

TuneMatic *Lite*

Motorized Antenna Controller

OPERATING AND INSTRUCTION MANUAL

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NOTICE TO CONSUMER:

Note: 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 radiofrequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, you are encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:



- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio electronics technician for help.

TuneMatic *Lite* is a self-contained, motorized antenna controller that stores and recalls up to 20 presets, based on user input. Antenna position is moved manually or automatically from memory, with extremely repeatable accuracy,

Installation and connections:

Red & Black fused power leads: Connect power leads to a 12v power source with red as the positive connection, and black as the negative connection. The fuse is an GMA 3A standard fuse; **DO NOT EXCEED THIS RATING**, as it will void the warranty. Note that when the device is off, there is no current flow through the **TuneMatic *Lite***, and can be wired to either a switched, or non-switched power source.

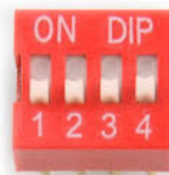
Motor control connector: This molex-style 4 pin connector is **pre-wired to the TarHeel antenna series**, with pins 1 & 2 as the motor leads (the pins between the notch on the connector), and pins 3 & 4 as the pulse sensor leads (no polarity) Connect this cable to the motor control line from your antenna. If you are using a non-Tarheel antenna, a male pigtail accessory is available for non-Tarheel antennas. Observe the proper pin connections. If the antenna moves in the opposite direction, you can set an internal DIP switch to reverse the motor direction; see the next section for details.

TuneMatic *Lite* can be mounted multiple ways. There are mounting tabs for securing to mounting surface, or adhesive Velcro to flush back of unit.

Internal DIP switch: If you remove the rear cover, you will find a 4 position DIP switch, which sets the antenna stall current, Note that **1=ON (UP) and 0=OFF(DOWN)**. and direction of the motor. **Using ONLY DIP switches 1,2 & 3 for antenna current;** the settings are as follows:

| Antenna | current | setting |
|-----------------------------|---------------|---|
| Switch number | | 1 2 3 4 |
| Lowest setting | 200mA | 0 0 0 - |
| LittleTarheel | 250 mA | 1 0 0 - *FACTORY DEFAULT SETTING |
| Hi-Q, Scorpion | 300 mA | 0 1 0 - |
| “ “ | 500 mA | 1 1 0 - |
| | 700 mA | 0 0 1 - |
| Tarheel Models 75 thru 400, | 900 mA | 1 0 1 - |
| Tarheel Models 1000 – 1200 | 1100mA | 1 1 0 - |
| MAX setting | 1300mA | 1 1 1 - |

note: These settings are recommended only, and may need to be adjusted as necessary.



NOTE: IT IS IMPORTANT TO SET THIS LIMIT PROPERLY, as damage can occur to the antenna motor if set too high, or will prematurely trip if setting is too low.

NOTE: Upon power up, the current setting will be flashed on the LED display, before unit is ready to use. This indication will verify that the DIP switches are properly set.

Any time the unit senses a current limit condition, it will display 'cLcL', and immediately stop the antenna. It also disables any other functions until power is cycled to the unit.

Motor reversal switch: DIP switch #4 will reverse the direction of the motor, so that when the up or down button is pressed, the antenna will always travel in the proper direction. The default setting is OFF, but if the motor is traveling backwards, set DIP switch #4 to the ON position. Note that changing the DIP switch will take effect AFTER the power is cycled.

Controls :

Power on/off electronic pushbutton- turns on and off the unit power.
UP/DOWN direction buttons - allows motor to be moved up or down.
Memory selector knob – selects, stores, and tunes memories.

LED display: A 4 digit red LED display indicates pulse count or memory, as well as other status messages, detailed below.

Flashing numbers on power-up – displays antenna stall current as set by internal DIP switches.
Pulse count- displays pulse count, increases as antenna changes in height.
Memory display- Displays “M” and memory number, selected by rotary encoder knob.
Flashing “PPPP”- indicates antenna has just been parked.
Flashing “NONE”- indicates the recalled memory selected is empty.
Flashing “FACT” – indicates unit has been factory reset

Failsafe messages:

Flashing “CLCL”- indicates antenna has reached current limit.
Flashing “PULS” – indicates no pulses detected during antenna movement.

