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Instruction Manual for Model AR2000 Wide Range Portable Monitor Receiver This manual is protected by copyright AOR Ltd 1991. No information contained in this manual may be copied or transferred by any means without the prior written consent of AOR Ltd.

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Most apparent faults are due to accidental miss-operation of the receiver, carefully read all of the manual before deciding to return the set for repair.

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General

This AOR handheld wide band scanning receiver is renowned for it's high standards of performance and range of facilities which other manufacturers try to imitate.

Although offering a long list of facilities and operating modes, the receiver remains reasonably easy to operate. The draplay often provides 'prompts' for selected operations such as a flashing 'CH' to invite you to key in a new memory channel number.

The receiver has an exceptionally wide frequency coverage from 500KHz to 1300MHz (1.3GHz!!!).

The modes available are AM. PM (narrow) and FM (wide). All available modes may be selected at any frequency within the receiver's coverage.

Although carefully designed, this receiver (like all receivers) suffers from a degree of internal noises known as spurii. They are a product of the receiver's circuitry and do not represent a fault.

All Information such as frequency, mode, channel, electera is presented in an easy to see Liquid Crystal Display (LCD). For night time use there is a lamp with a timeout of about 6 seconds to prevent undue battery drain.

The aerial connection is of the standard BNC type allowing straight forward connection to almost any VHF / UHF aerial. There is also a 10dB attenuator on the top panel to increase versatility.

There is a massive EEFROM storage (no batteries required of 1000 memories held as 10 banks of 100 also there are 10 additional programmable search banks. Each memory will store frequency and mode, the search bands will also store the increment. Memories and search bands may be 'locked out' for the days when you don't want to listen to something you have previously programmed.

In search mode, you may beek out upto 1000 continuously occupied frequencies [100] in each of the 10 search bands is or that the frequency is skipped when next seanned. Although the search bands are pre-programmed at the factory, they may be easily re-programmed from the keypad by the user.

Accessories supplied

DA900 single wide band whip aerial for VHF and UHF

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AC charger

4 v AA high canacity rechargeable NiCad batteries

1297 DC lead for mobile operation

Soft case with carry strap

Operating manual

Power and batteries

The receiver is powered from 4 x AA high capacity rechargeable NiCad batteries (supplied), they are already fitted inside the the set. The NiCads can be recharged using the supplied AC charger or DC lead and may be used over and over again.

The Nickala are NIT factory changed and it is suggested they are put onto change while you read this manual. A full faring will take about 16 hours with the receiver switched of A set of fully changed NiCada should give a few hours of average use, this will depend on operation, settings such as volume will have great effort. Here note, background orders may still be hered from the speaker even through the NiCad batteries are exhausted, usually the Liquid Crystal Display fails to operate for this condition.

The supplied AC charger is NOT designed to power the set while charging. The receiver should be switched off while charging the NiCada using the supplied charger.

Nicads are prone to 'memory effect', as a result they may have to be cycled (fully charged and used until final 3 or 4 times before they provide a satisfactory period of operation. Once charged, you should never lever the NiCads is a fail condition. Although you may charge the NiCads in order to 'top up' their capacity if you have only used the set for an hour or two, the NiCads should be cycled up' their capacity if you have only used the set for an hour or two, the NiCads should be cycled

Note: Do not over-charge the NiCads, (15 hours is sufficient). In severe cases of over-charging high temperatures can be generated, this can result in damage to the NiCads and to the receiver. If this point is ignored, there is a small but potential damage of personal injury due to explosion. Never short circus! NiCad batteries, the effect is similar to over-charging but happens very quickly. Never two techarge mound deep hatteries.

The internal NiCads are located in the battery compartment on the rear lower half of the receiver. They may be easily removed so that an additional set of NiCad or dry cells may be substituted when the first set become drained, this will enable extended operation when away from the house or car.

When connected to a nominal 13.8V DC power source (using the supplied lead in the car or at homet the receiver may be operated and the NiCads recharged at the same time. The supplied lead is wired CENTER POSITIVE. make sure you observe the correct polarity.

