



PRODUCT GUARANTEE

This product is guaranteed against manufacturing defects for a period of



This product is guaranteed for twelve months from the date of original purchase. Any defect that arises due to faulty materials or workmanship will either be replaced, refunded or repaired free of charge where possible during this period by the dealer from whom you purchased the unit.

The guarantee is subject to the following provisions:

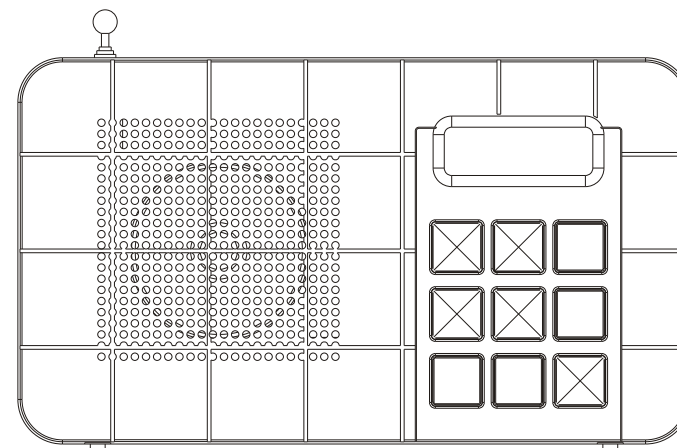
- The guarantee does not cover accidental damage, misuse, cabinet parts, knobs or consumable items.
- The product must be correctly installed and operated in accordance with the instructions contained in this manual.
- It must be used solely for domestic purpose.
- The guarantee will be rendered invalid if the product is re-sold or has been damaged by inexpert repair.
- Specifications are subject to change without notice.
- The manufacturer disclaims any liability for the incidental or consequential damages.
- The guarantee is in addition to, and does not diminish your statutory or legal rights.

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Instruction Manual - Please keep for future reference

DAB/FM DIGITAL RADIO



IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

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WARNING

Misuse or modification of this appliance may result in breakdown or injury.
To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this appliance to rain or moisture.
Invisible laser radiation when open. Avoid exposure to the beam.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The appliance is intended for household use only.
The appliance should always be turned to OFF before plugging or unplugging from socket. Never yank cord to disconnect from socket; instead, grasp plug and pull to disconnect.
Check that the voltage on the rating plate of your product corresponds with your local electricity supply which must be A.C. (Alternating Current).
If the mains sockets in your home are not suitable for the plug supplied with this product, check with a qualified electrician for replacement.
Never touch the pickup lens.
Do not allow foreign objects to get inside the player.
To keep dust from the pickup lens, keep the disc compartment or lid closed after use.

FOR OPTIMUM PERFORMANCE


Do not use in environments which are extremely hot, cold, dusty or humid.
Keep the unit free from dust and clean with a dry cloth.
Do not use in areas exposed to direct sunlight or where it can become extremely hot.
Keep away from sources of strong magnetism - such as televisions or speakers.
Avoid placement where there is a lot of movement, vibration or on an unstable surface.

FOR SAFETY

DO NOT:

Attempt to disassemble this unit or carry out repairs.
Attempt to modify the unit in any way.
Make sure that foreign objects do not get inside the unit.
Place naked flame sources - such as lit candles on or near the unit.
Place objects filled with liquids - such as vases, on or next to the unit.
Cover the unit - allow the unit to be well ventilated.
Drop the unit or subject it to strong shocks.

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CHILDREN


Children do not always understand the dangers associated with operating electrical appliances.
Never allow children to use this appliance.

