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ET-908

900 MHz Digital Cordless Telephone With 10-Number Speed Dialing





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FEATURES

Your Radio Shack ET-908 900 MHz Digital Cordless Telephone With 10-Number Speed-Dialing uses advanced digital cordless telephone technology to give you superior sound quality. It uses the recently allocated 900 MHz band which means less interference, clearer sound, and greater range than 46/49 MHz cordless telephones. Its cordless operation lets you make or answer calls just about anywhere in your home or office.

Your phone's features include:

900 MHz Operation — provides better sound and less interference than many other cordless phones.

Digitally Encoded Signal — prevents other people from picking up your phone's signal and listening to your conversations.

Security Access Protection Code changes each time you place the handset on the base, to minimize the chances of other cordless phones using your phone line.

10 Channels — scans 10 channels (frequency pairs used between the base and the handset) and automatically selects the one with the least interference each time you make or receive a call, and lets you change the channel during a call.

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Out of Range Signal — the handset beeps to let you know when you move out of the base's operating range.

10-Number Speed Dialing — lets you store up to 10 phone numbers in memory for easy dialing.

Paging System — lets you send a signal from the base to the handset so you can page someone or easily locate the handset when it is away from the base.

Any-Key Answer — lets you press any key on the handset (except **OFF**) to answer an incoming call.

Digital Volume Control — lets you adjust the volume of the sound you hear through the handset.

Programmable Ringer — lets you select from four ringer types and turn the handset's ringer on or off.

Privacy — prevents the person on the other end of the phone line from hearing your conversation with someone in the room.

Flash — sends an electronic switchhook signal for use with special phone services such as call waiting.

Redial — lets you quickly dial the last number dialed.

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Touch Tone (DTMF) or Pulse Dialing — lets you use your phone with either type of dialing.

Hearing Aid Compatible — lets you use this telephone with hearing aids that have a T (telephone) switch.

This phone has been tested and found to comply with all applicable UL and FCC standards.

Important: Cordless phones such as this one require AC power to operate. When AC power is off, you cannot dial out or receive incoming calls using your ET-908. For this reason, the ET-908 should not be your only telephone. To be safe, you should also have a phone that does not require AC power to operate (not a cordless phone) so you can still make and receive calls if there is an AC power failure.

For your records, we recommend you record the phone's serial number in the space below. The number is located on the bottom of the base.

Serial Number:

Warning: To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose this product to rain or moisture.





This symbol is intended to alert you to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltage within the product's enclosure that might be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock. Do not open the product's case.



This symbol is intended to inform you that important operating and maintenance instructions are included in the literature accompanying this product.

READ THIS BEFORE INSTALLATION

Your telephone conforms to federal regulations, and you can connect it to most telephone lines. However, each device you connect to the phone line draws power from the phone line. We refer to this power draw as the device's ringer equivalence number, or REN. The REN is on the label on the base's back.

If you are using more than one phone or other device on the line, add up all the RENs. If the total is more than five, your phone might not ring. In rural areas, a total REN of three might impair ringer operation. If ringer operation is impaired, remove a device from the line.

FCC STATEMENT

This telephone complies with part 68 of *FCC Rules*. You must, upon request, provide the FCC Registration Number and the REN to your phone company. These numbers are on the label on the base's back.

You must not connect your phone to any of the following:

- · Coin-operated systems
- · Party-line systems
- Most electronic key phone systems

Note: Your telephone operates on standard radio frequencies, as allocated by the FCC. Even though the access protection code prevents unauthorized use of your phone line, it is possible for other radio units operating on similar frequencies within a certain area to unintentionally intercept your conversations and/or cause interference. This lack of privacy can occur with any cordless phone.

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INSTALLATION

SELECTING A LOCATION

You can set the ET-908's base on a flat surface (such as a desktop or counter-top), mount it on a modular jack wall plate, or mount it directly on the wall. The base's location affects the phone's range. If you have a choice of several locations, try each to see which one provides the best performance.

