Top tip: buying FrSky X8R receivers

Take care when buying these devices from anywhere other than the UK or the EU. Foolishly I bought two direct from China without checking whether they would work with my EU Taranis. They didn't.

The reason is that FrSky devices for use in the EU have a version of the firmware (software permanently stored in an internal chip) called 'Listen Before Talk' (LBT). X8Rs from outside the EU won't have this so won't bind with an EU transmitter.

However it is easy to update non-EU receivers with the LBT software by downloading it to the transmitter memory card and plugging the X8R into a connector inside the transmitter's module bay. There are full instructions in my Taranis manual that is free to download.