

# BT Freelance XC1500

User Guide





to your BT Freelance XC1500 Digital Cordless Telephone Answering Machine

- Up to 12 minutes digital recording time.
- Access your messages remotely from any other Touchtone™ phone.
- Caller Display shows you who's calling before you answer the phone<sup>1</sup> and stores a list of your last 40 callers. You can also dial numbers direct from the Calls list.
- Handsfree lets you make and receive calls using the built-in handset loudspeaker so your hands are free for other tasks during a call.
- 50 Name and number phonebook for storing your most frequently used numbers.
- 10 last number redial.
- Use up to 5 handsets with one base and one phone line.
- Make internal calls and transfer external calls between handsets.

Please note: This equipment is not designed for making emergency telephone calls when the power fails. Alternative arrangements should be made for access to emergency services.

1 Requires subscription to your network's Caller Display service. A quarterly fee may be payable.



This User Guide provides you with all the information you need to get the most from your phone. Before you make your first call you will need to set up your phone.

Follow the simple instructions in 'Getting Started', over the next few pages.

## **Need help?**

If you have any problems setting up or using your BT Freelance XC1500 please contact the Helpline on 0808 100 6556\*.

Alternatively, you may find the answer in 'Help' at the back of this guide.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Only use the telephone line cord supplied.

\*Calls made from within the UK mainland network are free. Mobile and international call costs may vary.

## Got everything?

- BT Freelance XC1500 handset
- BT Freelance XC1500 base
- Battery compartment cover
- 2 x AAA NiMH rechargeable batteries
- Mains power adaptor (Item code: 041293)
- Telephone line cord

If you have purchased a BT Freelance XC1500 multiple pack you will also have the following for each handset:

- BT Freelance XC1500 handset
- BT Freelance XC1500 charger
   Battery compartment cover
- 2 x AAA NiMH rechargeable batteries
- Mains power adaptor (Item code: 041294)

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# **Getting started**

#### WARNING

Do not place your BT Freelance XC1500 in the bathroom or other humid areas.

#### Handset range

Your BT Freelance XC1500 has a range of up to 300m outdoors when there is a clear line of sight between the base and the handset. When there is no clear line of sight between the handset and the base, e.g. the base is indoors and the handset is either indoors or outdoors, the range could be reduced to 50m. Thick stone walls will severely affect the range.

#### Signal strength

The † icon on your handset display indicates when you are in range of the base. When it flashes and you hear a warning beep, you are out of range and will need to move closer to the base.

#### **IMPORTANT**

Do not connect the telephone line to the telephone line wall socket until the handset is fully charged. The base station should be plugged into the mains power socket at all times.

## Location

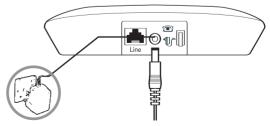
You need to place your BT Freelance XC1500 base within 3 metres of a mains power socket and 2 metres of the telephone wall socket so that the cables will reach.

Make sure it is at least 1 metre away from other electrical appliances to avoid interference.

Your BT Freelance XC1500 works by sending radio signals between the handset and base. The strength of the signal depends on where you position the base. Putting it as high as possible can help to provide the best signal.

## Connect the base to the mains power

 Plug the mains power adaptor with the black connector (item code 041293) into the power socket on the back of the base and plug the other end into the mains power wall socket. The base will come on and beep and display 00. It will default to Answer and record mode.



#### Preparing your handset

- 2. Insert the 2 x AAA rechargeable batteries supplied, taking note of the polarity markings inside the battery compartment, then slide the battery compartment shut.
- Place the handset on the base to charge. It will beep when
  placed in and the battery icon on the handset will flash to
  indicate charging. You should let the batteries charge
  continuously for at least 24 hours. The batteries and case may
  become warm during charging, this is normal.

## BT Freelance XC1500 multipack users only:

If you have purchased a BT Freelance XC1500 multiple pack, you will need to prepare any additional handsets and charger for use.

Place each BT Freelance XC1500 charger within reach of a mains power wall socket.

## For each additional handset and charger:

 Plug the mains power adaptor with the white connector (item code 041294) into the power socket on the underside of the charger and plug the other end into the mains power wall socket

#### WARNING

Never use non-rechargeable batteries. Only use the approved batteries. Using unapproved batteries will invalidate your guarantee and may damage the telephone.

#### Talk/Standby time

Under ideal conditions, the handset batteries should give up to 10 hours talk time or 100 hours standby on a single charge.

(This does not mean you can unplug the base or leave the handset for this length of time without charge).

Please note that new NiMH rechargeable batteries do not reach full capacity until they have been in normal use for several days.

See 'Battery performance' on the following page.

#### **Battery low warning**

If the [ ] icon is flashing in the display and you hear a warning beep every minute during a call, you will need to recharge your handset before you can use it.

#### **Battery performance**

To keep the batteries in the best condition, leave the handset off the base for a few hours at a time.

Running the batteries right down at least once a week will help them last as long as possible.

After charging your handset for the first time, subsequent charging time for the batteries is approximately 6–8 hours.

The charge capacity of rechargeable batteries will reduce with time as they wear out, thus reducing the talk/standby time. Eventually they will need replacing. New batteries are available from the BT Freelance XC1500 Helpline on 0808 100 6556\*.

#### IMPORTANT

Only use the telephone line cord supplied with the phone.

ii. Insert the 2 x AAA rechargeable batteries supplied, taking note of the polarity markings inside the battery compartment, then slide the battery compartment shut.

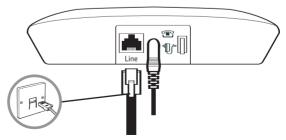
The display will show the handset number, 2, to show it is registered to the base.

iii. Place the handset on the charger. It will beep when placed in and the battery icon on the handset will flash to indicate charging. You should let the batteries charge continuously for at least 24 hours.

Any additional handsets supplied as part of a multipack are pre-registered to the base. So, once charged, are ready for use.

