

GRC Classic – UV-5R & UV-5R 8W

README / Documentation

Welcome!

This guide is the accompanying documentation for the *GumbusConfig.img* file loaded onto your Baofeng UV-5R or Baofeng UV-5R8W*. Attached within this .zip is *The (Chinese) Radio Documentation Project's* UV-5R owner's manual, which will contain any information you could need when configuring your radio on your own.

** If you are installing the config to your radio for the first time, please see config installation guide at the end of this document.*

Additional Notes

Loading this config automatically unlocks your radio for transmission on any frequency the UV-5R/8W is capable of using.

By using this config, you are expected to read in full the disclaimer at the end of this document.

The Baofeng UV-5R and UV-5R8W are not approved for transmission on most/all bands in this config! Use at your own risk!

Do not transmit on any frequency for which you are not approved/licensed to do so.

Included Channel Types

Included in the channel presets within this config are:

GMRS / GMRS Repeater Frequencies - Licensed, must comply with FCC rules, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant

FRS Frequencies - Non-licensed, must comply with FCC rules, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant

MURS Frequencies - Non-licensed, must comply with FCC rules, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant

DOT Frequencies - Commercial (Business band) HT frequencies

STAR Frequencies - Commercial (Business band) HT frequencies

70cm CALL Frequency - Designated national simplex frequency for general use, Requires HAM License

2m [200cm] CALL Frequency - Designated national simplex frequency for general use, Requires HAM License

NOAA Weather Frequencies - In most locations, only one frequency will be active

Configuration Adjustments

This config includes several adjustments to the radio that are unable to be changed without the use of a programming cable and the CHIRP software. These settings include:

Channel Names – Alphanumeric Channel names cannot be changed unless using the CHIRP software. Channels may be remapped by a user using only the radio's keypad. For channel mapping via keypad, consult the UV-5R Owner's Manual included in this .zip file.

Startup Screen – the words "GUMBUS CONFIG" appear briefly while the radio starts up. The startup menu may be disabled by the user (Option 38: PONMSG) in favor of all LCD segments illuminating briefly on startup.

Squelch – While the squelch setting may be changed within the menu (Option 0: SQL), the internal squelch settings have been adjusted. These changes have been made in accordance with [Miklor's squelch level adjustments](#), which are based on real-world testing using the UV-5R. It is noted on the website that "*Although the settings (0-105) will take the squelch range through the radio's entire capability, I found that any setting over 65 was too tight for my normal use. As a result, I use a lower range with a wider spread at the low end. (0-65)*". A squelch set to 4 or 5 in the radio's user menu is optimal. Below is an image showing the squelch adjustments made within CHIRP, the original values, and the test results, which can be found on Miklor's article.

Original Settings			Service Monitor		Recommended	
Squelch Setting	Original Values	dBm Level	Test Values	dBm Level	Tom's Settings	Suggested Values
0	0	0	20	-126	0	0
1	14	-133	45	-102	1	2
2	15	-131	50	-97	2	20
3	16	-130	55	-90	3	30
4	17	-129	65	-75	4	50
5	18	-128	70	-68	5	65
6	19	-127	75	-66	6	75
7	20	-126	80	-64	7	85
8	21	-125	85	-60	8	95
9	22	-124	90	-50	9	105
			95	-45		
			100	-40		
			105	-30		
			110	-18		

User-Configurable Adjustments

This config includes several adjustments to the radio that can be changed by the user using only the radio's onboard keypad and menu system. These settings include:

Some settings are unchanged from default and are marked as such (Unchanged). These settings are in most cases changed by the end user to fit their personal preference.

Option 2 (**TXP**) – Transmission power. this value can be changed to Low (1 Watt), Medium (UV-5R8W only, 4 Watts) and High (4 Watts and 8 Watts for the UV-5r and UV-5R8W, respectively). Default: HIGH. Config: HIGH. (Unchanged)

Option 3 (**SAVE**) – Battery saver. When enabled radio will listen for transmissions less often, meaning you may lose part of an incoming message. Default: 3. Config: OFF.

Option 6 (**ABR**) – Automatic Backlight. determines how long the backlight and LCD light remains on after an input. Default: 5 seconds. Config: 15 seconds.

