



INTERNATIONAL GLOBAL SHORTWAVE CLUB

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Dear Global Shortwave Club member:

I hope you are doing well! Recently, I received a letter from GSWC member 1710 from Cleveland, Ohio, about maintaining clear shortwave reception. She noted that using a clip-on wire does not always work, a common problem with trying to receive shortwave frequencies.

Radio Frequency Interference is usually the culprit and is not always obvious - especially if you are new to shortwave listening. RFI is radio noise created locally and often concentrated in our homes and neighborhoods. RFI deafens our shortwave radios by overwhelming the receiver with spurious solid signals. Even if you cannot hear the noise, it could still overwhelm your receiver from a different portion of the band.

RFI can emanate from almost any modern electronic or digital device in your home: televisions, power supplies, dimmer switches, smart appliances, and even computer hard drives. Honestly, almost any device could be the culprit.

Take your radio outdoors, away from the noise, to determine if RFI is the culprit. Depending on where you live, this might only require walking with your radio to the far end of your garden/yard or hopping in your car and visiting a local park. The idea is to find a spot far removed from houses and buildings, outdoor lighting, and even power lines if possible.

Once you find a listening spot, turn on your portable and tune through some popular shortwave radio bands. Jot down the frequencies where you hear stations and perhaps even make notes about the signal strength. Then go back home and see if you can receive as many stations as possible. Shortwave stations change frequencies often, but the radio landscape should be similar if you listen from home during the same time the following evening. In most cases, you will hear many more stations in the field than you can from within your home.

If you find that, even in the field, your shortwave receiver cannot receive stations with the antenna fully extended, then it may indeed be an issue with the radio itself, and you might need to send it back to the manufacturer or retailer if it is within the return window.

I hope this information is helpful; take care and good listening!

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Contact Us!

Don't forget to call or write to us at least once a month. We welcome more if you have time!

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Current Radio Schedule

WWCR

Worldwide Christian
Radio

Monday through Friday

5.890 - 0300 UT

13.845 - 1800 UT

Saturday

4.840 - 0200 UT

12.160 - 1700 UT

Sunday

4.840 - 0200 UT

9.350 - 2100 UT