200 Series Professional VHF Wireless Systems

**ATW-251**  UniPak™ System  
**ATW-251/G**  Guitar System  
**ATW-251/H**  Headworn Microphone System  
**ATW-251/L**  Lavalier Microphone System  
**ATW-252**  Handheld Microphone System

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This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the condition that this device does not cause harmful interference.

This device complies with INDUSTRY CANADA R.S.S. 210, en conformité avec IC: RSS-210/CNR210. Operation is subject to the following conditions: 1) This device may not cause harmful interference and 2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference which may cause undesired operation. Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Audio-Technica could void your authority to operate this equipment.

Introduction

Thank you for choosing an Audio-Technica professional wireless system. You have joined thousands of other satisfied customers who have chosen our products because of their quality, performance and reliability. This wireless microphone system is the successful result of years of design and manufacturing experience.

Each 200 Series professional VHF wireless system includes a receiver and either a body-pack transmitter or a handheld microphone/transmitter on a specific crystal-controlled frequency. ATW-251 UniPak™ body-pack transmitter systems include models pre-packaged with either an AT-GCW guitar cable (/G), a PRO 8HEcW headworn microphone (/H), or a lavalier mic (/L) for particular applications. All A-T Wireless Essentials® microphones and cables, available separately, are pre-terminated for use with any ATW-251 system.

Because 200 Series packaging is designed to hold all versions of the system, some compartments in the carton are intentionally left empty.

The ATW-R250 receiver includes a space-saving switching power supply that automatically adapts to changes in mains voltage. Unlike bulky linear power supplies, this switching power supply is lightweight and compact; it uses only a single outlet space.

The versatile ATW-T201 UniPak body-pack transmitter has both a high-impedance input for instruments, and a low-impedance input with bias connection for use with dynamic and electret condenser microphones. The ATW-T202 handheld transmitter features a unidirectional dynamic microphone element.

Both the body-pack and handheld transmitters use internal 9-volt batteries and have Off/Standby/On switches, input Trim (level) adjustments and battery-save switches.

Notice to individuals with implanted cardiac pacemakers or AICD devices:

Any source of RF (radio frequency) energy may interfere with normal functioning of the implanted device. All wireless microphones have low-power transmitters (less than 0.05 watts output) which are unlikely to cause difficulty, especially if they are at least a few inches away. However, since a “body-pack” mic transmitter typically is placed against the body, we suggest attaching it at the belt, rather than in a shirt pocket where it may be immediately adjacent to the medical device. Note also that any medical-device disruption will cease when the RF transmitting source is turned off. Please contact your physician or medical-device provider if you have any questions, or experience any problems with the use of this or any other RF equipment.

CAUTION! Electrical shock can result from removal of the receiver cover. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel. No user-serviceable parts inside. Do not expose to rain or moisture.

The circuits inside the receiver and transmitter have been precisely adjusted for optimum performance and compliance with federal regulations. Do not attempt to open the receiver or transmitter. To do so will void the warranty, and may cause improper operation.

See pages 8-9 for illustrations.
Receiver Installation

Location
For best operation the receiver should be at least 3’ (1 m) above the ground and at least 3’ (1 m) away from a wall or metal surface to minimize reflections. Keep the receiver antennas away from noise sources such as digital equipment, motors, automobiles and neon lights, as well as away from large metal objects. In multi-channel systems, position receivers at least 3’ (1 m) apart and keep operating transmitters at least 6’ (2 m) from the receivers to help assure maximum RF performance.

Output Connection
The receiver provides unbalanced, aux-level output from a 1/4” TS ("mono") phone jack; an output cable is not included. Use a shielded audio cable with 1/4” phone plug to connect the receiver’s AF Out jack to the mixer/amplifier's aux-level input.

Power Connection
Connect the DC plug on the included AC power adapter to the DC power input on the back of the receiver. Secure the cord over the cord hook on the back of the receiver, to keep the plug from being detached by an accidental tug on the cord. Then plug the adapter into a standard 120 Volt 60 Hz AC power outlet.

(Note that the receiver has no power Off/On switch. The receiver will be energized whenever the power adapter is connected and plugged into the AC outlet. Unplug the power supply from the AC outlet when the system is not in use – both for safety, and to conserve energy.)

Antennas
A novel “dipole” antenna system on the receiver improves operation by providing a “ground” element in addition to the usual “signal” element. Position the two antennas at 90° in the form of a “V,” or position the left (“signal”) antenna vertically and the right (“ground”) antenna horizontally, in the shape of an “L” (Fig. A). Use the position that performs better in your operating environment. Be certain to extend both antennas to their full 15’ (38 cm) length by holding them at their bases and pulling out on their caps. Both antenna elements may be swiveled to the left and right, but do not attempt to rotate them in a screwing/unscrewing motion. To do so may damage the antenna and/or receiver. For best performance, locate the receiver so its antennas are in direct line-of-sight to the transmitter’s likely operating position.

