INSTRUCTION MANUAL

HITACHI
Inspire the Next

Soundbar
AXS014BTU

418/1310



Important - Please read these instructions fully before installing or operating and keep for future reference.

These instructions contain important information which will help you get the best from your Sound Bar and ensure safe and correct installation and operation.

For any help concerning set up and use of your TV please call the Customer Helpline: 0345 604 0105

Lines open: 9am - 8pm Monday to Saturday and 10am - 4pm Sunday

Contents

Some Dos and Don'ts on the Safe Use of Equipment **4**
Safety Warnings **6**
Support **8**
Unpacking **9**
Product Overview **10**
Front View 10
Top View 10
Bottom View 10
Remote Control **11**
Remove the Plastic Strip from the Remote Control **11**
Battery Replacement for the Remote Control **11**
Handling the Battery 12
Handling the Remote Control 12
Remote Control Operation Range **12**
Connections **13**
Using the OPTICAL Connection 13
Using the AUX Connection 13
Using the Audio Connection 14
Using the Bluetooth Connection 14
Connecting to the Mains Supply 15
General Operation **16**
Selecting Modes 16
Adjusting the Volume 16
Maintenance **16**
Cleaning the Unit 16
Attaching Self Adhesive Pads 16
Hints and Tips **17**
Specifications **17**
Notes for battery disposal **18**
Guarantee **19**

SOME DOS AND DON'TS ON THE SAFE USE OF EQUIPMENT

This equipment has been designed and manufactured to meet international safety standards but, like any electrical equipment, care must be taken if you are to obtain the best results and safety is to be assured.

DO read the operating instructions before you attempt to use the equipment.

DO ensure that all electrical connections (including the mains plug, extension leads and inter-connections between the pieces of equipment) are properly made and in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Switch off and withdraw the mains plug before making or changing connections.

DO consult your dealer if you are ever in doubt about the installation, operation or safety of your equipment.

DO be careful with glass panels or doors on the equipment.

DO route the mains lead so that it is not likely to be walked on, crushed, chafed, or subjected to excessive wear and tear or heat.

DON'T remove any fixed cover as this may expose dangerous voltages.

DON'T obstruct the ventilation openings of the equipment with items such as newspapers, tablecloths, curtains, etc. Overheating will cause damage and shorten the life of the equipment.

DON'T allow electrical equipment to be exposed to dripping or splashing, or objects filled with liquids, such as vases.

DON'T place hot objects or naked flame sources such as lighted candles or nightlights on, or close, to equipment. High temperatures can melt plastic and lead to fires.

DON'T use makeshift stands and NEVER fix legs with wooden screws. To ensure complete safety always fit the manufacturer's approved stand or legs with the fixings provided and according to the instructions.

DON'T use equipment such as personal stereos or radios that will distract you from the requirements of traffic safety.

DON'T listen to headphones at high volume, as such use can permanently damage your hearing.

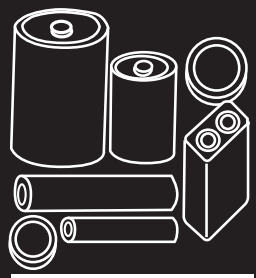
DON'T leave equipment switched on when it is unattended unless it is specifically stated that is designed for unattended operation or has a stand-by mode. Switch off using the ON/OFF switch on the equipment or at the mains socket, and make sure that your family knows how to do this. Special arrangements may need to be made for infirm or handicapped people.

DON'T continue to operate the equipment if you are in any doubt about it working normally, or if it is damaged in any way – switch off, remove the mains plug from the mains socket and consult your dealer.

ABOVE ALL

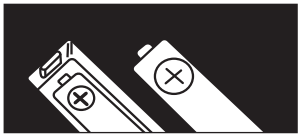
– NEVER let anyone especially children push anything into holes, slots or any other opening in the equipment – this could result in a fatal electric shock.

– NEVER guess or take chances with electrical equipment of any kind. It is better to be safe than sorry!

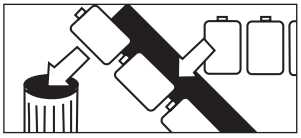


BATTERY SAFETY GUIDELINES

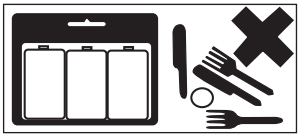
Used correctly, domestic batteries are a safe and dependable source of portable power. Problems can occur if they are misused or abused – resulting in leakage or, in extreme cases, fire or explosion.
Here are some simple guidelines to safe battery use designed to eliminate any such problems.



