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CD 1550



US-EN Additional Handset



Warning

Use only rechargeable batteries.

Charge the handset for 24 hours before use.

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1 Safety information

1.1 Equipment Approval Information

Your telephone equipment is approved for connection to the Public Switched Telephone Network and is in compliance with parts 15 and 68, FCC Rules and Regulations and the Technical Requirements for Telephone Terminal Equipment published by ACTA.

1.1.1 Notification to the Local Telephone Company

On the bottom of this equipment is a label indicating, among other information, the US number and Ringer Equivalence Number (REN) for the equipment. You must, upon request, provide this information to your telephone company. The REN is useful in determining the number of devices you may connect to your telephone line and still have all of these devices ring when your telephone number is called. In most (but not all) areas, the sum of the RENs of all devices connected to one line should not exceed 5. To be certain of the number of devices you may connect to your line as determined by the REN, you should contact your local telephone company. A plug and jack used to connect this equipment to the premises wiring and telephone network must comply with the applicable FCC Part 68 rules and requirements adopted by the ACTA. A compliant telephone cord and modular

plug is provided with this product. It is designed to be connected to a compatible modular jack that is also compliant. See installation instructions for details.

Notes

- This equipment may not be used on coin service provided by the telephone company.
- Party lines are subject to state tariffs, and therefore, you may not be able to use your own telephone equipment if you are on a party line. Check with your local telephone company.
- Notice must be given to the telephone company upon permanent disconnection of your telephone from your line.
- If your home has specially wired alarm equipment connected to the telephone line, ensure the installation of this product does not disable your alarm equipment. If you have questions about what will disable alarm equipment, consult your telephone company or a qualified installer.

US Number is located on the cabinet bottom.

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1.1.2 Rights of the Telephone Company

Should your equipment cause trouble on your line which may harm the telephone network, the telephone company shall, where practicable, notify you that temporary discontinuance of service may be required. Where prior notice is not practicable and the circumstances

warrant such action, the telephone company may temporarily discontinue service immediately. In case of such temporary discontinuance, the telephone company must: (1) promptly notify you of such temporary discontinuance; (2) afford you the opportunity to correct the situation; and (3) inform you of your right to bring a complaint to the Commission pursuant to procedures set forth in Subpart E of Part 68, FCC Rules and Regulations.

The telephone company may make changes in its communications facilities, equipment, operations or procedures where such action is required in the operation of its business and not inconsistent with FCC Rules and Regulations. If these changes are expected to affect the use or performance of your telephone equipment, the telephone company must give you adequate notice, in writing, to allow you to maintain uninterrupted service.

1.2 Interference Information

This equipment generates and uses radio frequency energy which may interfere with residential radio and television reception if not properly installed and used in accordance with instructions contained in this manual. Reasonable protection against such interference is ensured, although there is no guarantee this will not occur in a given installation. If interference is suspected and verified by switching this equipment on and off, the user is encouraged to try to correct the

interference by one or more of the following measures: Reorient the radio/television receiver's antenna, relocate the equipment with respect to the receiver, plug the equipment and receiver into separate circuit outlets. The user may also wish to consult a qualified radio/television technician for additional suggestions. This equipment has been fully tested and complies with all limits for Class B computing devices pursuant to part 15 FCC Rules and Regulations. This device complies with RSS-210 of Industry Canada. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause interference, and (2) This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

(1) This device may not cause harmful interference; and (2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation.

Privacy of Communications may not be ensured when using this product.

If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna (that is, the antenna for radio or television that is “receiving” the interference).
- Reorient or relocate and increase the separation between the telecommunications equipment and receiving antenna.
- Connect the telecommunications equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiving antenna is connected.

If these measures do not eliminate the interference, please consult your dealer or an experienced radio/television technician for additional suggestions.

Also, the Federal Communications Commission has prepared a helpful booklet, “How To Identify and Resolve Radio/TV Interference Problems.” This booklet is available from the U.S.

Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402. Please specify stock number 004-000-00345-4 when ordering copies.

Notice: The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the

user's authority to operate the equipment.

1.3 Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC)

This telephone system meets FCC/ Industry Canada standards for Hearing Aid Compatibility.

1.4 FCC RF Radiation Exposure Statement

This equipment complies with FCC RF radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20 centimeters between the radiator and your body. This transmitter must not be co-located or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. For body worn operation, this phone has been tested and meets the FCC RF exposure guidelines when used with the belt clip supplied with this product. Use of other accessories may not ensure compliance with FCC RF exposure guidelines.

2 Important

Take time to read this user manual before you use your phone. It contains important information and notes regarding your phone.

NOTICE: This product meets the applicable Industry Canada technical specifications.

The equipment must be installed using an acceptable method of connection. The customer should be aware that compliance with the above conditions may not prevent degradation of service in some situations. Repairs to certified equipment should be made by an authorized Canadian maintenance facility designated by the supplier. Any repairs or alterations made by the user to this equipment, or equipment malfunctions, may give the telecommunications company cause to request the user to disconnect the equipment.

Users should ensure for their own protection that the electrical ground connections of the power utility, telephone lines and internal metallic water pipe systems, if present, are connected together. This precaution may be particularly important in rural areas.

CAUTION: Users should not attempt to make such connections themselves, but should contact the appropriate electric inspection authority, or electrician, as appropriate.

NOTES: This equipment may not be used on coin service provided by the telephone company.

2.1 Power requirements

- This product requires an electrical supply of 120 volts AC. In case of power failure, the communication can be lost.
- The Electrical network is classified as hazardous. The only way to power down the charger is to unplug the power supply from the electrical outlet. Ensure that the electrical outlet is always easily accessible.
- The voltage on the network is classified as TNV-3 (Telecommunication Network Voltages), as defined in the standard UL 60950.

Warning

To avoid damage or malfunction:

- Do not allow the charging contacts or the battery to come into contact with metal objects.
- Do not open it as you could be exposed to high voltages.
- Do not allow the charger to come into contact with liquids.
- Never use any other battery than the one delivered with the product or recommended by Philips: risk of explosion.
- Always use the cables provided with the product.
- Handsfree activation could suddenly increase the volume in the earpiece to a very high level: make sure the handset is not too close to your ear.
- This equipment is not designed to make emergency calls when the power fails. An alternative has to be made available to allow emergency calls.

- Do not expose the phone to excessive heat caused by heating equipment or direct sunlight.
- Do not drop your phone or allow objects to fall on your phone.
- Do not use any cleaning agents containing alcohol, ammonia, benzene, or abrasives as these may harm the set.
- Do not use the product in places where there are explosive hazards.
- Do not let small metal objects come into contact with the product. This can deteriorate audio quality and damage the product.
- Active mobile phones in the vicinity may cause interference.

About operating and storage temperatures:

- Operate in a place where temperature is always between 0 and 35° C (32 to 95° F).
- Store in a place where temperature is always between -20 and 45° C (-4 to 113° F).
- Battery life may be shortened in low temperature conditions.

2.2 Conformity

We, Philips declare that the product is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC. This product can only be connected to the analogue telephone networks of the countries mentioned on the packaging. You can find the Declaration of Conformity on www.p4c.philips.com.

2.3 Electric, Magnetic and Electromagnetic Fields ("EMF")

1. Philips Royal Electronics manufactures and sells many consumer oriented products which usually, as with any electronic apparatus, have the ability to emit and receive electro magnetic signals.
2. One of Philips' leading Business Principles is to take all necessary health and safety precautions for our products, to comply with all applicable legal requirements and to stay well within the EMF standards applicable at the time of producing the products.
3. Philips is committed to develop, produce and market products that cause no adverse health effects.
4. Philips confirms that if its products are handled properly for their intended use, they are safe to use according to scientific evidence available today.
5. Philips plays an active role in the development of international EMF and safety standards, enabling Philips to anticipate further developments in standardization for early integration in its products.

