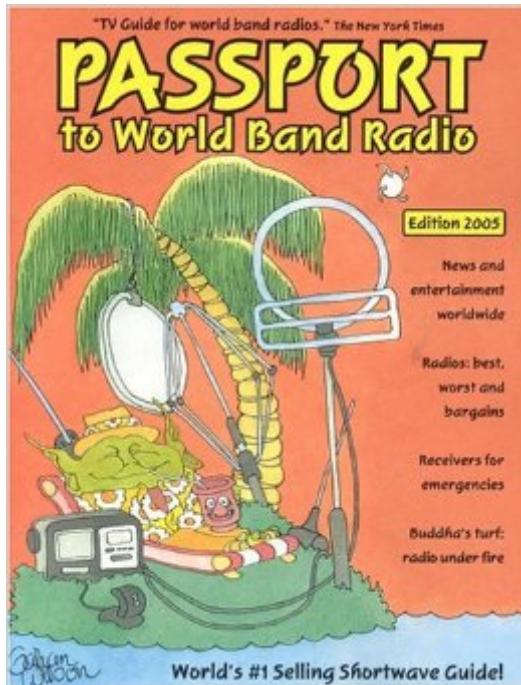


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# Passport To World Band Radio, 2005 Edition



## **Synopsis**

World band radio delivers on-the-spot news, perspectives and entertainment that is enjoyed anywhere. For 2005 two major developments will expand Passport's readership: World band goes digital. XM, Premium world band portables will soon also receive XM satellite radio. Entering its 21 year, Passport outsell all competitors combined.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I recently received a shortwave radio as a gift. Without this guide, however, I would have quickly given up trying to listen to shortwave! This is an indespensible guide to learning how to get the best reception, what frequencies to listen to, and what times to listen. The book is easy to browse through and find information regarding broadcasters, specific programming, and frequencies. This is an essential purchase for anyone getting their first shortwave radio.

I received the grundig FR200 for christmas and was a little lost on how to use it. I was just getting info off of the web and then I received this book as a gift this week and I must say it really helps, The station guides are very helpful and the articles that highlight stations are really informative. I also liked the product reviews and the beginners guide, really answered my questions. I feel this book will be very helpful when I upgrade radios in the future.

If you are an enthusiast of short-wave radio, then this publication offers much in the way of general and technical information regarding broadcasting from near and afar. My introduction into the realm of short-wave reception came via a present: Sangean ATS 803-A. Immediately I searched for information as to broadcasting frequencies and times; and, this was prior to the Internet -- therefore, there was very little data to be had until I discovered Passport to World Band Radio. I commend this publication to anyone, beginner or professional, who has has a significant interest in short-wave. The 2005 edition includes many interesting articles; however, of particular note is the data concerning antennas. And the section entitled "What's On Tonight?" is especially invaluable for its brevity and information. So, if you are either a beginner or long-term enthusiast in the realm of Short-wave, then purchase the 2005 edition. You will be impressed at the thoroughness of the text; and the advertisements are well-designed.

I'm fairly new to SW listening. I own about 10 different worldband radios, and got tired of just hit-or-miss finding stations to listen to (although I admit that's one of the cool parts about worldband), so I decided to pick up this book, which I couldn't find at any local bookstores. This book give a tremendous amount of information on what is available on worldband, and it's easy enough for the beginner (like me) to understand. It also gives you MULTIPLE advertisements for the same products -- mostly Eton/Grundig. We're talking about some radios being listed in ads 10 or more times. Some advertising salesman just didn't know when to let up. That's about the only drawback I can think of. I can't imagine owning a worldband radio without having this book as a resource.

I have a Grundig Sattelite 800, so I know my radio is sufficient, and this is overall a great book, but the schedule of times and frequencies can be way off at times. This really isn't their fault, as the radio stations change frequencies or even fall of the face of the earth (depending on some different countries political climates), but it was kind of a let-down to buy this book, thinking it had all the frequencies set up, almost like a TV guide if you will, and then a lot of them don't really come in. If you don't have a radio at all, or are wanting to upgrade to a better model, their review of radios and antennas is \*really\* good. Overall it's a good book, but if you are buying it for a guide to frequencies, you'd be better off checking websites and mailing lists (IMNSHO).

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