## Connect to the telephone line

 Plug the telephone line cord into the socket marked on the back of the base and plug the other end into the telephone wall socket.



## Set the answering machine day and time

Once the answering machine day and time has been set, the day and time will be announced when a message is played back.

- 1. At the answering machine base, press and hold vol.—.

  The current hour setting is announced and displayed.

  Press vol.+ or vol.— to set the hour. Press vol.+ or confirm.
- The minutes setting will be announced and displayed.
   Press Vol.+ or Vol.- to set the minute. Press Play to confirm.
- 3. The current setting for PM/AM will be displayed and announced. Press Vol.+ or Vol.- to select A for am or P for pm. Press Play to confirm.
- 4. The current day setting is announced. Press Vol.+ or Vol.- to set the day which is announced. Press Play to confirm.

The full time and day will be announced.

Your BT Freelance XC1500 is now ready for use.

Press to cancel and return to standby.

#### Handset date and time

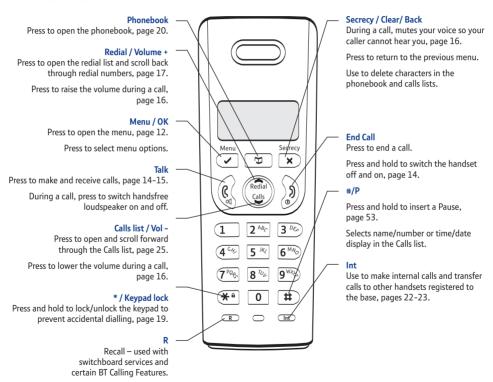
Providing you have subscribed to your network's Caller ID service, the date and time on the handset will be set automatically when you receive your first call.

To set the handset date and time manually, see Date and Time, page 40.

The handset date and time needs to be set separately to the answering machine day and time.

# Getting to know your phone

#### Handset buttons



## Standby screen



## Handset display icons

Phone off-hook.	Q	Alarm has been set.
† Indicates signal strength. Flashes when handset is not registered to the base.	W	Handset ringer volume set to off.
	$\blacksquare \blacktriangledown$	More options available, scroll up or down.
Phonebook open.	<b>(=</b> )	Battery 30 – 100% charged.
Handsfree speaker in use.	<b>C</b> 3	Battery 10 – 30% charged.
New number(s) in Call list*.	C 3	Battery under 10% charged. Icon will flash.
	Indicates signal strength. Flashes when handset is not registered to the base. Phonebook open. Handsfree speaker in use.	Indicates signal strength. Flashes when handset is not registered to the base.  Phonebook open.  Handsfree speaker in use.  New number(s) in Call list*.

\* This features requires subscription to your network provider's Caller Display service. A quarterly fee may be payable.

## Using the menu

All your phone's functions and settings can be accessed through the main menu.

The menu map below shows all the menu options you can choose from.

Press to enter the menu.

Press Redial or Calls to scroll through the menu options.

When you reach the end of the list, the first option is displayed again.

To select an option, press ...

To return to the previous menu display, press secrety.

## Menu map



#### **PHONEBOOK**

(Menu only appears when phonebook is empty. When entries stored, press again to enter the menu).

ADD ENTRY MODIFY ENTRY DELETE ENTRY DELETE ALL

## CLOCK /ALARM

DATE / TIME ALARM ALARM TONE

#### SETTINGS

HANDSET TONE HANDSET NAME AUTO ANSWER BASE TONES

#### ADVANCED SET

REGISTRATION DE-REGISTER PIN CODE PHONE RESET

#### Answering machine base

## Message indicator

Shows the number of messages.

If new messages have been received, the number of new messages will be displayed flashing. If there are no new messages, the counter will display the total number of old messages stored.

Two dots are activated next to the counter digits to indicate when the line is in use.

#### Skip back/ Set message alert During playback, press

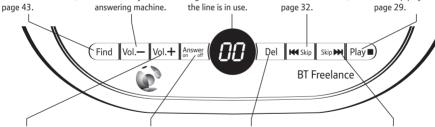
During playback, press once to skip back to the beginning of the message, page 30.

In standby, press to play the current OGM, page 33.

Press and hold to record a new OGM,

## Play/Stop

Press to play messages and stop playback,



#### Volume Up Raise base

Find / Page

page 19.

Press to ring handsets

registered to the base.

Used to register new

handsets to the base.

loudspeaker volume, page 31.

In standby, press and hold to set the Ring delay, page 34.

#### Ans/On/Off

Volume Down

loudspeaker volume.

In standby, press and

hold to set the time

and weekday for the

I ower base

page 31.

Switches answering machine on/off, page 29.

#### Delete

During playback, deletes the current message.

Press and hold to delete all messages, page 30.

## Skip forward

During playback, press to play the next message, page 30.

Press and hold to record a memo, page 30.

In standby, press to set call screening on or off, page 35.

# Using your phone

#### Out of range warning

During a call, if you start to move the handset out of range of the base, the  $\Upsilon$  flashes and you hear a beep in the earpiece every 3 seconds. Move closer to the base or you will lose the call.

#### Call timer

After the first 20 seconds of your call, the call timer is displayed.

## Switch the handset on/off

- 1. To switch off, press and hold until the display goes off.
- 2. To switch the handset on, press and hold 2.

#### Make a call

1. Press . When you hear the dial tone, enter the phone number using the keypad.

## **Preparatory dialling**

- 1. Enter the phone number first. The number is shown in the display.
- 2. Press ( to dial the number.

If you make a mistake as you enter the number, press to delete a digit.

#### End a call

1. Press or replace the handset on the base.

## Receiving calls

1. When the phone rings, the display flashes *CRLL* and the *C* icon. Press ( to answer the call.

Or, you can answer the call by picking the handset up from the base or charger without having to press . This is called Auto answer, see page 40.