2.4 Recycle your batteries

Do not dispose your rechargeable batteries. Call the toll free number 1-800-822-8837 to get instructions on how to recycle your batteries.



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The RBRC[®] program provides a convenient alternative to placing used nickel metal hydride batteries into the trash or municipal waste, which may be illegal in your area.

Philips's participation in RBRC[®] makes it easy for you to drop off the spent battery at local retailers participating in the RBRC[®] program or at authorized Philips product service centers.

Please call 1-800-8-BATTERY for information on Ni-MH battery recycling and disposal bans/restrictions in your area. Philips's involvement in this program is part of its commitment to protecting our environment and conserving natural resources.

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2.5 Service Centers

US service center

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3 Your phone

Congratulations on your purchase and welcome to Philips!

To fully benefit from the support that Philips offers, register your product at www.philips.com/welcome.

3.1 What's in the box



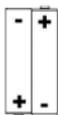
Handset



Charger



Power supply



**2 AAA rechargeable
NiMH batteries**



Battery door



Belt clip

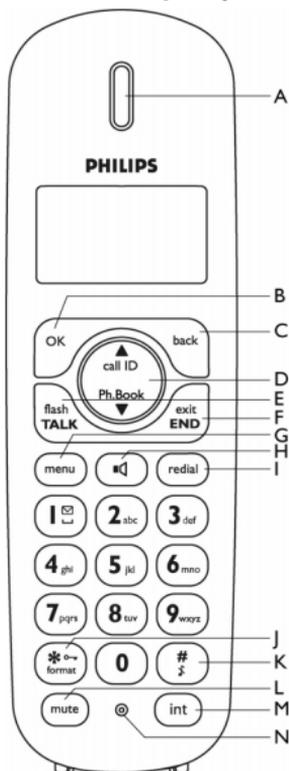


User manual



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3.2 Overview of your phone



A Earpiece

B OK key 
In other modes: Select the function displayed on the handset screen directly above it.

C Back/Clear key



In text or number editing mode: Short press to delete one digit/character.
In other modes: Select the function displayed on the handset screen directly above it.

D Navigation keys




In idle mode: Scroll up to access the Call log and scroll down to access the Phonebook.
During a call: Scroll up/down to increase or decrease earpiece and loudspeaker volume.
In other modes: Scroll up/down a menu list or go to the previous or next record.

E Talk key



In idle mode: Answer an incoming external or internal call.
During a call: Activate the recall function.
In phonebook/call log/redial list reviewing mode: Dial the selected number.

F Hang-up/Exit key



In idle mode: *Long press* to switch on/off the handset.
During a call: Hang up a call.
In other modes: Short press to return to idle mode.

G Menu key



In idle mode: Access the main menu.

H Loudspeaker key



In idle mode: Turn on the loudspeaker and dial the number. Answer an incoming call using handsfree mode.
During a call: Toggle the loudspeaker on/off.

In phonebook/call log/dial list reviewing mode: Dial the selected number using handsfree mode.