Control

The receiver is housed in an attractive, strong plastic cabinet. Controls for operation are located on the top and front faces of the cabinet.

Aerial connector. This is a standard BNC type. It's operation is like a bayonet (push and twist)
and is mounted on the top face of the cabinet. The supplied portable aerial may be connected to this
point or a mobile / base.

2. VOL & POWER (volume) control. This is the inner knob of the dual concentric rotary controls located on the top face of the cabinet. It is used to set the required audio output from the receiver. When turned fully clockwise the volume is at maximum, when rotated and clockwise the volume is reduced to a minimum. At the fully anti-clockwise position the power ON/OFF switch is activated.

3. SQL fiqueleb) control. This is the outer knob of the dual concentric rotary controls located on the top face of the cabinet. The control is used to eliminate unwainted backgoound noise on unoccupied frequencies. It is also used by the receiver to decide when to stop during scan and search modes.

The soutch control needs careful setting to achieve optimum operating performance. Rotate the control clockwise until the background noise just disappears, this is the most sensitive setting of the control. In practice the control is usually related a little further elockwise to avoid 6 4 5

unreadable signals. If the control is rotated too far clockwise then weak signals will be totally lost and only strong signals will be heard.

4. ATF (attenuator) switch. The switch has two positions marked as LOCAL and DX, For most situations the DX or long distance position is used where the receiver is at its most sensitive.
When operating the receiver in the presence



of strong signals such as those from TV.

Frendradss, taxt, Dolice efectors, some interference may be experienced. This interference can take
many forms such as an increase in background notes, dissensitising of the receiver or mixing of
many stations operfort. The cure for most of those effects is to use the laterinator owich in the
LOCAL position. This reduces the level of signals reaching the receivers circuitry and helps the set
rope with strong signals.

The addition of the attenuator switch to the receiver allows the set to be sensitive when required for weak signal listening and provide a reduction in overloading when necessary.

5. UP/DOWN (tuning) control. Located on the top face of the cabinet, this rotary control allows imanual funing of frequencies displayed on the receiver. The control has a convenient click operation, the tuning increment can be programmed from the front panel seypad.
6. EAR fearnhome or external speaker! socket. Located on the top face of the cobinet. This is a

standard 3.5mm mono juck socket. Either an earphone or small external speaker may be connected, when in use the internal speaker is automatically disconnected. The impedance of an external device should be 8 ONMS or greater.

DELAY BATT

7. CHG (charging) socket. Located on the right hand side of the cabinet. The socket is of the dual concentric type and accepts a 1.3mm plug. The supplied AC charger or DC lead are connected to this point when charging the receiver's batteries or operating from an external supply. Any suitable DC supply of 11 to 15 volts may also be connected to this socket, please note the connection is

8. DISPLAY, Located on the front of the cabinet, it is a Liquid Crystal Display (LCD). Comprehensive information such as frequency, mode, channel etcetera is displayed in an easy to understand format. For night time use there is a lamp.

9. KEYBOARD. Located on the front of the cabinet underneath the Liquid Crystal Display. The keyboard is laid out in a logical manner and is split into numeric and command areas.

WINAM LOUT HOLD LIGHT For night time use this key activates the lamp. 888 S. 48888AA

O to 9. The keys O to 9 plus the decimal point (.) are used for entering frequency, step size, memory

The same keys are used in the bank select mode, in which case the numbers 0 to 9 correspond to the programmed frequency and memory channels.

CLEAR (.) Press once to select a decimal point when entering frequency information. Press twice to clear an incorrect entry.

ENTER Used to ENTER a frequency after selection from the keypad. Also used to complete other programming operations such as memory changes.

SEARCH Used to start the programmed frequency search operation. It is also used to manually advance the search process when stopped on an unwanted frequency.

SCAN Used to start the memory bank scanning operation. It is also used to manually advance the scan process when stopped on an unwanted channel.