2. Press  $\mathfrak{P}$  to hang up.

## Chain dialling

Chain dialling is a convenient way of entering long sequences of numbers during a telephone call. This can be when trying to dial a phone number greater than 24 digits (the largest number that can be stored in a single phonebook entry) or when using automated telephone services, e.g. telephone banking.

#### Dial a chain number

- 1. Enter the first part of the number as usual using the keypad or from the phonebook. Press .
- 2. Either enter the additional part of the number using the keypad or press , scroll to the phonebook entry containing the next number sequence and press to dial the number.

#### Caller Display

If you have subscribed to your network's Caller Display service, the caller's number (or name, if an exact number match is found in the phonebook) will also be displayed.

#### Important

Storing security code information in the phonebook may allow other people access to your personal details.

## Secrecy / Mute

You can stop your caller from hearing you while you talk to someone else close by.

- 1. During a call, press . The handset microphone is muted and the display shows flutt.
- 2. Press again to resume your call.

## Adjusting the earpiece/handsfree volume

You can adjust the earpiece or loudspeaker volume, 1-5.

1. During a call, press to increase or to decrease the volume.

## sfree Make a handsfree call

- 1. Dial the number then press 🕻 .
- 2. Press **a** again. The **i** icon is displayed and you hear your call over the handset loudspeaker.
  - Press **(** to switch the call between the earpiece and the loudspeaker.
- 3. Press **1** to end the call.

#### Handsfree

Handsfree lets you talk to your caller without holding the handset. It also enables other people in the room to listen to your conversation over the loudspeaker.

During a handsfree call, press or to change the volume.

#### Answer a call handsfree

When the phone rings:

1. Press ( to answer the call then press ( again. The call is transferred to the loudspeaker.

## Switch to handsfree during a call

1. During a call: press ( to put the call on the loudspeaker. To switch handsfree off and return the call to the earpiece, press ( again.

## Redial

#### Redial a number

The last 10 numbers dialled are stored in the redial list. Each entry can be up to 24 digits long.

- 1. Press to open the redial list. The most recently dialled number is displayed. If the number matches an entry stored in the handset phonebook, the name is displayed.
- 2. Scroll Redial or Calls to the number or name you want.
- 3. Press & to redial the entry displayed.

If the redial number is longer than 12 digits, you can scroll along the number by pressing the button.

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If you enter a name that already exists in the phonebook the display shows DOUBLE NAME for 2 seconds before returning to the name screen.

## Copy a redial number to the phonebook

- 1. Press then scroll or through the list to the entry you want.
- 2. Press . The displays shows RDD ENTRY.
- 4. Display shows the number from the redial list. You can edit the number using to delete characters if required. Press to save.
- 5. Press to return to the standby screen.

#### Delete a number from the redial list

- 1. Press Redial then scroll Redial or Galls to the entry you want.
- 2. Press and scroll to DELETE ENTRY.
- 3. Press to confirm or to cancel.

#### Delete the entire redial list

- 1. Press Redia to open the redial list.
- 2. Press and scroll Redial to DELETE ALL.
- 3. Press . Display shows CONFIRM?.
- 4. Press to confirm or to cancel.

#### **Keypad lock**

You can lock the handset keypad to prevent accidental dialling while carrying it around.

You do not need to unlock the keypad to answer a call, just press **(** .

- 1. To lock the keypad press and hold 🌠 until the display shows KEYS LOCKED.
- 2. To unlock the keypad press and hold \*\* again or replace the handset in the base.

## **Paging**

You can alert handset users that they are wanted or locate a missing handset. Paging calls cannot be answered by a handset.

 Press Find on the base. All handsets registered to the base will ring with the Paging ringtone for 30 seconds. To stop the ringing, press any button on a handset or press Find again on the base.

#### IMPORTANT

You cannot call emergency numbers (999 / 112) when the keypad is locked.

Each name can be up to 12 characters long and each number up to 24 digits long.

If you enter a name that already exists the display shows DOUBLE NAME for 2 seconds.

#### Memory full

When the phonebook memory is full the display shows MEMDRY FULL when you try to add a new entry.

#### **Entering names**

Use the keypad to enter the letters shown on each button.

For example to store TOM:

Press 8 once to enter T.

Press 6 three times to enter 0.

Press 6 once to enter M.

If the next letter you want to enter is on the same button, wait a moment then press the button.

Press to delete an incorrect character or digit.

To enter a space press 1...

To enter a dash, press 0 twice.

To enter 1, press 1 twice.

## Using the phonebook

You can store up to 50 name and number entries on each BT Freelance XC1500 handset registered to your base.

You open the phonebook with the button.

## Add an entry

- 1. From the standby screen, press PHONEBOOK is displayed, press .
- 2. If there are already entries stored in the phonebook the first entry will be displayed and you will need to press again. The displays shows RDD ENTRY. Press Property.
- 3. The displays shows RDD NRME Use the keypad to enter the name and press ...
- The displays shows ADD NUMBER. Use the keypad to enter the phone number.
- 5. Press to confirm.

#### View and dial entries

- 1. Press . The first entry is displayed.
- 2. Press Redal or to scroll through the list. When the name is displayed, you can switch between the name and number by pressing .
- 3. Press to display more digits if there are any or the name again.
- 4. Press to dial the entry displayed or press to return to standby.

## Edit an entry

- 1. Press PHONE BOOK is displayed.
- 2. Press Scroll Redia or Calls to the entry you want to edit.
- 3. Press and scroll to MODIFYENTRY.
- 4. Press to delete characters and use the keypad to edit the name.
- 5. Press res to delete digits and use the keypad to edit the number.
- 6. Press to confirm.

## Delete an entry

- 1. Press PHONE BOOK is displayed.
- 2. Press . Scroll Redia or Calls to the entry you want to edit.
- 3. Press and scroll to DELETE ENTRY.
- 4. Press . Display shows CONFIRM?
- 5. Press to confirm or to cancel.

