



QG-H1

MicCommander

User Manual

Rev: 8.1



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Document Description

This document is the user manual for the QG-H1 MicCommander, providing in depth descriptions of its features as well as helpful guidance on its use.

Manual Revision History

Rev 1	June 4, 2013	Original.
Rev 2	May 5, 2014	Added content for PA Power Output and Contrast adjustment. Changed the term "STBY" to "OFF"
Rev 3	June 5, 2015	Added fourth screen to active transmitters list. Updated transmitter parameters menu and added <Comp Mode> description.
Rev 4	Jan 21, 2016	Added fifth screen to active transmitters list. Add transmitter name to transmitter settings screen and performed updates on UI readability.
Rev 5	Oct 05, 2016	Updated for new features
Rev 6	Jan 16, 2017	Updated for new features
Rev 7	May 8, 2017	Added Lithium Battery requirement
Rev 8.1	Jan 4, 2018	Revised Menu system, sorting, etc. Added USB connection functionality for use with PC's and laptops running MicControl software.

FCC Notices

Information to users:

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1.) This device may not cause harmful interference and (2.) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Warning: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Quantum5X Systems Inc, could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Warning: This device has been designed to operate with the supplied SMA antenna having a maximum gain of 3 dBi. Replacing or modifying this antenna is strictly prohibited.

Labeling of the End Products:

Following permanent label shall be applied on all final products.

Product Label QG H1



Product Label QG-N3



Introduction

Quantum5X products are often prefaced by the “Q” in the company name, which combined with the second letter, indicates the type of device such as **QG-XX = Q5X Gateway** or **QT-XXX = Q5X Transmitter**, etc. The second set of numbers or letters indicate the model in a series or product family.

The Q5X remote control system is referred to as **RCAS, Remote Control Audio System**. Q5X pioneered wireless remote control for transmitters in 2009. Since this is a wireless control system, it will work through walls, clothing, uniforms, costumes, etc. and over longer distances than non-RF types of transmitter control systems on the market. RCAS consists of 4 main components;

- 1) a QT-5100 series transmitter,
- 2) the MicControl software,
- 3) the QG-N3 network controller,
- 4) the QG-H1 MicCommander, a hand held remote control

The **QG-H1** MicCommander is a handheld device used to control the QT-5100 series of Q5X audio transmitters, such as the QT-5100 PlayerMic. It can also control legacy QT-5000 transmitters. The QG-H1 allows the user to view, monitor and adjust any QT-5100 transmitter within the control range. The transmitter power state ON or OFF, RF power, UHF frequency, microphone muting and mic gain, groups and other operational parameters can be remotely configured using the QG-H1 without physical access to the transmitter.

The **QG-H1** can control up to 32 transmitters as a stand-alone device.

USB connectivity allows the **QG-H1** to be connected to a laptop or PC running Windows 7 and above. This connection allows the use of the **MicControl** software to control enhanced features of the transmitters including the ability to name transmitters. Naming transmitters makes it much easier to manage the system, for example instead of looking at a list of serial numbers like 10223 or 20567 you can now name them Player1 or Actor 2 or Joes Mic.

The **RCAS** system can also be networked and uses the network enabled **QG-N3** to remotely control the **QT-5100** series of transmitters via **MicControl** software which can be installed on a Windows PC or laptop. Multiple QG-N3 units can be added to a network to manage large area installations.

The **MicControl** software can control over 300 transmitters for larger installations.

The **QG-H1 MicCommander** operates independently from any other gateway or computer. It communicates one-to-one with each transmitter and allows access to all necessary settings through a simple interface. It can over ride any setting made by the **MicControl** software and vice versa.

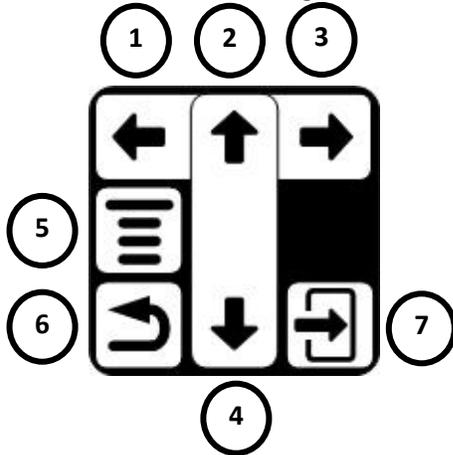
The **QG-H1** offers the following benefits:

- Eliminates the need to physically handle the transmitters after they are installed on the user.
- Remotely turn the transmitter’s On/Off to conserve battery life when not in use.
- Provides the ability to change the frequency in the event of RF interference.
- Provides the ability to change the microphone’s gain if the audio is too loud or soft.

