

Scratch-proofing the IC-706/703 flip-up stand
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I frequently use the flip-up stands on both my IC-706G and IC-703. During portable operation (usually when I visit my Dad) I put the radio on top of a nice piece of furniture. At home, my IC-706G sits on top of my FT-1000MP MKV (the IC-706G is used for 6-meters from home). Normally I put a cloth under the flip-up stands to ensure I don't scratch anything (the stand is smooth, but it is hard metal). However, I wanted something a little better. While shopping at my local ACE Hardware Store, I found a package of small rubber grommets designed for 1/8" diameter cable. These grommets are very small, and are only about 3/8" in diameter. These looked perfect for my application.

I removed one of the mounting brackets for the flip-up stand (two screws), and pushed four of the small grommets onto the stand. I arranged the grommets so they wouldn't interfere with any part of the bottom of the IC-706/703 when the stand was folded down. Refer to photos "Stand Up.jpg", "Stand Down.jpg" and "IC706 on MKV.jpg" to see the results. Now I no longer worry about scratching anything with the flip-up stand.



Stand Down



Stand Up



IC-706MKIIG on FT-1K MKV