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What are the key benefits of Entel's DTEx I.S. (Intrinsically Safe) radios?

• The most natural sounding I.S. radio in both Digital and Analogue modes

All DTEx radios use Entel's speech tailoring technology to deliver the most natural sounding audio from any I.S. DMR Digital radio, not robotic like other DMR radios.

• The loudest audio

Entel's DTEx radios deliver the loudest audio of all the I.S. radios we tested, essential when working in noisy environments.

• Exceptional performance with market leading Breathing Apparatus (BA) com kits

DTEx radios have been specifically tailored for use with several market leading BA Com kits. This is achieved by each BA Com kit having its own audio profile stored within Entel's DTEx radios.

Submersible and robust

Being IP68 (4m 2h) submersible, DTEx radios offer the best protection against liquid and dust ingress of all I.S. radios currently available.

Certified to both ATEX & IECEx standards

The DT800 and DT900 Series are approved to the ATEX standard which is the only standard legal for use in Europe. For those markets outside Europe that can accept non ATEX product, Entel offers the DT500 Series IECEx approved models.

High contrast white on black OLED display

DTEx radios benefit from a high contrast while on black OLED display that delivers superior readability in all light conditions. Subject to your requirements, DTEx OLED display can be programmed to give you a simple large and easy to read display or display more detailed information.

Accessory audio optimisation

Entel's intelligent speech tailoring technology, optimises audio to match the connected, accessory; ensuring the very best clarity, volume and natural sounding audio.

Can we use voice annunciation for non-display models?

Yes, the radios channel switch number will be announced as you change channel.

Do Entel's DTEx radios work with my existing Entel / other make I.S. and non I.S. radios?

Supporting both analogue and DMR digital modes ensures backwards compatibility with existing analogue radio systems; it is also the route to migrating to fully-digital operations at your own pace.

What I.S. standards do Entel's DTEx radios comply with and what is the power output?

DTEx radio variants are available for all the following standards:

- ATEX II 2G Ex ib IIC T4 Gb 1W Licensed and 0.5W License Free (PMR446)
- ATEX II 2G Ex ib IIA T4 Gb 4W
- IECEx Ex ib IIA T4Gb 4W

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What are the main benefits of using Digital vs. Analogue?

- Digital radios don't suffer from static like Analogue radios so sound much better when receiving a weak signal or being used near to equipment that is causing radio interference
- Digital radios have a significantly longer operational time on a single charge (up-to 40% longer, compared to Analogue)
- DTEx has exceptional audio quality, far superior to any analogue portables

What battery technology is used for DTEx radios?

DTEx radios batteries are Lithium-ion (Li-ion), the key benefits are:

• Other rechargeable battery technologies suffer with a higher self-discharge rate. Lithium-ion cells rate of self-discharge is much lower than that of other rechargeable technologies such as Ni-Cad and NiMH

Lithium-ion batteries do not require any maintenance to ensure their performance.

Ni-Cad cells required periodic discharge maintenance to ensure that they did not exhibit memory effect.

What is DTEx radios battery endurance from a single charge?

Two-way radio battery endurance measurements are standardised as a 5-5-90 duty cycle (5% transmitting, 5% receiving & 90% standby).

DTEx radios 5-5-90 duty cycle endurance in Digital mode at full transmitter power are:

1W Licensed versions = 17.5 Hours
 0.5W License Free = 18.0 Hours
 4W Licensed versions = 14.5 Hours

What Entel accessories are available for DTEx radios?

Please see the current list of Entel DTEx accessories here: https://www.entel.co.uk/products/range/accessories

Click on the DTEx model filter:

Model Selection Filter	
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□ DX	
□ HT ⁶	
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Can my old HT Accessories be used with DTEx radios?

The only HT accessory that can be used with DTEx is the charger.

What other accessories are available for DTEx radios?

Other than those listed on Entel's website and quick start guide, no other accessories are supported or certified as safe to use with DTEx radios. In addition, due to DTEx built-in safety features, unsupported accessories will not work with DTEx radios and the radio will enter its unsafe accessory attached alarm state. If you have a specialist accessory you would like to use with DTEx radios please ask your Entel Dealer to contact us to discuss the possibility of supporting it.

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If my DTEx radios need re-programming do I need to send them back to my Dealer or have my Dealer call out to site?

No, DTEx radios can easily be re-programmed on site without your Dealer having to visit you (just like our DX400 non I.S. radios) please see this video: https://youtu.be/aJ7DI8oPm6w

Do DTEx radios have Emergency features to keep lone working staff safe?

Yes, all DTEx radios (except DMR/PMR446 models) support Emergency Button, Lone-Worker check & Man-Down sensor.

Do DTEx radios offer any form of Encryption?

Yes, if permitted in your country, DTEx radios will support the following encryption methods:

- ARC4
- AES128
- AES256

Other encryption methods can be supported (subject to commercial justification and timescales).

What Frequency bands are supported by DTEx radios?

We have variants of DTEx available to cover the following bands:

- 400-470MHz (Land & Marine variants)
- 446.0-446.2MHz (DMR/PMR446 License Free band)
- 136-174MHz

Other bands, including the bands listed below, will be available in the future.

- 66-88MHz
- 450-520MHz

Subject to commercial justification and timescales most frequency bands can be developed. If you require a band that is not listed please contact your Entel Dealer.

Do DTEx radios support Text Messaging?

Yes, DTEx radios support the DMRA standard text messaging format so they are compatible with any other radios that also support the DMRA industry standard.

DTEx radios can receive and display a free format text message. As DTEx radios don't have a full keypad they will send preprogrammed text messages as decided by you.

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