



# Operations Manual for the P25 Base Tech III Base/Repeater Station



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## Introduction

We thank you for choosing the Midland P25 Base Tech III Base/Repeater Station to meet your communication needs. Properly used, this product will give you many years of reliable service. To get the most out of your purchase, be sure to carefully read this manual before operating the radio.

The overall operation of this radio depends entirely on how it has been programmed. If it is not functioning as desired, please check the programming first.

**This manual covers up to firmware version 71BS299 and 71CPV012 (early versions) and 71MD/ 71CSCM (Low Current/ Late versions)**

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**WARNING:** The antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be fixed-mounted on outdoor permanent structures with a separation distance of at least 6 meters from all persons during normal operation. The peak conducted output power at each antenna terminal must not exceed 250 Watts and the peak radiated output power must not exceed 1000 Watts EIPR. Users and installers must ensure that FCC requirements for satisfying RF exposure compliance are met. (See FCC Rules Part 1, Sections 1307 and 1310)

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## 1. LCD DISPLAY

LCD display consists of 4 x 20 characters as shown.

Line 1: The Incoming RSSI with 10 steps

Line 2: The output power levels with 10 steps

Line 3: The left 4 letters show channel numbers. The middle 8 letters shows the channel name (if not programmed, it will be blank).

The right 4 letters displays the status of the radio as described below.

- a. RX mode: **A**= Only Analog can be received  
**M**= Mix, both analog and digital can be received  
**D**= Only digital can be received.
- b. TX mode: **D**=PTT digital transmission  
**A**=PTT analog transmission
- c. Monitor mode: = Monitor off
- d. P-25 squelch: **N**= Normal squelch  
**S**= Selective squelch

Remaining symbols are:

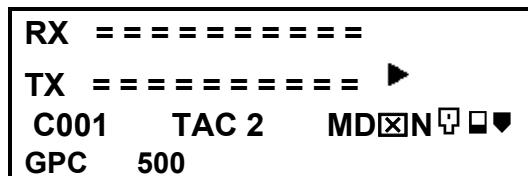
Key lock mode:  =Key lock ON (*Not displayed if in Low Voltage alarm*)

Low Voltage Icon:  = Low Voltage state (*Icon flashes with ALM LED*)

Shift mode:  SHIFT KEY ICON (reverts to normal within 2 seconds)

Line 4: The left 2-3 letters show GPC (GROUP CALL), AC (ALL CALL), IC (INDIVIDUAL CALL).

The right 18 letters displays the GROUP NAME, INDIVIDUAL NUMBERS, ETC.



## 2. LED DISPLAY

The Midland Base Tech III has 5 LED's

From left to right;

**DIGI**= The LED is on when receiving a digital signal

**REP**= The LED is on when in repeat mode.

*(The BASE TECH III can be programmed for, SIMPLEX -SEMIDUPLEX - DUPLEX- REPEATER on a per channel basis.)*

**ALM**= The LED flashes when an error on either TX, RX, PA or Low Voltage occurs

**TX**= The LED is on when in Transmit

**BUSY**= The LED is on when receiving a signal (carrier present).

### 3. KEY CONTROLS

#### 3.1 Key entry without SHIFT key

0-9 = channel numbers and individual call address (*target address*)  
A = P-25 calls (*Group Call, All Call, and Individual Call*)  
B = The beginning and the end of individual call number  
C = TX Transmit mode (Clear or Secure), **only models with encryption firmware.**  
D = P-25 mode (*analog or digital TX*)  
\* = Cancel channel number, individual number  
# = Ending channel number, individual number  
CH = Channel number entry, depress CH, then 0-9 for channels  
F = P25 Conventional Control Messages (*SBC*)  
MON= Monitor toggle ON or OFF  
Rotary knob= (**early firmware**) Volume, Squelch, Back Light Dimmer and Timer  
(**late firmware**) Volume, Squelch, Back Light Dimmer, Light Timer  
and Site Monitor Timer

#### 3.2 Key entry following SHIFT key

0= P-25 test mode start and finish  
1=Backlight ON/OFF  
2=TX power Hi/LOW  
3=Talk around ON/OFF  
4= Encryption key info **only models with encryption firmware**  
5= Encryption key info **only models with encryption firmware**  
6= Journal on/off (**BS/ CPV/ MD firmware**)/  
= NAC Steer/ Base Station Toggle (**CSCM firmware**)  
7=Indicates Analog channel data (*while depressed*)  
8=Key lock ON/OFF  
9=No function  
A=Manual CWID send key  
B=Programmed CWID Start/Stop key  
C= Cryptogram Test **only models with encryption firmware**  
D= RX Mode (Analog/ Mixed/ Digital)  
\*= Indicating P-25 data (*while depressed*)  
#= DTMF Entry  
CH= Toggle Bar-Graph or TX RX Frequencies  
F= SBC (Conventional Control Messages) Mode / Emergency Call  
MON = P-25 squelch normal or selective and analog MONITOR modes.



## 4. PROGRAMMING

The Midland Base Tech III must be programmed with Windows 2000, XP, Vista or Windows 7 operating system.

The 91-1480CD software and 91-1303B programming cable are required to program the radio and are available through your Midland dealer or LMR Sales Department.

*Note: During actual data transfer the radio will not operate but should be complete within 30 seconds or less.*

## 5. CONTROL KNOB

### 5.1 VOLUME

Rotate the knob to change the volume level.

The volume level varies from 0 to 34. If the local speaker is active, the audible beep level will change as the knob is rotated.

Figure 3 shows the Volume at level 12

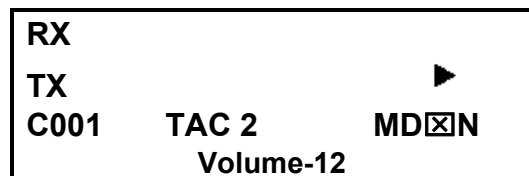


Figure 3

## 5.2 SQUELCH CONTROL

Push the rotary knob once to select the squelch level and then turn the knob to vary the level from 0 to 15. 0 is open squelch.