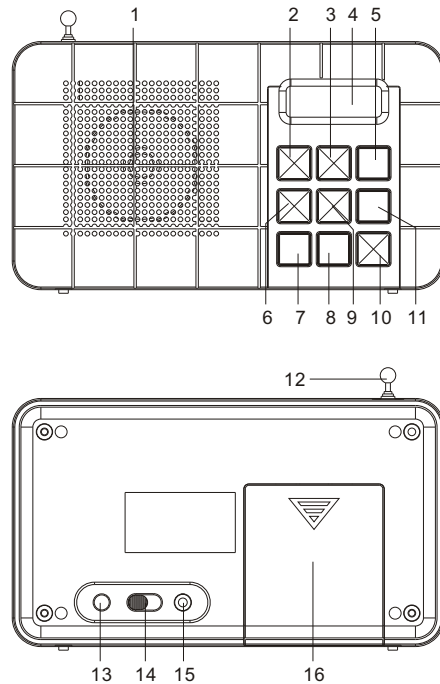
POWER SUPPLY

If the unit uses a mains supply, ensure that the plug is securely inserted into the mains socket, and it is easily accessible.
Protect the power lead from sharp objects, excessive heat and damp or wet locations. Check the power lead periodically, and replace if damaged.
If the unit uses batteries, please ensure that they are inserted correctly - observing the polarity (+/-).
Do not mix new and used batteries.
Please make sure that used batteries are disposed of correctly. Do not burn or incinerate.
Check that the voltage on the rating plate of your product corresponds with your local electricity supply which must be A.C. (Alternating Current).
Any repairs should only be carried out by a fully qualified electrician or an authorised service agent.

LISTENING WITH EARPHONES

Listen at moderate volumes to avoid hearing damage.
If you hear no sound during playback, do not turn the volume up as the music may suddenly begin at a high volume.
To avoid damaging your ears, adjust the volume to the lowest level before playback, and turn up to the desired level when playback has started.

 CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK), THERE ARE NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE, REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



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| 1. SPEAKER | 9. ▼ BUTTON |
| 2. INFO BUTTON | 10. MODE BUTTON |
| 3. ▲ BUTTON | 11. VOLUME - BUTTON |
| 4. LCD DISPLAY | 12. ANTENNA |
| 5. VOLUME + BUTTON | 13. DC INPUT SOCKET |
| 6. MENU BUTTON | 14. POWER ON/OFF SWITCH |
| 7. PRESET BUTTON | 15. HEADPHONE JACK |
| 8. SELECT BUTTON | 16. BATTERY DOOR |

AC operation

1. Ensure the **POWER ON/OFF** switch located at the back of the radio is in the "OFF" position.
2. Insert the DC power jack of the AC/DC adaptor to the DC input socket located at the back of the radio.
3. Plug the AC/DC Adaptor to the AC mains outlet.
4. Slide the **POWER ON/OFF** switch to the "ON" position to turn the radio on.

DC (battery) operation

1. Ensure the AC/DC adaptor is disconnected from the radio and AC mains.
2. Installed the batteries (4X1.5V UM3/AA battery) into the battery compartment.
3. Slide the **POWER ON/OFF** switch to the "ON" position to turn the radio on.

Note: To obtain the best performance in DC operation, the use of alkaline batteries is highly recommended.

Display backlight

When the radio is switched to on (in both AC & DC battery operation), the display backlight will be turned on to full brightness for around 10 seconds and then go to dim, it will then be turned on to full brightness again for 10 seconds on every key press.

LISTENING TO YOUR RADIO

Hints for better reception

This radio is fitted with a single DAB/FM telescopic antenna, to obtain the best performance, you should fully extend the antenna and this is highly recommended for DAB reception.

DAB mode

If the radio is switched on for the first time, it will automatically enter into the DAB mode and perform auto scanfunction. During the scan the display will show "Scanning ..." together with a slide bar that indicates the progress of the scan and the amount of stations that have been found so far. (F. 1) (F. 2)

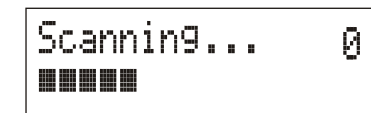
Once the scan has finished, the radio will select the first alphanumerically found station. You can now press the ▲ or ▼ button to explore the found stations followed by pressing the **SELECT** button to select listening to the station.

