

ACC100 & ACC100S

Low Power FM Broadcaster

From Progressive Concepts, Made in the USA.

The ACC100 is a quartz stabilized microprocessor and phase-locked-loop DIRECT FM modulated transmitter. This unit provides short range broadcasting to any FM receiver including auto radios and portable radios. Typical applications include:

- (1) Advertising of homes for sale, or products for sale, to passing automobiles
- (2) Broadcast of church services and/or PA systems to the hearing impaired
- (3) Re-broadcast of TV sound to institutional inmates equipped with portable radios and earphones, then switching off speakers to reduce ambient noise levels – several TV's may be operated in an area without sound interference.

Specifications:

Frequency	87.9 MHz to 107.9 MHz in discreet 100KHz increments
Radio Output	FCC Part 15 operation, 250 microvolts per meter at 3 meters
Harmonics	-40 dB or better across band
Channels	Selected by direct-reading rotary switches
Audio Response	40Hz to 20KHz (mono)
Audio Input	RCA Input Jack (-10dB)
Audio Level	Line level, typical of TV, VCR, CD and PA system output
Power Supply	12 volts, 100 ma. DC wall adapter (supplied)
Circuit Board	2-sided epoxy glass, extremely rugged
Size & Weight	1.5" x 4.1" x 5.5", 13 ounces
Antenna	20-inch fixed-length wire
Range	50 to 300 feet dependent on sensitivity of the receiver

This device complies with CFR Title 47, Part 15 of the FCC Rules governing the use of low power radio frequency devices. It may be operated on the FM band without a license. Operating range may vary from 50 to several hundred feet depending on the sensitivity of the receiver. Operation must cease if this unit causes interference to licensed radio stations; however, it is not protected from receiving interference. Internal modification or change in the length of the fixed-wire antenna may void FCC certification.

Warranty & Repair

This device is warranted for a period of two years from date of sale against defects in materials and workmanship. The user should not attempt repair or modification of this device. Contact customer support if you experience problems or need repairs.

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Frequency Selection

The operating frequency is selected by the rotation of 3 switches accessible through the left side of the rectangular cutout on the rear panel of the enclosure. The circuit's microprocessor accepts only frequencies between and including 87.9 MHz and 107.9 MHz. Any other setting is invalid and will default automatically to 88.1 MHz.

Example of switch setting

	S1 (10's)	S2 (1's)	S3 (.1's)	
(Invalid)	7	9	6	88.1 MHz (default)
(Valid)	8	7	9	87.9 MHz
(Valid)	8	8	1	88.1 MHz
(Valid)	9	1	5	91.5 MHz
(Valid)	0	7	9	107.9 MHz
Invalid)	0	8	0	88.1 MHz (default)

Frequency of operation

Select a channel which will not interfere with the reception of a commercial FM station and which will not interfere with your reception of the ACC100. These should be frequencies ending with .1, .3, .5, .7, or .9 Stagger individual frequencies when several ACC100's are used in the same area, usually 3 to 5 channels apart will suffice such as 98.1, 98.9, 99.7, 100.5, etc.

After the frequency has been set, disconnect the power supply for 5 seconds. The ACC100 will return to the set frequency automatically when ever it is switched on and when power is restored after a power outage.

Line Level Audio (approximately 1 volt peak to peak)

Simply connect the ACC100 to your audio source with the supplied RCA audio cable. If reception appears distorted you may have an audio level greater than required. Placing a resistor in series with the audio source may reduce the audio to an acceptable level. A typical resistor value might be 1000 Ohms.

Audio from a PA or speaker system

In the absence of a line level audio source you may connect the audio input of the ACC100 to wires normally connected to a speaker. Be sure to read the **WARNING** section on page 3 if you connect to speaker wires.

Stereo connections

The ACC100 is a monaural broadcaster. Some audio sources (TV's) permit switching to a monaural output. If you have a stereo source that cannot be switched to monaural then you may use the mixing circuit shown on page 3. The model ACC100S is a Stereo unit.

WARNING: You may ignore this warning if you use an audio source with an “RCA” output jack. These are typically used on consumer type audio equipment.