## Delete entire phonebook

- 1. Press PHONE BOOK is displayed.
- 2. Press and scroll to DELETE ALL.
- 3. Press Display shows CONFIRM?
- 4. Press to confirm or to cancel.

You can have up to 5 GAP compatible handsets registered to your BT Freelance XC1500 base, see page 43.

## Internal calls

If you have more than one handset registered to your base, you can:

- · make internal calls between handsets
- transfer an external call from one handset to another

- hold a conference call between two internal handsets and an external call
- make an internal call between two handsets while a third is on an external call

#### Make an internal call

1. Press Int.

If you have two handsets, the second handset is called.

If you have more than 2 handsets, enter the handset number (1–5) you want OR press \*\* to call all handsets (the first handset to answer will take your call).

#### Transfer an external call

You can transfer an external call to another handset registered to your base.

- During an external call, press Your caller is put on hold and all the other handset numbers are displayed on the screen.
- 2. Enter the handset number you want or press to speak to your external caller again.
- When the other handset user answers, you can announce the incoming call.

Press 👂 to transfer the call.

# If the other handset user does not answer:

You can reconnect to your external caller by pressing .

## 3 Way call

You can talk simultaneously with an external caller and another internal handset user.

- 1. During an external call, press . Your caller is put on hold and all the other handset numbers are displayed on the screen.
- 2. Enter the handset number you want.
- 3. When the other handset user answers, you can announce the incoming call.
- Press and hold \*\* of for 2 seconds, the display will show CONFERENCE.

# Caller Display and the calls list

## Caller Display

Caller Display shows who is calling and if the caller's number matches an entry stored in the phonebook, the name will be displayed as well.

Caller Display information contains the full telephone number, including the area code. So when storing numbers in the phonebook remember to include the area code, otherwise the caller's number will not match

## Calls list

The Calls list stores details of your last 40 calls received. including the phone number up to 20 digits long and date and time of the call

The Calls list also alerts you to unanswered calls. When you have unanswered, or 'new calls', the 🛣 icon will be displayed.

The list is shared between all handsets registered to the base.

When the Calls list is full, the most recent calls received automatically replace the oldest calls.

You open the Calls list with the button.



For this feature to work you must subscribe to a Caller Display Service from you network provider. A quarterly fee may be payable.

For more information on Caller Display and BT's other Calling Features, call BT on Freefone 0800 800 150.

#### Call information not available

With some incoming calls, the telephone number of the caller is not available and cannot therefore be displayed. In this case some explanatory information will be displayed.

#### LIITHHEI D

The caller has withheld their number.

#### LINAVALI ARLE

The number is unavailable.

## RINGRACK

Ringback call.

#### INT'NATIONAL International call

#### **OPERATOR**

Call from operator.

If the telephone number is longer then 12 digits, press to to toggle between the rest of the number and the received time and date.

If the name you enter already exists in the phonebook the display shows DOUBLE NAME for 2 seconds. Enter a different name to store the entry.

#### View the Calls list

- 1. From standby, press to open the Calls list.
- 2. Press Redial or to scroll through the list. When you reach the end of the list, it automatically loops back to the beginning again.
- 3. If the name is displayed, press to display the number.

  Press again to see the date and time of the call.

#### Dial a number in the Calls list

- 1. Press then scroll or through the list to the entry you want.
- 2. Press ( to dial the displayed entry.

## Copy a number to the phonebook

- 1. Press then scroll red or through the list to the entry you want.
- 2. Press . The displays shows RDD ENTRY. Press again.
- 4. Edit the number if necessary, then press to confirm. The entry is stored.

## Delete an entry

- 1. Press then scroll red or through the list to the entry you want.
- 2. Press and scroll to DELETE ENTRY.
- 3. Press to confirm or to cancel.

#### Delete the entire Calls list

- 1. Press Calls .
- 2. Press and scroll to DELETE ALL.
- 3. Press . Display shows CONFIRM?.
- 4. Press to confirm or to cancel.

## **Call Waiting**

With Call Waiting, during a call, if another caller is trying to reach you, you will hear a soft beep every 5 seconds.

If you have also subscribed to a Caller Display Service, the caller's number (or name if stored in the Phonebook) will be shown on the display for 20 seconds, after this time the display will return to your first caller's details.

Instead of the engaged tone, the second caller will hear an announcement to hold as you are aware that they are waiting.

## To use Call Waiting

To answer the second call, without disconnecting from your first caller:

- 1. Press . The first caller will be put on hold.
- 2. Press again to return to the first caller, and then press it each time you want to switch between the two callers.

To disconnect the first call and take the waiting call:

- 1. Press **3** to end the current call. The handset will then ring.
- Press and continue your conversation with the second caller.

# Using the answering machine

Your BT Freelance XC1500 answering machine uses voice prompts to quide you simply through its operation.

You can operate your answering machine from the base and remotely, from any other Touchtone® telephone.

Before first using your answering machine you should set the correct day and time. If you have not done this already when you set up your phone, please see page 9.

## Switching the answering machine on/off

1. Use the button to switch the answering machine on or off. By pressing you can scroll around the 3 options:

Answer only, Answer off and Answer and record.

## Listening to your messages

When you have messages recorded on your answering machine, the number of messages will be displayed on the base message counter.

## Play messages

 Press Play New messages are played first. Your new messages are played back, the oldest message first. At the start of each message the day and time of recording is announced. After the last message, the machine announces "End of new messages."

#### Ready to record

The answering machine is pre-set to ON, so it's ready to record messages as soon as the base is plugged in.

(Remember to charge the handset for at least 24 hours first).

See page 31–32 for information on outgoing messages for Answer only and Answer and record.

During playback, the answering machine message indicator displays the number of the message, e.g. 01, 02, 03 etc.

2. Press Play again to hear all your messages, including old ones.

During playback press:

to skip forward to the next message.

once to replay the message, twice to play the previous message.