The QG-H1 MicCommander

The Keypad

All the buttons used to navigate the interface are on the front touch pad as shown below:



1: LEFT directional arrow
2: UP directional arrow
3: RIGHT directional arrow
4: DOWN directional arrow
5: MENU button – Open special menu when available
6: BACK button – Return to previous menu
7: ENTER button - Select item

Out-of-the-Box Setup

The QG-H1 is powered by either two AA batteries or USB or with a 6V DC adapter (optional). The batteries are installed in the back of the QG-H1 by removing the back panel. This is done by pulling downward on the battery door.

Powering On

The device will automatically turn on when a DC adapter or USB cable is plugged in, otherwise, pressing the power button on the top of the device will turn it on. While on, the QG-H1 will respond to any interaction with the keypad with haptic feedback via slight vibrations. The power button also functions as a “Heartbeat” indicator, flashing to indicate ongoing communication with nearby transmitters.



USB Connectivity

The USB port can be used to connect the QG-H1 to a PC or laptop running Windows 7 or above. This allows the QG-H1 to be used to control up to 300 transmitters via the MicControl software. See the MicControl user manual for details on how to use and monitor all functions of the transmitters. One very important feature this enables is the ability to name transmitters to something more event specific, such as Player1, Athlete 2, Sally the Actor, etc.

To use the QG-H1's with a PC and the MicCommander software is fairly simple.

- 1) Plug a USB cable from the PC to the QG-H1, it will automatically install the drivers, wait until that completes.
- 2) Open the MicControl software
- 3) On the Gateway Manager screen
- 4) Click on the USB dot to show USB connected devices
- 5) Click on any USB port reported and delete each, one at a time.
- 6) Click <Add> to find the currently active port
- 7) Highlight the active com port, click <OK>
- 8) Highlight the just added comm port and click on <Connect>
- 9) Close the Gateway Manager window by clicking on the red X in the top right corner.

Step 5 is to solve a minor problem where every time you connect a USB device it can change comm ports. By deleting any "old" ones before adding the new active port you avoid conflicts.

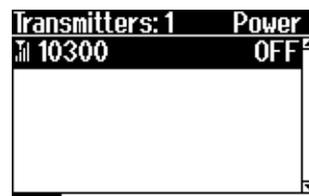
The Main Menu

To access the Main menu, press the  button. From here you can navigate and select other menus, including the "Transmitters" menu.



Transmitters – Status and Control

When first turned on, the Active Transmitters menu will appear:



A list of all transmitters currently registered with the QG-H1 will be displayed. The transmitter list has five separate tabs. Tab 1 as indicated by the black line at the bottom left of the screen is displayed initially.

The box to the left of the transmitter serial number (or ID) with the antenna symbol and signal strength indicator indicates the control channel is active and will slowly change states as the transmitter and QG-H1 communicate. This indicator is referred to as the "heartbeat", if a transmitter is not in communication range or the battery is discharged a ? will be displayed. The box indicates a good 2-way communication channel and the box fill will cycle in and out as the heartbeat cycles.

The transmitter list has six (6) separate tabs, indicated by the position of the black line at the bottom of the screen. Press or arrows to move between tabs.

- The first tab displays the transmitters' serial number and power state (ON or OFF).

Transmitters: 1		Power
	10300	OFF

- The tab to the right displays the RSSI (Received Signal Strength Indicator) of the 2.4 GHz link.

Transmitters: 1		Freq
	10300	525.000

- The tab to the right displays the ID or name of each transmitter. Transmitters can be "named" with the PC based MicControl software using either the QG-N3 or QG-H1.