I Redial key

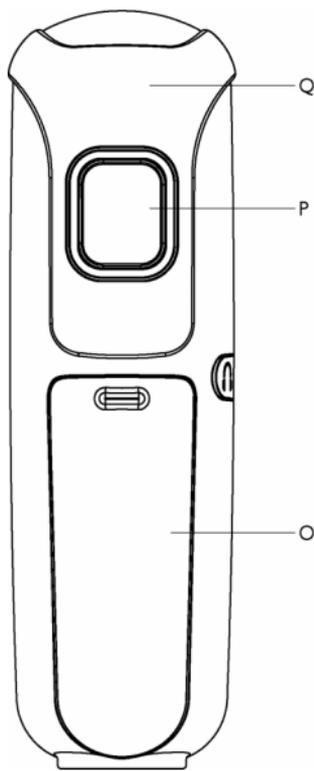
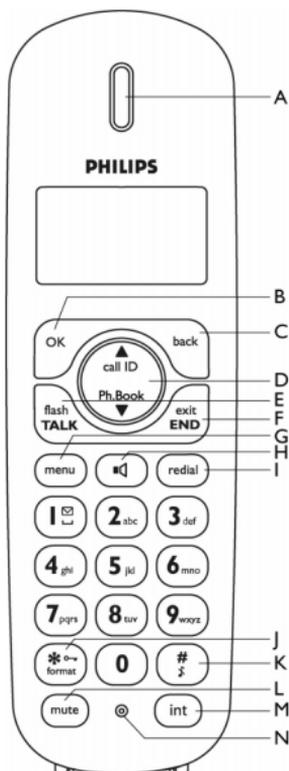


In idle mode: Access the Redial list.
In direct dialing mode: Dial the last dialed number.

J Keypad lock/format key



In idle mode: Insert *. *Long press* to lock/unlock keypad.



During a call: Switch from pulse dialing to tone dialing.

In call log reviewing mode: Press repeatedly to view the alternate dialing sequences.

K Ringer off key (#)

In idle mode: Insert #. *Long press* to turn the ringer on/off.

During a call: Insert #. *Long press* to insert a pause.

In text editing mode: Switch between upper and lower case. *Long press* to insert a pause.

L Mute key (mute)

During a call: Mute/unmute the handset microphone.

M Call transfer/Intercom key (int)

In idle mode: Initiate an internal call.

During a call: Hold the line and page another handset or toggle between an external and internal call. *Long press* to initiate a conference call.

N Microphone

O Battery door

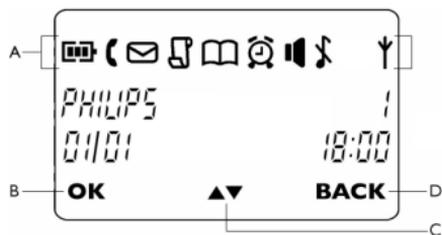
P Loudspeaker

Warning

Handsfree activation can suddenly increase the volume in the earpiece to a very high level. Make sure the handset is not too close to your ear.

Q Belt clip

3.3 Display icons



A Status bar



Indicates battery is fully charged.



Indicates battery is fully discharged.



Indicates that an external call is connected or held. Icon blinks when receiving an incoming call.



Indicates new voice messages received. Icon blinks when there are unread messages.



Displays when the call log is accessed. Icon blinks when there are new missed calls.



Displays when the phonebook is accessed.



Displays when the alarm clock is activated.



Displays when the loudspeaker is activated.



Displays when ringer off is activated.



Indicates that the handset is registered and within range of the base station. Icon blinks when the handset is out of range or is searching for a base.

B OK key

Displays when in menu mode to confirm your selection.

C ▲▼ key

Indicates that more options are available. Use the navigation keys to scroll up/down. Increase ▲ or Decrease ▼ earpiece or loudspeaker volume during a call.

D BACK key

Displays when in menu mode. Select **BACK** to return to the previous menu level. Select **BACK** to delete the last digit/character entered.

4 Getting started

4.1 Connect the charger

- 1 Place the charger in a central location near the electricity socket.



- 2 Connect the power cable to their corresponding connectors at the back of the charger.

4.2 Install your phone

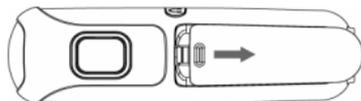
Before using the handset, the batteries have to be installed and fully charged.