Receiver Controls and Functions

Front Panel Controls and Functions (Fig. B)
1. ANTENNAS: Position the “signal” antenna (1a) and “ground” antenna (1b) as shown in Figure A.
2. POWER INDICATOR: Lights when power is supplied to the receiver.
3. RF INDICATOR: Lights to show presence of transmitter signal.
4. AF PEAK INDICATOR: Only lights when audio distortion is present at maximum modulation. Not affected by position of Volume control.

Rear Panel Controls and Functions (Fig. C)
5. AUDIO OUTPUT JACK: 1/4” TS (Tip-Sleeve) or “mono” phone jack. Use a shielded cable to connect to an unbalanced aux-level input of a mixer or amplifier.
6. VOLUME CONTROL: Adjusts the audio level at the 1/4” output jack. Does not affect AF Peak indicator.
7. CORD HOOK: Loop the cord around the cord hook to keep the DC plug from pulling out accidentally.
8. POWER INPUT JACK: Connect the DC plug from the included AC adapter.
Transmitter Setup

Battery Selection and Installation
An alkaline 9-volt battery is recommended. Make certain the transmitter power switch is Off before installing or changing batteries.

When inserting the battery, observe correct polarity as marked inside the battery compartment. The transmitter housings are designed to prevent incorrect installation of the battery; do not force the battery in. Reversed batteries may cause damage to the transmitter.

UniPak™ Transmitter Battery Installation
1. Slide off the battery cover as shown in Figure D.
2. Carefully insert a fresh 9V alkaline battery, observing polarity markings.
3. Replace the battery cover (Fig. E).

Handheld Transmitter Battery Installation
1. While holding the upper part of the transmitter body just below the ball-screen, unscrew the lower body cover and slide it downward to expose the battery compartment (Fig. F). Do not attempt to pull the lower body farther down, or to gain access to the electronics.
2. Lift the white “battery keeper” arm until it sticks straight out from the mic body (no higher). Then carefully insert a fresh 9V alkaline battery, observing polarity markings.
3. Screw the body back together. Do not overtighten.

Battery Condition Indicator
The red battery condition indicator (Fig. H/I) should light strongly with a fresh battery. As the battery weakens, the indicator will grow dimmer. When the indicator becomes very dim or goes out, there is little life left in the battery. Replace it at once for continued operation of the transmitter.

All transmitters feature battery-save switches (Fig. D/F). As supplied, the switch is set in the High position for maximum range. Switching to the Low position increases battery life by reducing power. (Note: Effective range decreases when the switch is set in Low position.)

UniPak™ Transmitter Input Connection
Connect an audio input device (microphone or guitar cable) to the input connector on the bottom of the transmitter. The cable connector latches automatically when inserted into the transmitter jack. To unlatch and remove the connector, simply pull up on the connector's knurled metal collar.

A number of Audio-Technica professional microphones and cables are available separately, pre-terminated with a UniPak input connector (see “Optional System Accessories” on page 7).

Transmitting Antenna
The UniPak transmitter includes a permanently attached flexible antenna. For best results, allow the antenna to hang freely and full length from the bottom of the transmitter. If the received signal is marginal, experiment with different transmitter positions on your body or instrument; or try repositioning the receiver. Do not attempt to remove, replace or change the length of the transmitting antenna.
Ten Tips To Obtain The Best Results

1. Use only fresh alkaline batteries. Do not use “general purpose” (carbon-zinc) batteries.
2. Position the receiver so that it has the fewest possible obstructions between it and the normal location of the transmitter. Line-of-sight is best.
3. The transmitter and the receiver should be as close together as conveniently possible, but not less than 6’ (2 m).
4. Do not place the receiver antennas within 3’ (1 m) of another receiver or antenna.
5. The receiver antennas should be kept away from any metal.
6. A receiver cannot receive signals from two transmitters at the same time.
7. In the UniPak transmitter, the “MT” or “GT” input control not in use should be set to minimum.
8. If the receiver output is set too low, the overall signal-to-noise ratio of the system may be reduced. Conversely, if the volume control of the receiver is set too high, it may over-drive the input of the mixer/amplifier, causing distortion. Adjust the output level of the receiver so the highest sound pressure level going into the microphone (or the loudest instrument playing level) causes no input overload in the mixer, and yet permits the mixer level controls to operate in their “normal” range (not set too high or too low). This provides the optimum signal-to-noise for the entire system.
9. Turn the transmitter off when not in use. Remove the battery if the transmitter is not to be used for a period of time.
10. Unplug the receiver from the AC outlet when the system is not in use.
System Operating Frequencies

Frequency Selection
Each transmitter/receiver system operates on a single factory aligned, crystal-controlled frequency. Available frequencies are shown in the chart below.