Del to delete the current message

Play ■ to stop playback

If there are no messages, the machine announces "You have no messages" when you press Play.

#### Delete all old messages

When the machine is in standby, press and hold Del.
 The machine will announce 'All messages deleted', or 'Message deleted'.

#### Record a memo

You can record memo messages for other users which can be played back just like normal messages.

- 1. When in standby, press and hold Supple. Speak your message after the long beep. Speak clearly, close to the answering machine base.
- 2. Press Play to end recording.

You cannot delete new (unplayed) messages.

Maximum memo and incoming message length is 2 minutes.

#### Base loudspeaker volume

There are 10 volume levels for the answering machine loudspeaker.

1. Press Vol.+ to increase volume or Vol.— to decrease volume.

## **Outgoing messages**

The outgoing message (OGM) is the greeting a caller hears when the answering machine picks up their call.

Your BT Freelance XC1500 gives you a choice of two pre-recorded outgoing messages, one for Answer & Record and one for Answer Only.

## **Answer & Record**

Callers hear the announcement and are able to leave a message for you. The pre-recorded message is, "Hello, your call cannot be taken at the moment, so please leave your message after the tone."

#### Personalise your OGM

To record your own outgoing message, see 'Record your own outgoing message', see page 32.

The answering machine is pre-set to Answer & Record mode.

To listen to the current outgoing message, press when in standby.

If you set the outgoing message to Answer only your caller cannot leave a message.

If the answering machine is set to off, the display shows --.

Your own outgoing message can be up to 1 minute long.

## **Answer only**

Callers hear an announcement but cannot leave a message. The pre-recorded message is, "Hello, your call cannot be taken at the moment, and you cannot leave a message, so please call later."

## Select outgoing message

Set your machine to play the Answer & Record or Answer Only outgoing message.

1. Keep pressing to scroll between the options for your outgoing message, Answer only, Answer off or Answer and record. When the Answer Only outgoing message is set, the message counter shows 80.

## Record your own outgoing message(s)

- When in standby, press and hold Speak your message after the long beep. Speak clearly, close to the answering machine base.
- 2. Press Play to end recording. Your message is played back.

To re-record your message, repeat these steps.

#### Play your outgoing message

1. When in standby, press . Your current outgoing message is played.

## Re-instate the pre-recorded outgoing message

You can delete your own outgoing message and return to the pre-recorded outgoing message.

- 1. When in standby, press . Your outgoing message is played.
- 2. During playback, press Del . Your own recorded outgoing message is deleted and the pre-recorded message reinstated.

## Memory full indicator

If the recording memory becomes full while a message is being recorded, the machine will announce "Answering Machine Full".

When the recording memory is full, new callers will hear the Answer Only outgoing message.

Play and delete messages to free up memory space.

You cannot delete the pre-recorded outgoing messages.

#### What is Time Saver?

Time Saver can save you the cost of a call when you want to ring in from another phone to find out if you have new messages (see 'Remote access', page 36).

If you have new messages, your answering machine answers after 2 rings. If you do not have new messages, it answers after 6 rings. This gives you a chance to hang up before the line is connected.

## Ring delay and Security PIN

Ring delay is the number of times your BT Freelance XC1500 rings before the answering machine picks up calls and starts playing the outgoing message to callers. You can choose between 2–9 rings, or Time Saver. The default setting is 6 rings.

Your 3-digit PIN lets you access your answering machine remotely from another phone. For security reasons, it is recommended that you change the PIN from the original setting of 000.

## Set ring delay and security PIN

- 1. Press and hold Vol.+. The current setting is announced.
- 2. Press vol.+ or vol.- to set the ring delay you want, 2-9 rings or tS (for Time Saver). The display shows the setting.
- 3. Press Play to confirm. The first digit of your remote control PIN is displayed. If you do not wish to change your remote access PIN, please leave the unit for a few seconds to time out. Your new ring delay setting will be preserved.
- 4. Press Vol.+ or Vol.— to change the digit, then press Play to confirm and display the next digit. Repeat for the second and third digits.

To cancel and return to standby at any time, press Del .

 After pressing Play to confirm the third digit, the machine returns to standby and your ring delay and security PIN are set.

## **Call screening**

When the answering machine is switched on, you can use the loudspeaker to listen to callers leaving their messages. You can interrupt the caller and speak in person by pressing on the handset.

1. When your answering machine is switched on and is in standby, press to display the current call screening mode.

Use Vol.+ or Vol.- to switch between call screening On or Off.

Display shows

[0] = Call screening Off

[] = Call screening On

2. Press Play to confirm.

The default PIN code is 000.

If you make a mistake when entering your PIN you will hear, "Incorrect security code, please enter your security code." Enter the correct PIN. The default PIN code is 000.

After the 2nd incorrect attempt, you will hear, "Incorrect security code", then a beep and the machine will hang up.

If you pause for over 10 seconds without entering a code, the machine will react as if an incorrect code has been entered.

## Remote access

You can operate your answering machine from any modern Touchtone<sup>™</sup>phone by calling your BT Freelance XC1500 and entering a 3-digit security PIN.

Using a PIN code prevents other people from accessing your machine without permission.

## Switch on your answering machine from another phone

If you forget to switch on your answering machine, you can do it from another phone.

1. Dial your phone number and let it ring. After 20 rings, your answering machine will switch on.

## Operating your answering machine from another phone

- Call your BT Freelance XC1500. When you hear the outgoing message, press the \* button.
- The machine announces, "Please enter your security code".
   Use the phone's keypad to enter your 3-digit PIN (default PIN: 000). The machine announces, "You have 'x' new messages", and they are played.
- Using the phone's keypad you can replay, pause, skip or delete messages and adjust settings.

- 1 To hear the menu options.
- **2** AB<sub>C</sub> To play your messages.
- 3 To play new messages only.
- Once to repeat the current message; twice to skip back to previous messages.
- **5** % To delete the current message.
- Once to skip to the next message; twice to skip to the message after.
- 7<sup>PO</sup> To stop incoming message playback.
- To change between answer & record, answer only and answer off modes.

