Yaesu DR-1X Repeater and Digital Voice Systems



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Topics

- Digital voice description: C4FM and others
- Technical comparison of modes
- DR-1X repeater overview
- Operational features of repeater
- . WiRES-X / HRI-200 Linking
- Fusion radio features
- . Q/A

Tech Spec Comparison

	D-STAR	DMR	Fusion	
Vocoder (see note)	AMBE+	AMBE+2	AMBE+2	
Forward Error Corr.	Voice Only	Voice Only	Voice Only	
Modulation	GMSK	4FSK	C4FM	
Multiplex Method	FDMA	TDMA	FDMA	
Raw Transmission Rate	4.8 kbps	4.8 kbps x 2	9.6 kbps	
Bandwidth	6.25 kHz	12.5 kHz	12.5 kHz	
Channels supported	1	2	1	
Standard Developer	JARL	ETSI	Yaesu	

GMSK = Gaussian Minimum Shift Keying

4FSK = 4-level Frequency Shift Keying

C4FM = Continuous 4-level Frequency Modulation (+/- 900, 2700 Hz)

FDMA = Frequency Division Multiple Access (channels)

TDMA = Time Division Multiple Access ("slots")

Note: Newer radios implement the vocoder in a non-DVSI DSP chip

Signal Readability

	FM	D-STAR	DMR	Fusion
Voice naturalness	Very Good	Good	Good	Narrow - Good Wide - Very Good
Signal noise	Varies	None	None	None
Sync robustness	N/A	Fair	Good	Good
Sync recoverability	N/A	Poor*	Best	Best

Fusion has two voice modes. Wide sounds slightly better than narrow. Same RF bandwidth - more bits for encoding speech.

Sync robustness is the tendency to fall out of sync Sync recoverability is the ability to recover sync quickly

* Some non-ICOM repeaters add improved sync

The opinions shown here are highly subjective. Your opinion may differ.

Repeater "Connect-ability"

	D-STAR	DMR	Fusion
Talk locally	Yes	Yes	Yes
Link to another repeater	Yes	No	No
Multi-repeater connection	Reflectors	Talk Groups *	WIRES-X Rooms
Selection method	UR entry	Channel Dial	Room name or number
Direct Route to another (remote) ham	Yes	No	No (via reflector only)
Echo test	Yes	Yes	No**
Request link status	Yes	No	No***

^{* &}quot;Reflectors" in EU. Uses Brandmeister, MARC, DMR+ networks

^{**} Can do echo using DV4mini on FCS reflectors

^{***} Yes - in analog mode #55555 if enabled

DR-1X Repeater - AMS

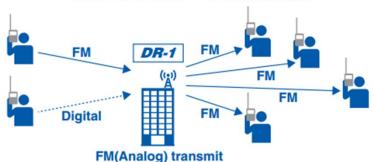
Replacing Existing Analog FM Repeater

When replacing an existing conventional FM repeater, AMS on the receiver side is set to AUTO mode and AMS on the transmitter side is set to FM FIX mode. If the DR-1 repeater receives C4FM Digital signals, it converts them, and retransmits them in conventional FM automatically.*2 When receiving conventional FM signals it retransmits them unchanged as the FM repeater.

*2 C4FM digital signals are converted to FM signals in the repeater. Therefore, digital information such as GPS data included in the C4FM digital signals is not transmitted.



AMS receive → FM transmit



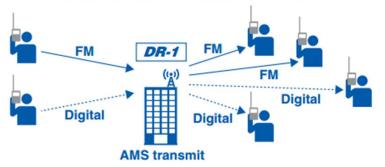
New Repeater set-up for C4FM Digital and conventional FM

AMS is set to AUTO mode on both the receiver and transmitter sides. DR-1 transmits received conventional FM signals unchanged as conventional FM signals, and transmits received C4FM digital signals unchanged as C4FM digital signals.*

*3 When this setting is used, members using transceivers that are not equipped with the C4FM and AMS function cannot receive digital transmitted signals.