Operating frequency is specified by a two character code, such as “T2,” in addition to the actual frequency in MHz. The frequency of each transmitter appears on a label on the outside of the unit. The frequency of each receiver appears on a label on the rear panel of the unit and the frequency of each system appears on the outer carton. For future reference, please record them in the space provided below.

RF Interference
Please note that wireless frequencies are shared with other radio services. According to Federal Communications Commission regulations, “Wireless microphone operations are unprotected from interference from other licensed operations within the band. If any interference is received by any Government or non-Government operation, the wireless microphone must cease operation...”

If you need assistance with operation or frequency selection, please contact your dealer or the A-T professional division.

Extensive wireless information also is available on the A-T Web site at www.audio-technica.com.

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<td>Traveling frequencies:</td>
<td>T2</td>
<td>169.505</td>
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<td>(Normally work anywhere in the U.S.A. and Canada.)</td>
<td>T3</td>
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Systems on these frequencies may be combined for up to three simultaneous operating channels.

For future reference, please record your system information here (the serial numbers appear near the screwdriver clip in each transmitter, and on the bottom of each receiver):

**Operating Frequency**
Freq. Code ___ ___
Frequency ___ ___ ___ MHz

**Receiver**
Model ATW-R250
Serial Number ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

**Transmitter**
Model ATW-T20 1/2
Serial Number ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

For future reference, please record your system information here (the serial numbers appear near the screwdriver clip in each transmitter, and on the bottom of each receiver):
**Specifications**

**OVERALL SYSTEM**
- **Operating Frequency**: VHF high band, 169 MHz to 172 MHz
- **Frequency Stability**: ±0.005%
- **Modulation Mode**: FM
- **Maximum Deviation**: ±15 kHz
- **Operating Range**: 200’ typical
- **Operating Temperature Range**: 40° F (4° C) to 110° F (43° C)
- **Frequency Response**: 80 Hz to 13 kHz

**RECEIVER**
- **Receiving System**: Non-diversity, single-channel, dual antenna system
- **Image Rejection**: 50 dB minimum
- **Signal-to-noise Ratio**: 60 dB at 10 kHz deviation (IEC-weighted), maximum modulation 15 kHz
- **Total Harmonic Distortion**: ≤1% (10 kHz deviation at 1 kHz)
- **Sensitivity**: 20 dBµV for 60 dB S/N (IEC-weighted)
- **Audio Output**: 350 mV (1 kHz modulation, 10 kHz deviation, 100k ohm load)
- **Output Connector**: 1/4” TS (‘mono’) phone jack
- **Power Supply**: 100-240V AC (50/60 Hz) to 12V DC 1A
- **Accessories Included**: Power supply
- **Net Weight**: 11.0 oz (311 grams)
- **Dimensions**: 7.48” (190.0 mm) W x 1.65” (42.0 mm) H x 5.12” (130.0 mm) D
- **Output Terminations**: Switched mode external power supply

**UNIPAK™ TRANSMITTER**
- **RF Power Output**: High: 10 mW; Low: 2 mW, typical
- **Spurious Emissions**: Under Federal Regulations
- **Dynamic Range**: ≥90 dB, A-weighted
- **Input Connections**: High impedance, low impedance, bias
- **Battery (not included)**: 9V (NEDA type 1604) alkaline
- **Current Consumption**: 30 mA typical
- **Battery Life**: Approximately 15 hours (High); 20 hours (Low), depending on battery type and use pattern
- **Dimensions**: 2.56” (65.0 mm) W x 4.33” (110.0 mm) H x 1.00” (25.4 mm) D
- **Net Weight (without battery)**: 2.8 oz (78 grams)

**HANDHELD TRANSMITTER**
- **RF Power Output**: High: 10 mW; Low: 2 mW, typical
- **Spurious Emissions**: Under Federal Regulations
- **Dynamic Range**: ≥90 dB, A-weighted
- **Microphone Element**: Dynamic unidirectional
- **Battery (not included)**: 9V (NEDA type 1604) alkaline
- **Current Consumption**: 30 mA typical
- **Battery Life**: Approximately 15 hours (High); 20 hours (Low), depending on battery type and use pattern
- **Dimensions**: 9.50” (241.3 mm) long, 2.10” (53.3 mm) maximum diameter
- **Net Weight (without battery)**: 12.7 oz (360 grams)
- **Accessory Included**: AT8456a Quiet-Flex™ stand clamp

**WIRELESS ESSENTIALS® MICROPHONES AND CABLES**

All Wireless Essentials accessories are terminated for use with ATW-T201 and other UniPak™ transmitters.