# Settings

## Handset and base ringer volume

Choose from 5 levels and Off.

- 1. Press , scroll to SETTINGS.
- 2. Press to display HRNDSET TONE and press or scroll to BRSE TONES and press.
- 3. Display shows RING VOLUME. Press ......
- 4. The current setting is displayed and played.
- 5. Press Redia or Calls to select the volume (1–5 or OFF).
- 6. Press to confirm or to return to the previous menu.

## Handset and base ringer melody

Choose from 5 melodies.

- 1. Press , scroll to SETTINGS.
- 2. Press to display HRNDSET TONE and press or scroll to BRSE TONES and press.
- 4. The current melody is played.
- 5. Press Redial or Calls to select the melody (1–5).
- 6. Press to confirm or to return to the previous menu.

## Keypad beep on / off

When you press a button on the handset, you hear a beep. You can switch these beeps on or off.

- 1. Press , scroll to SETTINGS.
- 2. Press to display HANDSET TONE and press ...
- 3. Scroll to KEY TONES. Press . The current setting is displayed.
- 4. Press Redial o Calls to select ON or OFF.
- 5. Press to confirm or to return to the previous menu.

## Handset name

You can give your handset a name, up to 10 characters, eg. Michael or Kitchen. The name appears in the display.

- 1. Press , scroll to 5ETTING5 and press ...
- 2. Scroll to HRNDSET NRME and press . The current name is displayed.
- 3. Press to delete the current name then enter the new handset name and press ...

See page 20 for help on entering names.

#### Auto answer

Your phone is set to answer calls by lifting the handset off the base or charger. You can switch this feature off so that calls always have to be answered by pressing **Q**.

- 1. Press , scroll to SETTING5 and press ...
- 2. Scroll to RUTO RNSWER and press The current setting is displayed.
- 3. Press Redai or Calls to select DN or OFF and press to confirm.

## If you have subscribed to your network's Caller Display service, the time will be set automatically when

vou receive vour first call.

The handset date and time is separate from the answering machine time and date settings, see page 9.

# Date and time

#### Set the date and time

- 1. Press enu, scroll to CLOCK/RLARM and press enu.
- 2. DRTE / TIME is displayed. Press .......
- 3. Use the keypad to enter the date in the format (DD/MM), e.g. 12/08 for 12th August. If you make a mistake press to delete.
- 4. Press . Use the keypad to enter the time in the 24 hour format, e.g, 17-25 for 5.25pm.
- 5. Press to confirm.

### Set the alarm

You can set your handset to give you an alarm call.

- 1. Press , scroll to CLOCK/RLRRM. Press ...
- 2. Scroll to ALARM and press ...
- 3. If required, press or RLARM OFF, RLARM ONCE or RLARM DRILY then press or RLARM OFF, RLARM ONCE
- 4. Use the keypad to enter the time in the 24 hour format, e.g. 0830 for 8.30am.
- 5. Press to confirm or to cancel.

# Change alarm time

- 1. Press , scroll to CLOCK/RLARM. Press ...
- 2. Scroll to ALARM and press ...
- 3. If required, press Redia or Use to display ALARM ONCE or ALARM DAILY then press The current setting is displayed.
- 4. Use the keypad to enter the new time in the 24 hour format, e.g. 07–30 for 7.30am.
- 5. Press to confirm or to cancel.

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The alarm clock melodies are different from the ringer melodies.

# Select alarm clock melody

There are 3 melodies to choose from.

- 1. Press , scroll to CLOCK/RLARM. Press ...
- 2. Scroll to ALRAN TONE and press . The current setting is displayed and played.
- 3. Press Redial or Calls to change the setting.
- 4. Press to confirm or to cancel.

When the alarm is set, the  ${\mathfrak Q}$  icon is displayed in standby.

To switch the alarm off when it sounds, press any button on the handset.

# Additional handsets

Up to 5 handsets can be registered and operated from the BT Freelance XC1500 base.

If you buy new handsets to use with your BT Freelance XC1500 they will have to be registered to the base before you can use them.

# Register a new BT Freelance XC1500 handset to your BT Freelance XC1500 hase

- At the base: Press and hold find for 5 seconds until you hear continuous beeping. You now have 60 seconds to register the handset.
- 2. At the handset: press , scroll to RDVRNCED SET and press .
- 3. Scroll to REGISTRATION and press ...
- 4. Enter the 4-digit master PIN (default setting 0000) and press . The display flashes WAITING.
- A list of available handset numbers is displayed, enter the number you require using the keypad. You will hear a beep. The handset is now registered.

## If registration does not work:

- Make sure there is no other electrical equipment very close by that may interfere with the registration signal.
- Try following steps 1-5 above again.

Handsets that were supplied with your BT Freelance XC1500 base are already registered to it as HANDSET 1, HANDSET 2 etc.

Each additional handset you buy must be registered with the base.

#### IMPORTANT

Before registration, make sure the handset batteries are fully charged and that you are close to the base.

#### **Cancel registration**

Press .

## Naming additional handsets

Once you have registered additional handsets you may wish to give them a different name, see page 39.

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#### IMPORTANT

DECT GAP Profile only guarantees that basic calling-functions will work correctly between different makes/types of handset and base. There's a possibility that certain services such as Caller Display will not work correctly.

# Register a different manufacturer's handset to your BT Freelance XC1500 base

- At the base: Press and hold find for 5 seconds until you hear continuous beeping. You now have 60 seconds to register the handset.
- 2. At the handset: Follow the registration instructions given in your handset's user guide.

## De-register a handset

You can use one handset to de-register another handset.
You cannot de-register the handset you are using.

- 1. Press And press to RDVRNCED SET and press ...
- 2. Scroll (alls) to DE-REGISTER and press (Menu).
- 4. A list of available handset numbers is displayed. Enter the number of the handset you want to de-register.
- 5. Press to confirm or to secrecy cancel.

