

FT-757GX FTPLUS OPERATION SUPPLEMENT

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FTPLUS REPLACEMENT CPU SYSTEM FOR THE FT-757GX



GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This is a replacement microprocessor package for the Yaesu FT-757GX mobile transceiver. This has been created because the original CPU for this radio has been out of production for many years.

This has been built upon many months of work and testing and it continues to be actively developed.

Using VK2TRP's project as a start point, it has been slowly improving and evolving until it has reached its current level.

It is hoped that this item DOES NOT replace a working original CPU. Working originals ensure the originality of your radio and avoids the potential to cause damage by incorrect or inexperienced installation.

The package involves two parts. The firmware which this document is outlining - and the main PCB itself.

The part is based on a DIP-40 PIC 18F452 IC. These are low cost, easy to program and easy to incorporate into a design like this.

The firmware attempts to faithfully recreate the functions of the original CPU, while providing some useful functional upgrades.

These features are outlined below, which will be covered in greater depth throughout this manual. It is hoped that operators will take an interest in how things were created and this document will do its best to outline this.

<u>Original CPU</u>	<u>FTPLUS</u>
8 Memory Channels	14 Memory Channels
Memory programming	Memory Programming
Yaesu CAT one-way control	Yaesu CAT one-way control
Split transmit	Split transmit
Clarifier function	Clarifier function
Single Speed Dial	Single Speed Dial
Standard limited PMS system	Improved PMS system
	Accelerated Fuzzy Logic Dial
	CB Transceiver Mode
	Fine Tuning
	Kenwood Duplex CAT control
	Frequency Correction
	Multiple baud speed options
	Open-source and upgradeable!

THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE ORIGINAL YAESU INSTRUCTION MANUALS. IT IS INTENDED TO SUPPLEMENT THAT DOCUMENT.

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MEMORY PROGRAMMING

To save a tuned frequency to the onboard memory bank, we follow the same procedure as the original CPU.

In VFO mode (VFO A or B), tune to your desired frequency and press VFO>M.

The current memory channel location will flash and beep TWICE in the display.

In addition, you can save from a third VFO frequency, when MR mode is active.

Channels are numbered from 0 to E, so when you reach 9, any further increases will be in letters, so one after 9 is 'A'.

In CB mode, saving of CB frequencies directly to the memory bank isn't implemented, as one can just save these frequencies from VFO mode if desired

HINT!

In VFO mode:

You can change memory channel WITHOUT entering MR mode. Just hold BAND UP or BAND DOWN for 1.5 seconds to increase or decrease the current channel. There will be two flashes and beeps, showing the new channel.

In MR mode:

You can tune up and down the entire frequency range, without disturbing your VFO A or B contents, making a "third" VFO. Frequencies tuned using this feature, are NOT saved at all, unless the VFO>MR button is pressed.

You can also move up and down the bands, by pressing and holding BAND UP/DOWN for 1.5s. A short press on BAND UP/DOWN moves the current memory up or down by one.

To move a saved frequency to VFO A or B, press M>VFO to move, or M<>VFO to swap.

This works regardless of VFO or MR mode. When the chosen button is pressed, the display will flash and beep, before the frequencies are swapped or moved.

Ensure you have your desired MR and VFO selected before pressing this button, to avoid any mistakes.

VFO / MR / CB Transceiver Mode

Three modes exist within FTPLUS. All modes are accessed by pressing MR/VFO.

To toggle between VFO and MR modes, a single short press on MR/VFO will change modes.

To enter CB Transceiver mode, hold down MR/VFO for approximately 3 seconds

VFO A/B – VFO tuning

Tune the whole frequency range. VFO A or VFO B will be shown in the display.

When in this mode, press BAND UP / DOWN to move from one frequency band to the next.

Press and hold BAND UP / DOWN to increase or decrease memory channel (hidden in VFO mode of course) – this is handy for saving frequencies to memory without entering MR mode first.

MR – Memory Recall

Tune the whole frequency range. MR will be shown in the display, along with the current channel.

To change channel, a short press on BAND UP/ DOWN will change selected channel up or down.

