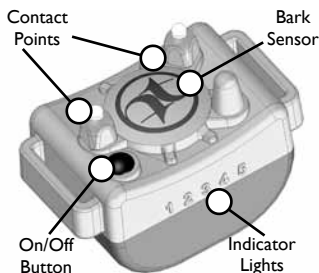


BARK LIMITER

OWNERS MANUAL

Features

- Compact, easy to use, rugged, and waterproof
- Five intensity levels – set intensity instantly with a press of a button
- Bark Odometer™ – Counts the number of times your dog barks so you can determine its effectiveness, even when you are not home, and then adjust intensity as needed
- Internal Bark Sensor is activated by vocal cords and designed to help minimize false stimulation
- Consistent and dependable so your dog receives the same stimulation each and every time
- Easy-to-see light confirms on/off, intensity level, and low battery
- Choice of long or short contact points for differing coat thickness
- Strap adjusts easily for a perfect fit with any size dog
- Built-in sleep mode extends battery life in normal use
- Operates on one replaceable 3v-CR2 lithium battery (included) – battery will last one year in normal use
- 30-day money-back guarantee
- 1-year comprehensive warranty



Switching the Collar On

Press the on/off button next to the contact points. One light will double-flash. The collar is now on.

Motion Detection and Sleep Mode

To save battery life, the Bark Limiter has a motion detector. The internal motion detector will switch the collar off automatically whenever it is not being moved. However minor movements will switch it back on. The lights remain off ("sleep mode") unless either motion or barking is detected.

Increasing Intensity

The Bark Limiter has five correction levels. The blinking light indicates the current level. To increase intensity, press and hold the on/off button until you see the next intensity light glow. Release the button. After you release the button the light for the new level will flash confirming your new setting. The intensity can be increased only one level at a time.

Decreasing Intensity

When level 5 is reached the next intensity change will move the intensity back to level 1. Increase the level until you reach the desired intensity.

Checking Intensity

To see what intensity is selected after the collar has been switched on just move the collar. The light matching the selected intensity will begin blinking.

Delay Feature

The collar is not capable of making corrections for approximately 30 seconds after you switch it on or make an intensity change.

Switching the Collar Off

Switch the collar off when not in use.

Press and hold the on/off button for about three seconds until you see the intensity light move up one level and then back to the original level. Release the button when the light has returned to the original level. The lights will sweep back and forth, then the #3 light will flash, confirming that the collar is off.

The intensity that was selected when you switched the collar off will be saved.

Bark Odometer™

When you switch the Bark Limiter off, it will report the corrections that have occurred since the last time you switched it on. Immediately after you switch the unit off, the #3 light will flash one time to confirm switch-off. Then it will flash rapidly (one flash per detected bark).

Based on the number of these rapid flashes, you know whether your dog needed a few corrections, a lot of corrections, or no corrections at all while you were away from home.

Fitting a Bark Limiter Properly

A Bark Limiter must be very snug to work properly and correct the dog consistently.

To locate the buckle in the best position for your dog's neck size, you can adjust the strap by sliding it through the molded slots. If the strap is too long for your dog, we recommend that you cut off the excess in order to minimize the possibility of your dog chewing the strap.

If your dog has a very dense undercoat, install the "long" contact points. Use only the plastic wrench that comes with the replacement contact points. Switch the collar off before changing contact points.

Selecting Intensity

If your dog has never used a bark collar before, remember that a dog needs some experience to realize that his own bark causes the correction he feels. If your dog is not used to bark collars, start on the lowest intensity. If the dog continues to bark in its normal fashion for longer than 30 minutes, increase the intensity one level. If the dog alters the way it barks, this means it feels the correction. Give the dog a day's experience with the collar to learn to respond by not barking. If it is still barking after that, increase the level. If it overreacts to the correction, use a lower level.

Continue until you find the level that discourages your dog from barking. Remember that there will be a 30-second delay after changing the intensity before the collar will begin correcting.

Batteries

The Bark Limiter comes with a replaceable battery installed. The replaceable battery in your Bark Limiter will give you up to one year of use. Performance will be less in extremely cold weather. For best battery life always switch the Bark Limiter off when you take it off your dog.