Select a location that is:

- Near an AC outlet
- Near a telephone line jack
- Away from electrical machinery, electrical appliances, and metal walls or filing cabinets
- Away from wireless intercoms, alarms, and room monitors

If the phone line jack is not a modular jack, you must update the wiring. You can convert the wiring yourself, using jacks and adapters available at your local Radio Shack store. Or, you can let the phone company update the wiring for you.

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- The phone company charges for the installation of the necessary jacks.
- The USOC number of the baseboard jack to be installed is RJ11C.

• After you mount the phone, you must install the battery pack and charge it for 24 hours before you use it the first time. See "Preparation" on Page 11.

PLACING THE BASE ON A DESKTOP



- Plug one end of the supplied 7foot modular cord into the TO TEL LINE jack on the back of the ET-908's base.
- 2. Plug the modular cord's other end into a modular phone line jack.
- 3. Plug the ET-908's AC cord into a standard AC outlet. The POWER indicator turns on.
- For the best reception, adjust the base's antenna so it stands straight up.

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MOUNTING THE BASE ON A WALL

Using the supplied mounting bracket, you can mount the ET-908's base on a phone jack wall plate or directly on the wall.

To prepare the bracket for mounting, twist off the tabs attached to the center of the bracket and press them securely into the holes on the narrow end of the bracket.



Mounting on a Wall Plate

1. Press the ET-908's AC cord under the recessed clip directly below it on the bottom of the phone.



2. Plug one end of the supplied short modular cord into the **TO TEL LINE** jack, then press the cord under the other recessed clip on the bottom of the phone.



3. Insert the tabs on the supplied mounting bracket into the slots on the bottom of the base. Then press the bracket down until it snaps into place.



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4. Press the AC cord into the top and bottom grooves on the left side of the bracket, press the modular cord into the center groove on the right side of the bracket, then plug the modular cord into the modular phone jack.



5. Line up the keyhole slots on the bracket with the studs on the wall plate, then slide the base down onto the wall plate until it is secure.



6. Press up on the handset holder to remove it, turn it over so its tabbed edge faces up, then press it back down into its slot on the base.



- 7. Plug the ET-908's AC cord into a standard AC outlet. The POWER indicator turns on.
- 8. For the best reception, adjust the base's antenna so it stands straight up.



Note: If you want to remove the supplied bracket after attaching it, simply press in the tab on each side of the bracket and lift the bracket away from the base.



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Mounting Directly on the Wall

Using a drill (not supplied) and the supplied screws and spacers, you can easily mount your ET-908 directly on the wall.

1. At the desired mounting location, drill two holes $3^{15}/_{16}$ inches apart, one above the other.



2. Place a spacer over each screw, then thread a screw into each wall hole until the screw's head extends about ¹/₄ inch from the wall.



3. Press the ET-908's AC cord under the recessed clip directly below it on the bottom of the phone.



 Plug one end of the supplied 7foot modular cord into the TO TEL LINE jack, then press the cord under the other recessed clip on the bottom of the phone.



5. Insert the tabs on the supplied mounting bracket into the slots on the bottom of the base, then press the bracket down until it snaps into place.





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6. Press the AC cord into the top and bottom grooves on the left side of the bracket, press the modular cord into the top and bottom grooves on the right side of the bracket, then plug the modular cord into a modular phone jack.



 Line up the keyhole slots on the bracket with the screws on the wall, then slide the base down onto the screws until it is secure.



8. Press up on the handset holder to remove it, turn it over so its tabbed edge faces up, then press it back down into its slot on the base.



- 9. Plug the ET-908's AC cord into a standard AC outlet. The POWER indicator turns on.
- 10. For the best reception, adjust the base's antenna so it stands straight up.



Note: If you want to remove the supplied bracket after attaching it, simply press in the tab on each side of the bracket and lift the bracket away from the base.





PREPARATION

INSTALLING THE BATTERY PACK

To install the supplied rechargeable battery pack, place it on the battery compartment tracks, then slide it up (toward the antenna) until it locks in place.



Note: You must charge a new battery pack at least 24 hours before you use it the first time.