Press and hold BAND UP/ DOWN to increase or decrease CHOSEN BAND. This is a convenience feature, allowing you to change bands in preparation for saving, using the extra VFO we use within MR mode.

When in MR mode, you can tune the radio as you wish, WITHOUT affecting VFO A or B.

CB Transceiver Mode

This is a handy mode, to directly access the CEPT/FCC and UK 27/81 CB bands.

When in this mode, use either the VFO wheel or BAND UP / DOWN to go up and down channels.

The default band is CEPT / FCC, upon a new install.

To change bands, when in CB mode, press SPLIT quickly.

Depending on your display CPU, you may see ‘CE’ or ‘b’ in the display for a second. This signals your current band.

To view your chosen frequency, press CLAR and the frequency will be shown for a second.

To change to 80ch mode

There also exists an 80 channel mode. Channels are arranged as follows:

1 – 40 CEPT CB
41 – 80 UK CB

To change to 80 channel mode, hold SPLIT for approximately 3 seconds.

Depending on your display CPU, the words ‘ALL CB’ will be displayed.

To exit 80 channel mode, hold SPLIT once again.

To exit CB mode, press MR/VFO

HINT!

Memories can be saved quickly over the CAT interface, if an app supports it. See the CAT section for more details

To copy a CB frequency to VFO A or B, press M>VFO when in CB mode.

TUNING DIAL TYPE SELECTION

Within FTPLUS, there are two VFO dial MODES

To change dial type, ensure you are in VFO or MR mode and HOLD M>VFO for approximately 3 seconds.

DIAL 0 – STANDARD DIAL

This is the standard Yaesu-specification dial. One revolution is equal to approximately 10khz.

DIAL 1 – ACCELERATED DIAL

This dial will move up and down faster, the more “effort” is put in to spinning the tuning wheel. Spinning quickly will increase the frequency counting speed faster or slower.

There are 4 different “speeds”.

Speed 1 = 10khz per revolution
Speed 2 = 50khz per revolution
Speed 3 = 100khz per revolution
Speed 4 = 250khz per revolution

Speeds are handled seamlessly and automatically.

HINT!

Speeds can be changed over CAT serial! See CAT section for more information

FINE TUNING MODE

In VFO or MR mode, fine tuning can be activated.

To activate or deactivate Fine Tuning, hold down D-LOCK until a beep is heard

When this mode is active, small turns on the VFO tuning wheel will make the display move one digit to the LEFT, allowing the missing digit to be displayed

For example, when tuned to 7.000.0 mhz, turning the dial will make the frequency display move one digit left while tuning, so the display would display 70.000.1, 70.000.2 etc. The display will hide the extra digit when tuning stops.

This gives approximately 5khz increase / decrease in frequency per revolution.

This mode also works when tuning using the MIC buttons.

FREQUENCY CORRECTION AND ALIGNMENT

FTPLUS has an alignment feature, which allows you to set, for example a ZERO POINT if your radio is not quite aligned correctly

Example:

You tune to 27.555 and all stations sound high-pitched. This is because your radio is slightly off-frequency.

The procedure is outlined here:

Tune to a desired frequency, using fine-tune if necessary to get to true ZERO.

Activate the alignment mode and slowly turn the tuning dial clockwise or anticlockwise, until the stations sound correct. The difference between your displayed frequency and the true frequency is called an OFFSET.

An offset can either be +/-.

The number doesn't really matter, but when the stations are sounding correct, you press the SAVE button to store the offset. This will then be applied wherever you tune.

There are even two modes for this.

Default mode is one single offset for the whole tuning range.

You can also activate "per-band" offsets, so you can set different offsets per band.

Handy if you need one offset for 40 meters LSB and a different one for 20 meters USB!

To proceed, please continue reading.

1) CHOOSE AN OFFSET MODE

If your radio is out of tune by approximately the same amount across the whole tuning range, single offset mode is sufficient

If it varies from band to band, activate multiple offset mode.

To toggle offset modes, hold down VFO<>M. You will hear either two or three beeps.

Two beeps is SINGLE OFFSET MODE

Three beeps is PER-BAND OFFSET MODE

2) TUNE TO A KNOWN ON-FREQUENCY SIGNAL.