## **Change master PIN**

The master PIN is used for handset registration and de-registration. The PIN is 4 digits long, with a default setting of 0000.

- 1. Press , scroll to RDVRNCED SET and press ...
- 2. Scroll to PINCODE and press ...
- 3. Enter the PIN code (default setting: 0000) and press ...
- 4. Enter the new PIN and press . If you make a mistake press ...
- 5. Enter the new PIN again and press to confirm or to cancel.

## Reset to default

This resets your BT Freelance XC1500 to its default settings.

- 1. Press And press to RDVRNCED SET and press And press.
- 2. Scroll to PHONE RESET and press Display shows CONFIRM?
- 3. Press to confirm or to cancel.

Default settings	
H/S Ringer Volume	LEVEL 5
H/S Ringer Melody	MELODY 5
B/S Ringer Volume	LEVEL 5
B/S Ringer Melody	MELODY 5
H/S Earpiece Volume	VOLUME 3
H/S Speaker Volume	VOLUME 3
H/S Key Beep	ON
Auto Answer	ON
Handset Name	"HANDSET"
Date/Time	01/01; 00-00
PIN code	0000
Redial List	EMPTY
Phonebook	
memory	UNCHANGED
Calls list	EMPTY
TARM functions	
Day	SUNDAY
Time	12.00AM
Ring Delay	6 RINGS
Remote access PIN	000
Messages	CLEARS ALL
Call screening	ON
Volume level	5

## Phone does not work

- Have you installed the batteries correctly? See page 7.
- Check that the mains power is correctly connected.

## No dial tone

- Is the telephone cord of the base plugged into the phone socket?
- Check that the mains power is correctly connected.
- Only use the telephone cord supplied with the phone.

## Cannot dial out or receive calls

- · Check that the mains power is correctly connected.
- The batteries may need recharging.
- Has there been a power cut? If so, place the handset back on the base for 10 seconds and try
  again. If it still does not work disconnect the batteries and mains power for 10 minutes, then
  reconnect and try again.

## You have a dial tone, but the phone will not dial out

If you are connected to a switchboard, check whether you need to dial an access code.

## Handset does not ring

- The ringer volume may be switched off, see page 38.
- Check that the mains power is correctly connected.
- Make sure the handset is registered to the base, see page 43.

## No display

- The batteries may be flat, dead or incorrectly inserted.
- Recharge or replace the batteries

## **Y** icon flashes

- Is the handset registered correctly to the base, see page 43.
- Check that the mains power is correctly connected.
- Check that the handset is within range of the base.
- The batteries are low, place the handset on the base/charger to recharge.

## You hear the busy tone when you press Q.



- Make sure the handset is in range of the base.
- Another handset registered to your BT Freelance XC1500 base may be on the line.

## Answering machine does not record any messages

- The memory may be full. Play and delete old messages, see page 29-30.
- The answering machine might be switched off or set to Answer only. See page 29.

## Answering machine messages have the wrong date and time

- Have you set the date and time? See page 9.
- The answering machine and handset time and date are set separately.

## Cannot access your messages from another phone

Have you changed the remote access security PIN code? See page 36. Always keep a note of the new PIN code in a safe place. Reset the remote access PIN, page 45.

## No Caller Display number/name displayed

- Have you subscribed to a Caller Display service from your network provider, see page 25.
- The caller may have withheld their number.
- An exact name/number match was not found in your directory. Check that you have stored the full STD dialling code.

## Cannot register a handset to a base

- You can register a total of up to 5 handsets to your BT Freelance XC1500 base. Check that you
  have not exceeded the limit.
- Check that you have entered the correct PIN number (default PIN 0000).
- Check that you are at least one metre away from other electrical equipment to avoid interference when registering.

## Base unit does not ring, but the lights are on

- Have you connected the telephone line correctly?
- Is the base ringer set to off?
- You may have a faulty line or socket. Try using another socket or line. Call BT on 151 if you still
  experience problems.

## Buzzing noise on my phone or on other electrical equipment nearby

Sometimes your BT Freelance XC1500 can interfere with other electrical equipment if it is placed
too close. It is recommended that you place your BT Freelance XC1500 at least one metre away
from electrical appliances or metal obstructions to avoid any risk of interference.

## **Customer Helpline**

If you are still experiencing difficulties please call the BT Freelance XC1500 Helpline on 0808 100 6556\*.

# General information

#### **IMPORTANT**

This equipment is not designed for making emergency telephone calls when the power fails. Alternative arrangements should be made for access to emergency services.

This product is intended for connection to analogue public switched telephone networks and private switchboards in the United Kingdom.

#### Replacing the handset batteries

After a time, you may find that the handset batteries are running out of charge more quickly. This is a standard sign of wear and the batteries will need replacing.

- 1. Open the battery compartment cover.
- Take out the old batteries and replace with 2 new AAA NiMH batteries.
- 3. Push the battery compartment cover back on until it clicks into place.

New batteries should be rechargeable: Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMH), size AAA, capacity 550mAh.

For details on how to obtain spare rechargeable batteries, contact the BT Freelance XC1500 Helpline on 0808 100 6556\*.

#### WARNING

Do not immerse batteries in water or throw them into a fire, or dispose of them with ordinary domestic refuse.

BT accepts no responsibility for damage caused to your BT Freelance XC1500 by using any other types of batteries.

# Safety information

 Only use the power supply suitable for the BT Freelance XC1500 range. Using an unauthorised power supply will invalidate your guarantee and may damage the telephone. The item code for the base mains power supply is 041293.

If you have purchased a multiple pack the item code for the charger mains power supply is 041294.