Transmitters: 1		ID
	10300	Ref 1

- The tab to the right displays the battery level and whether it's plugged into a charger

Transmitters: 1		Batt
	10300	100%-CHG

- The tab to the right displays the RSSI (Received Signal Strength Indicator) of the 2.4 GHz link for each transmitter.

Transmitters: 1		RSSI
	10300	-31 dBm

- The tab to the right displays the firmware version number of each transmitter.

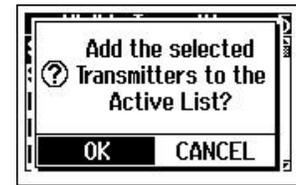
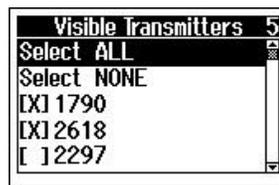
Transmitters: 1		FW Ver
	10300	v1.17

Adding and Removing Transmitters

Press in the transmitter menu to add/remove transmitters. This will bring up a menu with the following options: “Scan...”, “Add...”, “Remove” and “Remove ALL”.



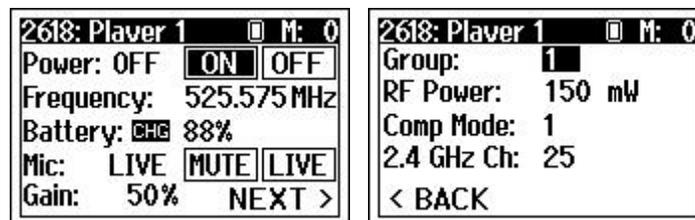
- To scan for all active transmitters nearby, select the “Scan...” item. After the scan has started, select the transmitters you wish to add from the list of recognized units. Press the BACK to add them.



- To add an individual transmitter, select the “Add” option and enter the serial number found on the back of your transmitter (example: 2618).
- To remove a transmitter from the active list, move the cursor over the desired transmitter, then press . From this menu, select “Remove”.
- To clear the Active Transmitter list, select “Remove ALL”.

Adjusting Transmitter Parameters

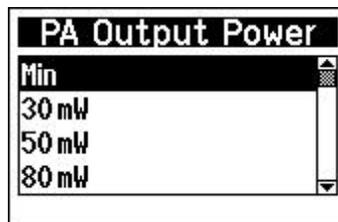
Select a transmitter with the button to view or edit its setting. When selected, the menu on the left will appear, the menu on the right is accessed by selecting **Next>**



- Power** either ON or OFF, this is the transmitter’s power state and can be changed here.
- Frequency** can be adjusted by moving the cursor to the value using the navigational arrows then pressing . This will bring up the screen shown below on the left. To change the mHz values use the UP/DOWN arrows. To edit the frequency’s kHz, press the button to highlight them then use the UP/DOWN arrows again. The or button can be used to save changes. Select “Save” to confirm or “Cancel” to cancel.



- **Battery** is the percentage of battery life remaining. The “CHG” to the left of the percentage denotes that the device is currently charging.
- **Mic** is the microphone state, either Live or Mute. Muting will turn the audio off and leave the transmitter on. This function can be used to override a muted mic such as the QT-5100 RefMic with it’s integrated mute switch or to remotely mute a mic whenever required
- **Gain** is the microphone gain percentage and can be adjusted in the same manner as the frequency.
- **Group** is the group number (1-16) to which the transmitter belongs, allowing it to be controlled with group commands (see **Group Commands** below). To change the group that the transmitter belongs to, select the transmitter, then the add it to the desired Group number. From here the number can be adjusted using the UP/DOWN arrows. Once satisfied, press  or  and select “Save” when prompted.
- **RF Power** is the power setting of the RF output of the transmitter. This can be adjusted by bringing up the menu below and selecting the desired value. A lower power level will conserve battery life.