Ensure you get it as close as possible to 0 in the hz digit of the display. It will sound incorrect, or off-frequency as we have not yet aligned it.

Activating Fine Tune can help and make things even more accurate. Being on ZERO, means you have found ZERO POINT. The display is on Zero point, but the radio tuning circuits are not. We correct this now.

HOLD DOWN CLAR for approximately 3 seconds. The display will show a single 0.

With the station broadcasting in the background, adjust the tuning dial until the most "correct" sound is heard.

When happy, hold down CLAR for 3 seconds until you hear a beep. The tuned frequency should now match your displayed frequency.

HINT!

To reset to zero, press D-Lock when in alignment mode.

For a reminder of your chosen display frequency, press CLAR once quickly.

CAT INTERFACE AND MODES

Foreword:

FTPLUS supports two methods of CAT communication.

1) Original Yaesu FT-757GX mode 4800 baud. 2 stop bits.

The standard original CAT implementation is left intact, so please refer to the original manual regarding commands. This only works in one direction, from PC to transceiver. No other cables are required. Use the original CAT port on the back of the FT-757GX

Some extra commands have been added, which could be turned into a custom command or a macro for the rig control app of your choice.

2) Advanced Kenwood CAT emulation

This is a special bidirectional CAT system, emulating a Kenwood TS-140 transceiver.

This requires a “serial TX” transmit line to your RS232 USB device.

This transmit line is provided on the PCB of FTPLUS. Its labelled RS232 TX. This is also handily connected to MIC DOWN button on the front panel, which is PIN 3 of the MIC connector. It is for the operator do decide the best way of attaching the TX line.

Example 1:

Use the CAT port on the back of transceiver as normal and piggyback a wire to MIC DOWN on the front panel, for serial transmit.

Example 2:

Disconnect the AGC wire from J11 Pin 5 and reattach this to TX pins on FTPLUS.

Example 3:

Feed 3 x DuPont or similar cables to the RS232 port on FTPLUS and fit these between the casing of the radio.

NEW YAESU CAT COMMANDS. YAESU MODE ONLY

00000000E0 – 00000000EE

Fast memory save. LSB first. eg 67452301E0 = 12.345.67 to ch 0, 67452301EE = 12.345.67 to ch 14(E)

00000000FB

Dial speeds in hz * 10 in accelerated dial mode (0-255 each speed). LSB = slowest(speed1).

Example 050A1932FB would be:

Speed1 = 05,
Speed2 = 0A(10),
Speed3 = 19(25),
Speed4 = 32(50)

Giving Speed1 50hz, Speed2 100hz, Speed3 250hz, Speed4 500hz.

XXXXXXXXFC

Temporary wideband (until next power off)

XXXXXXXXFD

CB mode on/off

XXXXXXXXFE

Reset EEPROM

Easy Commands (write frequency normally)

00000000F

Frequency example 123456780F = 12.345.678 hz

0000000010 – 000000001E

Fast memory save.

Last byte is channel.

Example:

1234567810 would save 12.345.678 to channel 0.
123456781E would save 12.345.678 to channel E(14)
0700000019 would save 7.000.00 to channel 9.

Remember to start with 0 if you require under 10 mhz

ADVANCED KENWOOD CAT EMULATION

**Ensure the serial transmit TX pin is
connected as outlined in the previous section**

To change radio to “KENWOOD MODE”

Power off the radio

Hold down VFO A / B

Power on the radio

A single number ‘1’ should appear in the display for a second.

If you do this and a ‘0’ appears, retry.

If you do this and nothing appears, ensure you are pressing the correct key.

The radio is now in Kenwood mode. Yaesu mode is now disabled.

To change back to Yaesu mode, repeat the procedure, but ensure ‘0’ is in the display.

In summary:

0 – Yaesu

1 – Kenwood

BAUD RATE ADJUST (KENWOOD MODE ONLY)

When in Kenwood mode, power off the radio.

Hold down SPLIT and power on the radio. A baud rate should be displayed, probably the default 4800.

