

New FT Meter



Yaesu's popular FT-857 and FT-897 transceivers are wonders of compact efficiency. These do-anything, go-anywhere transceivers were science fiction just a few years ago, but ham's today are using them in shacks, mobiles and on Dxpeditions from the back yard to the top of the world.

About the only problem with these radios is that we hams who are old enough to remember when stuff like this really *was* science fiction are also old enough to wish that the display were just little bit bigger. As we grow in wisdom and experience, we also grow to depend on bifocals; those tiny little screens are just plain hard to read! Add to that a strong desire to see a real live meter needle bouncing on voice peaks, and you find yourself wishing that Yaesu had thought all this through when they designed the radio.

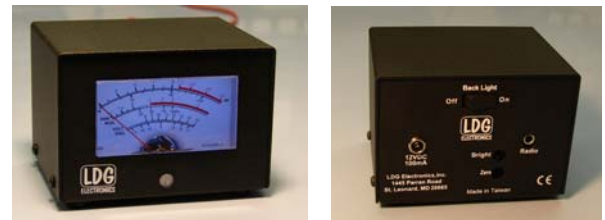
Well, it turns out they did. A little known feature of these radios, noticed only by compulsive manual readers, is a meter jack on the bottom of the front panel. You have to figure that Yaesu knew they needed a bigger display all along, but just left it as an exercise for the user. Well, help is here! The LDG FT-Meter is a low-cost, plug-and-play solution to all of your FT metering needs.

LDG's *new* version of its popular FT-Meter presents a lush, highly readable 2.5" meter face with calibrated scales for signal strength and discriminator reading on receive, and power output, SWR, modulation, ALC action and supply voltage on transmit. Each function is selectable from the radio's menu.



Easily visible from anywhere on your desk, dash or Yak, the FT-Meter face is now LED *back-*illuminated in cool, high-visibility blue by any external 12 vdc, 20-60 ma source; zero current draw with the light off. The calibration adjustment is now on the back of the unit; no need to take it apart to cal. There's now a backlight brightness adjustment on the back so you can set the backlight to any desired level, and an On/Off switch for the light. The provided cable now connects via a standard 1/8" jack for greater flexibility.

The new FT-Meter is better than ever and comes fully assembled and ready to go. In your home shack, or on that big Dxpedition to Las Vegas you've been planning, just plug it into the radio and you're in the picture like never before. Order yours today.



Specifications

- Receive: S-Meter, Discriminator or Voltage
- Transmit: RF Power, SWR, Modulation, ALC or Voltage
- Size: 3.5 x 3 x 2 inches
- Cable length 3 feet
- Sensitive 500 uA meter movement
- Externally powered cool blue backlighting
- On/Off switch for backlight.
- Backlighting is 12 volts, 100 mA max
- Weight: 0.5 lb.

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