

## Getting Started

### Installing the AA Batteries

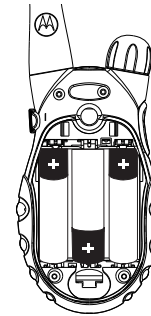
Your radio uses 3 AA Alkaline batteries.

1. With the back of the radio facing you, lift the battery latch up to release the cover and remove.
2. Insert 3 AA Alkaline batteries as shown on the inside of the battery compartment.
3. Reposition the battery cover and press down to secure.

**Note:** A NiCd rechargeable battery can be used instead of 3 AA Alkaline batteries. A rechargeable battery upgrade kit, model number 53614, is available. For the dealer nearest you, call 1-800-353-2729 in the USA, or visit our website at [www.motorola.com/talkabout](http://www.motorola.com/talkabout).


### Installing the NiCd Battery Pack

1. Follow step 1 above to remove the battery cover.
2. Remove the battery pack from the clear plastic bag.  
**Do not disassemble or unwrap the battery pack.**
3. Insert the NiCd battery pack so the metal contacts on the side of the battery are facing outward from the radio to connect with the contacts on the battery door.
4. Reposition the battery cover and press down to secure.



### Battery Meter

The battery icon shows the battery charge level, from full  to empty .

When the battery is empty, the radio chirps periodically after releasing .

The radio powers off when the voltage drops below a predetermined level to protect the rechargeable battery.

**Note:** Remove the batteries before storing your radio for extended periods of time. Batteries corrode over time and may cause permanent damage to your radio.

### Using the Desk Stand Charger (Optional Accessory)

The desk stand charger provides drop-in charging convenience for NiCd batteries and can be placed on any flat surface, such as a desk or workbench. Charge the NiCd battery overnight (at least 16 hours) before using it for the first time. After the initial charge, an empty battery is fully charged within 14 hours.

1. Turn the radio off and remove the battery cover.
2. Remove the battery pack from the clear plastic bag.  
**Do not disassemble or unwrap the battery pack.**
3. Insert the NiCd battery pack so the metal contacts on the side of the battery are facing outward from the radio to connect with the contacts on the battery door.
4. Reposition the battery cover and press down to secure.
5. Plug the AC power supply into the plug on the desk stand.

6. Plug the AC power supply into a standard wall outlet.
7. Remove the charger pocket inserts from the charger pockets.
8. With a radio facing forward, slide it into one of the charging pockets.

To charge the battery pack separately from the radio:

1. Remove the battery pack from the clear plastic bag.  
**Do not disassemble or unwrap the battery pack.**
2. Make sure the charger pocket inserts are in place.
3. Align the metal contacts on the battery pack with the contacts inside the charger, then insert the battery pack into the pocket.
4. Plug the AC power supply into the plug on the desk stand.
5. Plug the AC power supply into a standard wall outlet.

**Notes:**

- When moving between hot and cold temperatures, do not charge the battery until the battery temperature acclimates (usually about 20 minutes).
- For optimal battery life, remove the radio or battery from the charger within 16 hours. Do not store the radio in the charger.