When the receiver is first switched on. It is a good idea to press the manual key so that the receiver enters a 'known

PROG. Used to set the bottom point while programming the search and scan modes

LIMIT Used to set the high point while programming the search and sean modes. Also used in manual mode to select the AUX function (engaging priority channel operation).



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INC Used to enter the desired tuning increment (step) while in manual or search modes

BANK Used to select the desired BANK while in scan or search mode.

AM/FM Selects either AM (amplitude modulation) or FM (frequency modulation). AM is generally used by aircraft both on VHF and UHF, FM is used by most other services.

W-FM Selects W-FM (wide band frequency modulation). Mainly used by VHF stereo broadcast stations.

LOCKOUT Press once to lock out a frequency or memory channel. Pressing a second time generally unlocks the frequency or memory channel. This key has multiple functions so be careful with its

Up to 100 frequencies in each of the 10 search banks can be locked out, a total of 1000 frequencies.
It is cossible by miss-operation, to inadvertently lock out an entire search bank instead of a single

LOCKED OUT of the search bank to be unlocked before the bank can be searched again.

There are other ways to limit the banks omitted in search and scan mode.

DELAY Used in scan and search modes to select DELAY and HOLD. When HOLD is shown on the display, the scan or search stops on a busy channel and remains there even if the signal has gone. When DELAY is shown on the display, the scan or search stops and pauses on a busy channel for a couple of seconds before automatically moving off again.

The DOWN key causes the scan or search to reverse from its usual ascending operation and move downwards. Holding the key for more than a second while the receiver is stopped in scan or

search mode causes the receiver to continue operation but in a downward direction.

KEY LOCK. This key disables all other keyboard functions. The facility is handy if the receiver is required to operate on a single channel and is located in a cost pocket. Accidental change of frequency or mode is nervented. Presum the key a second time canceris the function.

Operation

After unpacking the receiver, the batteries should be charged or a fully charged set fitted. You may also connect the receiver to an external DC supply using the supplied DC lead.

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The receiver should be switched on by rotating the volume control in a clockwise direction from the 'off' postition.

With the squelch control turned fully anti-clockwise to allow sound from the speaker, the volume should be adjusted to a comfortable level. It is never a good idea to switch on the receiver with an earthone connected.

earphone connected.

The spatich control should be rotated clockwise until the background noise is just cancelled. This is known as 'Unreshold' and is the most sensitive setting for the squerich control. If you find setting the

It is best to press the MANUAL key at this time to place the receiver in a known state of operation.

squelch difficult, try removing the aerial from the receiver.

Manual mode

1. TO ENTER a FREQUENCY.

Key in the digits and use the decimal point after the MHz. You don't have to enter the following zeros' as they will be added automatically after pressing the decimal point and enter. In fact you can usually leave out the decimal point when entering a round MHz.

If you key in an 'out of range' frequency, a frequency error message is displayed 'Fr .Err'

Example: MANUAL - 131.000 - ENTER

Or: MANUAL - 131, - ENTER

2. Tuning the receiver.

Turn the rotary control on the top face of the cabinet. Rotating the control clockwise advances the displayed frequency while anti-clockwise operation lowers the displayed frequency. The display will show an up or down arrow as appropriate.

3. To change the frequency INCREMENT (step).

This is used with the rotary tuning control, the default is 12.5 KHz. It is good to start at a round

INC Ituning sten in KHz) ENTER

Example: INC - 25 - ENTER

You can select an increment in multiples of 5 KHz and 12.5 KHz between the limits of 5 and 995 KHz.

4. To change MODE.

It is worth noting that when you change mode while a memory bank number is showing, the contents of that numeroy are often automatically updated. For this reason it, worth keeping one memory channel reserved as a "note pad" and dialled in before you start manual operation. Perhaps memory channel 1004 would be a mod choice.

Press AM / FM to select AM or Narrow Band FM

Press W-FM to select Wide Band FM

There is no need to press enter but there is no negative effect should you do so.

Memory mode

The receiver has 1000 memory channels arranged in 10 banks of 100 memories. The banks are numbered 0 to 9.