AMS receive → AMS transmit

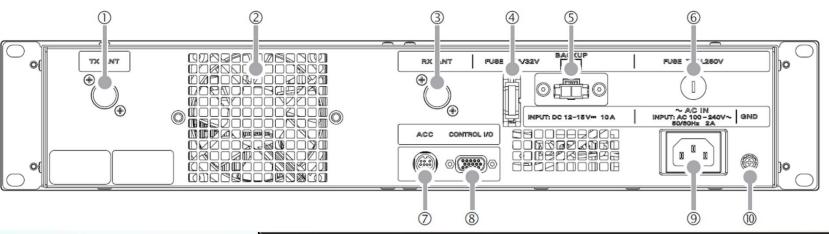


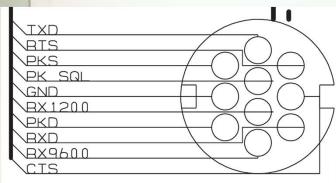
DR-1X Internals (Photo credit WA3DSP)



Back Panel / Interfaces

Rear





Used for WiRES (HRI-200 Interface)
Can be used for DSTAR

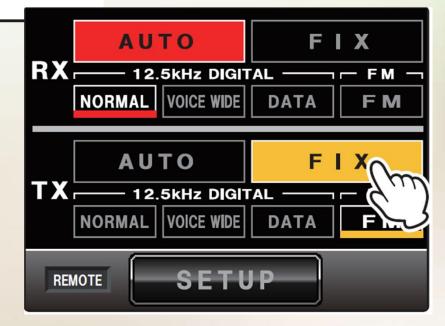
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	1	BASE	1	L: Base r	mode OPEN	I: Repeater m	node		
	2	PTT*1	1	L: EXT P	L: EXT PTT ON OPEN: EXT PTT OFF				
	3	CTCSS/DCS (PKSQL)*1	0	L: Decod	L: Decoded OPEN: Undecoded				
7	4	SQL DET (Noise SQL)*1	0	L: SQL open OPEN: SQL close					
7	5	GND	GND	GND					
	6	TONE IN*1	1	CTCSS/I	DCS EXT inp	ut / 600 ohn	n		
	7	AF IN*1	1	EXT Modulation input / 600 ohm					
	8	DISC OUT	0	Up-link RX Disc output (w/o de-emphasis)					
	9	AF OUT	0	Up-link RX AF output (w/ de-emphasis)					
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Modes of Operation

Communication mode	Indicator
V/D mode (Simultaneous voice and data communication mode)	NORMAL / DN
Voice FR mode (Voice full-rate mode)	VOICE WIDE / VW
Data FR mode (High speed data communication mode)	DATA / DW
Analog FM mode	FM

In AUTO mode, the repeater senses the mode of the incoming signal and changes to match.
Users should enable busy-channel-lockout (BCLO or "Smart PTT").

In normal mode (DN) 2400 bps is used for AMBE speech encoding; remainder used for data and error correction. In wide mode (VW) 4800 bps used for speech and 2400 for error correction.



WiRES-X – Key Points

Evolution of WiRES-II analog system - connects <u>nodes</u>

Separate network from WiRES-II - uses HRI-200 device (see below)

Network carries both "analog" and digital signals

A (small) PC needed for the WiRES program and network connection

WiRES interface itself must be analog or digital mode - no AMS

WiRES interface can connect to repeater aux port or a separate "node radio"

Members organized as Groups, Nodes, "Rooms" (public and private)

Yaesu proprietary server in Japan (hot spots use non-Yaesu servers)



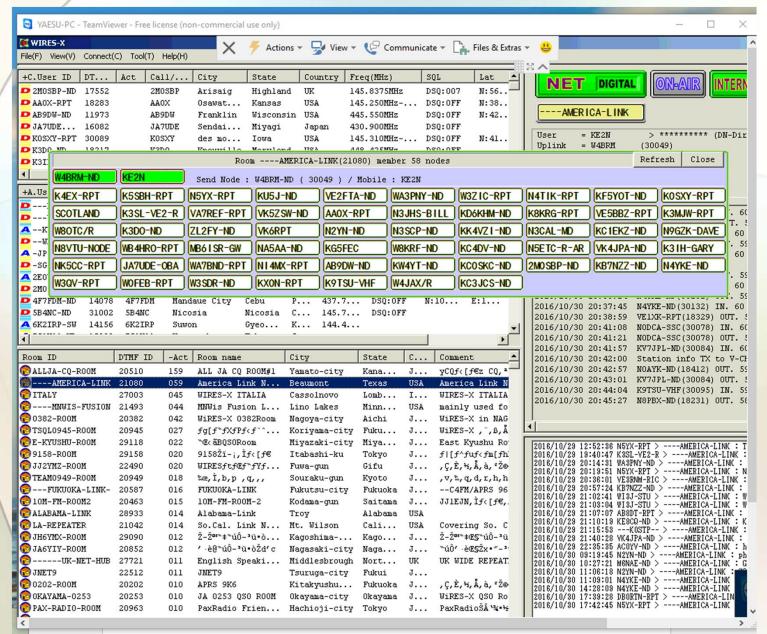
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Transceiver