Take care to fit your batteries correctly, observing the plus and minus marks on the battery and appliance. Incorrect fitting can cause leakage or, in extreme cases, fire or even an explosion.



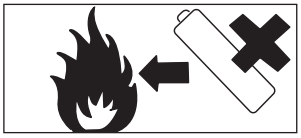
Replace the whole set of batteries at one time, taking care not to mix old and new batteries or batteries of different types, since this can result in leakage or, in extreme cases, fire or even an explosion.



Store unused batteries in their packaging and away from metal objects which may cause a short-circuit resulting in leakage or, in extreme cases, fire or even an explosion.



Remove dead batteries from equipment and all batteries from equipment you know you are not going to use for a long time. Otherwise the batteries may leak and cause damage.



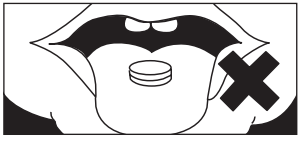
Never dispose of batteries in fire as this can cause them to explode. Please recycle dead batteries; do not put with the normal household waste.



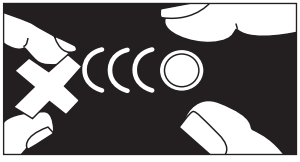
Never attempt to recharge ordinary batteries, either in a charger or by applying heat to them. They may leak, cause fire or even explode. There are special rechargeable batteries which are clearly marked as such.



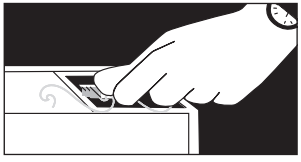
Supervise children if they are replacing batteries themselves in order to ensure these guidelines are followed.



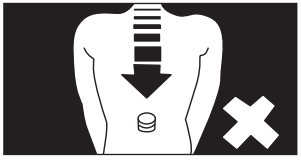
Remember that small button cell batteries such as used in some hearing aids, toys, games and other appliances, are easily swallowed by young children and this can be dangerous.



Keep loose button cells away from young children.



Make sure battery compartments are secure.



Seek medical advice if you believe a cell has been swallowed.

For any help concerning set up and use of your TV please call the Customer Helpline: 0345 604 0105

Safety Warnings

- Read all the instructions carefully before using the unit and keep them for future reference.
- Retain the manual. If you pass the unit onto a third party make sure to include this manual.
- Check that the voltage marked on the rating label matches your mains voltage.

Damage

- Please inspect the unit for damage after unpacking.
- Do not continue to operate the unit if you are in any doubt about it working normally, or if it is damaged in any way - switch off, withdraw the mains plug and consult your dealer.

Location of Unit

- The unit must be placed on a flat stable surface and should not be subjected to vibrations.
- Do not place the unit on sloped or unstable surfaces as the unit may fall off or tip over.
- The mains socket must be located near the unit and should be easily accessible.

Temperature

- Avoid extreme degrees of temperature, either hot or cold. Place the unit well away from heat sources such as radiators or gas/ electric fires.
- Avoid exposure to direct sunlight and other sources of heat.

Naked Flames

- Never place any type of candle or naked flame on the top of or near the unit.

Moisture

- To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or product damage, do not expose this unit to rain, moisture, dripping or splashing. No objects filled with liquids, such as vases, should be placed on the unit.
- If you spill any liquid into the unit, it can cause serious damage. Switch it off at the mains immediately. Withdraw the mains plug and consult your dealer.

Ventilation

- To prevent the risk of electric shock or fire hazard due to overheating, ensure that curtains and other materials do not obstruct the ventilation vents.
- Do not install or place this unit in a bookcase, built-in cabinet or in another confined space. Ensure the unit is well ventilated.

Safety

- Always disconnect the unit from the mains supply before connecting/ disconnecting other devices or moving the unit.
- Unplug the unit from the mains socket before a lightning storm.

Mains Adapter

- The mains adapter will continue to draw electricity from the mains supply when plugged in the mains socket. In the interests of safety and to avoid unnecessary energy consumption, never leave the adapter plugged in the mains socket while unattended for long periods of time. Disconnect the adapter from the power supply.

Mains Adapter Cable

- Make sure the unit or unit stand is not resting on top of the mains adapter cable, as the weight of the unit may damage the cable and create a safety hazard.

