohms and a power capacity of at least 50 watts. You can use a high-gain antenna or increase the height of the antenna to increase the communication coverage.

△ A feedline with a 50-ohm impedance match and a power capacity of at least 50 watts must be used to connect the antenna and the duplexer. The feeder must be equipped with an interface that matches the duplexer interface and the antenna interface.

▶ Make sure all RF feedlines are securely connected.

▶ Make sure the power cord is wired correctly.

▶ Turn on the device and check the display status on the panel.

▶ Use a handheld radio programmed to the correct settings to test.

△ If the device is operated at high power for a long time and continuously, a good ventilation environment must be ensured and the auxiliary cooling equipment must work properly.

Specifications

• General

- **FCC Part 90, Part 15**
 - **Frequency Range:** 136-174MHz, 400-470MHz
 - **Channels:** 500
 - **Zones:** 32
 - **Input Voltage (AC):** 100V / 240V
 - **Input Voltage (DC):** 13.6V \pm 15%
 - **Current (Standby):** <800mA
 - **Current (TX):** <11A
 - **Current (RX):** <1900mA
 - **Frequency Stability:** \pm 0.5ppm
 - **Antenna Impedance:** 50 Ω
 - **RF Connection:** Tx (N), Rx (N)
 - **Dimensions (LxWxH):** 482 x 360 x 44.45mm
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• Receiver

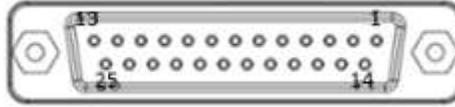
- **Channel Spacing:** 6.25kHz / 12.5kHz / 25kHz
 - **Sensitivity (Analog):** 0.22 μ V (typ.) (FM@12dB SINAD)
 - **Sensitivity (Digital):** 0.22 μ V @ 5% BER
 - **Adjacent Channel Selectivity:**
 - 70dB @ 12.5kHz
 - 75dB @ 25kHz
 - **Intermodulation:** 70dB
 - **Blocking:** 95dB
 - **Spurious Response Rejection:** 90dB
 - **Audio Output Power (at 5% distortion):** 2.0W / 8 Ω
 - **Conducted Spurious Emissions:** < -57dBm
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• Transmitter

- **Output Power:** Low 5W, Medium Low 10W, Medium High 30W, High 50W
- **Channel Spacing:** 6.25kHz / 12.5kHz / 25kHz
- **Spurious Emissions:**
 - -36dBm (<1 GHz)
 - -30dBm (>1 GHz)
- **FM Modulation:**
 - 16K0F3E @ 25kHz
 - 11K0F3E @ 12.5kHz
- **4FSK Digital Modulation:**
 - Data only: 7K60FXD @ 12.5kHz
 - Voice & Data: 7K60FXW @ 12.5kHz
 - Data only: 4K00F1D @ 6.25kHz
 - Voice & Data: 4K00F1W @ 6.25kHz
- **Audio Distortion:** <3%
- **Audio Response:** +1 ~ -3dB
- **FM Hum and Noise:**
 - 40dB @ 12.5kHz
 - 45dB @ 25kHz
- **Digital FSK Error:** <1.5%
- **Adjacent Channel Power:**
 - \leq -60dB @ 12.5kHz
 - \leq -70dB @ 25kHz

*The above specifications are tested in accordance with applicable standards. Due to the continuous development of technology, the above index data are subject to change without notice.

DB 25 pin Repeater Female Connector View



Most common connection points are highlighted

No.	Pins	Type	In/out	Description
1	GND			
2	GND			
3	E-AFOUT	Analog	Out	Analog Voice Out, valid when DB-25-IO3 to GND Output signal characteristics: Capacitive isolation output, output volume depends on repeater volume setting, output amplitude Vpp maximum 5V
4	DB25-IO1	Digital	In	ExPTT, connect to GND is valid, default 3.3V pull-up
5	DB25-IO2	Digital	In/Out	Alarm IO, reserved port, not used, 3.3V/0V
6	DB25-IO3	Digital	Out	Alarm IO, indicate call in, 0V is valid, default 3.3V pull-up (Use for COS , a decode tone must be programmed)
7	DB25-IO4	Digital	In/Out	Alarm IO, reserved port, not used, 3.3V/0V
8	GND			
9	GND			
10	E-AFIN	Analog	In	Analog Voice In, valid when DB-25-IO1 to GND Input signal characteristics: Capacitive isolation input, effective value 40mv, maximum value not exceeding 3Vpp
11	GND			
12	USB-DM	Digital	Bidirectional	Usb data-, reserved port, not used
13	BOOT-HIGH	Digital	Key one state	Before power on, us a key to short circuit BOOT0 to update firmware
14	GND			
15	8V DC		Out	8V DC Power out, max 300mA
16	USB-DP	Digital	Bidirectional	Usb data+, reserved port, not used
17	BOOT0	Digital	Key another state	Before power on, us a key to short circuit BOOT-HIGH to update firmware
18	DB25-RXD	Digital	In	SerialPort rX, TTL 3.3V, for AT command
19	DB-TXD	Digital	Out	SerialPort TX, TTL 3.3V, for AT command
20	GND			
21	reserved			
22	reserved			
23	reserved			
24	reserved			
25	reserved			

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FCC Warning and Compliance

Warning and Compliance Statement: Note: The BDR-1550 and BDR-4550 has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures: --Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna. --Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver. --Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected. --Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help. Caution: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

BDR-1550 Power output listed is rated conducted. The ant gain used should be 2dBi as max, this device must be restricted to work-related operations only in an Occupational/Controlled RF exposure environment and must operate with a duty factor not exceeding 50%. All qualified end-users of this device must have the knowledge to control their exposure conditions and/or duration to comply with Occupational /Controlled Exposure limit and requirements. A distance of 80cm must be maintained between the users and the antenna. The operation of this transmitter must satisfy the requirements of Occupational/Controlled Exposure Environment, for work related use only. End users must be provided with specific training instructions for meeting Occupational /Controlled Exposure Environment requirements.

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