

Remote Trainer For Bird Dog Training

ET-400A
Operation Guide

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About Innotek® Training Collars

This Innotek electronic dog collar is among the safest, most humane and effective training products you can buy. Used properly, the collar's electronic stimulus serves as a distraction that your dog will find undesirable. By obeying, your dog quickly learns to shut off the stimulus, thus gaining confidence in response to your commands. Like most Innotek training products, this collar has variable stimulation levels. This feature allows you to use the level that best matches your dog's temperament.

CAUTION

Please take a few minutes to read the instruction manual prior to your first use. This instruction manual contains important programming and set-up information to help your training proceed as successfully as possible. For best results, follow these important rules:

- The electronic dog collar is intended only for use on dogs.
- Most dog owners are surprised at how much can be accomplished by using low-level stimulation; therefore, use the lowest stimulation necessary to get the desired behavior.
- A low battery may cause intermittent operation. DO NOT USE if you suspect a low battery.
- Allow your dog to get used to the collar before you begin training. You want your dog to accept the collar as part of a routine, not to associate the collar with correction.
- DO NOT leave the collar on your dog for more than 12 hours per day.
- NEVER perform set-up procedures when the collar is on your dog.
- An electronic collar should only be used under close supervision by the dog's owner.
- KEEP OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN.

Read all instructions before using product. If you have any questions or concerns after reading this information, contact Innotek® at 1-800-826-5527.

IMPORTANT

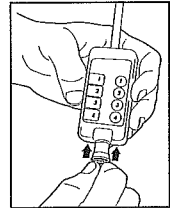
Realize that because individual dogs have unique temperaments, there is no way of knowing how your dog will react to its introduction to this product. For the safety of your dog, initial training should take place using a long lead to keep you in control of the situation. Also realize that an aggressive animal could turn against the handler upon receiving the stimulus. Therefore, if you feel your dog has an aggressive behavior and/or it has a history of aggressive behavior, you should consult a certified animal behaviorist before using this product.

Please refer to the Training Tips in Section 9 before proceeding.

SECTION 1. TRANSMITTER SET-UP AND PROGRAMMING

A. Inserting the Battery in the Transmitter

When you first set up the transmitter, you must insert the supplied 12-volt alkaline battery in the battery compartment of the transmitter. You can expect this battery to last up to two to three months depending on your use. When it is necessary to replace the battery, use only a 12-volt alkaline battery and follow these steps.



1. Remove battery cover.
2. Insert battery, positive (+) end out.
3. Replace battery cover.

B. Programming/Changing the Stimulation Level

Four stimulation levels are instantly available simply by pressing one of the four buttons as follows:

- Button 1 – Low
- Button 2 – Medium
- Button 3 – Medium/High
- Button 4 – High

TRAINING TIP – When training the first time, we recommend that you start with the lowest level of stimulation. Go to the next level only if you do not get the desired response from your dog.

C. Setting/Changing the ID Code

You must set an ID code before first use and whenever you change the transmitter battery. In the unlikely event you experience interference from another Innotek trainer in your area, you can simply change your transmitter's code.

To set or change the ID code:

1. Press and hold the PROGRAM button on the back of the transmitter.
2. Continue pressing the PROGRAM button and press and hold Button 1 (LOW).
3. Continue holding Button 1 (LOW) while releasing the PROGRAM button.
4. The light will begin flashing red-green.
5. When the light stops flashing, the ID code has been selected.
6. Release Button 1 (LOW).

SECTION 2.

COLLAR RECEIVER SET-UP

A. Charging the Collar Receiver

The collar receiver will have a partial charge when you receive it. To be assured of a full charge, go ahead and charge it before first use. To charge, remove the receptacle cover and connect the receiver to the battery charger.

Always charge the collar receivers at or near room temperature; charging at low or high temperatures can reduce battery life.

A full charge takes approximately 12 hours. Innotek's exclusive technology ensures you cannot harm the collar by overcharging. A fully charged battery should give 18 – 24 hours of continuous use.