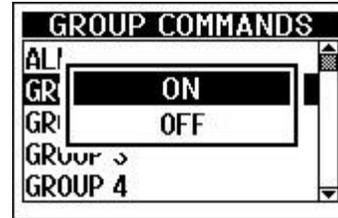
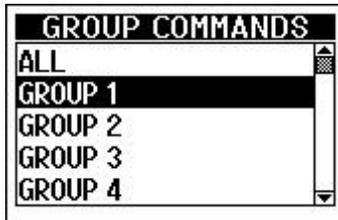


**Note: This feature is only available with the QT-5100,
NOT the legacy QT-5000 transmitters.**

- **Comp Mode** is used to change between the available companding modes. There are two Q5X companding modes, i.e. 1 and 2. Mode 1 is the standard Q5X mode for use with any Q5X receiver. Mode 2 is not to be used, it is reserved for experimental purposes. Mode 3 or 4 is to allow the transmitter to work with other types of receivers. To change the active companding mode, select the appropriate number. The mode can be adjusted using the UP/DOWN arrows. Once satisfied, press  or  and select “Save” when prompted. (Note: different transmitter configurations support different companding modes and will only report the modes it is designed for, i.e. modes 1,2,3 or 1,2,4)
- **2.4 GHz Ch** the RCAS control channel default is 25, change this on the transmitter only if you are having control issues that can be seen when you have completed a 2.4GHz Spectrum scan. See **Device Configuration**, the **2.4 GHz Telemetry** section below for detailed instructions.

Group Commands

1. Select the “Group Commands” item from the Main menu to view groups 1-16
2. Select the desired group to turn it On or Off.



After turning a group of transmitters ON, there will be a brief waiting period while the MicCommander is broadcasting the command. The following message will appear:



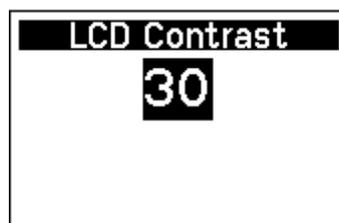
Device Configuration

Selecting “Device Configuration” from the main menu will bring up the following menu:



LCD Contrast

The contrast level of the LCD display can be adjusted by selecting the value next to “LCD Contrast” and using the  and  to change the value. As shown below.



2.4 GHz Telemetry

The RCAS control system operates in the ISM 2.4GHz RF spectrum with the 802.15.4 protocol and utilizes Zigbee channels 11 to 26. In this menu, you can change the control channel if there is interference from nearby devices that may be using similar technology like ZigBee or Bluetooth communications. It is very important to make sure the QG-H1 and the transmitters are on the same control frequency. The factory default is channel 25. All new QG-H1's and new QT-5100 transmitters will come pre-set to use channel 25.

Should you need to change the RCAS channel due to interference, it is important to first change all the transmitters you wish to control BEFORE changing the QG-H1 control channel. If a transmitter is not on the same channel as the QG-H1 it will still function as a UHF transmitter but will not be "seen" by the QG-H1 and cannot be controlled or monitored.

