

SHORTLIST

HANDHELD VHF'S



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Standard Horizon HX 290

Standard Horizon's HX 290 is a mid range handheld that is compact and light. It's submersible in up to 1.5m of water for 30 minutes (backed up by a three year warranty). It floats and features a number of advanced features such as Programmable Scan, Ch16 Priority Scan; NOAA weather channels with alerts, 10-channel preset and battery life indicator.



- £153
- mareshop.eu

Icom IC-M93D

This is a top of the range handheld that was launched last September. Given its price tag, it's hardly surprising that it comes with a plethora of bells and whistles, including DSC, built in GPS, compass and a man overboard function. Naturally, the IC-M93D floats and is also waterproof.



- £349
- icom.co.uk

Cobra MRHH 125

One of Cobra's entry level VHF's which comes with a very competitive price tag. This is a compact unit that is splash proof. The MRHH 125 is also highly versatile. It comes with rechargeable AAA batteries as standard, but these can be switched with standard AAA alkaline batteries if required.



- £63
- cobra.com

Lowrance Link - 2 DSC

A top end product that is DSC compliant and also features an in built GPS which provides you with a lat and long of your position. This is combined with an MOB function. The unit is also ATIS compatible which is useful for the inland waterways. The Link-2 is waterproof and also floats.



- £200
- lowrance.com

Entel HT 20

Entel's series of VHF's boast excellent ergonomic qualities including a rubberised outer casing for excellent grip even when held in cold, damp hands. The unit is submersible for up to four hours in two metres of water, making it one of the highest rated handhelds around. The only drawback being that it does not float.



- £119
- entel.co.uk

McMurdo R5 GMDSS

This is a serious radio, which conforms to standards required for survival craft. It's rugged, having been drop tested. It's also waterproof for up to 30 minutes in 0.5m and GMDSS compliant.



- £499
- mcurdomarine.com

Midland Arctic

A highly compact and affordable VHF that is both simple to use and effective. This is a waterproof unit, but it will not float. It features Lithium Ion batteries and a robust metal chassis that reduces the risk of damage from knocks or bangs. It features a dual or triple watch function.



- £100
- nevadaradio.co.uk

GME GX 850

GME is an Australian based company but they have a UK supplier. Their GX 850 is a premium product that boasts all the extras you'd therefore expect, including DSC, a built in GPS receiver and also a man overboard function. This is a waterproof unit that also floats. If you do drop it in the drink, the LCD display will flash to help aid retrieval.



- £202
- marinescene.co.uk