Interference

- Do not place the unit on or near appliances which may cause electromagnetic interference. If you do, it may adversely affect the operating performance of the unit, and cause a distorted picture or sound.

Batteries

- Batteries used in the remote control for this unit are easily swallowed by young children and this is dangerous.
- Please dispose of batteries correctly by following the guidance in this manual.

Supervision

- Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the unit and the remote control.
- Never let anyone especially children push anything into the holes, slots or any other openings in the case - this could result in a fatal electric shock.





The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol, within an equilateral triangle, is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the unit's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the manual accompanying the unit.

Service

- To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove screws. The unit does not contain any user-serviceable parts. Please leave all maintenance work to qualified personnel.
- Do not open any fixed covers as this may expose dangerous voltages.

Maintenance

- Ensure the unit is fully unplugged from the power supply before cleaning.
- Do not use any type of abrasive pad or abrasive cleaning solutions as these may damage the unit's surface.
- Do not use liquids to clean the unit.

- No naked flame sources,such as lighted candles, should be placed on the apparatus.

- Aucune source de flamme nue, telle que des bougies allumées, ne doitêtre placé sur l'appareil.

Technical experts are available 7 days a week

- **Simple help and advice on setting up your digital equipment (image).**
- **Guidance on connecting other devices to your television such as a DVD player, Sky, home cinema system or a games console.**
- **Order spare parts, including that lost remote control.**
- **Any other technical issues you may need assistance with.**

Call us today: 0345 604 0105

Local call rates applies*

Lines open 9am-8pm Monday to Saturday and 10am-4pm Sunday.

*Calls to Argos enquiry lines may attract a charge and set up fee from residential lines depending on your call plan/tariff. Mobile and other providers costs may vary, see www.bt.com/pricing for details.

For Security and training purposes, telephone calls to and from customer service centres maybe recorded and monitored. Calls from Republic of Ireland will attract international call charges.

Thank you for purchasing your new HITACHI Soundbar.

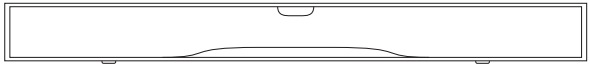
We recommend that you spend some time reading this instruction manual so that you fully understand all the operational features it offers. You will also find some hints and tips to help you resolve any issues.

Read all the safety instructions carefully before use and keep this instruction manual for future reference.

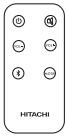
Unpacking

Remove all items from the packaging. Retain the packaging. If you dispose of it please do so according to local regulations.

The following items are included:



Main Unit



Remote Control



3.5mm to
RCA Stereo Audio Cable



3.5mm to
3.5mm Stereo Audio Cable



Mains Adapter



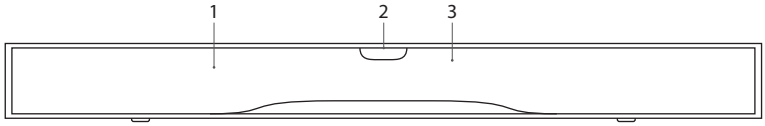
Instruction Manual



Foot pad
Use it when lay the unit
flat or mount it on the wall

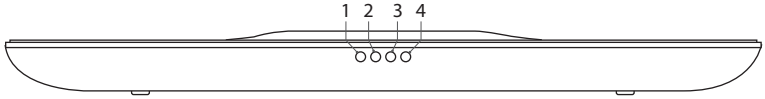
Product Overview

Front View



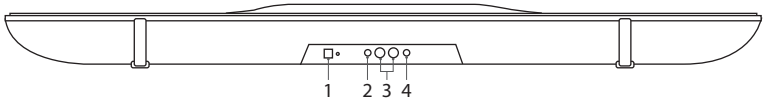
1. Speakers
2. LED Indicator
   - Unlit when the unit is in **STANDBY** mode.
   - Lights up green in **AUX IN** or **AUDIO IN** modes.
   - Lights up red in **OPTICAL** mode.
   - Lights up blue in **BLUETOOTH** modes.
3. Remote Control Sensor
   Receives signal from the remote control.

Top View



1. ⏻ Button
   Switches the unit between **ON** and **STANDBY** modes.
2. **MODE** Button
   Selects the input source.
3. **VOL –** Button
   Decreases the volume.
4. **VOL +** Button
   Increases the volume.