The receiver will be ON when you disconnect it from the charger and its light will be on. Press Button 1

(Low) to electronically match the collar and transmitter. The receiver light will flicker and stimulation will occur during matching. The light will then slowly blink, indicating the unit is ON and ready to use.

To avoid confusing your dog, never use the collar when you suspect a low battery is causing intermittent operation.

Store the collar with a full charge. If the collar is in storage or won't be used for an extended period, every six months it should be allowed to fully discharge, then be recharged again.

SECTION 3.

MATCHING THE COMPONENTS

Any time you change the ID code or replace the transmitter battery, you need to once again match the transmitter and receiver. You can match the two units by holding the red paper dot on the transmitter against the red paper dot on the receiver. Continue holding the red paper dots together until the receiver light is solid. Separate the two units and the receiver light will start flashing. Press Button 1 (LOW) on the transmitter and the units will match. NEVER match the collar receiver and transmitter while the dog is wearing the collar.

SECTION 4.

TURNING THE COLLAR ON AND OFF

The collar's ON/OFF switch is indicated by the red paper dot on the side of the receiver. It is activated by the transmitter's magnetic switch, which is also indicated by a red paper dot.

To turn the collar ON, briefly hold the red paper dot on the transmitter against the red paper dot on the collar receiver. A slowly flashing light indicates the collar is ON and ready for use.

To turn the collar OFF, again briefly hold the red paper dot on the transmitter against the red paper dot on the collar receiver. A brief red light indicates the unit has been turned OFF.

SECTION 5. IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT TESTING YOUR SYSTEM

Before putting the collar receiver on your dog, manually test the system using the supplied test light. To manually test the system, position the test light on the probes so that the tips of the probes make contact with the wires inside the two openings. Gentle pressure may be needed. Press one of the stimulation buttons on the hand-held transmitter, and the lamp should light. The light will be dim for mild stimulation and bright for intense stimulation. Only when certain the collar is responding properly to the signals from the transmitter, should you proceed with fitting the collar to your dog.

SECTION 6. FITTING THE COLLAR TO YOUR DOG

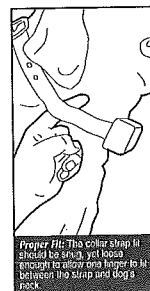
IMPORTANT NOTE: Never leave the collar receiver on the dog for longer than 12 hours a day. Leaving the collar on the dog for extended periods could result in skin irritation. Check your dog's neck periodically for skin irritation.

A. Probes

- Use short probes for short-haired dogs. Use long probes for long-haired dogs. Special probes are available for especially thick-haired dogs. Contact Innotek to order.
- Finger-tighten the probes, then turn them one additional revolution with the probe wrench. Do not over-tighten.
- Always use the rubber insulators between the collar strap and probes to provide insulation in damp conditions.
- Check the tightness of the probes regularly to prevent loss of the receiver box.
- Make sure both probes contact the dog's skin. If needed, a small amount of hair removal or thinning will improve probe contact with the skin.

B. Collar Strap

- Always make sure the collar is functioning properly BEFORE putting it on the dog.
- Other metal collars should be removed from the dog when it wears the training collar. They may interfere with proper operation.
- Place the collar around the dog's neck with the receiver box under the chin. To keep the probes making skin contact, the collar must be on relatively tight without restricting breathing. You should be able to slide only one finger under the strap at the back of the dog's neck.
- Remove the collar and trim the excess strap, leaving 4 to 6 inches.



SECTION 7. USING THE REMOTE TRAINER SYSTEM

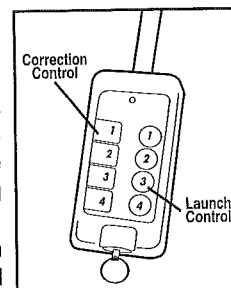
The transmitter has four preset levels of correction. Button 1 (LOW) delivers the mildest correction; Button 4 (HIGH) delivers the most intense correction. The correction will continue as long as you press the button, up to a maximum of 10 seconds. This is a safety feature that prevents over-correcting the dog. After 10 seconds, the button must be released and pressed again to correct the dog.