- Use only the approved rechargeable batteries supplied. For details on how to obtain spare rechargeable batteries, contact the BT Freelance XC1500 Helpline on 0808 100 6556\*.
- Do not open the handset (except to replace the handset batteries) or the base. This could expose you to high voltages or other risks. Contact the Helpline on 0808 100 6556\* for all repairs.
- If the keylock is switched on, it is NOT possible to make calls, including to the emergency numbers (999/112).
- Radio signal transmitted between the handset and base may cause interference to hearing aids.
- It is recommended that advice from a qualified expert be sought before using this product in the vicinity of emergency/intensive care medical equipment.
- It is recommended that if you have a pacemaker fitted you check with a medical expert before using this product.

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- Your product may interfere with other electrical equipment, e.g. TV and radio sets, clock/alarms and computers if placed too close. It is recommended that you place your product at least one metre away from such appliances to minimise any risk of interference.
- Never dispose of batteries in a fire. There is a serious risk of explosion and/or the release of highly toxic chemicals.

### Cleaning

 Clean the handset and base (or charger) with a damp (not wet) cloth, or an anti-static wipe.

Never use household polish as this will damage the product. Never use a dry cloth as this may cause a static shock.

#### **Environmental**

- · Do not expose to direct sunlight.
- The handset may become warm when the batteries are being charged or during prolonged periods of use. This is normal. However, we recommend that to avoid damage you do not place the product on antique/veneered wood.
- Do not stand your product on carpets or other surfaces which generate fibres, or place it in locations preventing the free flow of air over its surfaces.
- Do not submerge any part of your product in water and do not use it in damp or humid conditions, such as bathrooms.
- Do not expose your product to fire, explosive or other hazardous conditions.

 There is a slight chance your phone could be damaged by an electrical storm. We recommend that you unplug the power and telephone line cord during an electrical storm.

# Product disposal instructions

The symbol shown here and on the product means that the product is classed as Electrical or Electronic Equipment and should not be disposed with other household or commercial waste at the end of its working life.

The Waste of Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) Directive (2002/96/EC) has been put in place to recycle products using best available recovery and recycling techniques to minimize the impact on the environment, treat any hazardous substances and avoid the increasing landfill.

### Product disposal instructions for residential users

When you have no further use for it, please remove any batteries and dispose of them and the product as per your local authority's recycling processes. For more information please contact your local authority or the retailer where the product was purchased.

## Product disposal instructions for business users

Business users should contact their suppliers and check the terms and conditions of the purchase contract and ensure that this product is not mixed with other commercial waste for disposal.

## Guarantee

Your BT Freelance XC1500 is guaranteed for a period of 12 months from the date of purchase.

Subject to the terms listed below, the guarantee will provide for the repair of, or at BT's or its agent's discretion, the option to replace the BT Freelance XC1500 or any component thereof, (other than batteries), which is identified as faulty or below standard, or as a result of inferior workmanship or materials. Products over 28 days old from the date of purchase may be replaced with a refurbished or repaired product.

### The conditions of this guarantee are:

- The guarantee shall only apply to defects that occur within the 12 month guarantee period.
- Proof of purchase is provided.
- The equipment is returned to BT or its agent as instructed.
- This guarantee does not cover any faults or defects caused by accidents, misuse, fair wear and tear, neglect, tampering with the equipment, or any attempt at adjustment or repair other than through approved agents.
- This guarantee does not affect your statutory rights.

## Within the 12 month guarantee period:

Prior to returning your product, please read the Help section beginning on page 46 or contact them on 0808 100 6556\* for assistance. In the unlikely event of a defect occurring, please follow the Helpline's instructions for replacement or repair.

## Outside of the 12 month guarantee period:

If your product needs repair after the guarantee period has ended, the repair must meet the approval requirements for connection to the telephone network.

We recommend that you contact BT's approved repair agent Helpdesk Solutions on 0870 240 5029 or a local qualified repairer.

## Returning your phone

If the Helpline is unable to remedy your problem they will ask you to return the product. Where possible, pack the product in its original packaging. Please remember to include all parts, including the line cords, power supply units and the original batteries. (Please note that we cannot take responsibility for goods damaged in transit.) Please obtain and keep proof of posting from the Post Office.

# Technical information

### How many telephones can I have?

All items of telephone equipment have a Ringer Equivalence Number (REN), which is used to calculate the number of items which may be connected to any one telephone line. Your BT Freelance XC1500 has a REN of 1. A total REN of 4 is allowed. If the total REN of 4 is exceeded, the telephones may not ring. With different telephone types there is no guarantee of ringing, even when the REN is less than 4.

Any additional handsets and chargers that you register have a REN of 0.

Only use approved base mains power supply, item code: 041293.

If you have purchased a BT Freelance XC1500 multiple pack, the item code for the charger mains power supply is 041294.

Only use approved batteries.

For details on how to obtain these, contact the BT Freelance XC1500 Helpline on 0808 100 6556\*.

## **R&TTE**

This product is intended for use within the UK for connection to the public telephone network and compatible switchboards.

This equipment complies with the essential requirements for the Radio Equipment and Telecommunications Terminal Equipment Directive 1999/5/EC.

## For your records

Date of purchase:

Place of purchase:

Serial number:

For guarantee purposes proof of purchase is required so please keep your receipt.

#### **Declaration of Conformance**

Hereby, CCT Marketing Ltd declares that this BT Freelance XC1500 is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC.

# Connecting to a switchboard

This product is intended for use within the UK for connection to the public telephone network and compatible switchboards, which support tone dialling and timed break recall. If in doubt please consult your service provider.

#### Inserting a pause

With some switchboards, after dialling the access code you may have to wait for a moment while the switchboard picks up an outside line so you will need to enter a pause in the dialling sequence.

Press and hold # to insert a pause (P) before entering the telephone number.

You may also need to enter a pause when storing international numbers or charge card numbers.

## Recall (R)

You may need to use the recall function if you are connected to a switchboard/PBX (Private Branch Exchange), contact your PBX supplier for further information. The recall function is set to timed break recall and is also used for BT Calling Feature.

## Offices worldwide

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