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PCI Race Radios Puts Icom IC-F121 to the Ultimate Test



“The bottom line is that communications are very important,” says Scott Steinberger, owner and president of PCI Race Radios. “It is important for safety as well as race coordination,” he says.

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How durable are Icom radios? Tough enough to withstand breathtaking 40-mile-per-hour motorsport crashes. How reliable are Icom radios? So reliable that the No. 1 off-road racing communications company uses Icom radios (the IC-F3011 and IC-F121 series) in the vehicle communications systems it designs for events like the Baja 500 and Baja 1000.

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In many cases, reliable communications can make the difference between a DNF and a successful finish.

Long Beach, Calif.-based PCI Race Radios, the foremost authority on building and maintaining radio systems for extreme motorsport races, has more than 25 years in the off-road racing industry. The company designs specialized two-way communications systems for race vehicles as well as systems for motorcycles/quads, support cars, and pit crews.

When designing its in-vehicle communication systems, PCI Race Radios faced the obvious challenge of finding a two-way radio capable of withstanding continuous jarring motion. It also considered the radio's range and the quality of its selective receiver due to high airtime saturation and interference during the race.

Not only does PCI Race Radios design communications systems, it also puts its own products to the ultimate test by racing in events like the Baja 1000. Company teams have scored five Baja 1000 wins and numerous class championships over the years.



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Meet Your Icom Team

Taylor Stokes
Service Technician



Taylor Stokes is our newest Service Technician in the Service Department, repairing your land mobile radios and repeaters that come in for service. With a knack for detail and precision (his degree in Electronics doesn't hurt!), he is a radio testing ninja. By testing each radio that comes across his desk thoroughly, he ensures that everything is functioning properly and meets specifications. This can include upgrades, modifications and repair down to component level. When asked about goals for the position, he related that "Properly restoring the radio or repeater so we can return them as quickly as possible back to the dealer is our top priority."

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The rugged Icom IC-F121 mobile performed well in all three areas, Steinberger says. "It is a workhorse radio with good power and a very good selective receiver."

Vigilance to details has earned PCI Race Radios a reputation for quality and service. "We've earned the respect of the off-road racing industry," Steinberger says.



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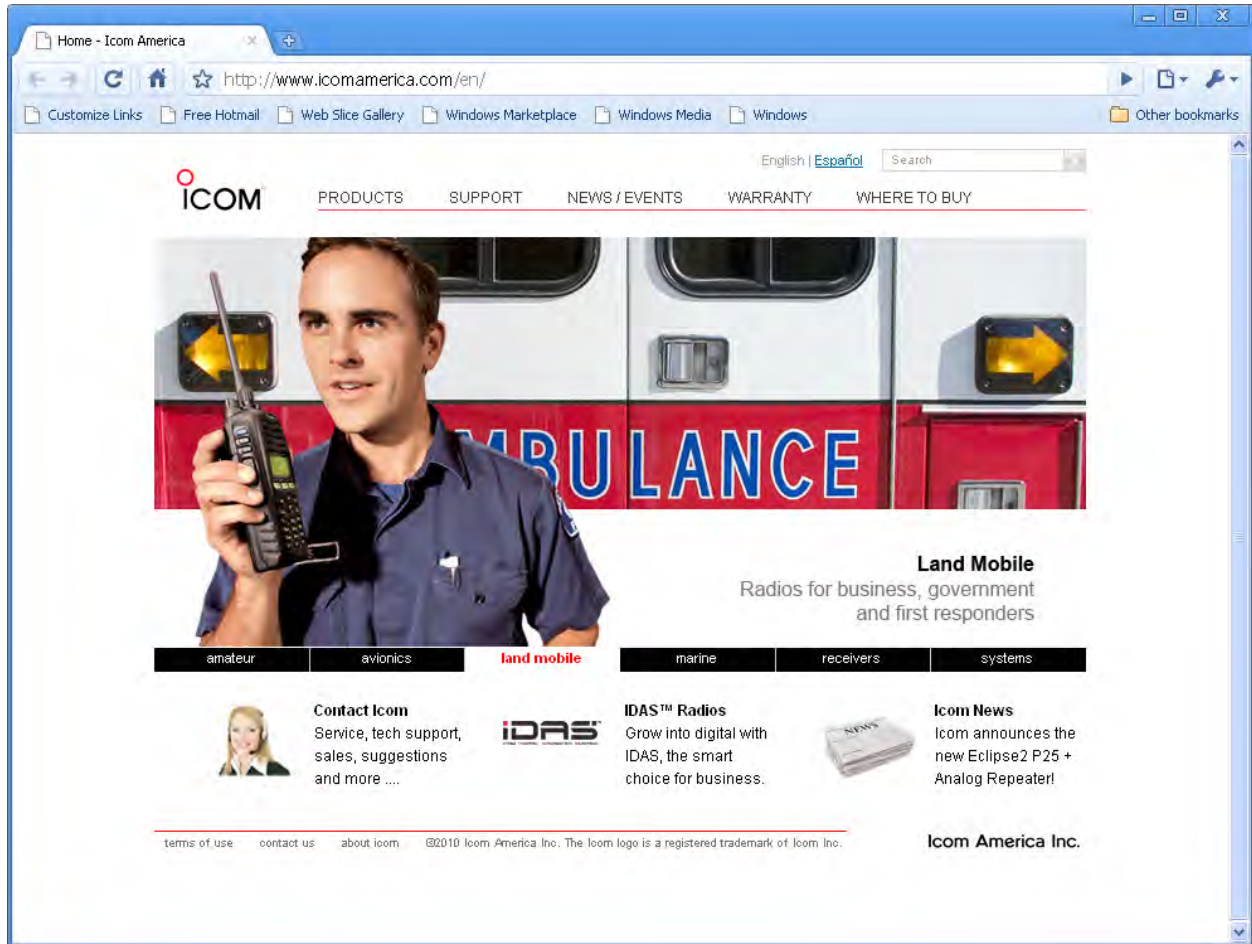


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