

The FT-817 High Flier Stand



...ready for your adventures

Thank you for buying a High Flier Stand from SOTABEAMS. It has been designed to make operating outdoors easy. The fold-flat design makes it easier to take with you wherever you go.

Take a moment to look at our instructional video on Youtube at: <http://tinyurl.com/kn3sgao>

This video will help you to understand how to use your stand. **NOTE: It is essential that when using your stand, the cords are always under tension. If not, the weight of your radio will crack the stand where the two parts interlock (by the controls of your FT817).**

With your stand there is a short length of rubber edging that you can cut and slide onto the feet of the stand to stop it slipping on some surfaces. In many cases it is not required so we don't fit it as standard.

To stop your FT817 sliding off the stand we supply two backstops. The narrow one is useful if you don't have the Yaesu leatherette case, the taller one is for if you have the optional leatherette case. Fit it with the curved end on the same side as the SO239. When you have selected the one that you want to use, attach it permanently using a two-part epoxy adhesive. Note that the backstops are sometimes rather a tight fit. Do not force them if but open up the slot slightly with a fine file. If on the other hand they are loose, glue the one that you need, in place.

Cleaning and Polishing Acrylic

The brilliance and quality of acrylic can really shine through when the piece has been cleaned. Sometimes the acrylic is damaged in the cleaning process so knowing the proper cleaning techniques is very important:

1. Never use paper towels to clean acrylic, the fibers in the paper towel act like fine sandpaper to make the surface cloudy.
2. Do not use window cleaner or any other alcohol or ammonia-based cleaners.
3. When dusting or cleaning acrylic use a lint free soft cloth, preferably one that is designed for cleaning acrylic. Anti static cloths are available that zap the static generated in the cleaning process and reduce the build up of dust after cleaning.
4. By using an acrylic cleaner a bright and shiny finish will appear on the acrylic. These spray-on cleaners leave a glossy surface that looks deep and lustrous.

Special fine polishers are available to remove hairline scratches and abrasions that sometimes occur in using acrylic stands in the field. These special polishes work miracles on small areas but should be used carefully and according to the instructions for best results.

Finally...

We love to see pictures of our stands in use so if you have a moment, e-mail us one to:

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If you have any questions or comments about your stand, drop me an email.

73 Richard G3CWI