4.2.1 Install battery

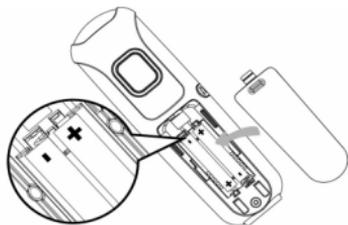
Warning

Always use AAA rechargeable batteries supplied with your unit. There could be risk of battery leakage if you use alkaline batteries or other battery types.

- 1 Slide out the battery cover.



- 2 Place the batteries in the correct polarity as indicated and replace the cover.



4.2.2 Charge battery

Warning

The handset must be charged for at least 24 hours before using it for the first time. When the battery level becomes low, the low battery sensor alerts you by sounding an audible tone and blinking the battery icon.

If the battery level becomes exceedingly low, the phone automatically switches off shortly after the alert and any function in progress will not be saved.

- 1 Place the handset on the charging cradle of the charger. A beep is emitted if the handset is placed correctly.
- 2 The battery icon  on the display blinks during charge.
- 3 The battery icon  becomes steady when the handset is fully charged.

Note

Optimal battery life is reached after 3 cycles of complete charging (over 15 hours) and discharging, allowing approximately 12 hours of talk-time and 150 hours of stand-by time.

The indoor and outdoor range of the phone is up to 50 meters and 300 meters respectively. When the handset moves

beyond the operation range, the antenna icon  will blink.

 **Tip**

When reaching the range limit and the conversation becomes crackly, move closer to the base.

4.3 Registering handset

The procedures described below are the procedures that you will find in your handset. The procedures may vary according to the handset you want to register. In this case, please refer to the manufacturer of the additional handset. Additional handsets must be registered to the base unit before you can use them. Up to 4 handsets can be registered to one base station.

- 1** Insert battery to power up the handset. The LCD displays "**PRESS OK KEY TO REGISTER**".
- 2** Press  **OK** on handset, the LCD displays "**HOLD LOCATOR KEY DURING 5s**".
- 3** Within 5 minutes, press the locator key on base station to start registration.
- 4** If registration succeeds, the handset returns to idle mode.
- 5** If registration fails, the LCD will display "**PRESS OK KEY TO REGISTER**". Repeat the process again.

5 Using your phone

5.1 Make a call

5.1.1 Predialing

- 1 Dial the number (maximum 24 digits).
 - 2 Press  key.
 - *The call is initiated.*
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5.1.2 Direct dialing

- 1 Press  or  key to take the line.
 - 2 Dial the number.
 - *The call is initiated.*
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5.2 Answer a call

Danger

When the handset rings during an incoming call, please do not hold the handset too close to your ear as the volume of the ringing tone may damage your hearing.

When the phone rings, press  key.

- *The call is established.*

Note

Incoming call has priority over other events. Whenever there is an incoming call, other status in progress such as phone setting, menu navigation, etc will be aborted.

5.3 End a call

To end a conversation, press  key.

- *The call ends.*

6 Use more of your phone

6.1 Using the intercom

Warning

Intercom and call transfer is only possible with handsets registered to the same base station.

This feature is only available when there are at least 2 registered handsets. It allows you to make free internal calls, transfer external calls from one handset to another and use the conference option.

6.1.1 Intercom another handset

Note

If the handset does not belong to CD155/150 range, this function may not be available.

- 1 Press  key in idle mode.
 - *Intercom is established immediately if there are only 2 registered handsets.*
- 2 If there are more than 2 registered handsets, the handset numbers which are available for intercom will be displayed. Press the specific handset number you wish to call to start intercom.

6.1.2 Transfer an external call to another handset

- 1 During the call, press and hold  key to put the external call on hold (the caller can no longer hear you).
 - *Intercom is established immediately if there are only 2 registered handsets.*
- 2 If there are more than 2 registered handsets, the handset numbers which are available for intercom will be

displayed. Press the specific handset number you wish to call to start intercom.

- 3 Press  key on the called handset to answer the internal call, where both internal callers can talk.
 - *Intercom is established.*
- 4 Press  key on the first handset to transfer the external call to the called handset.
 - *The external call is transferred.*

Note

If there is no answer from the called handset, press  key to resume the external call.