If the first two lights blink at the same time when the unit is on, the battery is becoming low. If these two lights glow steadily when you switch the collar on, the battery has become too low to operate the collar and you must replace the battery.

Replacing the Battery

Uses one 3.0 volt "CR2" lithium battery (Tri-Tronics #1181300). Remove the collar strap from the Bark Limiter. Unscrew the 2 screws on the bottom of the Bark Limiter, alternating between screws, until the two halves can be separated. Remove the old battery and install a new battery, matching polarity.

NOTE: Replacing a battery automatically switches the unit on and you will see the light begin to blink. If unit does not turn on, you probably have the battery in backwards; turn it around and verify function again. Thirty seconds after inserting the new battery, the collar will become capable of stimulation. You may wish to switch the collar off.

Replace battery cover gently, making sure the gasket is properly in place. Tighten screws, alternating between screws. It is very important in order to maintain the waterproof integrity of the Bark Limiter that you ensure that the gasket is in place smoothly and evenly around the perimeter of the battery cover with no twists or folds. Replace the collar strap.

NOTE: The O-ring on the screw should be positioned under the head of the screw before screws are tightened.

Troubleshooting

Try these suggestions if your unit is not working properly. If you are still having problems, email us at support@tritronics.com or call 1-800-456-4343.

The dog is still barking while wearing the Bark Limiter.

- The collar may be switched off. Be sure the unit is on.
- The collar is inactive for 30 seconds after switch-on or any intensity change. Wait for the collar to become active.

- The collar isn't tight enough. Tighten the collar strap.
- The intensity isn't high enough. Try the next level.
- Remember it takes 30 seconds after changing intensity for the collar to become active again.
- The contact points aren't making contact through the dog's undercoat. Use the long contact points. Wiggle the unit on the dog's neck to work the contact points through his coat.

The collar light isn't blinking even though I switched the collar on.

It is normal for the light to stop blinking whenever the unit has not been moved. This is the battery saving sleep mode.

The collar is blinking while it's on the dog. Is it correcting him even when he isn't barking?

No. The blinking light just means that the collar is switched on.

I can't get the collar to switch off or the intensity to change levels.

Be sure to press and hold the switch firmly.

My dog's skin is irritated where he has been wearing the bark collar.

- Dogs with sensitive skin can experience skin irritation if they wear a bark collar too long at any one time, due to the mechanical pressure of the contact points.
- Do not use the bark collar until the irritation is cleared up.
- Do not use it for longer than 10 hours out of every 24 hours.
- If the dog gets wet while wearing a bark collar, the chance of irritation is increased.
- Using the short contact points will reduce the chance of skin irritation.
- Contact your veterinarian if the skin irritation is especially severe.

Service and Warranty

The Bark Limiter is covered by a one-year warranty on parts and labor. The warranty does not cover physical damage or abuse, or damage to the unit or to the collar strap caused by chewing. The warranty is also void if the Bark Limiter has been altered or if unauthorized service work has been attempted. If you send your Bark Limiter in for repair, we may replace it with a reconditioned unit.

Call or email us before sending your Bark Limiter in for repair work.

Product Safety

Clinical animal safety studies have been designed and conducted for Tri-Tronics by veterinarians and physiologists at a major university. The scientific studies tested for possible cardiopulmonary and epidermal effects of Tri-Tronics electrical stimulation applied to the ventral surface of the neck of healthy dogs. These studies showed that there were no clinically significant changes in electrocardiograms, blood pressures, or properties of the skin underlying the contact points.

The clinical investigations involved parameters of electrical stimulation (e.g., maximum output voltage, output impedance, current density, and repetition rate) that were basically the same as those of the Bark Limiter. The safety of the Bark Limiter is strongly supported by the scientific, clinical data.

To guard against skin irritation due to rubbing, inspect the dog's neck at least once a day, especially in the early stages of use. The possibility that irritation will occur, although small, increases with the length of time the collar is on the dog.

NOTE: Even though Tri-Tronics products are safe, they are intended for use only on healthy dogs. It is always wise to have your dog checked by a veterinarian before any type of training.

Owner's Registration

Take a moment to complete the Owner's Registration Information online. This helps ensure timely warranty work should you need it. Go to our website at www.tritronics.com.



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