Figure-4 shows the Squelch at level 6

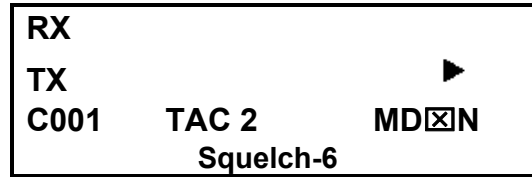


Figure 4

## 5.3 LCD BACKLIGHT DIMMER

Push the rotary knob twice to select the dimmer level and then turn the knob to select a level from 0 to 15, 0 is the darkest.

Figure-5 shows the Dimmer at level 5

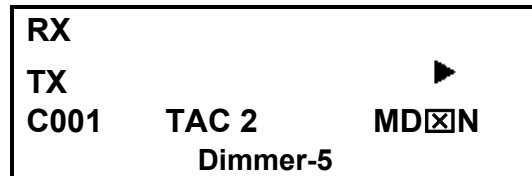


Figure 5

## 5.4 LCD BACKLIGHT TIMER

Push the rotary knob three times to adjust the Backlight Timer. The Time varies from 0 to 30 seconds. This function is inactive when the Backlight has been turned on with SHIFT + 1 (Backlight ON/OFF).

Figure-6 shows the Backlight Timer set for 15 seconds



Figure 6

## 5.5 ST MONI TIMER (MD/ CSCM firmware only)

Push the rotary knob four times to adjust the Site Monitor Timer. The Time varies from NON USE to 900 seconds in 30 second increments. ***This function is still in development and should be left in the NON-USE position.***

Figure-7 shows the ST MONI set for NON USE

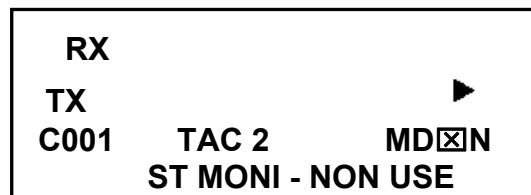


Figure 7

## 6. CHANNEL SELECTION

The Midland Base Tech III has capability of up to 500 channels.

Press CH, and then enter the channel number. Then end with “#” or wait 2 seconds for channel change to complete.

Example-1 CH-8; Press CH + 0 + 0 + 8 or CH +8 + #

Example-2 CH-500; Press CH + 5 + 0 + 0

Example-3 Increment: Press CH + A + #

Each “A” press will increment one channel after “CH”, within 2 seconds.

Example-4 Decrement: Press CH + B + #

Each “B” press will decrement one channel after “CH”, within 2 seconds.

## 7. P-25 CALLING SELECTION (*Digital Base Mode Only*)

Press and release A repeatedly to scroll through the menu

Radio displays **GPC 00001= Group 1 Call,**

**GPC everygroup= All Call,**

**IDC----- = Individual Call**

Figure-8 Shows Talk Group Identification (*TGID*), Group 1 Call

Figure-9 shows an All Call (*everygroup*), to everygroup on the same NAC

Figure-10 Shows an Individual Call, to and individual unit ID on the same NAC.

(Refer to Section 11, Figure 11 and 12 for ID entry).

RX		
TX		▶
C001	TAC 2	MD☒N
GPC 00001		

Figure 8

RX		
TX		▶
C001	TAC 2	MD☒N
GPC everygroup		

Figure 9

RX		
TX		▶
C001	TAC 2	MD☒N
IDC -----		

Figure 10



### 7.1 INDIVIDUAL CALL ENTRY (Digital Base Mode Only)

Press and release A repeatedly until IDC----- is displayed.

Press B, and enter the numerical Unit ID.

To deleted a digit, Press the star ( \* ) key

Press B or # to complete entry.

Figure-11 shows entry start, when B is pressed

Figure-12 shows completed entry, 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + B



Figure 11

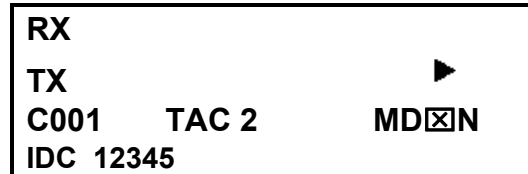


Figure 12

## 8. P-25 PTT & RX MODE

### 8.1 P25 PTT MODE

Press D to select PTT (Push-To-Talk), mode.

When the display shows **PTT is Analog**, the radio transmits in analog mode.

When the display shows **PTT is Digital**, the radio transmits in digital mode.

Figure-13 Shows Analog

Figure-14 Shows Digital

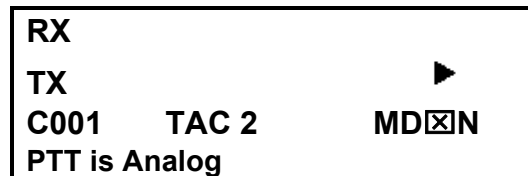


Figure 13

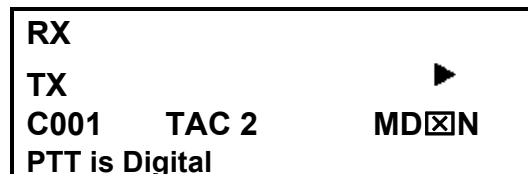


Figure 14

## 8.2. P-25 RECEIVE MODE

Press SHIFT + D to select Receive mode.

When the display shows **RX is Analog**, the radio receives only in analog mode.

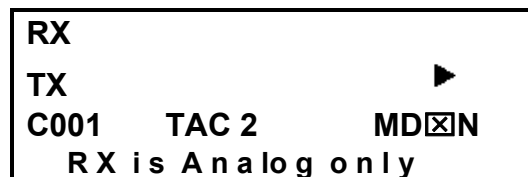
When the display shows **RX is Digital**, the radio receives only in digital mode.

When the display shows **RX is Mix**, the radio receives in either analog or digital mode.

