



## Using the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960

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Your Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 provides features you might not have had before on an office phone. You can learn how to use these features by exploring the available options.

Read the following sections to learn about the Cisco SIP IP Phone features and related tasks:

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### Getting Started

The Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 includes several features to help you become familiar with it. Use the following sections to help you:

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### Accessing Online Help

The Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 includes online help for the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 phone keys and functions. Network statistics for an active call can be provided by:

- Pressing the ? button twice quickly during an active call to view network statistics about the active call.

## Using LCD Icons

The Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 provides information about its current status on the LCD screen. Often, the icons on the LCD screen change depending on the task you are currently performing with the Cisco IP phone.

## Tips

These tips assist you in becoming familiar with the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960.

- When accessing the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 options, note the number listed next to the option. You can enter this number using the dialing pad to quickly access the associated feature.
- Explore your phone by experimenting with the different functions and observing their behavior.
- When displayed, the **more** softkey indicates that more options are available in a particular menu. Press the **more** softkey to see the additional options.

## How to Use the Handset, Speakerphone, and Headset

You can place and answer calls using the handset, speakerphone, or a headset. The following sections describe their use and how to adjust the call volume.

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### Using the Handset

To place or answer calls with the handset, lift the handset from the earpiece rest. To change from handset to speakerphone, press the **SPEAKER** button and put the handset on the earpiece rest.

### Using the Speakerphone

To place or answer calls using the speakerphone, press the **SPEAKER** button. You can use the speakerphone with all the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 features. To change from speakerphone to handset, lift the handset from the earpiece rest.

### Using the Headset

To place or answer calls using the headset, plug the approved headset connector into the headset port (top) on the back of the phone base and press the **HEADSET** button.

You can use the headset with all Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 features. The **VOLUME** and **MUTE** controls also adjust volume to the ear piece and mute the speech path of the headset.

The Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 supports a four- or six-wire headset jack (Plantronics H series compatible is required). For information on the headset models supported, see the IP phone information on <http://cisco.getheadsets.com> or <http://vxicorp.com/cisco>.

## Adjusting the Handset, Speakerphone, or Headset Volume

Adjust the volume on the handset, speakerphone, or headset by performing the following steps.

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- Step 1** Increase the volume of your handset, headset, or speakerphone by pressing the + on the **VOLUME** button.
- Step 2** Decrease the volume of your handset, headset, or speakerphone by pressing the - on the **VOLUME** button.
- The **VOLUME** button adjusts the volume for the currently active voice receiver.
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## Customizing Phone Settings

You can change various settings on your Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 to ensure that the ringer volume, ring sound, and LCD contrast are set appropriately for you. These sections describe the changes you can make:

- [Changing the LCD Contrast, page 3-3](#)
- [Adjusting the Ringer Volume, page 3-3](#)
- [Changing the Ringer Sound, page 3-4](#)

## Changing the LCD Contrast

Perform the following steps to improve the readability of the LCD screen by changing the display contrast.

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- Step 1** Press the **settings** button.
- Step 2** Press the **Scroll** button to highlight **Contrast** from the Settings menu.
- Step 3** Press the **Down** or **Up** softkeys to set the desired contrast on the LCD screen.
- Step 4** Press the **OK** softkey to accept your changes.
- Step 5** Press the **Back** softkey to exit the Settings menu.
- Step 6** Press the **Back** softkey to display the main LCD screen.
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## Adjusting the Ringer Volume

Change the ringer volume by performing the following steps.

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- Step 1** Press the **VOLUME** key to hear a current ringer volume.
- Step 2** While the ring plays, press the + or - on the **VOLUME** button to respectively increase or decrease the ringer volume to the desired level.
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## Changing the Ringer Sound

Change the sound used by the ringer by performing the following steps.

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- Step 1** Press the **settings** button.
- Step 2** Press the **Scroll** key to select **Ring Type** from the Settings menu.
- Step 3** Press the **Select** softkey to display the ring types list.
- Step 4** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight an available ring type.  
Press the **Play** softkey to hear the highlighted ring type.
- Step 5** When you find the ring type you want, press the **Select** softkey and then press the **OK** softkey.
- Step 6** Press the **Back** softkey to exit the Settings menu.
- Step 7** Press the **Back** softkey again to display the main LCD screen.
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## Making Telephone Calls

These sections describe how you can place, answer, or manage a telephone call:

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## Placing a Call Using a Telephone Number

You can place a call with the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 in any of the following ways:

- Lift the handset from the earpiece rest and enter the number using the dial pad to enter the digits.
- Press a line button and dial the number using the dial pad to enter the digits.
- Press the **NewCall** softkey and dial the number using the dial pad to enter the digits.
- Press the **Redial** softkey to dial the last called number.
- If using a headset, press the **HEADSET** button and dial the number using the dial pad to enter the digits.
- To use the speakerphone, press the **SPEAKER** button and dial the number using the dial pad to enter the digits.