When the handset's battery pack no longer recharges, replace the battery pack. You can order a replacement battery pack from your local Radio Shack store.

To remove the battery pack, press the tab on the back of the handset, slide the battery pack down (away from the antenna) until it stops, then lift it up to remove it.



Note: The phone uses one rechargeable nickel-cadmium battery pack. At the end of the battery's useful life, it must be recycled or disposed of properly. Contact your local, county, or state hazardous waste management authorities for information on recycling or disposal programs in your area. Some options that might be available are: municipal curbside collection, drop-off boxes at retailers, recycling collection centers, and mailback programs.

CHARGING THE BATTERY PACK

You must charge the battery pack at least 24 hours before you use the ET-908 the first time or when you replace the battery. To charge or recharge the battery, simply place the handset on the base. The CHARGE indicator lights.





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Notes:

- If the CHARGE indicator does not light or blinks continuously when you place the handset on the cradle, be sure the battery and AC adapter are correctly and securely connected. Also, check the charging contacts on both the handset and base. If the contacts are dirty or tarnished, clean them with a pencil eraser.
- If the handset is charged, and the AC adapter is unplugged from the AC outlet or the AC outlet loses power, the handset beeps intermittently until power is restored to the base and the security accessprotection code is reset. To turn off the handset sooner so it stops beeping, press TONE +, #, or any number key (0-9).
- If the base loses AC power and the handset is away from the base, place the handset on the base for a few seconds after AC power is restored. This resets the security access-protection code.

You can recharge the battery pack at any time, but you must be sure to recharge the battery pack when the handset's PRIVACY/LOW BATT indicator lights.



If the battery pack will not hold a charge, replace it. We recommend you replace the battery pack about once a year.

Notes:

- The first time you use your phone after charging a new or completely discharged battery, the handset might not work or it might sound an error tone when you press TALK. If this happens, replace the handset on the base for about 5 seconds, then try again.
- About once a month, fully discharge the battery. Otherwise, it will lose its ability to fully recharge, and you might have to recharge and replace it more often.

To fully discharge the battery, keep the handset off the base until PRIVACY/LOW BATT turns on. Then return the handset to the base and fully recharge the battery.

 Some deeply discharged batteries take longer to charge. If overnight charging is not sufficient, try charging for up to 48 hours.

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SETTING THE PULSE/ TONE SWITCH

Set **PULSE/TONE** for the type of service you have. If you are not sure which type you have, do this test.

1. Set PULSE/TONE to TONE.



2. Press **TALK** on the handset and listen for a dial tone. The indicator above **TALK** turns on.



3. Press any number other than 0.

If the dial tone stops, you have touch tone service. Leave **PULSE/TONE** set to **TONE**.

If the tone continues, you have pulse service. Set **PULSE/TONE** to **PULSE**.

4. To hang up, either place the handset on the base or press **OFF** on the handset.

ADJUSTING THE RINGER

Checking/Setting the Ringer Type

The ET-908 is preset to use ringer type 1. To check or change the ringer type, follow these steps.

1. Press **PROG**. The indicator above **TALK** flashes.



 Within 30 seconds, press #, then press 1-4 (one key after the other) to hear the different ringer types. The ET-908 sounds a different ringer type for each key.

Notes:

- To hear the currently selected ringer type, press 0 anytime after you press # during this step.
- If the indicator above TALK turns off before you make your selection, press PROG again then repeat this step.
- 3. When you hear the ringer type you want to use, press **#** to select it. The indicator turns off.



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Turning On/Off the Ringer

The ET-908's handset is preset to ring when a call comes in. To turn off the ringer, follow these steps.

- 1. Press **PROG**. The indicator above **TALK** flashes.
- 2. Press #, then 5.

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Note: If the indicator above **TALK** turns off before you complete this step, press **PROG** again then repeat this step.

3. Press # again. The ringer is now turned off.

To turn the handset's ringer on again, simply follow the steps in "Checking/ Setting the Ringer Type" on Page 13 and select the desired ringer type.

