

PL-880 tips and tricks for a blind user

Front panel layout:

The front panel has the speaker on the left hand side and the LCD display and all the push button controls are grouped on the right hand side.

So considering the right hand side, the LCD display takes up the top 40% of that side and is smooth to touch.

Below the LCD display there are 5 buttons. They are thinner and marginally longer than any of the other buttons. From left to right they are:

Time set, alarm set, display [toggles between current time, alarm time and signal level] - shared key with the key-lock function, FM stereo shared key with the AM bandwidth function, and VF/memory key, which allows the user to select from pre-stored frequencies in memory or VF the free tuning mode.

Below that first single row of 5 buttons the remaining space is divided in two.

On the left hand side (and these buttons are longer than those on the right hand side) is the 12 key numeric keypad, 4 rows each having 3 buttons.

Unfortunately there is no raised dimple on the 5 key unlike some other Tecsun models.

Top row from left to right: 1,2,3

Second row: 4,5,6

Third row: 7,8,9

Fourth row: memory access , 0(zero), memory delete

On the right hand side of the lower portion (below the single row of 5 buttons) there are a total of 8 buttons arranged in 4 rows of 2 buttons.

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From left to right on each row:

- Row 1 : AM, FM
- Row 2: SW bands UP and DOWN
- Row 3: USB, LSB. Note press USB once to activate USB mode, and press again to revert to AM. It takes 2 seconds to toggle.
- Row 4: PAGE +, PAGE- (for stored frequencies)

Along the right hand side of the receiver from top to bottom:

Large square button; POWER momentary push button

Large rotary control: TUNING (for incrementing in 1Khz steps in SSB mode)

First small rotary control: FINE TUNING (for incrementing in 10Hz steps in SSB mode)

The keypad section of the front panel has a raised surround. Adjacent to the bottom RH corner there is a small hole for the CPU RESET function. Use a paper-clip and hold for 3 seconds to reset.

Along the left hand side of the receiver, there are 4 connectors and 1 switch.

From top to bottom:

External antenna socket for shortwave and FM

Input attenuator switch. 3 positions top DX, middle NORM and bottom LOCAL

3.5mm stereo socket for headphones

3.5mm socket for LINE OUTPUT recording

Mini USB socket for charging the battery