You can also place calls using the following techniques:

- You can press the pound (#) key or press the **Dial** softkey to place the call immediately. Depending on how your system administrator has implemented this feature, you might not need to press these keys to place a call immediately. Contact your system administrator for additional information.

## Placing a Call Using an E-mail Address

If the network administrator configures the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 to use an e-mail address instead of a phone number, you can call the phone using an e-mail address.

Perform the following steps to place a call using an e-mail address:

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| <b>Step 1</b> | Lift the handset from the earpiece rest, press a line button, press the <b>SPEAKER</b> button, or press the <b>NewCall</b> softkey.  |
| <b>Step 2</b> | Press the <b>URL</b> softkey.  |
| <b>Step 3</b> | Spell the e-mail address by pressing the numbers that represent the letters in the e-mail address.<br><br>Depending on the letter, you might need to press the number button on the dialing pad one or more times to scroll through the list of displayed characters until you highlight the correct character.<br><br>Continue selecting characters until the entire e-mail address is spelled correctly. |
| <b>Step 4</b> | Press the pound (#) key or the <b>Dial</b> softkey to place the call immediately. (If you do not press a key, the call eventually dials automatically.)  |
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## Answering a Call

You can answer a call using the handset, headset, or speakerphone.

- To use the handset, lift the handset from the earpiece rest.
- To use a headset, press the **HEADSET** button, and press the line button of the incoming call.
- To use the speakerphone, press the **Answer** softkey or the **SPEAKER** button.

## Ending a Call

To end a call:

- If using the handset, put the handset on the earpiece rest.

- If using the headset, press the **EndCall** softkey. This method also works for all speaker modes.
- If using the speakerphone, press the **SPEAKER** button.

## Muting a Call

While on a call, you can mute the handset, headset, or speakerphone to prevent the party you are speaking to from hearing what you or someone else in the room is saying.

- To mute a call, press the **MUTE** button.
- To disengage mute, press the **MUTE** button again.

## Placing a Call on Hold

While on a call, you can place the call on hold, so that the caller cannot hear you and you cannot hear the caller. You can answer other calls while a call is on hold.

- To place a call on hold, press the **Hold** softkey.
- To return to the call, press the **Resume** softkey. If multiple calls are on hold, press the **Scroll** key to select the desired call before you press the **Resume** softkey.
- If multiple calls on multiple lines are on hold, press the line button for the line to which you want to switch and use the **Scroll** key to select the desired call before you press the **Resume** softkey.

## Transferring a Call

Perform the following steps to transfer a call to another phone:

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- Step 1** Press the **more** softkey and then press the **Trnsfer** softkey. This places the call on hold.
- Step 2** Dial the number to which you want to transfer the call.
- Step 3** When the dialed number rings on the other end, press the **Trnsfer** softkey again, or when the party answers, announce the call and then press the **Trnsfer** softkey.
- Step 4** Hang up if the party accepts the call.
- If the party refuses the call, return to the original call by pressing the **Resume** softkey.
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## Transferring a Call Without Talking to the Receiver

In an unattended transfer, you transfer the caller to another number without talking to the party who is to receive the call. The caller is transferred to the new party without verifying that the new party is there or willing to receive the call.

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- Step 1** During a call, press the **more** softkey, then press the **BlndXfr** softkey. This places the call on hold.
- Step 2** Dial the number to which you want to transfer the call.

- Step 3 Put the handset on the earpiece rest.
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## Redialing the Last Number Dialed

YOU can redial the most recently dialed number, by lifting the handset from the earpiece rest and pressing the **Redial** softkey. Or, without lifting the handset from the earpiece rest, you can press the **Redial** softkey to activate the speakerphone or headset.

## Placing a Speed Dial Call

After you have configured your phone preferences for speed dial capability, you can press the desired speed dial button to place a call to the associated number. Refer to [Configuring Speed Dial Lines, page 3-14](#) for the steps to configure speed dialing.

Perform the following steps to place a call using speed dial.