Notes:

- If you turn off the ringer, you can still make calls normally and you can still answer calls if you hear another phone on that same line ring (see "Operation" on Page 15).
- If the handset's ringer is turned on and you press OFF while the handset is ringing, the handset's ringer turns off for that call only, then it automatically turns on about 5 seconds after the call ends. See "Making/Answering Calls" on Page 15.

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OPERATION

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Important: If you move the handset outside the base's range, the handset will not operate properly and a call in progress might be disconnected (see "Troubleshooting" on Page 21).

MAKING/ANSWERING CALLS

To make a call, simply lift the handset and press **TALK**. When you hear the dial tone, dial the desired phone number or memory number (see "Using Memory Dialing" on Page 18).



To answer a call if the handset is on the base, simply lift the handset and begin your conversation.

To answer a call if the handset is not on the base, press any key on the handset except **OFF** before speaking.

Notes:

 Both the IN USE indicator on the base and the TALK indicator on the handset flash when you receive a call, and light steadily while the handset is in use.



- If the handset's ringer is turned on and you press **OFF** while the handset is ringing, the handset's ringer turns off for that call only, then it automatically turns on about 5 seconds after the call ends.
- To turn the handset's volume up or down during a call, press ▲ or
 ▼ on the side of the handset.



To end a call, place the handset on the base or press **OFF**. The IN USE indicator on the base and the TALK indicator on the handset turn off.



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USING REDIAL

To redial the last number dialed, press TALK to get a dial tone, then press RE-DIAL. The phone automatically dials the last number dialed.



USING HOLD

To place a call on hold, simply press **HOLD**. The TALK indicator flashes to remind you that the call is on hold. You and the other party cannot hear each other.



To take a call off hold and resume your conversation, simply press **TALK**. The TALK indicator lights steadily again.

Notes:

- You can lay the handset down on a flat surface or place it on the base after you place the call on hold.
- If the handset is on the base and a call is on hold, you can simply pick up the handset to take the call off hold.

USING PRIVACY

To talk to someone else in the room without the person on the other end of the phone line hearing your conversation, press and release **PRIVACY** during the call. The PRIVACY/LOW BATT indicator on the handset lights steadily.



Press **PRIVACY** again to resume your phone conversation. The indicator turns off.



USING FLASH

You can use **FLASH** to produce a switchhook signal for special phone services, such as call waiting. If you have call waiting, press **FLASH** to take an incoming call without disconnecting the current call. Press **FLASH** again to return to the first call.



Note: If you do not have any special phone services, pressing **FLASH** might disconnect the current call.

USING TONE SERVICES ON A PULSE LINE

If you have pulse service, you can temporarily switch to sending tones for banking services or computer transactions.

Dial the number as usual, then simply press **TONE** \div at the appropriate place in the call to change to tone dialing. The phone automatically returns to pulse dialing when you end the call.

USING PAGE

To send a page from the base to the handset, press and release **PAGE** on the base. The handset sounds five distinctive rings (different than the ringer type for a normal call), and the base's PAGE indicator lights steadily during each ring.



Notes:

- To end a page before the fifth ring, you can press either PAGE on the base or OFF on the handset. The PAGE indicator turns off.
- If the handset is in use when it receives a page, it only rings once.
- The handset rings when you send a page even if the ringer is turned off.



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CHANGING CHANNELS

The ET-908 continuously scans 10 channels (frequency pairs used between the base and the handset) and automatically selects the one with the least interference each time you make or receive a call.

If you notice interference during a call, however, you can repeatedly press **CH** (channel) to try and find a clearer channel. The ET-908 changes to a different channel each time you press the key.



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Note: You cannot change the channel while using **HOLD**.

USING MEMORY DIALING

You can store up to 10 numbers in the ET-908's memory, then dial them at the press of a few buttons.

Note: Each phone number can be up to 16 digits long.

Storing a Number in Memory

Note: You must complete Steps 1-3 within 30 seconds of each other. If you do not, the ET-908 sounds a long beep, all indicators stop flashing, and you must start over again at Step 1.

- 1. Press **PROG**. The TALK indicator flashes.
- 2. Press the number key (0-9) of the memory location where you want to store the phone number.
- 3. Enter the phone number you want to store (up to 16 digits).