6.1.3 Answer an external call during intercom

- 1 During intercom, a new call tone is emitted when there is an incoming external call.
- 2 Press  to answer the external call and end the intercom.
 - *Connection with the external call is established.*

Note

To put the internal call on hold and answer the incoming external call, press  key.

6.1.4 Switch between an internal and external call

During the call, long press  key to switch between an internal or external call.

6.1.5 Establish a three-party conference call

The conference call feature allows one external call to be shared with two handsets (in intercom). The three parties

can share the conversation and no network subscription is required.

- 1** During the call, long press  key to put the external call on hold (the caller can no longer hear you).
- 2** If there are more than 2 registered handsets, the handset numbers which are available for intercom will be displayed. Press the specific handset number you wish to call.
- 3** Press  or  key on the called handset to answer the internal call, where both internal callers can talk.
 - *Intercom is established.*
- 4** Press and hold  key for 2 seconds on the first handset to start the three-party conference.
 - **CONFERENCE** will be displayed on the screen once the conference call is established.

7 Personal settings

7.1 Change the handset name

You can name the handset and display the handset name in idle mode. The default handset name of your handset is **PHILIPS**.

- 1 Press  key in idle mode, scroll  to **PERSONAL SET** and press  **OK**, scroll  to **HANDSET NAME** and press  **OK**.
- 2 The last stored name is displayed. Press  **BACK** key to delete the characters one by one.
- 3 Enter the new name (maximum 10 characters) and press  **OK** to confirm.
 - A validation tone is emitted and the screen returns to previous menu.

7.2 Handset Tones

7.2.1 Set the ring volume

Danger

When the handset rings during an incoming call, please do not hold the handset too close to your ear as the volume of the ringing tone may damage your hearing.

There are 5 ringer volume options (**OFF**, **LEVEL 1**, **LEVEL 2**, **LEVEL 3** and **LEVEL 4**). The default level is **LEVEL 2**.

- 1 Press  key in idle mode, scroll  to **PERSONAL SET** and press  **OK**, press  **OK** to enter **HANDSET TONES** and press  **OK** again to enter **RING VOLUME**.

- 2 Scroll  to your desired volume level and press  **OK** to confirm.
 - A validation tone is emitted and the screen returns to previous menu.

Note

When **RINGER OFF** is activated, the icon  will be displayed on the screen.

7.2.2 Set the tones melody

There are 10 ring melodies available on your handset.

- 1 Press  key in idle mode, scroll  to **PERSONAL SET** and press  **OK**, press  **OK** to enter **HANDSET TONES**, scroll  to **RING TONES** and press  **OK**.
- 2 Scroll  to your desired melody to play the melody.
- 3 Press  **OK** to set the ring melody.
 - A validation tone is emitted and the screen returns to previous menu.

7.2.3 Activate/deactivate key tone

A single tone is emitted when a key is pressed. You can enable or disable the key tone. By default, the key tone is **ON**.

- 1 Press  key in idle mode, scroll  to **PERSONAL SET** and press  **OK**, press  **OK** to enter **HANDSET TONES**, scroll  to **KEY BEEP** and press  **OK**.
- 2 Scroll  to **ON** or **OFF** and press  **OK** to confirm.
 - A validation tone is emitted and the screen returns to previous menu.

7.3 Change the display language

Your handset can support different display languages.

1 Press  key in idle mode, scroll  to **PERSONAL SET** and press  **OK**, scroll  to **LANGUAGE** and press  **OK**.

2 Scroll  to your desired language and press  **OK** to confirm.

- A validation tone is emitted and the screen returns to previous menu.

* Tip

Once the display language is set, the option menus on the handset will switch to display in the selected language immediately.