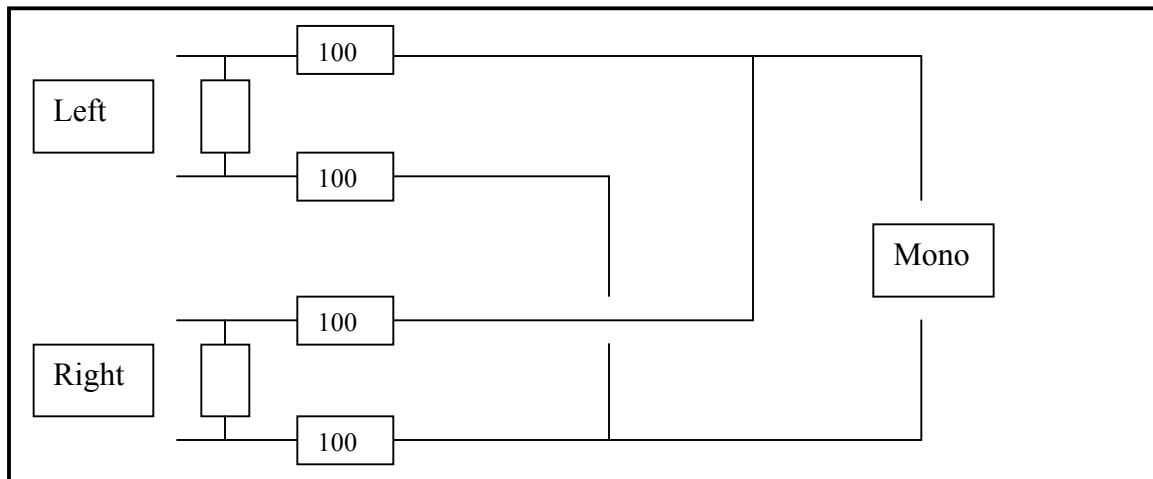
When attempting to derive audio from speaker output terminals, or from speaker wires, you must assure the source equipment is not electrically “hot”. Some equipment, especially radio and TV receivers, have internal switching power supplies, which may connect the equipment to one side of the AC power line. Touching the chassis, or any conducting device connected to the chassis, could result in a lethal electrical shock.

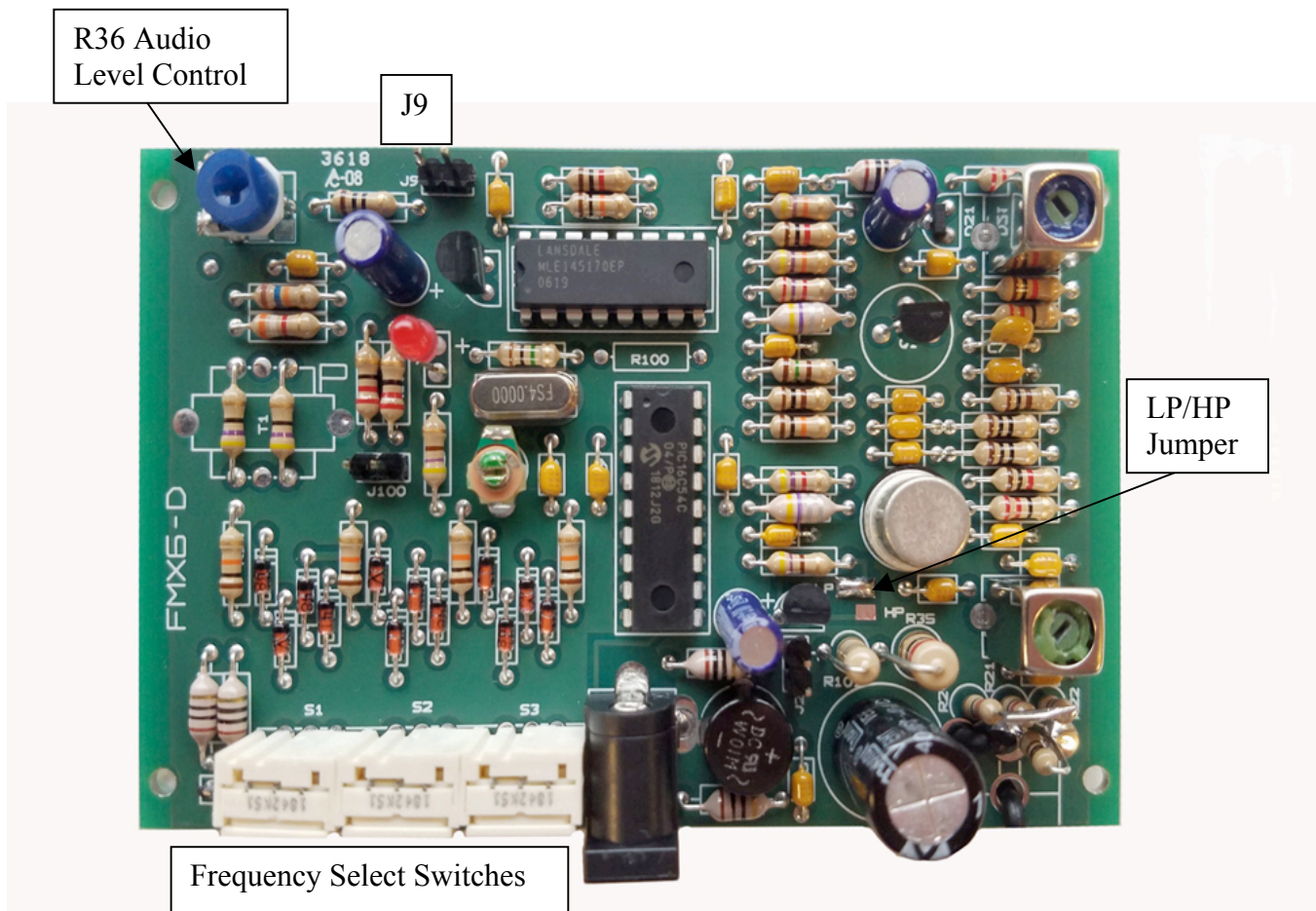
Therefore, if you intend to use speaker wires as your audio source, assure that neither speaker lead has an electrical potential in respect to “ground”. A simple AC and DC test with a multimeter connected between each speaker lead and a grounded object can determine if you have a safe connection.