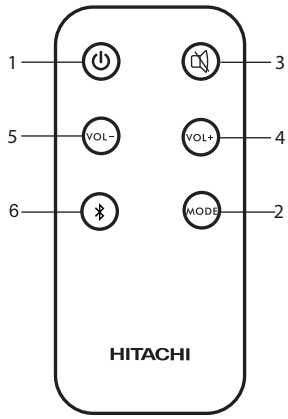
Bottom View



1. **D1 OPTICAL** Socket
2. **DC IN** Socket
3. **AUDIO IN (L/R)** Sockets
4. **AUX IN** Socket

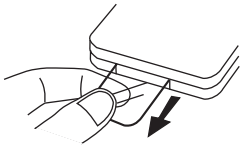
Remote Control

1. ⏻ Button
   Switches the unit between **ON** and **STANDBY** modes.
2. **MODE** Button
   Selects the input source.
3. 🔇 Button
   Mutes the unit or resumes the sound.
4. **VOL +** Button
   Increases the volume.
5. **VOL –** Button
   Decreases the volume.
6. ᛒ Bluetooth Connection



Remove the Plastic Strip from the Remote Control

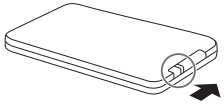
Remove the plastic strip from the battery if the battery is being used for the first time. It is located at the bottom rear of the remote control.



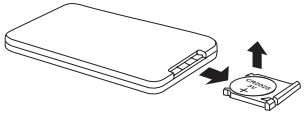
Battery Replacement for the Remote Control

The remote control requires a CR2025, 3V Lithium battery.

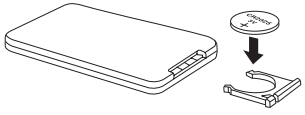
1. Slide and hold the battery release tab in the direction of the arrow.



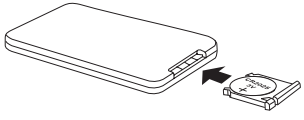
2. Pull out the battery holder and remove the old battery.



3. Replace with a new battery.



4. Insert the battery holder back into the remote control.



Handling the Battery

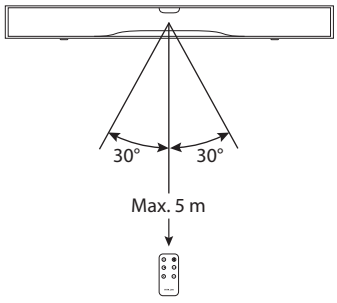
- Improper or incorrect use of batteries may cause corrosion or battery leakage, which could cause fire, personal injury or damage to property.
- Install the battery correctly in the battery compartment. Normally the battery's positive polarity (+) will face up.
- Use only the battery type indicated in this manual.
- Do not dispose of the used battery as domestic waste. Dispose of it in accordance with local regulations.
- Small button cell batteries such as the one used in the remote control are easily swallowed by young children and this is dangerous. Keep loose button cells away from young children and make sure that the battery is secure in the remote control. Seek medical advice if you believe a battery cell has been swallowed.

Handling the Remote Control

- Take care of your fingernails when you slide and pull the battery release tab.
- Do not drop the remote control.
- Do not allow anything to impact the remote control.
- Do not spill water or liquid on the remote control.
- Do not place the remote control on a wet object.
- Do not place the remote control under direct sunlight or near sources of excessive heat.
- Remove the battery from the remote control when not in use for a long period of time, as corrosion or battery leakage may occur and result in physical injury, and/or property damage, and/or fire.
- When the battery is exhausted, the remote control will not function.

Remote Control Operation Range

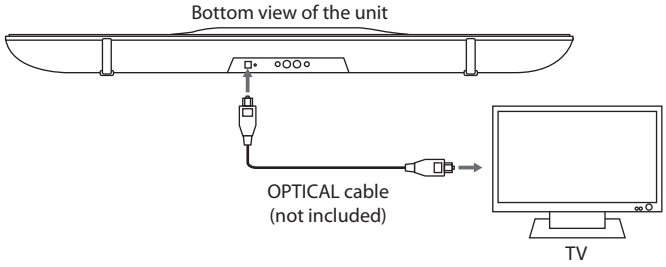
- The remote control sensor on the front unit is sensitive to the remote control's commands up to a maximum of 5 metres away and within a maximum of a 60° arc.
- Please note that the operating distance may vary depending on the brightness of the room.