Figure-15 Shows Analog


Figure-16 Shows Digital

Figure-17 Shows Mix Mode



RX  
TX  
C001 TAC 2 MD☒N  
RX is Analog only

Figure 15



RX  
TX  
C001 TAC 2 MD☒N  
RX is Digital only

Figure 16



RX  
TX  
C001 TAC 2 MD☒N  
RX is Mix

Figure 17

## 9. P25 CONVENTIONAL CONTROL SIGNALLING (SBC)

*(Digital Base Mode Only)*

***Please note: SBC functions are selectable in the Programming Software. The Base Tech III has been developed to work with any P25 radio under the TIA specifications. However not all subscriber radios have the capability of these functions.***

### 9.1 EMERGENCY MODE TX-

*Press and hold the F key to send an EMERGENCY call. (Note: The radio will transmit on the **programmed** EMERGENCY channel not necessarily the channel that appears on the display.)*

**Reboot the radio to clear the Emergency Alert.**

### EMERGENCY MODE RX-

To clear a received Emergency call, *Press and release F twice.*

**Press F to enter the SBC mode.**

### Key functions after entering menu selection;

*Press A for the next and B for the previous menu item.*

**C** stops transmission (The radio transmits the SBC 4 times until acknowledged.)

**D** moves the cursor between items within the selection.

\* deletes the last digit.

**#** transmits the selected SBC mode.

***Please Note: When the radio is in SBC mode, it can receive Group calls, All Call and Individual calls but no source address (caller unit ID), is displayed.***

***Emergency calls can be received when in SBC mode but the radio gives priority to Radio Inhibit. Both Emergency and Radio Inhibit are ignored when in SBC transmitting mode.***

The radio will revert to normal operation if no key is pressed for 10 seconds.

## 9.2 CALL ALERT-

To send a **Call Alert**, Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed, then enter the *target ID* of the radio to alert and Press #. If the target radio has received the Call Alert the display should show “ACK” (acknowledgement).

Figure 18 displays a Call Alert ACK

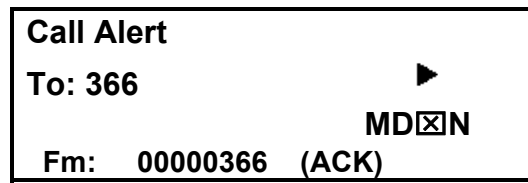


Figure 18

## 9.3 RADIO CHECK-

The dispatcher can send a message to a subscriber unit requesting a response from the radio (for example, to check if it is in operation).

To initiate a **Radio Check**, Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed, then enter the *target ID* of the radio to alert and Press #. If the target radio has received the Call Alert the display should show “ACK” (acknowledgement).

Figure 19 shows Radio Check Display.

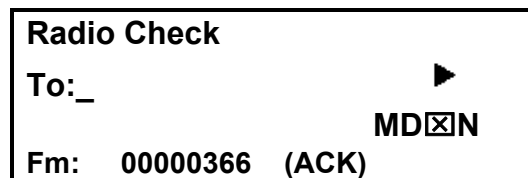


Figure 19

#### 9.4 RADIO INHIBIT-

This function is used to disable a subscriber unit (Mobile or Portable). The subscriber unit cannot be turned on at all until an Uninhibit Command is sent. The password must match the password entered in the BTIII program for inhibit to occur.

**To Inhibit a radio,** Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed then enter the target radio's ID. Press D and enter the programmed password, then Press #. The target radio will be totally disabled. If the target radio has received the Call Alert the display should show "ACK" (acknowledgement). Figure 20 shows the Radio Inhibit entry display.

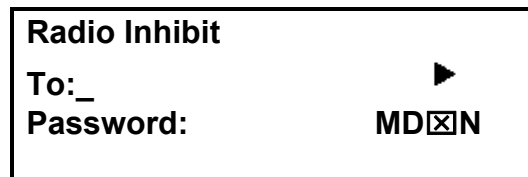


Figure 20

#### 9.5 RADIO UNINHIBIT-

Used to enable a subscriber unit that has been disabled, the password must match the password entered in the BTIII program.

**To Un-inhibit a radio,** Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed and enter the target radio's ID, enter the password and then Press #. The target radio will be returned to normal operation. The target radio should send an ACK if successful.

Figure 21 shows the Radio Uninhibit entry mode.

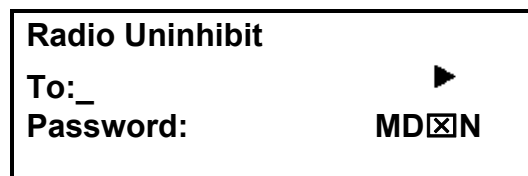


Figure 21

### 9.6 STATUS UPDATE-

Used to send user status. The status numbers relates to an actual message list. Indicates the User status (0-255) and Unit status (0-255).

**To send a Status Update**, Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed and *enter the target radio ID*. Then Press D and *enter the User (USR), message number*, Press D again and *enter the Unit number*, then Press #. If the target radio has received the Call Alert the display should show “ACK” (acknowledgement). Figure 22 shows Status Update ready to be sent to 366.

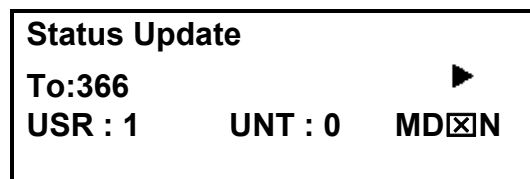


Figure 22

### 9.7 STATUS REQUEST-

Status Request is used to request the status of another unit. After the request is sent the target unit should respond with the current status. In the example below USR: 2, means the number 2 status message.

**To send a Status Request**, Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed and *enter the target radio ID* then Press #. The target unit should respond with the message number, unit ID and ACK.

Figure 23 shows Status Request received from 366.

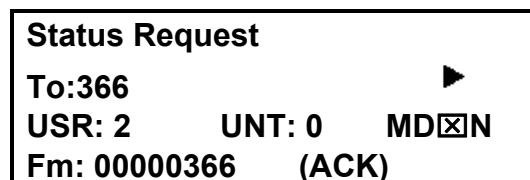


Figure 23

## 9.8 PREDEFINED MESSAGES-

Is used to send a predefined system message.