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- Step 1 Press the speed dial button associated with the number to be dialed.
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- Step 2 Lift the handset from the earpiece rest and press the speed dial button associated with the number to be dialed.
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## Making Calls from the Directory

The Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 maintains a directory of calls you missed, received, and placed. You can use these directories to locate numbers you want to dial. You can also use a corporate directory to quickly locate and call co-workers in your company.

The following sections describe what you can do with the directory:

- [Viewing or Dialing Missed Calls, page 3-7](#)
- [Viewing or Dialing Received and Placed Calls, page 3-8](#)

## Viewing or Dialing Missed Calls

If your phone display indicates you have missed one or more calls, you can use the Missed Calls option on the directories menu to view the call history and call back the missed call.

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- Step 1 Press the **directories** button.
- Step 2 Press the **Select** softkey to select **Missed Calls** from the Directory menu.
- The call history for missed calls is displayed on the LCD screen.
- Step 3 Press the **Dial** softkey to speed dial the highlighted number, as displayed, from the missed call list.

You might need to use the **Edit** softkey to add digits to the front of the number. For example, if the call was from an outside, long-distance caller, you might need to add the digits “91” to the front of the number displayed.

- Step 4** Press the **Exit** softkey twice to exit the Missed Calls directory and the directories menus.
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## Viewing or Dialing Received and Placed Calls

The Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 keeps a history of all calls you make and receive, including the caller ID, date, and time of the call. You can use this information to redial a party.

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- Step 1** Press the **directories** button.
- Step 2** Press the **Scroll** key to select the desired call history option: Missed Calls, Received Calls, Placed Calls, or Personal Directory.
- Step 3** Press the **Select** softkey to display the selected call history list.
- Step 4** Press the **Scroll** key to scroll through the numbers listed in the selected call history list.
- Step 5** If desired, press the **Dial** softkey to speed dial the highlighted number from the call history list.
- You might need to use the **Edit** softkey to add digits to the front of the number. For example, if the call was from an outside, long-distance caller, you might need to add the digits “91” to the front of the number.
- Step 6** When you are finished, press the **Exit** softkey twice to exit the selected directory menu and exit the directories menu.

## Using Call Forwarding

Call Forwarding for the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 might be handled from a network configuration by the system administrator; or call forwarding can be set up by performing the following steps.

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- Step 1** Press the **CFwdAll** softkey.
- Step 2** When the dial tone is heard, enter the digits for the number (to which the phone will be forwarded) using the dial pad.
- Step 3** When finished dialing, verify **Forwarded to xxxxxxxxx** (which is the number the phone is forwarded to) is displayed above the softkeys on the LCD screen.
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## Disabling Call Forwarding

Call Forwarding for the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 can be disabled by performing the following steps.

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- Step 1** Press the **CFwdAll** softkey.



- Step 2 Verify the message **Forwarded to xxxxxxxxx** is no longer displayed on the LCD screen.
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## Making Conference Calls

The Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 supports conference calls, enabling you to talk with two other calling parties.

These sections describe how to make conference calls with the phone:

- [Placing a Conference Call, page 3-9](#)
- [Conference Call Tips, page 3-9](#)
- [Using Voice Mail, page 3-9](#)

## Placing a Conference Call

Turn a call into a conference call by performing the following steps.

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- Step 1 During a call, press the **Confrn** softkey. This selects a new line and places the other party to whom you were speaking on hold.
- Step 2 Place a call to another number by using the dial pad to enter the digits of the other party to include on the conference call.
- Step 3 When the call connects, press **Confrn** again to add the other party to the conference call.

## Conference Call Tips

- When the conference call initiator disconnects, the conference call is terminated (if the `cdnf_join_enable` parameter is set to disabled).
- To place a conference call on hold, press the **Hold** softkey. The other parties can not talk among themselves. To avoid disrupting the other callers, consider muting the call instead. To mute the call, press the **MUTE** button.
- To place a conference call on speakerphone, press the **SPEAKER** button. Press the **MUTE** button to mute the speakerphone. The conference parties cannot hear you but you can hear them.
- The Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960 only allows three parties in a conference call.
- Call waiting calls cannot be conferenced in, the conferencing node must establish both legs of the 3-Way conference.

## Using Voice Mail

Voice mail allows you to access messages left by callers when you are unavailable to take their call. Voice mail is an optional feature configured by your system administrator. Your particular phone setup might not support accessing voice mail in this way.