Connections

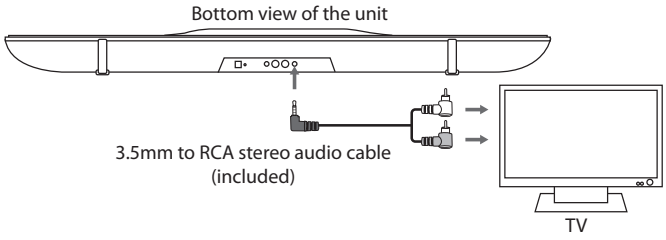
Using the OPTICAL Connection

Use an optical cable (not included) to connect the TV's **OPTICAL OUT** socket to the soundbar's **D1 OPTICAL** socket.

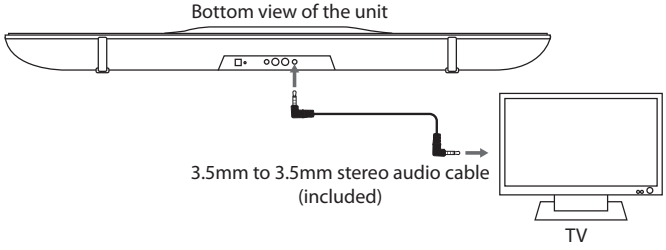


Using the AUX Connection

Use a 3.5mm to RCA stereo audio cable (included) to connect the TV's audio output sockets to the soundbar's **AUX IN** socket.

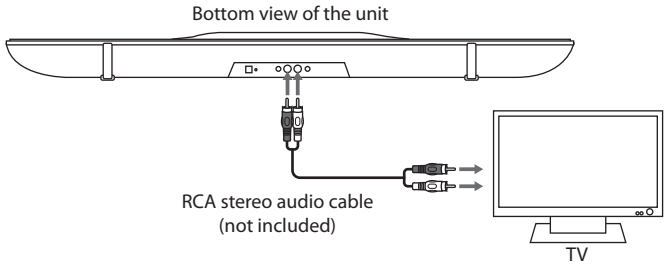


Use a 3.5mm to 3.5mm stereo audio cable (included) to connect the TV's headphone socket to the soundbar's **AUX IN** socket.



Using the Audio Connection

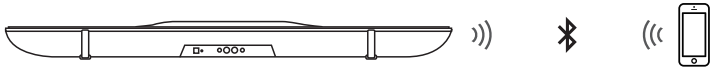
Use an RCA stereo audio cable (not included) to connect the TV's audio output sockets to the soundbar's **AUDIO IN (L/R)** sockets.



To listen with **AUDIO IN (L/R)** sockets in **AUX** mode, make sure **AUX IN** socket is unplugged.

Using the Bluetooth Connection

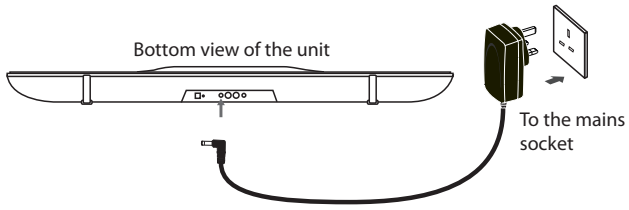
- Keep the distance of the Soundbar and your mobile phone, PC, tablet or other Bluetooth enabled device within 1 meter. The closer, the better.
- Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your device and that your device is discoverable.
- Select the Bluetooth mode on the soundbar:
  - Using the remote control, press the Bluetooth button. The indicator light on the soundbar will be flashing blue.
  - Alternatively, Press the Mode button on the Soundbar until the indicator light is flashing blue.
- Select pairing mode:
  - Using the remote control, press and hold the Bluetooth button for 3 seconds until blue indicator light is flashing rapidly.
  - Alternatively, press and hold the Mode button on the Soundbar for 3 seconds until the blue indicator light is flashing rapidly.
- Select the Bluetooth search function on your device. Your device should discover the Soundbar which is called "Hitachi Soundbar".
- Select "Hitachi Soundbar". Your device is paired with the Soundbar when the blue indicator light stops flashing and becomes solid.



Connecting to the Mains Supply

- This unit is designed to operate with the provided mains adapter.
- Connecting the unit to any other power source may damage the unit. Unwind the mains adapter cable to its full length. Connect the end of the cable to the **DC IN** Socket at the bottom of the unit and then connect the mains adapter to the mains socket. Make sure the mains adapter is firmly inserted into the mains socket. The unit is now connected and ready to use.
- To switch the unit off completely, unplug the mains adapter from the mains socket.