A green light on the transmitter when any button is pressed indicates that the transmitter is operating properly. A red light when any button is pressed indicates that the transmitter battery is low and should be replaced.

SECTION 8. OPERATING BIRD LAUNCHERS

The right side of the transmitter features four buttons dedicated to operating Innotek remote bird launchers (Models RL-10 and RL-14) and/or the Innotek Auto-Backer backing dog (Model RB-100).

Note: The transmitter can operate the training collar and



launchers/backers at the same time.

Please refer to the owner's guide provided with these products to set up your launcher/backer training system. It also provides training tips on using your training system.

SECTION 9. TRAINING TIPS

Before you begin using your remote training collar, keep the following guidelines in mind:

- A remote training collar is not a substitute for other training methods. The use of electronic stimulation is a part of a total training regimen or process. For best results, you must have a basic understanding of dog training and behavior to effectively use a remote training collar.
- Should you not be familiar with the use of rewards and corrections in shaping your dog's behavior, consult a competent dog training professional.
- Training always starts by teaching behaviors that are desirable or expected. Utilize food treats or favorite toys to reward desired behavior. Praise alone is seldom strong enough of a motivator to encourage your dog to repeat a given behavior.
- Never punish your dog for inappropriate behavior before your dog consistently obeys commands for a value reward. The reliability of your dog's obedience, particularly around distractions, should not be a concern at this time.
- Training a dog for basic obedience such as 'sit', 'down' or 'come' is not measured in the time that you spend "working" with your dog. Training is what you are communicating and teaching your dog during every interaction. Your dog exhibits these desirable behaviors all day long. Be prepared to pair the behavior with a command and a favorite reward any time throughout the day. You will notice that your dog will exhibit this behavior more frequently and with greater enthusiasm in anticipation of a reward.
- A remote training collar is designed to introduce a negative stimulation into your dog's environment that you control. The stimulation is not 'good' or 'bad', but negative. Negative stimulation is something that the dog would like to avoid in the future, such as avoiding the buzz from a bee due to a past sting on the nose. This minimal amount of stimulation, when timed with a behavior will inhibit or discourage your dog from repeating the associated

behavior.

- Start with the lowest level of stimulation from your remote trainer and increase the level one at a time until you see the desired avoidance response from your dog. It should only take two or three repetitions for your dog to avoid the associated behavior. Should you find yourself having to correct a single behavior multiple times, the correction is insufficient to discourage the behavior, or you are not rewarding your dog sufficiently for other behaviors that are desirable such as sitting as opposed to jumping.
- You can introduce the word "No" prior to and within 3-4 seconds of the remote stimulation. This association with the word "No" will take the place of a remote correction in a short period of time.
- The number one reason for training failures is the failure to reward a dog's positive behaviors in great enough proportion to the number of corrections. You should reward your dog's good behavior at least 50 times to every correction for inappropriate behavior.

SECTION 10. TROUBLESHOOTING AND MAINTENANCE

A. If the dog appears to not be receiving the correction:

- Make sure that the collar receiver and transmitter are properly matched as described in Section 3.
- Adjust the collar fit.
- Trim the dog's hair or use longer probes to make better skin contact.
- Change the battery in the transmitter.
- Recharge the collar receiver.
- Adjust the correction level.

For more information, visit our web site at www.innotek.net.

B. General Maintenance Tips:

This product requires very little maintenance. The collar receiver is waterproof and can be immersed in water. To remove dirt, simply wipe with soap and water. Never place the collar in a dishwasher.

The hand-held transmitter is water-resistant and should not be immersed in water. Do not attempt to clean it with

any liquid, including water. Never place the hand-held transmitter in a dishwasher.

Do not attempt to dismantle or repair any components of this product; this will void the manufacturer's warranty. These components contain computerized circuitry that should be serviced only by an authorized expert.



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ABOUT THE USE OF THIS
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8:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M. EST, MONDAY THROUGH
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