Note: If there is no stations found after auto scan, the radio will then enter into the Tune Select Menu, you can now press the ▲ or ▼ button followed by pressing the **SELECT** button to select "Manual tune" or "Autoscan" for stations.

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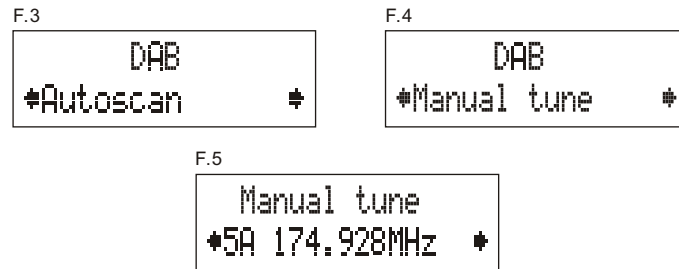
DAB auto scan

The auto scan will search for the entire DAB Band III channels. After the scan has finished, the first alphanumerically found station will be automatically selected.

1. To activate auto scan, first press the **MENU** button to enter into the Tune Select Menu and then press the **▲** or **▼** button to select "Autoscan", finally press the **SELECT** button to confirm, the display will show "Scanning ..." and a progressing slide bar. (F. 3)
2. All the stations that have been found will be stored automatically, to explore the stations that have been found, press the **▲** or **▼** buttons and when you find a station that you would like to listen to, press the **SELECT** button.

DAB manual tune

1. To select manual tune, first press the **MENU** button to enter into the Tune Select Menu, then press the **SELECT** button to select "Manual tune". (F. 4) (F. 5)
2. Press the **▲** or **▼** button to move through the DAB channels, the display will show "5A to 13F" and their associated frequencies.
3. When your desired frequency appears in the display, press the **SELECT** button to confirm. The name of the station group (ensemble/multiplex) will be displayed.
4. To listen to the station selected, press the **SELECT** button again.



DAB secondary services

On some occasions you will see a ">" symbol directly after the name of the station, this indicates that there are secondary services available to that station. These secondary services contain extra services that relate to the primary station. E.g. a sports station may want to add extra commentaries. The secondary services are inserted directly after the primary station. To select the secondary station, press on the **SELECT** control once.

DAB display modes

Every time you press the **INFO** button, the display will cycle through the following display modes:



Time and date

The time and date will be automatically updated by the broadcasted information; it is no need to set the clock manually. In the unlikely event that no clock information is received, the display will show "<TIME/DATE>".

Frequency

The frequency of the present station will be displayed.

Audio bit rate

The display will show the digital audio bit rate being received.

Signal strength

The display will show a slide bar to indicate the signal strength, the stronger the signal, the longer the bar will be from left to right.

DLS

DLS stands for Dynamic Label Segment which is a scrolling message that the broadcaster may include in their transmissions. The message usually includes information such as programme details ...etc.

Programme type

This describes the style of the programme that is being broadcast. If the information is not available, the display will show "<Programme Type>".

Ensemble/Multiplex (Group name)

The Ensemble/Multiplex is a collection of radio stations that are bundled and transmitted together in a single frequency. There are national and local multiplexes, local ones contain stations that are specific to that area.

Note: Press and hold the **INFO** button for longer than 2 seconds, the software version number will be displayed.

FM radio

1. To select FM, press the **MODE** button, the display will show FM and the frequency.
2. To activate auto search, press and hold the **▲** or **▼** button until it starts to scan up or down the frequency band, the display will show "Searching ... > ." or "Searching ... < .", and it will stop automatically once a station has been found. (F. 6)(F. 7)
3. To activate manual search, repeatedly press the **▲** or **▼** button.
4. To select audio mode, press the **SELECT** button to toggle between the "Auto" or "Mono" selection.