**To send a Predefined Message**, Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed, then *enter the target radio ID*, Press D and enter a message number and Press #. The target radio should send and ACK if successful.

Figure 24 shows message 2 ready to be sent to 366.

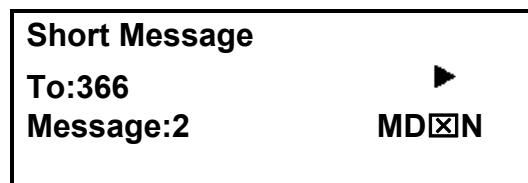


Figure 24

## 9.9 RADIO MONITOR-

Used to key up a target radio from 10 to 60 seconds and monitor the transmit audio.

**To monitor a radio**, Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed, then *enter the target radio ID*, Press D and enter 1 (10sec),2 (30sec), or 3 (60sec).

Figure 25 shows Radio Monitor request to 366 to transmit for 30 seconds.

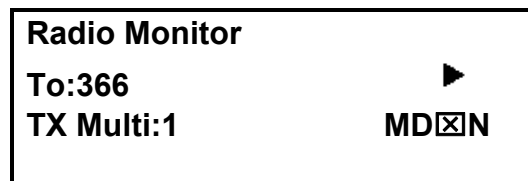


Figure 25

### 9.10 TELEPHONE-

Used to initiate a telephone interconnect request on the RF subsystem.

Press F then Press A or B until the selection is displayed, then *enter the complete telephone number* including country and area code. (max. 16 digits), then Press #.

Figure 26 shows the Midland Radio Corporation telephone number.

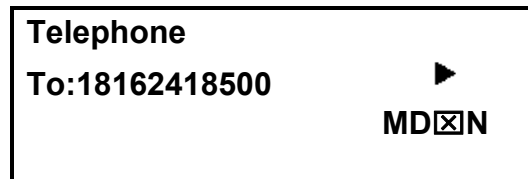


Figure 26

### 9.11 SBC LOG-

To toggle the SBC LOG ON, Press SHIFT+F, to turn the LOG OFF Press F.

When the SBC LOG is entered, the last SBC call is displayed. Press B to scroll to the previous records and Press A to scroll to the end of the list.

The radio will store up to 99 log entries. When more than 99 entries are made the oldest log will be deleted.

**Note: When the radio is reset or reprogrammed, all logs are deleted.**

Figure 27 shows the fifth entry of the SBC Log.

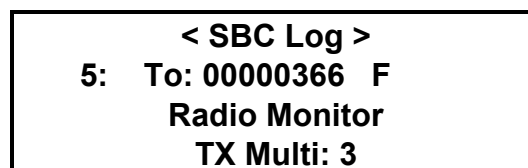


Figure 27



## 10. P-25 SQUELCH ADJUSTMENT

Press SHIFT + MON to choose the P-25 squelch mode.

*Normal SQL*= If NAC is the same, the receiver will unmute

*Selective SQL*= If NAC and GROUP is the same, the receiver will unmute

Figure-28 Shows Normal SQ

Figure-29 Shows Selective SQ



Figure 28

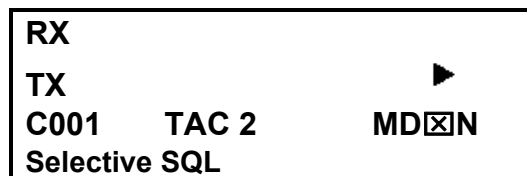


Figure 29

## 11. TALKGROUP ALIAS ID

When GPC is selected with the “A” key, the TGID alias is indicated as programmed  
(Max 8 characters)

Figure-30 shows POLICE for the TGID alias.

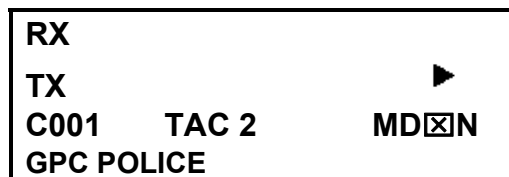



Figure 30

## 12. KEY-LOCK

Press SHIFT+8 to enable and disable the Key-lock. This symbol  shows on the LCD. Key-Lock and Key-Unlock icon is displayed for 2 seconds and then reverts to show the TGID.

The PTT, MON and SHIFT key are not locked

If PTT, MON and SHIFT needs to be locked, select DISABLE in the programming software. If the station is to be remotely controlled it is recommended to leave PTT enabled, Remote PTT will not work when PTT is locked.

To release key lock, Press SHIFT+ 8 again.

Figure-31 shows key locked

Figure-32 shows key unlocked

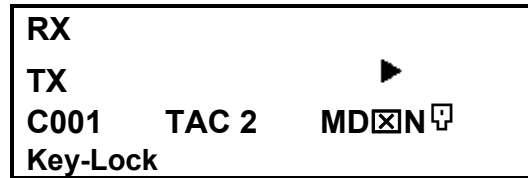


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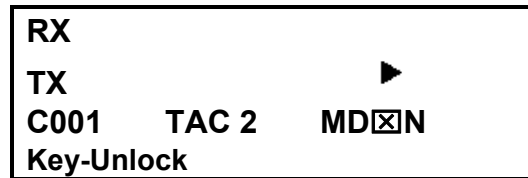


Figure 32

### 13. MANUAL CWID START AND STOP

Press SHIFT + A to manually send the programmed CWID.

**CAUTION: THE TRANSMITTER WILL ENERGIZE IMMEDIATELY WHEN “A” IS PRESSED!**

To turn OFF CWID, Press SHIFT + HOLD B for 2 seconds  
(This disables both programmed and manual CWID)

To return to normal operation, either reboot the radio or

Press SHIFT+ HOLD B for 2 seconds

(*CWID must be enabled in programming to use these functions*).