Keep pressing split using SHORT PRESSES to cycle through desired baud rates

1200 – 115200 baud rates are available.

When happy, hold SPLIT until 3 beeps are heard.

Baud adjustment is complete.

CONNECTING TO PC

After ensuring your system is correctly connected, configure your control application, so it is set to use a KENWOOD TS-140 or TS-680.

Ensure stop bits are 2

Ensure baud rate matches the value you set in previous section

Click “init” or “connect”

The PC and radio should now be communicating. Adjusting on PC will make radio tune to that frequency, as well as turning the VFO dial will change the PC app frequency value too.

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NEW PMS SYSTEM

The PMS system is a scanning system, designed to scan through frequencies quickly and stop when a signal is received.

The original PMS system was rather limited in its scope.

So a new system has been designed.

There are two PMS controls.

The PMS switch itself.
The 500K button.

The PMS switch turns the feature on or off
The 500K button changes how the PMS scan is performed.

The different PMS modes are outlined on this page.

VFO MODE – Press PMS to begin and to end scanning

500k button pushed OUT:

Scanning will begin from the start of the current YAESU programmed bands, to the start of the NEXT BAND.

Example: You are tuned to 7.165 mhz. Scanning will begin from 7.000 mhz and carry on until the start of the NEXT BAND, which in this case, is 10,100mhz

500k button pushed IN:

Scanning will begin from the start of the current CEPT/FCC band, until the end of the band.

Example: You are tuned to 7.165mhz. Scanning will begin from 7.000mhz and carry on until the end of the 40 meter band, which is 7.200 mhz

Most, if not all CEPT/FCC bands are programmed. Just tune to anywhere within your chosen band and PMS will do the rest

MR MODE – Press PMS to begin and end scanning

500k button pushed OUT:

Scanning will begin from frequency stored at current memory channel, to the frequency stored at the NEXT channel.

Example:
You have 14.150 stored to channel 2
You have 7.165mhz stored to channel 3
You have 10.150mhz stored to channel 4.

If you are currently tuned to channel 3, pressing PMS will scan from between channel 3 to channel 4. So the scanning range will be from 7.165 to 10.150, going UP. Once 10.150 is reached, the cycle begins again from 7.165.

If you are currently tuned to channel 2, pressing PMS will scan from between channel 2 and channel 3. So the scanning range will be from 14.150 to 7.165mhz, going DOWN. Once 7.165 is reached, the cycle will restart from channel 2 (14.150).

If the SAME FREQUENCY is stored, eg 7.000 is stored as default in channel 0 and channel 1, you will hear an error beep because scanning isn't possible, as the start and end frequencies are the same.

500k button pushed IN:

All channels are scanned individually, beginning at Channel 0 and ending at Channel E, then starting again.

This can cause rapid relay clicking and it isn't recommended to use

NEW PMS SYSTEM

CB MODE – Press PMS to begin and end scanning

500k BUTTON HAS NO EFFECT IN CB MODE DURING PMS SCANNING

All frequencies of the CURRENT CB BAND are scanned, in channel form.

Pressing PMS will begin scanning from Channel 1 until the last channel of the current band.

1 – 40 CEPT

1 – 40 GB

1 – 80 80 Channel mode

To scan a different band, ensure PMS is stopped. Change transceiver to desired band and press PMS to start scanning.

NOTES ABOUT SCANNING – ALL MODES

Current frequency or channel can be skipped, by rotating the VFO tuning dial. Scanning will recommence once the squelch level drops to your chosen level.

IF PMS IS STOPPED WHILE NO SIGNAL IS RECEIVED, IE THE FREQUENCIES AND CHANNELS ARE CHANGING, THE PREVIOUS FREQUENCY / CHANNEL WILL BE RETUNED, JUST AS THOUGH NO PMS HAS TAKEN PLACE.

IF PMS IS STOPPED WHILE LISTENING TO A TRANSMISSION, THE TRANSCEIVER WILL STAY ON THAT FREQUENCY OR CHANNEL

EEPROM RESET

To reset the EEPROM back to defaults, with the radio switched on, press and hold VFO A/B until beeps are heard.

Radio will reboot.

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