It is possible to ENTER both frequency and mode into MEMORY.

(Memory BANKS start at 0 and continue through 1, 2, to 9. Memory CHANNELS start at 00 and continue through 01, 02, to 99l.

MANUAL PROG (memory bank and channel) ENTER

Example: To enter the displayed frequency into MEMORY BANK 1, CHANNEL 52.

MANUAL - PROG - 52 - ENTER

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Again}},$ there is no need to press enter but there is no negative effect should you do so.

2. To enter a new frequency and mode into memory.

MANUAL (frequency in MHz) ENTER (mode) PROG (memory bank and channel number)

Example: To enter 145.600 MHz. FM mode into MEMORY BANK 0 and CHANNEL 55.

MANUAL - 145.6 - ENTER - FM - PROG - 055

N.B. Remember the displayed frequency can sometimes be automatically written into the current memory channel when the mode is changed. Make sure you don't accidentally over write a wanted memory channel in this manner.

3. To RECALL the contents of a previously stored memory channel.

It is worth noting that frequencies are often already stored in the receivers memory bank when you unpock it, this is part of the testing conducted during manufacturer and preparation for sale.

Example: To recall the contents of memory BANK 1, CHANNEL 52. (Remember, you must have something stored first).

MANUAL - BANK - 152

MANUAL CLEAR ENTER PROG (memory bank and channel)

Example: To clear the memory contents of BANK 1, CHANNEL 20

MANUAL - CLEAR - ENTER - PROG - 120

5. Memory LOCKOUT.

You can lockout a memory channel while in manual mode by first selecting the memory channel then press LOCKOUT. Lockout is confirmed by a flashing 'L.OUT' on the display.

Later on (while in SCAN mode) you may no longer wish to listen to to a specific memory channel.

Press the LOCKOUT key to skip over the channel.

To reinstate the channel at a later date, unlock the channel in MANUAL mode by keying in the channel location and pressing LOCKOUT again. Lockout status is confirmed by a flashing 'LOUT' on the display.

6. Auxiliary (PRIORITY) Channel.

Any of the 1000 memory channels previously programmed may be used as the auxiliary JAUXI. When activated, the receiver well 'pop over 'to the priority channel to check for activity regardless of the current displayed frequency or mode. The facility can be useful for keeping an eye on a distress frequency while scanning another frequency band.

To select the desired memory location.

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Example: Assume you wish to select memory bank 1 channel 25 as the auxilia

MANUAL - AUX - PROG - 125 - ENTER

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The 'AUX' indicator appears on the front panel to confirm status.

To de articule the AUX function repeat the process.

Press MANUAL - AUX

Under some circumstances there may be a 'click' heard from the internal speaker while the priority function is in use. This is normal and a product of the facility, it is NOT a fault.

Scan mode

Manually changing frequency is a slow process. In order to 'catch' brief bursts of communications such as from control towers to aircraft requires a faster method of frequency change.

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or cas reason after or interester present or operation rate interesters in a continuous control of the receiver of the receiver. The receiver is capable of scanning many memory channels per second. It is usually convenient to 'prosen' all similar frequencies to exhibit to enable their second.

independently from other programmed channels. For example you could store ALL VHF atround frequencies in memory bank 1 instead of randomly throughout the 1000 memories.

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1. To SCAN all memories.

(Not what you would normally do, you would normally want to listen to a specific type of activity. It is however a good starting point).

Press SCAN

The receiver starts scanning all programmed memory channels. It will not try to scan un-occupied channels. It could potentially take a long time to complete its full scan if you have programmed all the 1000 memory channels, even though the receivers scan process is very rapid.

You need to act the squeich to cancel the background noise before the set is free to scan. The receiver finds it difficult to differentiate between weak signals and background noise so careful and continuous re-adjustment of the squeich control may be necessary.

