CHIRP - New Model # 5687

Status:	Feedback	Priority:	Normal
Author:	Ron Boisvert	Category:	
Created:	04/02/2018	Assignee:	
Updated:	03/23/2020	Due date:	

Chirp Version:	daily
Equipment Loan Offered	No
Subject:	Baofeng BF-230 pro

Description

This is the upgraded version of the BF 888s. Ads say it will communicate with the BF888s which there are several here where I work. I can get the download from the BF888s no problems, but not the BF230s. Both 230s say the radio is not responding. I checked to see the cable was fully seated. I don't know if there is a certain procedure to get it to program. It seems weird that Both models advertise the same family and they should communicate with each other; But the 230s have a little better range and clarity. Any advice?

History

#1 - 05/13/2018 07:45 pm - Marcus Bittle

I'm having this issue also

#2 - 05/14/2018 10:56 am - Ron Boisvert

Seems as if this is not as important as it is to me.
no attempts to respond other than you. So I guess they are boat anchors. No don't weigh enough, or cost enough. Lesson learned , Waisted money.

#3 - 05/14/2018 03:33 pm - Marcus Bittle

What operating system and programming cord are you using?

I have been researching this issues for a few weeks now.

#4 - 05/14/2018 07:56 pm - Ron Boisvert

Windows 10 professional version 1803, EZsync 701 programming cord, no driver needed.

#5 - 05/14/2018 08:17 pm - Marcus Bittle

Same here, also tried a cheap knock off cable and on windows 8. With my uv-100 I set it as uv-3r and it works fine. With the bf230 it just doesn't ack first command. On the bf230 I tried bf888 and it doesnt respond. I've seen videos of people changing stuff and it working but it hasn't helped me. Ive tried chirp and other software from baofeng. I'm going to try it with my windows x
p soon and see if it works there.

#6 - 08/02/2018 12:35 am - Marcus Bittle

I'm not sure if your still trying to program this but I found out how to today. I used the bf-480 pro software and it works ok. When reading from or writing to the radio it does fail some but it will work after you retry. Here's the link for the software.
http://www.baofengradio.com/endownload.asp?BigClassName=Programming%20Software&SmallClassName=&page=5

#7 - 02/11/2020 01:49 pm - Bernhard Hailer

- Tracker changed from Bug to New Model

- Status changed from New to Feedback

- Priority changed from High to Normal

- Target version set to chirp-daily

- Chirp Version changed from 0.4.0 to daily

- Equipment Loan Offered set to No

#8 - 03/06/2020 12:06 pm - Bernhard Hailer

Ron Boisvert wrote:

> *Seems as if this is not as important as it is to me.*
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The addition of a new radio to Chirp requires two things:

1) a volunteer developer who takes the task to work on this driver,

2) availability of test equipment, such as a loaner radio (see [[Rules For Loaning A Radio]]).

Unfortunately, you need to wait until both conditions have been met.

#9 - 03/23/2020 07:09 am - William Bell

- File BF-480forBF-A&Kseries (1).rar added

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I have run in to the same problem. After a bit of looking I found that the OEM software for the BF-480 PRO does work on the 230. It MUST be the PRO version. Check on the site hamfiles.co.uk - there was a very helpful tech on there that forwarded me the correct programming and I'm happy to say all is well. Note that I used Windows 10 and a true Baofeng cord and not a knock-off. I will include the .rar file with this post - it worked for me but obviously nobody on here knows me from Adam so use the required amount of caution.

As a side note I really do like the radios. So we'll see how all this turns out long term

#10 - 03/23/2020 09:23 pm - Marcus Bittle

I have noticed the link I provided doesn't seem to still have the right software. After using 4 of these radios over a year I can say they are poor, while they do work the range is bad. Most of mine barely still work and I can only get about half a mile now. I have a uv-100 and some uv-5rs and they work very well. The uv-100 I have been using about 5 years I think and it has held up better than any radio I've ever had, The uv-5rs I have had about a month so not sure how long they will hold up but the range on them is very good and I can't say anything bad about them.

Files

BF-480forBF-A&Kseries (1).rar	1.6 MB	03/23/2020	William Bell