Speaker leads, where one lead is common to “ground” or to the equipment chassis, and is not “hot” as described above, may be connected by way of an RCA plug and cable. You must assure the speaker ground connects to the cable shield (shell of RCA plug).

Speaker leads where both leads are “floating” and no common or chassis connection exists should use a “balanced” audio connection. The ACC100 is equipped with an on-board audio isolation transformer for this purpose. To utilize this feature you must remove the RCA jack. Remove the 2 screws on the blank panel end of the ACC100 enclosure. Slide the cover forward. Cut the audio wires close to the RCA jack. Remove the jack and replace with a rubber grommet. Splice a pair of wires to the wires just removed from the jack. Pass your wire pair extension through the grommet. Slide back the cover and reinstall the blank panel. Now, neither audio lead connects to the chassis.

If required, the following circuit combines stereo channels to produce a balanced monaural output. Resistors are 100 -1000 Ohms each. If the sources are speaker leads, where the speaker is disconnected, you may want to terminate the leads with 5 watt resistors equal to the impedance of the removed speakers – typically 8 or 16 Ohms.





The ACC100 - Version 6 incorporates some changes to facilitate easier assembly and use. The original radio frequency circuitry and the associated parts placement remains exactly the same as in previous versions. There are no changes in the RF characteristics or modulator circuits.

A manual audio level control (R36) with a value of 1000 Ohms has been substituted for the original 1000 Ohm fixed resistance as the termination for the pre-emphasis network. This level control can be used to set your audio level to match any source audio from – 20dB to +20dB.

The potentiometer may be replaced with a fixed resistor if desired; however a solder bridge is then required on pads located where the potentiometer would have been located. As before, if a multiplex signal is injected at J9 then one lead of R4 should be clipped to avoid degradation of the signal by the pre-emphasis network.

The audio transformer has been removed to provide higher quality audio. If you require an audio isolation transformer contact Progressive Concepts. The frequency selection switches have been moved closer to the edge of the circuit board to provide easier setting of the frequency.

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Thank you for your purchase and inquiry. Please note that the best range can be achieved by positioning the ACC100 between 10 and 20 feet above the ground. A wooden or fiberglass ladder can be used to achieve this goal. Also, try to locate the transmitter as close to the area you are trying to cover as is possible. If the transmitter will be located outdoors, make sure to protect it with a water proof enclosure. A food storage cantainer can be used for this purpose and simply make holes in the *bottom* side for cables.

By FCC Rules the ACC100 is restricted in output power and range when used in the United States. FCC certification is void if the unit is modified in any way. Operation without certifications is not permitted in the United States, except by agencies of the US Government.

When operating the unit outside the United States, or if the unit will be operated by the Government of the United States, certain modifications may be made by the purchaser to increase range.

- (1) Remove the two screws on the blank panel end of the enclosure. Slide the cover back so the circuit board can be seen. Look at the point on the circuit board where the antenna wire is connected. There are three resistors standing on end in a row with a bridging wire across the top of them. There is also one resistor standing on end directly next to the three. That resistor has one bare wire lead exposed. Cut the lead and separate the two ends. Slide the cover closed and replace the panel and screws. This should give a range of 100 to 150 feet using a portable radio.
- (2) If greater range is required then remove the solder jumper marked "LP" (Low Power) located next to the 470 Ohm resistor and move it to the nearby position marked by an "HP" (High Power). Make sure the "LP" solder jumper is completely removed first or the transmitter will be damaged beyond customer repair and require non-warranty repair by Progressive Concepts.
- (3) If greater range is still required the circuit board must be removed from the case. Remove the control panel end of the enclosure and slide the pc board out of the chassis. Tack solder a 10 or 100 Ohm resistor on the bottom of the circuit board so that it is connected to the two terminal pads of the 470 Ohm resistor which is located on the top of the board right next to the LP/HP Jumper and next to a green (or tan) choke with yellow, violet, silver, silver, stripes on it. The color code for the 470 Ohm resistor is yellow, violet, brown, (silver or gold). This will provide in excess of 200 foot range.
- (4) Please note that any of the above modifications will void the FCC certification.