Problems with scanning

If for some traston your receiver refuses to sean the bank you want an Instead Jumps to another bank, you have probably accidentally used PROGRAM BANK SCAN. To clear the apparent problem key in the following:

SCAN - BANK - PROG - 0 - LIMIT - 9 - ENTER

2. Program BANK SCAN.

When you grow tired of scanning all memory channels you can specify the start point. SCAN BANK (bank number)

Example: To start scanning at memory BANK 5

SCAN - BANK - 5

The receiver will start at bank 5 but will then move onto bank 6 then bank 7 etectera until all 1000 channels have been scanned and the receiver starts back on bank 5 again.

To PROGRAM a specific SCAN BANK.

SCAN BANK PROG (start bank number) LIMIT (end bank number) ENTER

Example: To SCAN between BANK 1 and BANK 5

SCAN - BANK - PROG - 1 - LIMIT - 5 - ENTER

In the same way you can program the receiver to scan only one bank, maybe BANK 1 where you may have programmed VHF airband frequencies.

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This effectively has excluded banks 0, 2, 3, to 9 without actually locking them out and is the preferred method of programmed bank scan.

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3. Memory LOCKOUT.

If during scan the receiver stops on a memory channel that you no longer wish to listen to, you may press the LOCKOUT key to skip over the channel. Lockout is confirmed by a flashing 'LOUT' on the display.

To reinstate the channel at a later date you may unlock the channel in MANUAL mode by keying in the channel location and pressing LOCKOUT again. The operation is confirmed by the removal of the flashing LOUT from the display.

4. Memory group lockout.

Choose the lowest channel number of the group you wish to lock out.

MANUAL - BANK - 500 - LOCKOUT

MANUAL (the receiver now advances to the next memory) - LOCKOUT

MANUAL - LOCKOUT MANUAL - LOCKOUT storters

This is a short cut version of normal memory lockout, a flashing "LOUT" sign appears on the display to confirm each channel status.

to commit each channel status.

5. Memory bank lockout (ALL 100 memories).

You can lock out a whole group at once.

MANUAL BANK (bank and channel number) BANK LOCKOUT

The bank/channel number can be any location in the desired bank. In other words, to lock out the whole of BANK 5, you could select any location between 500 and 599).

To release memory bank lockout a similar process is carried out.

MANUAL BANK flowest bank/channel number LOCKOUT

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Example: MANUAL - BANK - 500 - LOCKOUT

The flashing 'LOUT' disappears from the display to confirm operation, Any channel which was individually locked out remains locked out and unaffected by the previous operation.

Turning the metary tuning control during scan causes the process to be capacified. The receiver

remains in memory select mode so that you can manually step through the memory channels using the rotary control. This is a very convenient feature.

Search mode

The receiver has the ability to search between ten sets of user definable frequency limits known as SEARCH BANKS.

For your convenience these have been pre-programmed during manufacture to suite your local market requirements. The search banks may be reprogrammed by you at any time from the keypad.

If you choose, the programming of these search banks need not have any relationship to any front morel learned, this ensures maximum flexibility of operation.

In search mode, you may define the lower and upper frequency limits, mode of operation and

1. To SEARCH all banks.

(A majo you wouldn't normally want to listen exerciting at once. It is however a good starting point). Press SEARCH

The receiver starts searching all programmed search banks. It could potentially take a long time to complete its full search process of all banks, even though the receiver's search process is very rapid. You need to carefully set the squeich to cancel the background noise before the set is free to search.

The receiver finds it difficult to differentiate between weak signals and backeround notes so careful and continuous re-adjustment of the squeich control may be necessary.

Rotation of the UP/DOWN tuning control during search cancels the operation. The receiver remains in the current search bank and you may manually tune through the band using the rotary control.

Problems with searching.

If for some reason your receiver refuses to search the bank you want and instead jumps to another

SEARCH - BANK - PROG - 0 - LIMIT - 9 - ENTER

If you still have problems, look at the sections on releasing search bank lockout and search

2 Program SEARCH BANK

When you grow tired of searching through all programmed banks, you can specify the start point.

