



Kenwood Teases New D-STAR & APRS Triband Handheld at Dayton

Kenwood announced at the Dayton Hamvention that it will manufacture a new D-STAR and APRS compliant tri-band handheld.

Covering the 144/220/430-MHz bands, the new handheld radio will pack a GPS receiver in the small radio that will use packet-transfer communication to transmit real-time GPS location information and messages to the APRS network.

In addition, Kenwood said that the handheld, which does not have a model number as of presstime, would be compliant with D-STAR digital amateur networks.

Kenwood said the new HT will sport a "transflective" color TFT display and will be constructed with a weatherproof case that will meet IP54/55 standards.

On the receiving end, the new handheld will be equipped with an IF filter for comfortable reception of CW/SSB signals. It will also offer wideband and multi-mode reception like Kenwood's popular TH-F6A handheld tribander and feature a high-performance DSP-voice processor.

Bluetooth compliance will be built-in to the new handheld as well as a slot for a micro-SD card and a micro-USB port.

As of presstime, Kenwood has not released a production schedule or pricing for the new handheld. For more information contact: JVCKenwood USA Corp., Communications Sector Headquarters, 3970 John Creek Court, Suite 100, Suwanee, GA 30024-1265. Phone: (310) 639-4200 (option 4, option 1). Website: <<http://www.kenwood.com/usa>>.