

IS THE YAESU FT-2000 STILL RELEVANT?

A Classic
That Still
Holds Its
Own.

**POWERFUL, CLASSIC,
RELIABLE.**

The Bridge
Between
Analog and
Digital

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In its time, the FT-2000 was seen as a modern and competitive transceiver, offering radio amateurs access to high-level features at a more affordable cost than the FT-DX9000.



When Yaesu introduced the FT-2000 in 2006, ham radio was in the midst of transitioning from traditional analog to the early steps of SDR. The model filled the gap between the legendary FT-1000MP and what would become the next evolution in Yaesu's high-performance series. For several years, it was a coveted rig in contest and DX stations, thanks to its power, flexibility, and robust design.

MAIN FEATURES

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- HF + 6-meter coverage (50 MHz)
- 100 W output on HF/50 MHz
- Dual receiver (main RX and sub RX)
- Real-time spectrum display (basic panadapter for its time)
- Roofing filters and IF adjustments for improved selectivity
- Excellent transmit audio, characteristic of Yaesu

ADVANTAGES STILL RELEVANT

- Robust construction: Sturdy chassis, large knobs, and "old school" ergonomics that many still prefer over modern touchscreens.
- Audio quality: Both in reception and transmission, the FT-2000 delivers a warm, natural sound.
- Second-hand market value: Available at much lower prices than new FTdx10 or FTdx101 models, making it an option for those seeking high-performance radios without spending thousands.
- Basic contest capability: With proper tuning and filters, it can still perform well in high-signal-density environments.
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ITS LIMITATIONS TODAY

- Receiver: Although decent, it no longer competes with the dynamic ranges of modern SDRs (FTdx101, IC-7610, TS-890S).
- Primitive panadapter: Compared to the fluid displays of current radios, its spectrum display feels slow and limited.
- Weight and size: Large and heavy compared to today's compact options.
- Updates: Yaesu officially discontinued support long ago, limiting the availability of spare parts.

So, is it still relevant?

The answer is yes... depending on who uses it.

For the ham who wants a solid, reliable radio with excellent audio for home operation, the FT-2000 remains a gem.

For the high-level competitor seeking every dB advantage in pile-up conditions, it may no longer meet modern standards.

As an "entry to high-end" option on the used market, it still holds appeal. In short, the FT-2000 may not match the latest SDR transceivers, but it still has a respectable place in many stations, proving that a well-designed radio doesn't lose its relevance over time.