Ensure all audio connections of the unit are connected before connecting to the mains power socket.



General Operation

When you first connect the unit to the mains socket, the unit will be in **STANDBY** mode. The LED indicator will not light up.

- Press ⏻ on the unit or the remote control to switch the unit to **ON** mode. The LED indicator will light up blue.
- Press ⏻ to switch the unit back to **STANDBY** mode. The LED indicator will not light up.
- Disconnect the mains plug from the mains socket if you want to switch the unit off completely.

When the unit volume is close to mute or is idle for approximately 15 minutes, it will automatically switch to Standby.

Selecting Modes

Press **MODE** on the unit or the remote control to switch between **AUX** and **OPTICAL** and **BLUETOOTH** mode.

The LED indicator will light up green if in **AUX** mode and red if in **OPTICAL** and blue if in **BLUETOOTH** mode.

AUX mode is the default mode every time the unit is switched on.

Adjusting the Volume

- Press **VOL +/–** on the unit or the remote control to adjust the volume.
- If you wish to turn the sound off, press 🔇 on the remote control. Press 🔇 again to resume normal listening.

Maintenance

Cleaning the Unit

Ensure the unit is fully unplugged from the mains socket before cleaning.

- To clean the unit, wipe the case with a slightly moist, lint-free cloth.
- Do not use any cleaning fluids containing alcohol, ammonia or abrasives.
- Do not spray aerosol at or near the unit.

Attaching Self Adhesive Pads

- Peel back the adhesive cover on the foot pad.
- Align and attach the adhesive side of the pad to the foot pad cutaway section on the bottom of the soundbar.
- Press the pads firmly to ensure they are well secured.

Hints and Tips

If a problem occurs, it may often be due to something very minor. The following table contains various tips:

Problem	Solution
No power.	• Ensure the mains adapter is connected securely at both ends. • Make sure that the **ON** mode is selected.
The remote control is not functioning.	• Use the remote control near the unit. • Point the remote control at the remote sensor on the unit. • Replace the battery in the remote control with a new one. • Remove any obstacles between the remote control and the unit.
Loud hum or noise is heard.	• The plugs and sockets are dirty. Wipe them with a cloth slightly moistened with an appropriate non-abrasive cleaning solution.

If any functional abnormality is encountered, unplug the unit from the mains socket and reconnect it again.

Specifications

Model	**AXS014BTU**
Mains Adapter	Input AC 100-240V ~50/60Hz, 1A Output DC 15V, 2.0A
Peak Power	120W
Power Consumption	30W
Speaker Output Power	2 x 15 Wrms @ 2% THD
Net Weight	1.5kg
Dimension	812mm(W) x 68mm(D) x 82mm(H)

Features and specifications are subject to change without prior notice.

Notes for battery disposal
The batteries used with this product contain chemicals that are harmful to the environment. To preserve our environment, dispose of used batteries according to your local laws or regulations. Do not dispose of batteries with normal household waste.
For more information, please contact the local authority or your retailer where you purchased the product.



The above mark is in compliance with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive 2002/96/EC (WEEE).
The mark indicates the requirement NOT to dispose the equipment including any spent or discarded batteries as unsorted municipal waste, but use the return and collection systems available. If the batteries or accumulators included with this equipment display the chemical symbol Hg, Cd or Pb, then it means that the battery has a heavy metal content of more than 0.0005% Mercury, or more than 0.002% Cadmium or more than, 0.004% Lead.

In the unlikely event of a problem developing, please contact the store where you purchased your equipment.
We continually strive to improve our products; specifications may change without prior notice.
For advice on where to purchase accessories, please contact the store where you purchased your equipment.

All trademarks are the property of their respective owners and all rights are acknowledged.

Product Guarantee

This product is guaranteed against manufacturing defects for a period of



Year

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 invalided 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.
- In the event of a problem with the product with in the guarantee period call the **Customer Helpline: 0345 604 0105**.

Guarantor: Argos Ltd
489 - 499 Avebury Boulevard
Central Milton Keynes
MK9 2NW

HITACHI
Inspire the Next

Manufacturer:
Hitachi Europe Ltd.,
Whitebrook Park,
Lower Cookham Road,
Maidenhead,
Berkshire SL6 8YA
U.K.

Importer:
Argos Ltd.,
489 - 499 Avebury Boulevard,
Central Milton Keynes,
Buckinghamshire MK9 2NW
U.K.

www.hitachidigitalmedia.com