Notes:

- To store the last number you dialed, you can simply press **REDIAL**.
- You can store special banking or telephone service numbers (such as access codes or account numbers) in memory.

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- For security purposes, we recommend that you do not store private numbers, such as personal identification numbers or passwords.
- If you have pulse service and want to use tone dialing, enter TONE * at the appropriate place in the number sequence.
- To store one or more pauses in the memory number, see "Storing a Pause in Memory" on Page 19."
- Each pause or **TONE *** entry counts as one memory digit.
- 4. Press **MEM** (memory) to store the number in memory. The phone sounds a "chirping" beep and all indicators turn off.



To store additional numbers, repeat Steps 1-4 for each number you want to store.

Notes:

- To change a number in memory, simply store a new one in its place.
- To erase a number from memory, repeat Steps 1-4, and skip Step 3.
- Write the memory location number and name associated with each stored phone number on the memory dialing card. We recommend you use a pencil in case you want to change the name later.



Storing a Pause in Memory

In some telephone systems, you must dial an access code (9, for example) and wait for a second dial tone before you can dial an outside number. You can store the access code with the phone number. However, you should also store a pause after the access code to allow the outside line time to connect.

To add one or more 2-second pauses to a phone number you are storing in memory, press **HOLD** at each point where a pause is needed.



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Dialing a Stored Number

To dial a number stored in memory, when you hear the dial tone, press **MEM** then the desired memory location number (0-9).



Note: If you select a memory location number that does not have a phone number stored in it, the phone beeps once. To continue, press **MEM** again, then press the correct memory location number.

Chain Dialing Service Numbers

You can make a call using more than one of the ET-908's memory locations. This is called chain dialing. Chain dialing is useful for dialing special services such as alternate long distance or bank-by-phone.

When calling special services, dial the service's main number first. Then, at the appropriate place in the call, press **MEM** and the number for the memory location where the additional information is stored.

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Testing Stored Emergency Numbers

If you store an emergency service's number (police department, fire department, ambulance) and you want to test the stored number, make the test call during the late evening or early morning hours to avoid peak demand periods. Also, remain on the line to explain the reason for your call. ۲

TROUBLESHOOTING

We do not expect you to have any problems with your phone, but if you do, the following suggestions might help.

Problem	Solution
Low volume or unusual sounds.	 Someone has picked up at another phone on the same line. Hang up the other phone.
	 Press ▲ to turn up the handset's volume.
Severe noise interference.	• Return the handset to the base for a few seconds to reset the internal security access protection code, then try again.
	 You might be moving out of range (see "Out of Range Indications" on Page 23). Move the handset closer to the base or relocate the base.
	 Keep the handset away from com- puters, remote control toys, wire- less microphones, alarm systems, intercoms, room monitors, fluores- cent lights, and electrical appli- ances.
	• Move to another location or turn off the source of interference.
The phone cannot be operated at a useful distance from the base because the signal becomes weak or noisy (handset's range has decreased).	 Adjust the base's antenna so it stands straight up.
	 Return the handset to the base, and recharge the battery.
	 Be sure neither antenna is touch- ing a metal surface.

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Problem	Solution
The phone does not work or works poorly.	Be sure the base's phone line cord and AC adapter are correctly and securely connected.
The handset battery pack does not charge.	Check the charging contacts on the handset and base. If they are dirty, clean them with a pencil eraser.
Handset doesn't ring or receive a page.	 The battery pack might be weak. Charge the battery pack on the base for 15-24 hours.
	 Be sure the handset's ringer is turned on.
	 Adjust the base's antenna so it stands straight up.
	Move closer to the base.
	 Move the base away from noise sources.
	 Return the handset to the base to reset it.
The handset stops working or works poorly during a call.	 Move the handset closer to the base.
	Change channels.
	 Be sure the handset's battery pack is charged. (If the battery pack power is too low, it does not have enough power to light the PRI- VACY/LOW BAT indicator.)
	 Adjust the base's antenna so it stands straight up

If you still have problems, disconnect the phone. If other phones on the same line work properly, the fault is in this phone or its installation. If you cannot find the problem, take your phone to your local Radio Shack store for assistance.