**AT829cW**
- Miniature cardioid condenser lavalier microphone.
- Includes clothing clip and windscreen.

**AT830cW**
- Miniature omnidirectional condenser lavalier microphone.
- Includes clothing clip and windscreen.

**AT830cW-TH**
- “Theater” model, same as AT830cW except beige color mic and cable.

**AT831cW**
- Headworn noise-canceling condenser microphone.
- Includes windscreen and cable.

**AT892cW**
- MicroSet™ headworn omnidirectional condenser microphone.
- Includes element covers, windscreen, moisture guard and clothing clip.

**AT892cW-TH**
- Subminiature cardioid condenser lavalier microphone.
- Includes clothing clip base, viper clip base, magnet clip base, three single mic holders, two double mic holders and two windscreen clips.

**AT899cW**
- Subminiature omnidirectional condenser lavalier microphone.
- Includes AT899AK accessory kit.

**AT899cW-TH**
- “Theater” model, same as AT899cW except beige color mic and cable.

**ATM36cW**
- Cardioid condenser instrument microphone.
- Includes AT8418 clip-on instrument mount.

**ATM73cW**
- Headworn cardioid condenser microphone.
- Includes windscreen.

**ATM75cW**
- Headworn cardioid condenser microphone.
- Includes windscreen.

**ATW-RC51**
- Remote momentary-mute/cough switch designed to be installed between a wireless microphone using an HRS-type connector and its associated body-pack wireless transmitter. Includes permanently attached 22” cable and belt clip.

**ATW-VP10**
- Vinyl UniPak™ pouch with belt clip to hold UniPak transmitter.

**Optional System Accessories**

**PRO 35xcW**
- Cardioid condenser instrument microphone.
- Includes AT8418 clip-on instrument mount.

**UB61kW**
- Surface-mount wide-range hemi-cardioid condenser microphone.

**UB57ALcW**

**AT-GCW**
- Hi-Z instrument/guitar cable with 1/4” phone plug.

**XLRW**
- Connecting cable for UniPak transmitter with an XLR-F-type input connector, for Lo-Z microphones with XLRM-type output terminations.

**OTHER ACCESSORIES**

**AT8114**
- Foam windscreen for handheld transmitter.

**AT8390**
- Premium instrument cable with 1/4” to 1/4” phone plugs. Available in a variety of lengths.

**AT8456a**
- Quiet-Flex™ microphone stand clamp for handheld transmitter, 5/8”-27 thread.

**AT8634**
- Rack-mount adapter kit mounts one ATW-R250 in a single 19” rack space.

**ATW-RMS1**
- Remote mute switch designed to be installed between a wireless microphone using an HRS-type connector and its associated body-pack wireless transmitter. Includes permanently attached 22” cable and belt clip.

**ATW-VP10**
- Vinyl UniPak™ pouch with belt clip to hold UniPak transmitter.
Antennas

Figure A (p. 3)

Receiver Controls and Functions

Figure B - Front panel controls and functions

Figure C - Rear panel controls and functions
Transmitter Controls and Functions

Figure D
- Microphone Trimmer (MT)
- Guitar Trimmer (GT)
- Battery-Save Switch (under screwdriver clip)
- Battery Polarity Diagram

Figure E
- Battery Polarity Diagram

Figure F
- Battery-Save Switch

Figure G
- Gain Trimmer
- Screwdriver

Figure H
- Power Switch
- Off/Standby/On
- Battery Condition Indicator
- Input Connector
- Antenna

Figure I
- Battery Condition Indicator
- Power Switch
- On/Standby/Off
One-Year Limited Warranty

Audio-Technica professional wireless systems purchased in the U.S.A. are warranted for one year from date of purchase by Audio-Technica U.S., Inc. (A.T.U.S.) to be free of defects in materials and workmanship. In event of such defect, product will be repaired promptly without charge or, at our option, replaced with a new product of equal or superior value if delivered to A.T.U.S. or an Authorized Service Center, prepaid, together with the sales slip or other proof of purchase date. **Prior approval from A.T.U.S. is required for return.** This warranty excludes defects due to normal wear, abuse, shipping damage, or failure to use product in accordance with the instructions. This warranty is void in the event of unauthorized repair or modification, or removal or defacing of the product labeling.

For return approval and shipping information, contact the Service Dept., Audio-Technica U.S., Inc., 1221 Commerce Drive, Stow, Ohio 44224.

Except to the extent precluded by applicable state law, **A.T.U.S. will have no liability for any consequential, incidental, or special damages; any warranty of merchantability or fitness for particular purpose expires when this warranty expires.**

This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights which vary from state to state.

Outside the U.S.A., please contact your local dealer for warranty details.

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