Figure 33 shows CWID Sending

Figure 34 shows CWID function stop

Figure 35 shows CWID function start

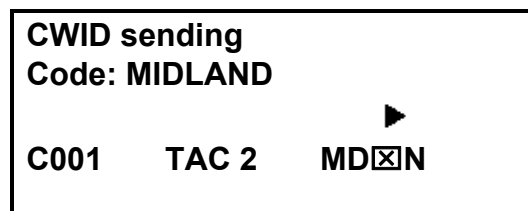


Figure 33

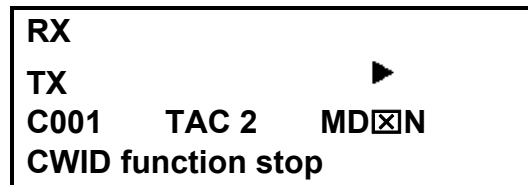


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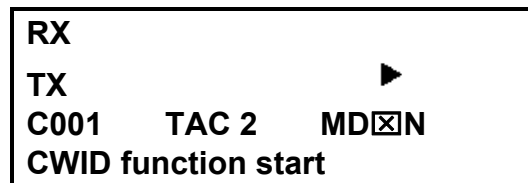


Figure 35

### 14. DTMF ENCODE

Press SHIFT + # and then enter 0-9, \* or # to transmit DTMF.

The DTMF modulation level will be the same as the CWID level.

Figure 36 displays DTMF Encode mode.

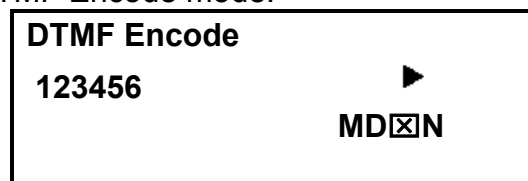


Figure 36

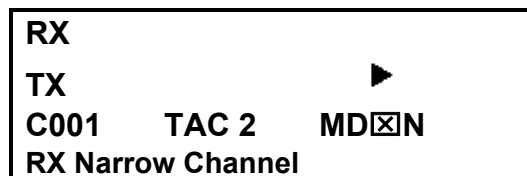
### 15. ANALOG CHANNEL DATA

Press SHIFT+7 to scroll through the data. 7 must be depressed to scroll.

- 1) Rx width (*narrow/wide/4kHz*)
- 2) TX width (*narrow/wide/4KHz*)
- 3) Base mode (*Simplex/Semi-duplex/Duplex/Repeater*)
- 4) Rx CTCSS/DCS, CTCSS and DCS are used in Rx
- 5) TX CTCSS/DCS, CTCSS and DCS are used in TX
- 6) TX RX Modulation type either PM or FM (*PM is the default*)

**(The INFORMATION DISPLAY selection in the 91-1480CD MISCELLANOUS MENU must be set to ENABLE to display this information.)**

Figure-37 Displays indicates a narrow channel during scroll.



**Figure 37**

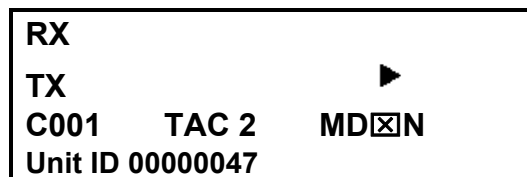
### 16. P-25 CHANNEL DATA

Press SHIFT+ \* to scroll through the data, \* must be depressed to scroll.

- |                                      |                         |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1/ Unit ID ( <i>source address</i> ) | 8/ Radio Inhibit RCV    |
| 2/ RX NAC                            | 9/ Radio Un-inhibit RCV |
| 3/ TX-NAC                            | 10/ Status Update RCV   |
| 4/ TGID                              | 11/ Status Request RCV  |
| 5/Emergency Alarm RCV                | 12/ Short Message RCV   |
| 6/Call Alert RCV                     | 13/ Radio Monitor RCV   |
| 7/ Radio Check RCV                   |                         |

These functions may be enabled and disabled in the programming software's "MISCELLANEOUS/ INFORMATION DISPLAY" section.

Figure 38 Shows the Unit ID



**Figure 38**

## 17. BAR GRAPH/CHANNEL DISPLAY

Press SHIFT + CH to eliminate the channel name/bar graph and display the frequencies for TX and RX.

Press SHIFT + CH to toggle back.

Figure-39 Displays the frequencies instead of channel name.

The 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> character on line 1 indicates Receive Channel

The 3<sup>rd</sup> character indicates Wide band

The 4<sup>th</sup> character indicates Simplex mode.

The modes of operation are: “S” = Simplex, “H” = Semi duplex;  
“D” = Duplex and “R” = Repeat

Line 2, “TXN” indicates TX is Narrow band.

RXWS	154.600		
TXN	154.600		▶
C001	TAC 2	MD	☒N
GPC	00001		

Figure 39

## 18. LCD BACKLIGHT TOGGLE

By Default, the Backlight illuminates for 30 seconds after any key press then goes out. Press SHIFT +1 for the backlight to stay on. Press SHIFT+ 1 again to return to default operation.

Figure-40 Indicates the backlight is ON.

See section 5 for backlight timer settings.

RX			
TX			▶
C001	TAC 2	MD	☒N
Light turn ON			

Figure 40

## 19. CHANGING TX POWER

Press SHIFT+2 to select High or Low TX power. ► Indicates high power.

If the radio is programmed for Hi power, the radio can be changed to low power with this function. If the radio is programmed for low power, it cannot be switched to HI power with this function.

The Figure-41 Displays the Hi power symbol.

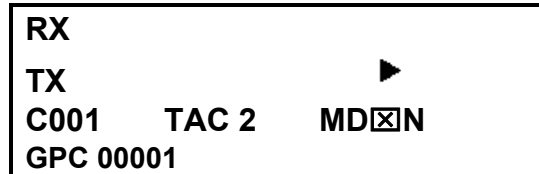


Figure 41

## 20. CALLER ID

In Simplex mode the Midland Base Tech III display indicates the source Unit ID or Individual ID.

Figure-42 Displays the source ID as 00000366 in group call mode.

Figure-43 Displays the source ID in Individual Call mode.