WiRES-X Control (TeamViewer)



Connecting to a Local node

Enables menu items on Fusion radios

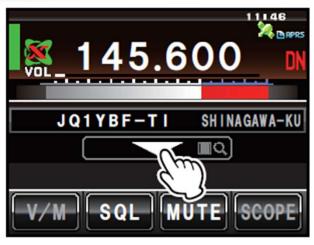
To connect, just push one button (Same button selects modes when not linked)

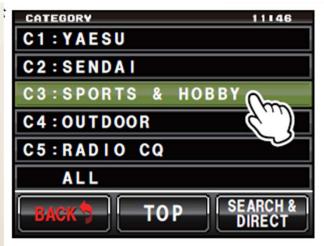
Many features available in dig. mode:

- Location, name, call sign distance shown
- Viewing list of available rooms number of connections in room, searching, group mode (GM), etc.
- GPS Position data and tracking
- Messaging text, voice, photo, APRS

Note: you can talk without connecting - when you connect, radio is "captured"







WiRES-X Analog Linking

Node/HRI-200 must be in analog mode.

Your signal will be relayed to the linked remote node/room

No call sign or GPS info relayed. Digital stations will see repeater/node call.

DTMF commands can be used to change where the node is linked.

You can talk to digital users who are on a digital node (on a different node).

Non-fusion radio with DTMF mic can be used.

WiRES-II tone-burst from older Yaesu radios not used.

Summary

- Yaesu System Fusion combines analog + digital voice + data
- Uses improved vocoder (AMBE⁺² ™) more error correction
- C4FM used by other vendors, but not compatible on the air.
- Ease of basic operation; fancy features are available
- Linking by way of WiRES-X network or 3rd party reflector.
- HRI-200 can be attached to DR-1X, or standalone.
- With HRI-200, repeater cannot translate digital/analog
- Repeater is "transparent" to users (but does error correction).
- Promotional offer for DR-1x repeater rebates for some radios

Questions?

Supplemental material/references follow...

ONE CLUB'S APPROACH

So I'm still analog and have no plans to buy a new radio, how will this affect my use of 44X.XXX repeater?

Normal FM users will be able to co-exist with new digital radio users. The Yaesu System Fusion DR-1X repeater will automatically select the proper incoming mode and pass normal analog traffic or the new digital traffic automatically.

Part of the test is the Fusion's ability to coexist with FM analog signals. FM users; just place your radio into full encode/decode to mask out any digital conversations. Please watch your busy light and hit your monitor button before transmitting.

Digital users are required to run their rigs in AMS (auto mode select) mode. That way an analog user can jump in and say 'break' in-between digi transmissions. When the analog FM user key's up the DR-1X repeater, this will normally force the DR-X repeater and other users listening in the AMS mode back over to regular analog FM.

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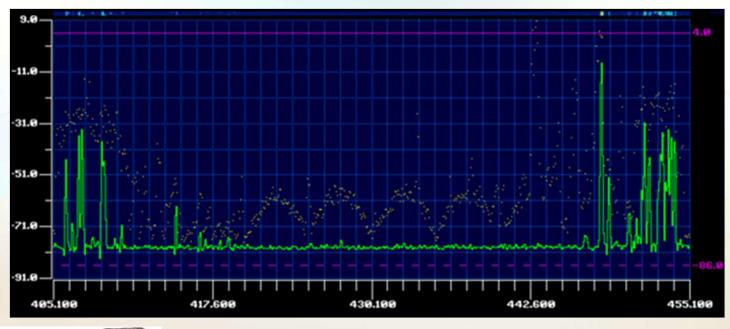
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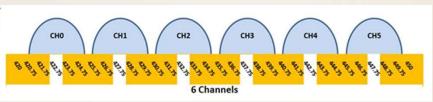
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System Fusion Mobile