Option 8 (**BEEP**) – Beep. radio will emit a beep sound when a button is pressed. Default: ENABLED. Config: ENABLED. (Unchanged)

Option 9 (**TOT**) – Time of Talk. how long the radio will continue transmitting after the PTT button is pressed. Useful for avoiding battery drain if the PTT button is pressed by accident in a backpack. Default: 60 seconds. Config: 90 seconds.

Option 14 (**VOICE**) – When enabled, the radio will confirm inputs via a voice message. The available options are Chinese (CHI), English (ENG), and OFF. Default: CHI. Config: OFF.

Option 21 (**MDF-A**) – Determines whether the alphanumeric channel name or frequency number is displayed on the LCD in channel mode. This setting is for the upper of the two frequency displays. Default: FREQ. Config: NAME.

Option 22 (**MDF-B**) – Determines whether the alphanumeric channel name or frequency number is displayed on the LCD in channel mode. This setting is for the lower of the two frequency displays. Default: FREQ. Config: NAME.

Option 23 (**BCL**) - Busy Channel Lockout. enabling this function prevents you from transmitting on a busy frequency. It is useful for ensuring you do not interrupt or overpower another user. Default: OFF. Config: ON.

Option 29 (**WT-LED**) – LED color displayed when the radio is in standby mode. Default: PURPLE. Config: BLUE.

Option 30 (**RX-LED**) – LED color displayed when the radio is receiving a transmission. Default: BLUE. Config: PURPLE.

Option 31 (**TX-LED**) – LED color displayed when the radio is transmitting. Default: ORANGE. Config: ORANGE. (Unchanged)

Option 32 (**AL-MOD**) – Alarm Mode. Holding down the CALL button on the radio will initiate an audible alarm. This function determines how that alarm functions. "SITE" mode means the alarm only emits through the radio itself, without transmitting over a channel or frequency. "TONE" mode will transmit the alarm sound, too. "CODE" mode means the alarm transmits a series of numbers as keypad presses. In most cases, this should be set to "SITE." Default: TONE. Config: SITE.

Option 39 (**ROGER**) – Roger beep. Transmits a beep over the selected frequency when transmission is received. Generally, annoys others on your frequency. Default: OFF. Config: OFF. (Unchanged)

There is a great guide written by Travis Olander covering many of these settings. [Link here.](#)

Channels Included:

Location	Name	Frequency	Duplex	Offset	Mode	Power	Comment
1	GMRS 1	462.562500		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
2	GMRS 2	462.587500		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
3	GMRS 3	462.612500		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
4	GMRS 4	462.637500		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
5	GMRS 5	462.662500		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
6	GMRS 6	462.687500		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
7	GMRS 7	462.712500		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
8	GMRS 8	467.562500		N/A	NFM	Low	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
9	GMRS 9	467.587500		N/A	NFM	Low	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
10	GMRS 10	467.612500		N/A	NFM	Low	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
11	GMRS 11	467.637500		N/A	NFM	Low	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
12	GMRS 12	467.662500		N/A	NFM	Low	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
13	GMRS 13	467.687500		N/A	NFM	Low	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
14	GMRS 14	467.712500		N/A	NFM	Low	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
15	GMRS 15	462.550000		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
16	GMRS 16	462.575000		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
17	GMRS 17	462.600000		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
18	GMRS 18	462.625000		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
19	GMRS 19	462.650000		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
20	GMRS 20	462.675000		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant***
21	GMRS 21	462.700000		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
22	GMRS 22	462.725000		N/A	FM	High	GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
25	GMRS15R	462.550000	+	5.000000	FM	High	Repeater - GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
26	GMRS16R	462.575000	+	5.000000	FM	High	Repeater - GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
27	GMRS17R	462.600000	+	5.000000	FM	High	Repeater - GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
28	GMRS18R	462.625000	+	5.000000	FM	High	Repeater - GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
29	GMRS19R	462.650000	+	5.000000	FM	High	Repeater - GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
30	GMRS20R	462.675000	+	5.000000	FM	High	Repeater - GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
31	GMRS21R	462.700000	+	5.000000	FM	High	Repeater - GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
32	GMRS22R	462.725000	+	5.000000	FM	High	Repeater - GMRS License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
41	MURS 1	151.820000		N/A	NFM	Low	MURS - No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
42	MURS 2	151.880000		N/A	NFM	Low	MURS - No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant

43	MURS 3	151.940000		N/A	NFM	Low	MURS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
44	MURS 4	154.570000		N/A	FM	Low	MURS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
45	MURS 5	154.600000		N/A	FM	Low	MURS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
51	WX1PA7	162.550000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
52	WX2PA1	162.400000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
53	WX3PA4	162.475000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
54	WX4PA2	162.425000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
55	WX5PA3	162.450000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
56	WX6PA5	162.500000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
57	WX7PA6	162.525000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
58	WX8	161.650000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
59	WX9	161.775000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
60	WX10	163.275000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	NOAA Weather Radio
70	70CALL	446.000000		N/A	N/A	N/A	70cm CALL Frequency – National Simplex Channel, Requires HAM License
71	REDDOT	151.625000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
72	PRPLDOT	151.955000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
73	BLUEDOT	154.570000		N/A	FM	Low	DOT/STAR Frequency, Duplicate of MURS 4
74	GRNDOT	154.600000		N/A	FM	Low	DOT/STAR Frequency , Duplicate of MURS 5
75	WHTDOT	462.575000		N/A	FM	Low	DOT/STAR Frequency, Duplicate of FRS/GMRS 16
76	BLKDOT	462.625000		N/A	FM	Low	DOT/STAR Frequency, Duplicate of FRS/GMRS 18
77	ORNGDOT	462.675000		N/A	FM	Low	DOT/STAR Frequency, Duplicate of FRS/GMRS 20
78	BRNDOT	464.500000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
79	YLLWDOT	464.550000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
81	JDOT	467.762500	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
82	KDOT	467.812500	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
91	SLVRSTR	467.850000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
92	GLDSTR	467.875000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
93	REDSTR	467.900000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
94	BLUESTR	467.925000	off**	N/A	N/A	N/A	DOT/STAR Frequency
101	FRS 1	462.562500		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
102	FRS 2	462.587500		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
103	FRS 3	462.612500		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
104	FRS 4	462.637500		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
105	FRS 5	462.662500		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
106	FRS 6	462.687500		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
107	FRS 7	462.712500		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
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118	FRS 18	462.625000		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
119	FRS 19	462.650000		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
120	FRS 20	462.675000		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
121	FRS 21	462.700000		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
122	FRS 22	462.725000		N/A	NFM	Low	FRS – No License Required, UV-5R/8W is non-compliant
127	200CALL	146.520000		N/A	FM	High	2m (200cm) CALL Frequency – National Simplex Channel, Requires HAM License

**** "off" disables the radio from transmitting on the selected channel when PTT button is pressed.**

***** Emergency Frequency Pre-1999. The FCC now allocates GMRS 20 as a general use GMRS channel.**

How to Install this Config

This install guide is lifted directly from the CHIRP wiki, with minor adjustments. [Link to original here.](#)

In order to program your radio via a computer, you must purchase a [Baofeng Programming Cable](#) and must have the [CHIRP software](#) installed.

Step 1: Download contents from the radio

1. Start CHIRP and Click the Radio menu and choose Download From Radio
2. The Clone window opens
3. Select the serial port you intend to use from the drop down menu
4. Select the correct Vendor and (if necessary) the appropriate Model
5. Click OK to start the download process. Clone-mode radios will display a progress bar indicating how much of the image has been downloaded.

This process is not technically necessary; however it allows you to verify that you have the correct radio and serial port selected in the CHIRP software. If these options are already selected and you have verified that the radio is accepting changes, then you can skip Step 1 and start at Step 2.

Step 2: Make changes

Once you have the radio contents displayed in the memory editor, you can proceed to make your changes. To load the Gumbus Radio Config, select *File*, then *Open*, then navigate to your GumbusConfig.img file and open it. This will load the config into CHIRP.

Step 3: Upload changes back to the radio

Once you have loaded the GumbusConfig.img and the tab containing the config is selected, you should upload the image back to the radio. With the image open, go to the Radio menu and choose Upload To Radio. The Vendor and Model are already known from Step 1, so all you need to do is choose a serial port. Once the cloning process is complete, you should see your radio restart. Upon restart you should see "GUMBUS CONFIG" flash across the screen briefly. If you see this, the config has successfully loaded, and the process is complete. You may disconnect your radio and close the CHIRP software.

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