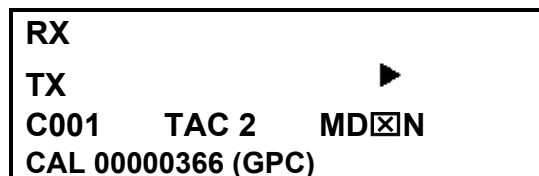


Figure 42

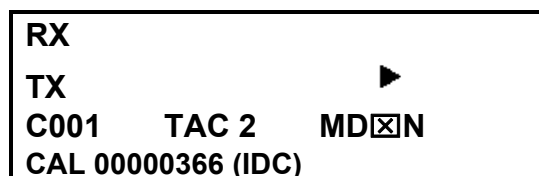


Figure 43

## 21. EMERGENCY CALL RECEPTION

The 4th line of the LCD shows the Emergency ALM when an emergency call is received. The LCD back light flashes and the audible tone heard from the speaker can be increased or decreased with the volume control.

Figure-44 below displays the Emergency Caller's ID 00000366.

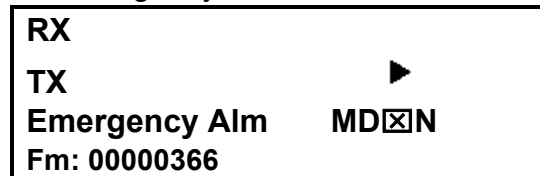


Figure 44

## 22. REPEAT MODE

### 21.1 ANALOG

If the received CTCSS/DCS matches the programmed CTCSS/DCS, the radio transmits the programmed carrier frequency and CTCSS/DCS. Hang time is programmable (0-9.9sec), through the “Miscellaneous” tab of the 91-1480CD software.

### 22.2 DIGITAL

#### **Matching NAC (Network Access Code);**

If the programmed NAC matches the received NAC it allows the radio to repeat. The programmed NAC and TGID (Talk Group Identification), is transmitted.

#### **\$F7F in RX NAC**

If the RX NAC is \$F7F, all incoming signals are repeated with the same NAC and TGID as received.

#### **\$F7F in RX NAC w/ Through OFF;**

If the RX NAC is \$F7F, receives all incoming signals and transmits the programmed NAC and TGID.

*Note: Hang time is programmable (0-9.9 seconds), through the “Miscellaneous” tab of the Base Tech III (91-1480-CD) software.*

### 22.3 MIXED

In Mixed mode, the radio receives both Analog and Digital signals automatically. Individual channel programming can be combined as described in a) and b) above. If the radio receives analog, it transmits analog, if it receives digital, it transmits digital.

## 23. BASE MODE

### 23.1 ANALOG

If the received CTCSS/DCS matches the programmed CTCSS/DCS, the radio's receiver will open. The MON key may be pressed to bypass any tone signaling.

### 23.2 DIGITAL

#### **Matching NAC (Network Access Code);**

If the programmed NAC/TGID matches the received NAC/TGID, the receiver will open. Pressing SHIFT + MON switches between Selective SQL and Normal SQL mode.

#### **\$F7E in RX NAC**

If the NAC is set for \$F7E, the radio should receive any incoming NAC.

### 23.3 MIXED

In Mixed mode, the radio receives both Analog and Digital signal automatically.

Channel programming can be combined as described in 23.1 and 23.2 above on an individual channel.

## 24. REMOTE CONTROL

The BASE TECH III can be controlled remotely by pulling pin 24 of the EXT OPTION 25 pin D-sub connector to a low level. Local operation is restored when pin 24 goes HI.

In the Remote Mode only channels 1-16 can be controlled. Also when in Remote Mode Front Panel MON and Channel Selection is disabled.

Refer to the chart on page 35 for Channel control pin outs and other related information.

Figure-45 below shows CH -1 in remote control mode. The 3rd line shows E001 instead of C001 (*E*XXX means remote, *C*XXX is Local Mode)

RX			
TX			▶
E001	TAC 2	MD	☒N
GPC 00001			

Figure 45



## **25. P-25 TEST MODE**

Press SHIFT+ 0 to put the radio into test mode. Then press the following numbers for the test you wish to perform.

- 1) Standard transmitter "Test Pattern"
  - 2) Standard transmitter "Symbol Rate" pattern
  - 3) Standard transmitter "Low Deviation" pattern
  - 4) Standard transmitter "C4FM Modulation" Fidelity pattern
  - 5) Standard "Tone Test"
- Sends the Standard Tone Test Pattern in TX mode.
  - Indicates BER (Bit Error Rate) in RX mode.

Figure-46 Displays that the radio is in the "P25 Test Mode" and "Test Pattern"

Figure-47 Displays Symbol Rate

Figure-48 Displays Low Deviation

Figure-49 Displays C4FM Modulation

Figure-50 Displays TX Tone Test

Figure-51 Displays RX Tone Test and BER of 5%

**<P25 Test Mode>**  
Test Pattern ▶  
C001 MD☒N

Figure 46

**<P25 Test Mode>**  
Symbol Rate ▶  
C001 MD☒N

Figure 47

**<P25 Test Mode>**  
Low Deviation ▶  
C001 MD☒N

Figure 48

**<P25 Test Mode>**  
C4FM Modulation ▶  
C001 MD☒N

Figure 49

**<P25 Test Mode>**  
Tone Test ▶  
C001 MD☒N

Figure 50

**<P25 Test Mode>**  
Tone Test ▶  
C001 MD☒N  
Error Rate 5%

Figure 51

## 26A. ADJUSTMENT MODES (71BS firmware)

While Grounding TP-2 on the analog logic board, switch the radio on.

*(See the Midland Base Tech III Service Manual for the TP-2 location and for proper procedure)*

Press # to change selections.

Press A (Up) and B (Down) to adjust the level.

-RX 0 dBm Out        =Rx 0 dBm output level adjustment (At pins 20 & 21 on the EXT OPTION 25 pin D-sub connector).