Example: To start searching at SEARCH BANK 5

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To PROGRAM a specific SEARCH BANK.

SEARCH BANK PROG (start bank number) LIMIT (end bank number) ENTER

Example: To SEARCH between BANK 1 and BANK 5

SEARCH - BANK - PROG - 1 - LIMIT - 5 - ENTER

In the same way you can program the receiver to search only one bank, maybe BANK 1 where you may have programmed the limits for the VHP airband.

Example: SEARCH - BANK - PROG - 1 - LIMIT - 1 - ENTER

This effectively has excluded banks 0, 2, 3, to 9 without actually locking them out and is the preferred method of programmed bank scan.

3. Search frequency lockout.

If during search the receiver stops on a frequency that you no longer wish to listen to, you may press the LOCKOUT key to skip over the frequency. It will be skipped over on the next search.

Up to 100 frequencies may be locked out of each search bank. Be careful not to get carried away and lock out ALL of the frequencies in the bank, if you do then the search facility will not function.

4. Search bank lockout.

SEARCH BANK (bank number) BANK LOCKOUT

Example: To lockout search bank 4 SEARCH - BANK - 4 - BANK - LOCKOUT

To release search bank lockout a similar process is carried out.

SEARCH BANK (bank number) LOCKOUT

Example: To release search bank 4

SEARCH - BANK - 4 - LOCKOUT

NOTE: To cancel this operation requires ALL locked out frequencies to be released, for this reason \Re is suggested that you use program search bank where possible as an alternative.

Releasing search bank lockout (or individually locked out frequencies).

To release a locked out search bank, you first need to unlock ALL locked out frequencies in the search banks. To make this process easter, it is possible to scroll through the locked out frequencies.

To scroll through the locked out frequencies SEARCH - BANK - PROG - LOCKOUT

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The first of the locked out frequencies will appear on the display. The ${\tt L.OUT}$ indicator will also be flashing on the display to show status.

You must release the locked out frequencies one at a time

Press LOCKOUT

The display will clear and step to the next locked out frequency. Repeat this process until the 'L.OUT' indicator is steady on the display and the BANK indicator is flashing.

Press LOCKOUT

The 'LOUT' indicator will disappear and the receiver will start searching

6. Reprogramming search bank limits.

Hefore you change and pre-programmed limits, it may be a good idea to note the existing band data so that the receiver may be re-programmed to its initial state at a later date. In fact you may be supply with the pre-programming of the search banks, in which case you will not need to carry out this process.

Assume that you want to reprogramme SEARCH BANK 2 to cover a specific part of the 70cm Amateur Radio band. The desired parameters are:

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SEARCH PROG (Mart frequency) LIMIT (stop frequency) ENTER (search step in KHz) ENTER (mode) ENTER (bank number) ENTER SEARCH

Example: SEARCH - PROG - 432,000 - LIMIT - 433,500 - ENTER - 25 - ENTER - FM - ENTER - 2 - ENTER - SEARCH

The previously stored information will be over-written.

Storing search frequencies into memory.

When searching you may find an interesting frequency and want to return to it later.

Press DELAY/HOLD so that the 'HOLD' indicator appears on the display

Press ENTER

Select memory bank and channel

Example: The receiver stops on 145.600 MHz and you wish to save the frequency and mode, perhaps we wish to store the information in Memory bank 1. channel 23 $\,$

Press DELAY/HOLD - ENTER - 123

This concludes the operating section of the manual.

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Specification

Frequency range	50000Hy to 1300MHy

(wide)		Receiving modes
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Memory channels	1000 arranged in 10 banks of 100	
Memony scan aneed	Appear 20 channels per second	

Search speed	Appens 40 steep one append	

Priority channel (AUX)	Any of the 1000 memories may be used as the priority

Audio output > 100mW at 10% distortion

Power supply	4.8V DC from 4x AA internal NiCad batteries (supplied), or 11-15V DC from external power source

Power consumption	Approx 80mA standby, 85-100mA with full audio outrut	

Aerial input	50 OHM BN	C conn

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