These sections describe how to use voice mail with the Cisco IP Phone 7940/7960:

- [Setting Up Voice Mail, page 3-10](#)
- [Accessing Voice Mail, page 3-10](#)

## Setting Up Voice Mail

To set up voice mail, press the **messages** button and follow the voice instructions.

Refer to the documentation for your voice mail system for information about setting it up.

## Accessing Voice Mail

To access voice mail, press the **messages** button and follow the voice instructions.

The LCD displays a text message indicating the number of voice mail messages in your mailbox. The red light on your handset also lights when you have a voice mail message.

## Configuring Call Preferences

You can configure your phone preferences to prevent unwanted incoming calls.

These sections provide details about configuring privacy services:

- [Configuring Do Not Disturb, page 3-10](#)
- [Configuring Caller ID Blocking, page 3-11](#)
- [Blocking Anonymous Calls, page 3-11](#)
- [Configuring Auto Complete Number, page 3-12](#)
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- [Configuring Stutter Message Waiting, page 3-13](#)
- [Configuring Auto Answer \(Intercom\), page 3-13](#)
- [Configuring Speed Dial Lines, page 3-14](#)

## Configuring Do Not Disturb

You can block incoming calls by configuring the Do Not Disturb feature. Blocked calls are logged in the Missed Calls directory (see the [“Viewing or Dialing Missed Calls” section on page 3-7](#)).

Perform the following steps to configure the Do Not Disturb feature.

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- Step 1 Press the **settings** button.
  - Step 2 Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
  - Step 3 Press the **Select** softkey.
  - Step 4 Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Do Not Disturb** from the Call Preferences menu.
  - Step 5 To enable the Do Not Disturb feature, press the **Yes** softkey. To disable this feature, press the **No** softkey.

- Step 6** Press the **Save** softkey to save your selection of this feature and displays the Settings menu.
- Step 7** Press the Back softkey to display the main LCD screen. A **Do not disturb** message is displayed on the LCD screen.



**Note** When Do not disturb is enabled, a **Do not disturb** message is displayed on the LCD screen. You can disable Do not disturb by pressing the **DND** softkey or by performing the preceding steps and press the **No** softkey.

## Configuring Caller ID Blocking

You can configure your phone to have your phone number or e-mail address blocked from phones with caller identification capabilities by using the Caller ID Blocking feature.

Perform the following steps to configure the Caller ID Blocking feature.

- Step 1** Press the **settings** button.
- Step 2** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
- Step 3** Press the **Select** softkey.
- Step 4** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **CallerID Blocking** from the Call Preferences menu.
- Step 5** To enable the CallerID Blocking feature, press the **Yes** softkey. To disable the feature, press the **No** softkey.
- Step 6** Press the **Save** softkey to save your selection of this feature and display the Settings menu.
- Step 7** Press the **Back** softkey to display the main LCD screen.

## Blocking Anonymous Calls

You can block all anonymous calls using the Anonymous Call Block feature.

Perform the following steps to configure the Anonymous Call Block feature.

- Step 1** Press the **settings** button.
- Step 2** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
- Step 3** Press the **Select** softkey.
- Step 4** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Anonymous Call Block** from the Call Preferences menu.
- Step 5** To enable the Anonymous Call Block feature, press the **Yes** softkey. To disable this feature, press the **No** softkey.
- Step 6** Press the **Save** softkey to save your selection of this feature and display the Settings menu.
- Step 7** Press the **Back** softkey to display the main LCD screen.

## Configuring Auto Complete Number

You can configure your phone to automatically complete the phone number being dialed by using the Auto Complete Number feature.

Perform the following steps to configure the Auto Complete Number feature.

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- Step 1 Press the **settings** button.
  - Step 2 Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
  - Step 3 Press the **Select** softkey.
  - Step 4 Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Auto Complete Number** from the Call Preferences menu.
  - Step 5 To enable the Auto Complete Number feature, press the **Yes** softkey. To disable the feature, press the **No** softkey.
  - Step 6 Press the **Save** softkey to save your selection of this feature and display the Settings menu.
  - Step 7 Press the **Back** softkey to display the main LCD screen.
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## Configuring Call Waiting

You can configure your phone to provide a tone indicating an incoming call is waiting while on another call by using the Call Waiting feature.

Perform the following steps to configure the Call Waiting feature.

