# DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY TECHNICAL BULLETIN

# OPERATION OF AN/TPQ-36, FIREFINDER, WITH SINCGARS GROUND RADIO SETS

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- 1. **Purpose.** This technical bulletin provides the information and procedures for operating the AN/TPQ-36 with the SINCGARS family of ground radios. it is necessary that the operator be properly trained in the operation of the AN/TPQ-36 and SINCGARS. This technical bulletin is a supplement for the purpose of interoperability.
- 2. Application Radio Sets. The radio sets covered by this technical bulletin are AN/VRC-90, and AN/VRC-90A.
- **References.** Refer to the following technical publications for normal operation and maintenance of the equipment.

PUBLICATION NUMBER	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
TM 11-5840-354-10	15 September 1991	Radar Set, AN/TPQ-36
TM 11-5820-890-10-1	1 September 1992	SINCGARS ICOM Ground Combat Net Radio
TM 11-5820-890-10-3	1 September 1992	SINCGARS NON-ICOM Ground Combat Net Radio

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- **4. Equipment Setup/Operation.** Assemble and install the radio set and AN/TPQ-36 individually per applicable technical manuals. Perform Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services (PMCS) and/or Built-In-Test (BIT) functions. Load all frequencies, hopsets, and variables into the radio set and establish voice communications.
- **Cabling Instructions.** The fallowing figure illustrates the typical configuration for the connection between the radio set and the AN/TPQ-36.
  - Connect W4 cable from RT AUD/DATA connector to mounting adapter DATA A J5 connector.
  - Connect AN/TPQ-36 data cable to mounting adapter AUD/DATA connector A J3.
  - Connect handset H-250/U to RT AUD/FILL connector.

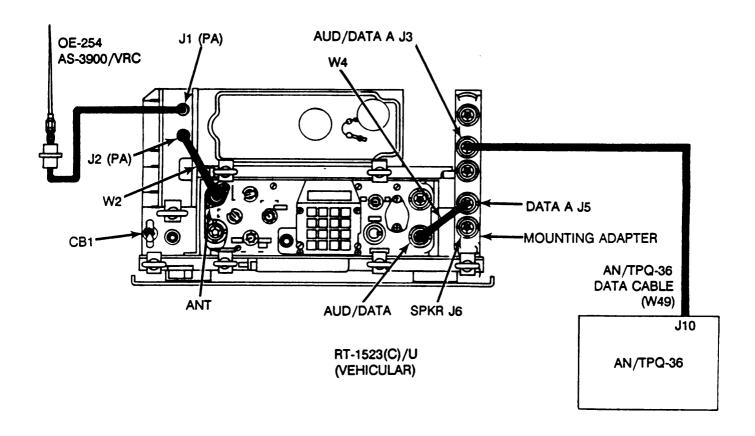


Figure 1. Cabling for AN/TPQ-36 to SINCGARS Radio Set

**6. Switch Settings and Initialization.** The following table provides the necessary switch settings and communication parameters for interoperability. Verify the switch settings for the radio. The Communications Data selections in the AN/TPQ-36 do not change from those normally selected when using the VRC-12 family radios.

SWITCH	ICOM RADIO	NON-ICOM RADIO
FUNCTION	SQ ON	SQ ON
MODE	SC or FH	SC or FH
DATA	TF	AD2
COMSEC	СТ	(TSEC/KY-57) ON CT
*	OFF	N/A

Table 6-1. SINCGARS Radio Set

- 7. **System Troubleshooting Procedures.** These steps will assist you in is dating faulty system components when you have a problem communicating in a net using data transmission. These procedures assume that the net and secure FH voice communication has been established. If you are unable to communicate using data transmission, do the following troubleshooting steps in the order provided.
  - CHECK LOCAL RADIO. Use the data on the FH voice net to determine that the radio net is operating.
  - CHECK WITH OTHER NET MEMBERS. Do you have data communication with some stations but not others? The other station may be out of range, temporarily off the air, or has not checked into the net. If data communication can be established with another station, your system is probably OK and the problem may be at the distant net station.
  - **CHECK SYSTEM CONFIGURATION.** Verify proper cabling, initialization and subscriber parameters, radio set and AN/TPQ-36 switch settings, etc.
  - **NOTIFY MAINTENANCE.** If the problem cannot be isolated, notify unit maintenance personnel and inform your NCS of your communication problem.

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## THE METRIC SYSTEM AND EQUIVALENTS

#### **'NEAR MEASURE**

. Centimeter = 10 Millimeters = 0.01 Meters = 0.3937 Inches

1 Meter = 100 Centimeters = 1000 Millimeters = 39.37 Inches

1 Kilometer = 1000 Meters = 0.621 Miles

#### **YEIGHTS**

Gram = 0.001 Kilograms = 1000 Milligrams = 0.035 Ounces

1 Kilogram = 1000 Grams = 2.2 lb.

1 Metric Ton = 1000 Kilograms = 1 Megagram = 1.1 Short Tons

#### LIQUID MEASURE

1 Milliliter = 0.001 Liters = 0.0338 Fluid Ounces

1 Liter = 1000 Milliliters = 33.82 Fluid Ounces

#### **SQUARE MEASURE**

1 Sq. Centimeter = 100 Sq. Millimeters = 0.155 Sq. Inches

1 Sq. Meter = 10,000 Sq. Centimeters = 10.76 Sq. Feet

1 Sq. Kilometer = 1,000,000 Sq. Meters = 0.386 Sq. Miles

#### **CUBIC MEASURE**

1 Cu. Centimeter = 1000 Cu. Millimeters = 0.06 Cu. Inches 1 Cu. Meter = 1,000,000 Cu. Centimeters = 35.31 Cu. Feet

#### **TEMPERATURE**

 $5/9(^{\circ}F - 32) = ^{\circ}C$ 

212° Fahrenheit is evuivalent to 100° Celsius

90° Fahrenheit is equivalent to 32.2° Celsius

32° Fahrenheit is equivalent to 0° Celsius

 $9/5C^{\circ} + 32 = {\circ}F$ 

#### APPROXIMATE CONVERSION FACTORS

TO CHANGE	TO	MULTIPLY BY
Inches	Centimeters	2.540
Feet	Meters	0.305
Yards	Meters	
Miles	Kilometers	
Square Inches	Square Centimeters	
Square Feet	Square Meters	
Square Yards	Square Meters	0.836
Square Miles	Square Kilometers	2.590
Acres	Square Hectometers	
Cubic Feet	Cubic Meters	
Cubic Yards	Cubic Meters	
Fluid Ounces	Milliliters	
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arts	Liters	
allons	Liters	
Ounces	Grams	
Pounds	Kilograms	
Short Tons	Metric Tons	
Pound-Feet	Newton-Meters	
Pounds per Square Inch	Kilopascals	
Miles per Gallon	Kilometers per Liter	
Miles per Hour	Kilometers per Hour	
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TO CHANGE	то	MULTIPLY BY
Centimeters	Inches	0.394
Meters	Feet	3.280
Meters	Yards	
Kilometers	Miles	
Square Centimeters	Square Inches	
Square Meters	Square Feet	
Square Meters	Square Yards	1 196
Square Kilometers	Square Miles	0.386
Square Hectometers	Acres	
Cubic Meters	Cubic Feet	
Cubic Meters	Cubic Yards	
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