1. Scope

This publication describes the basic Single-channel Ground and Airborne Radio Systems (SINCGARS) owned and operated by each of the services, explaining the basic characteristics and capabilities, operating modes, and frequency hopping net operation procedures for each radio and service subsystem. It also explains multiservice operational procedures for using SINCGARS radios in joint operations; sets forth responsibilities of key joint and service agencies and individuals, and establishes planning and execution procedures for SINCGARS frequency hopping radio operations in joint environments.

2. Purpose

This publication standardizes joint operational procedures for the very high frequency-frequency modulation (VHF-FM) frequency hopping system, SINCGARS.

3. Application

This publication applies to the Army, Navy, Air Force (Combat Air Forces) and Marine Corps. It may also be used by multiservice and service component forces to conduct SINCGARS training and operations. Procedures herein may be modified to fit specific theater command and control procedures and allied and foreign national electromagnetic spectrum management requirements.

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