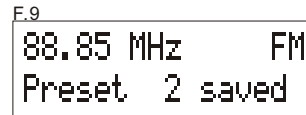
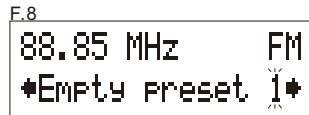
Note: The radio will automatically switch between stereo and mono mode, but you can override this and switch this function manually which is helpful for poor signal reception.



STORING AND RECALLING STORED STATIONS

In either DAB or FM mode, you can store up to 10 stations to the favourite presets; this will enable you to get direct access to your favourite stations.

1. To store a preset, first tune to your desired station, then press and hold the **PRESET** button, the display will show "Empty preset 1", and the preset number will flash. (F. 8)
2. Press the **▲** or **▼** button to select your desired station preset number.
3. Press the **SELECT** to confirm your selection, the display will show "Preset # saved" (F. 9)
4. To recall a preset station, first press the **PRESET** button once, then press the **▲** or **▼** button to scroll up or down the presets that you have stored. When the display shows your desired preset number, release the buttons. If the preset hasn't been allocated a station, the display will show "Empty preset #".



FACTORY RESET

When you move the radio to another part of the country, your pre-tuned and stored DAB stations may no longer be available. If this is the case then you will need to reset your radio back to its original factory settings; to perform a factory reset, please do the following:

1. Connect the radio to AC mains (via the AC/DC adaptor), then slide the **POWER ON/OFF** switch to the "ON" position to turn the radio on.
2. Press and hold the **MENU** button until the display shows "Press SELECT to confirm reset".
3. Release the **MENU** button and press the **SELECT** button once, the display will first show "Restarting ..." and after the reset is completed, the radio will then automatically enter into the DAB mode and perform auto scan function. After the scan has finished, the radio will select and display the first alphanumerically found station.

Note: All of your stored DAB & FM presets will be lost once the reset has taken place.

HEADPHONE JACK

A 3.5mm type headphone jack is located at the back of the radio. Connect a set of headphones (not included) to this jack for private listening without disturbing others. The speaker is automatically disconnected when the headphones are in use.

IMPORTANT: When using headphones always set the volume to a low level before you put the headphones on. Then insert the headphones and gradually increase the volume to a comfortable listening level.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Rated voltage (adaptor)	AC 100 – 240V~ 50/60Hz, 0.15A
Adaptor output	DC 6V 0.8A
Rated voltage (radio)	DC 6V (1.5V x 4 AA)
Power consumption	4.5 W
Audio output	1W RMS
Radio	DAB 174-240MHz FM 87.5-108MHz
Operating conditions	Temperature: 5°C to 35°C Humidity 5% to 90%
Operating position	Horizontal

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Trouble shooting guide

Observation	Potential cause / solution
The unit does not work	Has the adaptor lead been correctly plugged into the mains and the DC input jack at the rear of the unit? Does the socket that is being used have power? Has the power lead been removed from the back of the unit without the batteries being installed?
The unit does not work on batteries	Has the adaptor lead been removed from the back of the unit? Are the batteries inserted correctly? Are the batteries exhausted?
No sound	Is the volume control set at minimum? Are headphones fitted in the phones jack?
Radio reception noisy (FM)	Extend the antenna or adjust the position of the radio. FM stereo – if weak switch to MONO as this requires less signal strength.
Radio reception stutters / bubbling sounds (DAB)	Signal is weak. Extend the antenna or adjust the location of the radio. Positions higher up or nearer windows may improve reception.
No DAB reception	Try re-orienting the antenna or moving the radio to a different location. Check that your local area has DAB coverage on www.ukdigitalradio.com/coverage/postcodesearch/



WASTE ELECTRICAL PRODUCTS SHOULD NOT BE DISPOSED OF WITH HOUSEHOLD WASTE. PLEASE RECYCLE WHERE FACILITIES EXIST. CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY FOR RECYCLING ADVICE.