-REPEAT DEVI        =Deviation level adjustment for “Repeat” mode (analog)

-TX DIGITAL DEV     =Deviation level adjustment (digital)

- TX ANALOG DEVI    =Deviation level adjustment (analog)

-TX TONE DEVI        =CWID Deviation level adjustment

**(The CWID level must be adjusted before it will send any code)**

*(Above 71BS 2.95 only)*

- CTC DECODR DLY    = CTCSS Decoder Delay Adjustment.  
Delays attack time of the CTCSS Decoder on Repeaters

**You must reboot the radio to return to normal operation**

Figure-52 Displays RX wide 0dbm out

Figure-53 Displays Repeat Modulation adjustment for repeat mode

Figure-54 Displays TX MOD-Digital

Figure-55 Displays TX MOD-Analog (TXW for Wide and TXN for narrow) whatever the current channel is programmed for.

Figure-56 Displays TX TONE DEVI, This is the CWID level adjustment

Figure-57 Displays CTC DECODR DLY This is the CTCSS Decoder Delay adjustment. Normally set for “0”

RXWH	<Adjust>	
TXW	RX 0dbm Out	
C001	25 / 31	MA

Figure 52

RXWH	<Adjust>	
TXW	REPEAT DEVI	
C001	15 / 31	MA

Figure 53

RXWH	<Adjust>	
TXW	DIGITAL DEVI	
C001	27 / 31	MD

Figure 54

RXWS	<Adjust>	
TXW	ANALOG DEVI	
C001	19 / 31	MA

Figure 55

RXWH	<Adjust>	
TXW	TONE DEVI	
C001	27 / 31	MA

Figure 56

RXWH	<Adjust>	
TXW	CTC DECODR DLY	
C001	0 / 50	MA

Figure 57 (71BS 295 and above)

## 26B. ADJUSTMENT MODES (71MD/ CSCM firmware)

While Grounding TP-2 on the analog logic board, switch the radio on.

(See the Midland Base Tech III Service Manual for the TP-2 location and for proper procedure)

Press # to change selections.

Press A (Up) and B (Down) to adjust the level.

-RX 0 dBm Out                      =Rx 0 dBm output level adjustment (At pins 20 & 21 on the EXT OPTION 25 pin D-sub connector).

-REPEAT DEVI                      =Deviation level adjustment for "Repeat" mode (analog)

-TX DIGITAL DEV                    =Deviation level adjustment (digital)

- TX ANALOG DEVI                 =Deviation level adjustment (analog)

-TX TONE DEVI                     =CWID Deviation level adjustment

**(The CWID level must be adjusted before it will send any code)**

-CTC/DCS DEVI WID               =CTCSS/DCS Deviation adjustment for Wide Band Channels

-CTC/DCS DEVI NRW              =CTCSS/DCS Deviation adjustment for Narrow Band Channels

**You must reboot the radio to return to normal operation**

Figure-58 Displays RX wide 0dbm out

Figure-59 Displays RX MOD-1, Modulation adjustment for repeat mode

Figure-60 Displays TX MOD-Digital

Figure-61 Displays TX MOD-Analog (TXW for Wide and TXN for narrow) whatever the current channel is programmed for.

Figure-62 Displays TX TONE DEVI, This is the CWID level adjustment.

Figure 63 Displays CTCSS/ DCS Deviation for wideband operation.

Figure 64 Displays CTCSS/ DCS Deviation for narrowband operation.

RXWH	<Adjust>		
TXW	RX 0dbm Out		
C001	25 / 31	AA	

Figure 58

RXWH	<Adjust>		
TXW	REPEAT DEVI		
C001	21 / 35	AA	

Figure 59

RXWH	<Adjust>		
TXW	DIGITAL DEVI		
C001	27 / 31	AD	

Figure 60

RXWS	<Adjust>		
TXW	ANALOG DEVI		
C001	20 / 31	AA	

Figure 61

RXWH	<Adjust>		
TXW	TONE DEVI		
C001	20 / 65	AA	

Figure 62

RXWH	<Adjust>		
TXW	CTC/DCS DEVI WID		
C001	18 / 72	AA	

Figure 63

RXWH	<Adjust>		
TXW	CTC/DCS DEVI NRW		
C001	23 / 72	AA	

Figure 64

## 27. KEY TEST

Press and Hold C, switch on the radio.

Then depress any key to test.

Figure-65 shows initial display

Figure-66 shows CH key depressed.

Figure-67 shows rotary switch turn clockwise

Figure-68 shows rotary switch turn counter-clockwise

*If no key is pressed for 5 seconds, the radio reboots to normal operation.*

**<Key Test>**  
**Please Key - in**

**Figure 65**

**<Key Test>**  
**CH Key**

**Figure 66**

**<Key Test>**  
**RTSW UP**

**Figure 67**

**<Key Test>**  
**RTSW DWN**

**Figure 68**

## 28. DISPLAYING THE FIRWARE VERSIONS

Both the radio and DSP firmware versions are indicated on the LCD after the radio switches on for 2 seconds, **unless a “Starting Message” has been programmed.**

Figure-69 Displays Radio and DSP Firmware versions

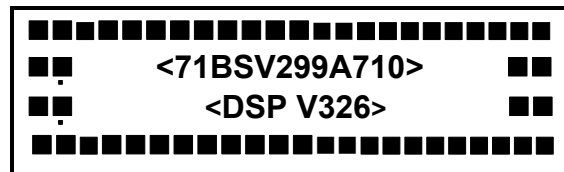


Figure 69

Figure-70 Shows the programmable starting message “Your Message Here”.



Figure 70

## 29. DISPLAYING THE SERIAL NUMBER

Press and Hold D, turn on the radio, the serial number is indicated. (max 8 digits).  
When the D key is released, the radio will reboot in the normal mode.