7.4 Activate/deactivate auto hang-up

This function enables you to end a call automatically by simply placing the handset on the base station. By default, the Auto Hang up feature is **ON**.

1 Press  key in idle mode, scroll  to **PERSONAL SET** and press  **OK**, scroll  to **AUTO HANG-UP** and press  **OK**.

2 Scroll  to **ON** or **OFF** and press  **OK** to confirm.

- A validation tone is emitted and the screen returns to previous menu.

8 Advanced settings

8.1 Registering handset

See chapter 4.3

8.2 Unregister

- 1 Press  key in idle mode, scroll  to **ADVANCED SET** and press  **OK**, scroll  to **UNREGISTER** and press  **OK**.
- 2 Scroll  to select the handset number to unregister and press  **OK**.
 - A validation tone is emitted to indicate successful unregistration and the screen returns to previous menu.

Note

If no action is taken on the handset within 15 seconds, the unregistration procedure will be aborted and the handset returns to idle mode.

To unregister a handset that does not belong to the CD155/150 range, you can only use the CD155150 handset to unregister it.

9 Technical data

Display

- Progressive LCD backlight
- The backlight remains on for 15 seconds after each activation such as an incoming call, key presses, lifting the handset off the base station, etc.
- The colour of the LCD backlight is Amber.

Battery

- 2 x HR AAA NiMh 550 mAh batteries

Radio specifications

- Frequency band: 1920 - 1930 MHz
- Maximum output power: 120 mW

Power consumption

- Power consumption at idle mode: around 800 mW

Temperature range

- Operation: Between 0 and 35° C (32 to 95° F).
- Storage: Between -20 and 45° C (-4 to 113° F).

Relative humidity

- Operation: Up to 95% at 40°C
- Storage: Up to 95% at 40°C

10 Frequently asked questions

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In this chapter, you will find the most frequently asked questions and answers about your phone.

Connection

The handset does not switch on!

- Charge the batteries: Put the handset on the charger to charge. After a few moments, the phone will switch on.

The handset does not charge!

- Check charger connections.

icon is not blinking during charge!

- Battery is full: There is no need to charge the battery.
- Bad battery contact: Adjust the handset slightly.
- Dirty contact: Clean the batteries contact with a cloth moistened with alcohol.

Communication is lost during a call!

- Charge the battery
- Move closer to the base station.

The phone is "Out of range"!

- Move closer to the base station.
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Set-up

SEARCHING... is displayed on handset and icon is blinking!

- Move closer to the base station.
- Make sure that your base station is on.
- Reset your unit and restart handset registration.

Sound

Handset does not ring!

Check that the **RING VOLUME** is not set to **RINGER OFF**, and make sure  icon is not displayed on the screen (see "Set the ring volume" on chapter 7.2.1).

Caller does not hear me!

Microphone may be muted: During a call, press .

There's no dialing tone!

- No power: Check the connections.
- Batteries are empty: Charge the batteries.
- Move closer to the base station.
- Wrong line cable used: Use the line cable provided.
- Line adaptor is required: Connect the line adaptor to the line cord.

Caller does not hear me clearly!

- Move closer to the base station.
- Move the base station at least one meter away from any electronic appliances.

Frequent noise interference on my radio or television!

- Move the base station as far away as possible from the electrical appliances.

Product behaviour

Keypad does not work!

- Unlock your keypad: *Long press*  in idle mode.

The handset warms up when making a long call!

- This is a normal behavior. The handset consumes energy while calling.

The handset cannot be registered to the base station!

- Maximum number of handsets (4) has been reached. To register a new handset, unregister an existing handset.
- Remove and replace the handset batteries.
- Try again by disconnecting and connecting the base station power supply and follow the procedure to register a handset (see “Registering handset” on chapter 4.3).

My handset keeps going into idle mode!

- If there are no key presses for 15 seconds, the handset will automatically return to idle mode. It will also return to idle mode automatically when you place the handset back on the base station.

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