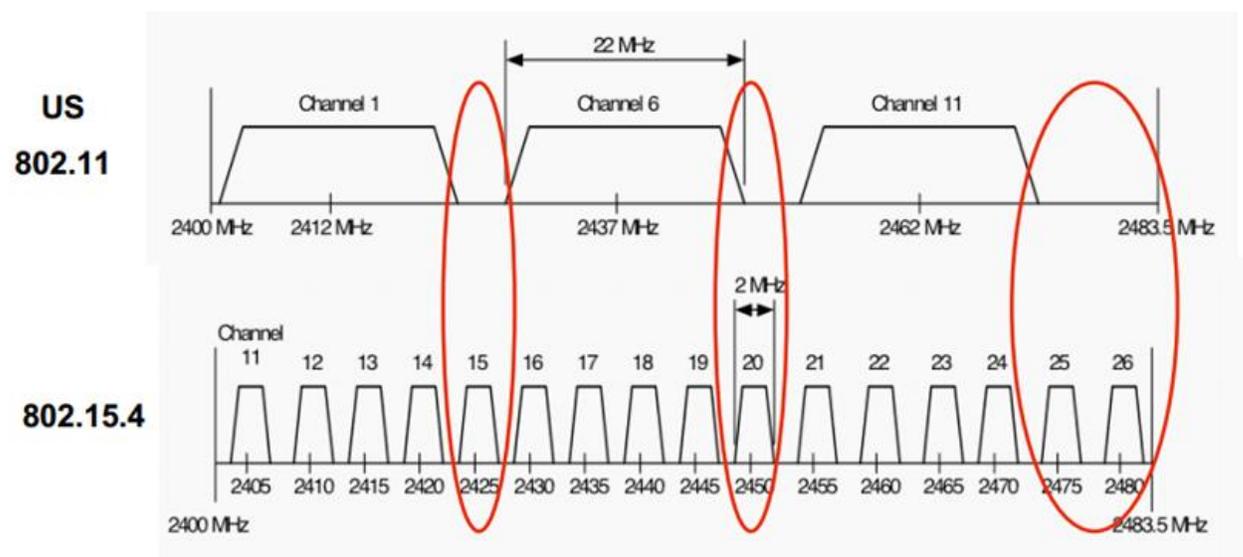
Default Channel

Default is Channel 25 for RCAS as it is generally the channel with the least amount of interference. If the control process seems to be borderline, go to **Tools**, enter the **2.4 Spectrum** mode and view the local activity on the 2.4GHz band.



Channel Selection

As noted above it's important to ensure the QT-5100 transmitter and QG-H1 or QG-N3 are on the same control channel. There are 16 pre-set channels which can be used; 11 to 26. They are 5MHz apart and 2MHz wide so there is no overlap. The chart below shows the channels and the specific frequency for each channel.



Tx Power
Default is Maximum



Rx Sensitivity
Default is High Gain



Tools

The Tools Menu provides access to the 2.4 GHz Spectrum scanner, Diagnostics and the About display.



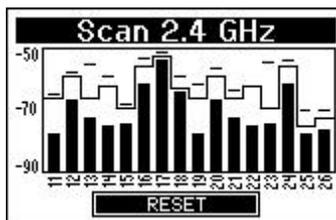
2.4GHz Spectrum

Auto Scan

View the spectrum and identify the best channel to operate the RCAS system on. Over time, the channel indicators will store the peak values for easy reference. Lower bars indicate less activity which is the desired result.

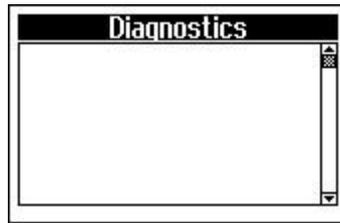
Reset

Select Reset to clear the stored peak values to start a fresh scan.



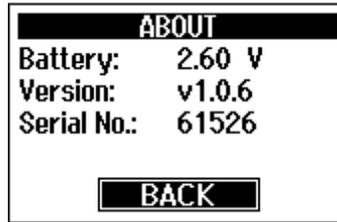
Diagnostics

Reserved for factory service functions.



About

To view the battery power, firmware version and serial number of your QG-H1 MicCommander, select the About item from the Tools menu.



Power Off

To power off the device, press and hold the clear power button on top of the device or select the "Power Off" item at the bottom of the main menu.

Note: you cannot power off the QG-H1 MicCommander while the power adapter is connected.



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Specifications

Technical Data 802.15.4 Radio

RF Power Output: 17 dBm (max)
 RF Carrier Frequency Range: 2.405 GHz – 2.480 GHz
 Channel spacing is 5 MHz
 Channel bandwidth is 2 MHz with no overlap

Technical Data for QG-H1

Can control up to 32 transmitters.

Power Requirements:

Minimum Operating Voltage is 2.7vDC
 2 AA batteries 3.0V

<http://www.energizer.com/batteries/energizer-ultimate-lithium-batteries>

Energizer® Ultimate Lithium™ Batteries are recommended due to their ability to maintain a consistently higher voltage over a longer period.

Current Drain: 125 mA

Overall Dimensions: W: 75mm X L: 120 mm X D: 25mm

Net Weight: 230 g

802.15.4 Radio Antenna: *Use supplied SMA whip antenna with max gain of 3 dBi*

Manufacturer:	Q5X
Type:	¼ Wave 802.15. SMA antenna
Frequency Range:	2.405GHz – 2.480GHz
Max Gain (dBi):	3 dBi

NOTE: This note applies up to January, 2018 - there are 2 types of 2.4GHz antenna connectors, SMA and RP-SMA, use the SMA Type only, as supplied by Q5X. The SMA antenna has a center pin. The RP-SMA is not compatible with the SMA connector and will not allow transmission or reception. The RP-SMA is typically used with consumer grade products like WiFi routers and is commonly available, **do not use** this type of antenna.

