ECHO BOX SPEECH PROCESSING FOR TRC-449

The biggest complaint about the TRC-449 is the din mike plug, so I removed the jack from the chassis and installed a 4-pin mike jack on the radio. This matched the Tweety Bird Echo Box and all of the other mikes that I have. The din plug was removed from the mike and replaced with a 4-pin plug and wire to match. With the installation of the Echo Box in line and proper adjustment, my SSB reports were very good. With the on in heavy QRM I could be pulled out, but with it off, no luck. Remember, don't make it sound like you are in a barrel. Adjust it so your meter just stays up and does not fall off with your voice. This is much cheaper than RF voice processors and I think it is just as good, if not better. Good luck.

P.S. If you sound like you're in a barrel, no one will talk to you. They will think you are a AM-er.