When power is first applied, flashing numbers will appear on power-up. These numbers correspond to the antenna stall current, as set by internal DIP switches. Once flashing stops (3 times), unit will display the pulse count “00” (it may first display the memory indicated by an “M” on the left most digit, then switch back to pulse count). Note that the default display is pulse count. Any time the memory select knob is turned in either direction, the display changes to memory mode. Once you stop rotating the memory select knob, the LED display will return to the pulse count indication, after a 4 second timeout. This time period allows you sufficient time to remain in the memory select mode.

Manual operation: Press the up and down buttons to make sure antenna is traveling in the correct direction. When first pressing either button, the antenna will move in the corresponding direction at a slow rate. If you continue to hold the button down, after 4 seconds, the speed of the motor will move at a fast rate. The dual-speed function allows you to fine-tune the antenna for the best possible match. When moving the antenna, the display will count up when the UP button is pressed, and down if the DN button is pressed. If the antenna is moving backwards, you will have to set DIP switch #4 in the opposite direction, as instructed in the *dip switch setting* section. The unit will count up to 1998 pulses.

Memory operation: Before the TuneMatic ~~™~~ can store memories, and fresh from factory, the antenna first be ‘parked’ at the lowest position, otherwise the antenna will never be properly calibrated. When unit is first turned on, or set to factory default, all memories are cleared.

If you attempt to rotate the memory selector, the LED will display this: →



You will not be able to select any memories until the unit is first parked.

To park the antenna, make sure the LED displays as shown, then depress the memory selector. The antenna will then move to the lowest position, stop, then the display will flash ‘PPPP’, indicating the antenna has been parked. From this point forward, you will be able to access and store memories. If the antenna bottoms out, and displays PULs after several seconds, the current limit setting is too high, and needs to be reduced accordingly.

To store a memory, move antenna to desired frequency of operation until the best match is obtained. To store into a memory, rotate the memory selector knob to the desired memory (1-20), then press and **hold** the memory selector knob until MEMO flashes. This indicates the unit has stored the pulse count into memory. You can store and/or overwrite any memory position an unlimited number of times.

To recall a memory, rotate the memory selector knob to the desired memory, and press (*but do NOT hold*) the memory selector knob. Antenna will move to the stored pulse count, then stop when the pulse count is reached. You will see the display begin to count once the memory has been selected. If you select a blank memory, the display will flash 'NONE'.

To display current memory position when not in memory mode: press & release the memory selector knob, and the current memory will be displayed. This will also place you directly into the memory mode.

Memory 'P' is the "park" position, and can be accessed as needed. Parking the antenna also automatically recalibrates the pulse count. Parking the antenna sets it to the lowest position, and resets the pulse count to 0.

Emergency stop: If antenna is moving in memory mode, and you want it to immediately stop, press up and down together. This will immediately stop the antenna movement.

Fail-safe conditions: The unit will fall-back to a fail-safe condition if any of the following occurs:

- 1) pulses are not detected for a length of time during antenna movement,
- 2) antenna current limit occurs (requires power cycle to recover),
- 3) power is removed during antenna movement.
- 4) Current limit prematurely reached.
- 5) Current set too high and antenna reaches bottom limit during parking (safety feature which keeps motor from becoming damaged).

Any of these conditions can cause the pulse count to become un-calibrated. As a fail-safe, unit will disable the storing or recalling of memories until it is parked. Once it is parked, all memories will be restored. See the *Display messages* section for an explanation of the fail-safe messages.

NOTE: If your antenna loses the ability to sense pulses, *you will still be able to manually move the antenna, but the unit will still show the error and stop the motor.* You can continue to move the antenna manually after the message stops.

Factory reset: To clear all memories, and set unit back to factory default, with power OFF, press and hold memory selector knob and UP button at the same time. While holding, turn on power, wait one second, then release the memory selector and UP buttons. After approximately 5 seconds, display will flash "FACT", indicating unit has been set back to factory default settings. Performing factory reset requires user to go through PARK routine to store memories.

Troubleshooting:

| <u>Symptom</u> | <u>Resolution</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| No power | check power source, connections, and fuse |
| No antenna movement | check motor connections |
| Current limits when antenna moves | check DIP switch settings and wiring for shorts |
| Antenna runs backwards | reverse setting of DIP switch #4 inside unit |
| PULs message when parking | DIP switches set too high for antenna |

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