- ./ Yaesu FT-400DR
- Dual band
- . 50W
- Automatic Mode Select
- . 1000 memories
- . GPS & APRS
- Color Touch screen
- . \$600 new



- . Yaesu FT-100DR (new)
- Dual band
- . 50W
- Automatic Mode Select
- . 1000 memories
- . GPS & APRS
- . \$400 new



System Fusion HT's



- Yaesu FT-1DR
- Dual band
- . 5W
- Automatic Mode Select
- 900 memories
- . GPS & APRS
- . \$300 new



- . Yaesu FT-2DR (new)
- Dual band
- . 5W
- Automatic Mode Select
- . 1245 memories
- . GPS & APRS
- Touch screen
- \$550 new



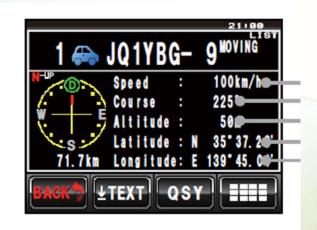
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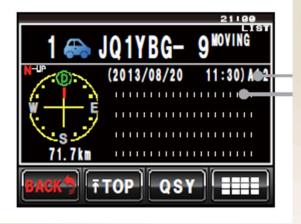


- Yaesu FT-991
- \cdot HF + 6M 100W
- . 2 & 70 cm 50W
- Color TFT display
- Automatic antenna tuner
- Automatic Mode Select
- . 1000 memories
- . GPS & APRS
- . \$1,600 new



All Fusion radios feature extensive APRS functions





No repeater in range?

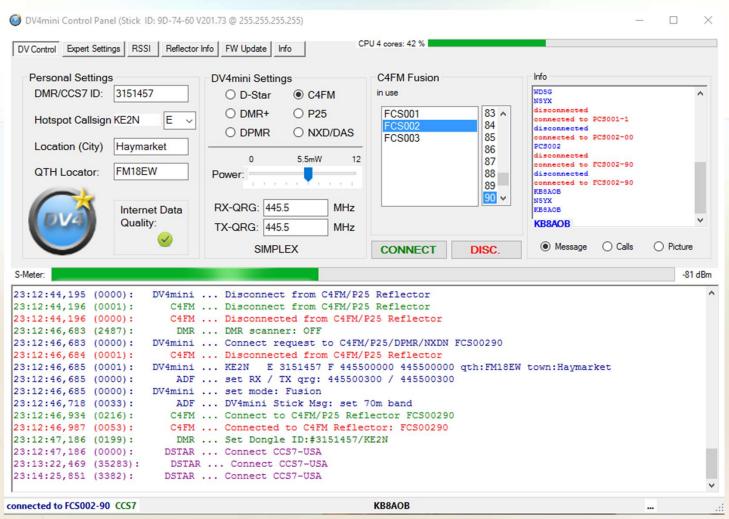


DV4mini with AMBE "piggyback"



DV4mini for D-Star, DMR, Fusion, APCO25, DPMR and other digital modes which are based on GMSK, 2FSK or 4FSK.

DV4mini – Control Program



3rd-party Reflectors

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8002		7	KB8AOB	2 m 58 s	America Link WIRES-X	90	
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S001		13	KT4ROY	7 m 49 s	Alabama	02	
3001		14	N4PHD	8 m 18 s	Central Alabama	55	
DCS Multiserver		15	AB2BH	9 m 37 s	SoCal Link Society	70	
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SMultiLink		17	WA6YVX	11 m 53 s	Minnesota	23	
S Software		18	KE4GA	12 m 21 s	Central Alabama	55	
S Monitor		19	WD5G	12 m 43 s	America Link WIRES-X	90	
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CCS System		21	N2HUC	16 m 56 s	Florida	10	
Repeater .		22	W4LOV	17 m 46 s	SoCal Link Society	70	
<u>Monitor</u>		23	K7DRA	20 m 55 s	Minnesota	23	
r Register		24	KC4SIG	21 m 5 s	Central Alabama	55	
S7-Info DL		25	W4DBG	22 m 10 s	Alabama	02	
87-Info ENG		26	W6AOS	23 m 23 s	America Link WIRES-X	90	
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Improving Isolation in the DR-1X

