

ABSTRACT

A communication receiver (12) includes control elements (82) for controlling one or more operational receiver functions, and a table of receiver operating information describing the receiver operation being controlled which is stored in a memory (67) within the receiver (12). The receiver operating information for each operating function is recallable by the user for presentation on the receiver's display (84) which is normally used to display received messages.

Locally and remotely, or over-the-air programmable, operational functions can be provided within the receiver (12). The table of receiver operating information stored in memory (67) describes the receiver functions which are currently programmed for operation. When new operational features are locally or over-the-air programmed, the corresponding receiver operating information is updated, and the user is sensibly alerted via an annunciator (80) of the operational changes.

FIG. 1 accompanies this abstract.