OUT OF RANGE

If you move the ET-908's handset out of the base's range, the handset will not operate properly. While it is out of range, the handset sounds different alert tones and flashes various indicators.

Note: To turn off the out of range indications while the handset is out of range, you can press **TONE** \star , **#**, or any number key (0-9). (You can press **OFF** to turn them back on again.)

Out of Range with No Call

If you move the handset out of the base's range when the handset is not in use, the handset's CH (channel) indicator flashes and the handset beeps quietly at 30-second intervals. When you move the handset back within range of the base again, the CH indicator turns off and the handset stops beeping.

Out of Range with a Call in Progress

If you move the handset out of the base's range while a call is in progress, the handset's CH indicator lights steadily, the handset beeps quietly at 5-second intervals, and you and the other party cannot hear each other.

If you move the handset back within the base's range within 30 seconds, the CH indicator turns off, the handset stops beeping, and you can resume your phone conversation.

If you keep the handset out of the base's range for about 40 seconds or more, the call is disconnected (the TALK indicator turns off), the CH indicator begins to flash, and the handset begins to beep at 30-second intervals. When you move the handset back within range of the base again, the indicator turns off and the handset stops beeping.



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CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Your Radio Shack ET-908 900 MHz Digital Cordless Telephone With 10-Number Speed-Dialing is an example of superior design and craftsmanship. The following suggestions will help you care for your phone so you can enjoy it for years.



Keep the phone dry. If it gets wet, wipe it dry immediately. Liquids contain minerals that can corrode electronic circuits.



Handle the phone gently and carefully. Dropping it can damage its circuit boards and cases and cause it to work improperly.



Use and store the phone only in normal temperature environments. Temperature extremes can shorten the life of electronic devices, damage batteries, and distort or melt plastic parts.



Keep the phone away from dust and dirt, which can cause premature wear of parts.



Wipe the phone with a damp cloth occasionally to keep it looking new. Do not use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents, or strong detergents to clean the phone.

Modifying or tampering with the phone's internal components can cause a malfunction and might invalidate its warranty and void your FCC authorization to operate it. If your phone is not performing as it should, take it to your local Radio Shack store for assistance. If the trouble is affecting the phone lines, the phone company might ask you to disconnect your phone until you have resolved the problem.

THE FCC WANTS YOU TO KNOW

In the unlikely event that your phone causes problems on the phone line, the phone company can temporarily discontinue your service. The phone company normally attempts to notify you in advance. If advance notice is not practical, the phone company notifies you as soon as possible and advises you of your right to file a complaint with the FCC.

Also, the phone company can make changes to its lines, equipment, operations, or procedures that could affect the operation of this telephone. The phone company normally notifies you of these changes in advance, so you can take the necessary steps to prevent interruption of your phone service.

This equipment complies with the limits for a Class B digital device as specified in Part 15 of *FCC Rules*. These limits provide reasonable protection against radio and TV interference in a residential area. However, your equipment might cause TV or radio interference even when it is operating properly. To eliminate interference, you can try one or more of the following corrective measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna
- Increase the distance between the equipment and the radio or TV
- Use outlets on different electrical circuits for the equipment and the radio or TV

Consult your local Radio Shack store if the problem still exists.

LIGHTNING

Your phone has built-in protection circuits to reduce the risk of damage from surges in phone line current. These protection circuits meet or exceed FCC requirements. However, lightning striking the phone lines can damage your phone.

Lightning damage is not common. Nevertheless, if you live in an area which has severe electrical storms, we suggest that you unplug your phone during storms to reduce the possibility of damage.









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RADIO SHACK LIMITED WARRANTY

This telephone product is warranted against manufacturing defects in material and workmanship for one (1) year from the date of purchase from Radio Shack company owned stores and authorized Radio Shack franchisees and dealers. Within this period **bring your Radio Shack sales slip** as proof-of-purchase date to any Radio Shack store.

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