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- Step 1 Press the **settings** button.
  - Step 2 Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
  - Step 3 Press the **Select** softkey.
  - Step 4 Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Waiting** from the Call Preferences menu.
  - Step 5 To enable the Call Waiting feature, press the **Yes** softkey. To disable the feature, press the **No** softkey.
  - Step 6 Press the **Save** softkey to save your selection of this feature and display the Settings menu.
  - Step 7 Press the **Back** softkey to display the main LCD screen.
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## Configuring Call Hold Ringback

You can configure your phone to provide a ringback tone indicating a call is waiting on hold when you hang up the active call by using the Call Hold Ringback feature.

Perform the following steps to configure the Call Hold Ringback feature.

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- Step 1 Press the **settings** button.
  - Step 2 Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
  - Step 3 Press the **Select** softkey.

- Step 4** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Hold Ringback** from the Call Preferences menu.
  - Step 5** To enable the Call Hold Ringback feature, press the **Yes** softkey. To disable the feature, press the **No** softkey.
  - Step 6** Press the **Save** softkey to save your selection of this feature and display the Settings menu.
  - Step 7** Press the **Back** softkey to display the main LCD screen.
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## Configuring Stutter Message Waiting

You can configure your phone to provide a stutter dial tone when there is a message waiting when you receive dial tone for making a call by using the Stutter Msg. Waiting feature.

Perform the following steps to configure the Stutter Msg. Waiting feature.

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- Step 1** Press the **settings** button.
  - Step 2** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
  - Step 3** Press the **Select** softkey.
  - Step 4** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Stutter Msg. Waiting** from the Call Preferences menu.
  - Step 5** To enable the Stutter Msg. Waiting feature, press the **Yes** softkey. To disable the feature, press the **No** softkey.
  - Step 6** Press the **Save** softkey to save your selection of this feature and display the Settings menu.
  - Step 7** Press the **Back** softkey to display the main LCD screen.
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## Configuring Auto Answer (Intercom)

You can configure your phone to automatically answer an incoming call to the speaker by using the Auto Answer (Intercom) feature.

Perform the following steps to configure the Auto Answer (Intercom) feature.

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- Step 1** Press the **settings** button.
- Step 2** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
- Step 3** Press the **Select** softkey.
- Step 4** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Auto Answer (Intercom)** from the Call Preferences menu.
- Step 5** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight the line (Line 1 or Line 2) you want to configure for auto answer.
- Step 6** To enable the Auto Answer (Intercom) feature for the selected line, press the **Yes** softkey. To disable the feature for the selected line, press the **No** softkey.
- Step 7** Repeat [Step 5](#) and [Step 6](#) if you want to enable or disable this feature for the other line.
- Step 8** Press the **Save** softkey to save your selection of this feature and display the Settings menu.

- Step 9** Press the **Back** softkey to display the main LCD screen.
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## Configuring Speed Dial Lines

You can configure your phone to automatically dial a number when you press a button by using the Speed Dial Lines feature.

Perform the following steps to configure the Speed Dial Lines feature.

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- Step 1** Press the **settings** button.
- Step 2** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Call Preferences**.
- Step 3** Press the **Select** softkey.
- Step 4** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight **Speed Dial Lines** from the Call Preferences menu.
- Step 5** Press the **Select** softkey.
- Step 6** Press the **Scroll** key to highlight Line 3, Line 4, Line 5, or Line 6.



**Note** There are four possible speed dial numbers that can be configured on the Cisco IP 7960G and one possible speed dial number on the Cisco IP 7940G.

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- Step 7** Press the **Edit** softkey.
- Step 8** Enter a brief description for the selected speed dial line for New Label.

Depending on the letter, you might need to press the number button on the dialing pad one or more times to scroll through the list of displayed characters until you highlight the correct character. You can press the <-- softkey to move the cursor one character to the left deleting the last character each time the softkey is pressed. Pressing the 1, \*, or 0 keypad keys allows you to enter some special characters.

- Step 9** Press the **Scroll** key down arrow to select the New Number line.
- Step 10** Press the **Number** softkey and enter a number for the selected speed dial line.
- Step 11** When the New Label and New Number are correct, press the **Accept** softkey.



**Note** The message: **Input too long** may be displayed if you entered too many characters for a label or for a number.

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- Step 12** Repeat [Step 6](#) through [Step 11](#) if you want to set speed dial for another line.
- Step 13** Press the **Back** softkey to display the Call Preferences menu.
- Step 14** Press the **Back** softkey repeatedly to display another menu or until the main LCD screen is displayed.
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