Figure-71 shows 7300329 serial number

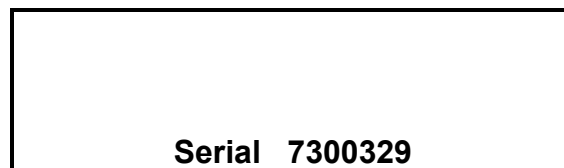


Figure 71



### 30. DISPLAYING THE PROGRAMMING SOFTWARE VERSION

Press and Hold A, and turn on the radio, the programming software version is indicated. When the A key is released, the radio will reboot in the normal mode Figure-72 shows V-0.2.3642 version



Figure 72

### 31. DATA CHECK

The Midland Base Tech III has a self diagnostic function. All data in the EEROM is checked every time the radio is switched on. If the data is not properly stored, the radio automatically turns to programming mode Figure-73 shows ERROM Data error

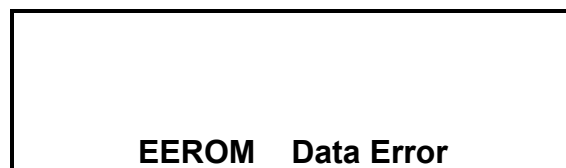


Figure 73

### 32. ERROR MESSAGES

If there is a problem with the RX PLL, TX PLL or PA, then the ALM LED flashes on and indicates which section has the issue.

Figure-49 displays a RX PLL error, Note this may be displayed in REM mode if the remote channel lines are open or a channel is selected remotely that is not programmed. (*EXXX will be displayed instead of CXXX, where XXX is the channel number.*)

Figure-74 Displays a RX PLL error

Figure-75 Displays a TX PLL error

Figure-76 Displays a PA error

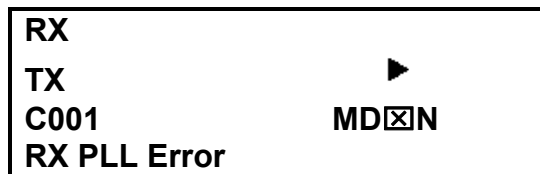


Figure 74

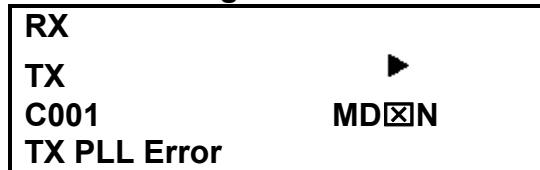


Figure 75

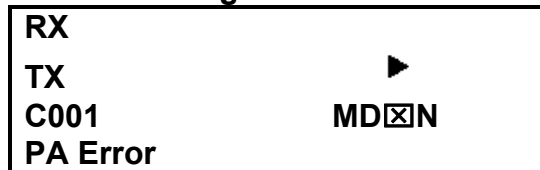


Figure 76

### 33. FIRMWARE ERROR DETECTION

When the radio itself detects a malfunction, the main CPU will restart automatically.

### 34. RS232 ERROR DETECTION

If the communications between PC and the radio have trouble, the following messages are shown on the LCD.

- Overrun error
- Framing error
- Parity error
- Unknown command
- Data unmatched
- Send error
- Answer timeout
- Receive timeout

### 35. DSP ERROR DETECTION

When there is a problem with the DSP, the following message may be shown on the display. Please check that the DSP board is installed correctly, and the correct firmware version is displayed at startup.

Figure-77 shows DSP failure

Figure-78 shows DSP not ready

Figure-79 shows DSP serial error



Figure 77

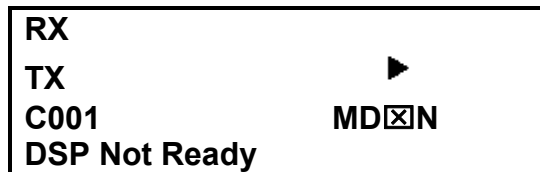


Figure 78

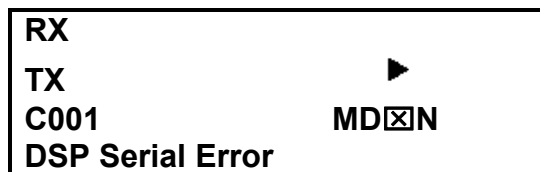


Figure 79

### 36. Option Port Pin out

25 pin D-sub connector for remote control is provided on the rear panel of Base Tech III. The functions of each pin are as follows:

<b>Pin No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>I/O</b>	<b>Levels</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	CH0	LSB external binary channel selection	I	0-+3.3VDC	0000 is channel 1
2	CH1	External binary channel selection	I	0-+3.3VDC	
3	CH2	External binary channel selection	I	0-+3.3VDC	
4	CH3	MSB External binary channel selection	I	0-+3.3VDC	1111 is channel 16
5	Unassigned				
6	REM MON	Remote Monitor	I	0-+3.3VDC	+3.3V=Monitor On
7	GND	Ground			
8	Unassigned				
9	REM D/A	Remote Digital / Analog select		0V – 3.3V	+3.3V = Analog 0V = Digital
10	DEM OUT	Discriminator audio out	O	≈330mVrms 1KHz @ ±3KHz	C4FM on DIGITAL MODE
11	BUSY	Channel busy indication	O	0-+3.3VDC	+3.3V=Busy
12	RSSI	Receive signal strength indicator	O	0-+2.5VDC analog	
13	MOD1	External audio modulation input	I	≈50mVrms 1KHz for ±3KHz	
14	GND	Ground			
15	PTT	Push to talk	I	0-+3.3VDC	0V=transmit
16	MOD2	External modulation input	I	≈400mVrms 1KHz for ±3KHz	After limiter and filtering /LOW FREQ i.e. External CTCSS/DCS IN
17	SIMP	Simplex mode selected	O	0-+3.3VDC	0V=simplex
18	ERR	Alarm indication	O	0-+3.3VDC	Duty Cycle Determines which alarm
19	DECODE	Decode valid indication	O	0-+3.3VDC	+3.3V=Valid Signaling
20	RX AUD1	Buffered receive audio	O	≈700mVrms 1KHz @ ±3KHz	1 & 2 Can produce 0 dBm into
21	RX AUD2	Buffered receive audio	O	≈700mVrms 1KHz @ ±3KHz	600 ohm input
22	TX OUT		O		
23	EXT PW/SW	External power switch	I	0-Open source	0V=ON ( <b>When Power SW is OFF</b> )
24	REMOTE	Remote Mode	I	0-+3.3VDC	0V=Remote Mode
25	+12V		O	12 vdc	800mA Max out

**NOTE: Pins 1-4, 6 and 9 are only available when pin 24 (Remote Mode) is at 0V. See page 23 for more information on display indications**

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