ALBA

Micro System
with CD/FM Radio
Instruction Manual

Micro system

Contents

⚠ Important safety information

Your Micro should be treated with care. The information below has been provided in the interest of safety and will help you to enjoy this product and the benefits it brings for many years.

- Keep the product and all its parts out of reach of small children.
- This product is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
- Keep it dry. Avoid exposure to precipitation, humidity and liquids which could all affect the product circuitry.
- Do NOT leave it in high temperatures as electronic devices and plastic parts may warp in heat.
- Do NOT leave it in low temperatures as moisture can form inside the product, which may damage the circuit board.
- Do NOT block or cover slots, holes or openings on the product by placing on soft furnishings such as carpets, rugs or beds as these are provided for functionality and/or ventilation to ensure safe operation of the product
- Do NOT store in dusty or dirty areas.
- Disconnect your Micro from the mains power supply during thunderstorms.
- Always check that you have completely switched off your Micro, before you change or disconnect the power supply.
- Only use the power supply that came with the product. Using an unauthorised power supply will invalidate your guarantee and may irrecoverably damage the product.
- Where the mains power plug or an appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, the disconnect device shall remain readily operable.
- Do NOT attempt to open the product. This product does not contain any user serviceable parts. Unauthorised handling of the device may damage it and will void your warranty.
- Do NOT use your Micro near emergency/intensive care medical equipment; if you have a pacemaker fitted or during an electrical storm.
- Do NOT use harsh chemicals, cleaning solvents or detergents to clean the product. Wipe with a damp (not wet) soft cloth to clean.
- ⚠ This is a CLASS-1 laser product. Use of controls or adjustments other than those specified herein, may result in hazardous laser light beam exposure. Do NOT open the cover and do NOT repair yourself. Refer servicing to qualified personnel.
- CAUTION: Never touch or look into the optical lens within the CD compartment.

- Do NOT place foreign objects into the CD compartment.
- The underneath and sides of this product may become warm after a long period of use. This is normal.
- If the Micro will not be used for a long period of time, remove the CD and make sure that the mains power is unplugged.

WARNING:

To prevent possible hearing damage, do not listen to this radio at high volume levels for long periods of time.

Instructions for use

Check the package contents

The package contains:

1 x Micro system with an attached mains power lead and plug

2 x Separate speakers (1 x Left and 1 x Right)

1 x Instruction manual

Where to put your Micro

It is important that you consider carefully in advance where your Micro and speakers will be situated and make sure that they are:
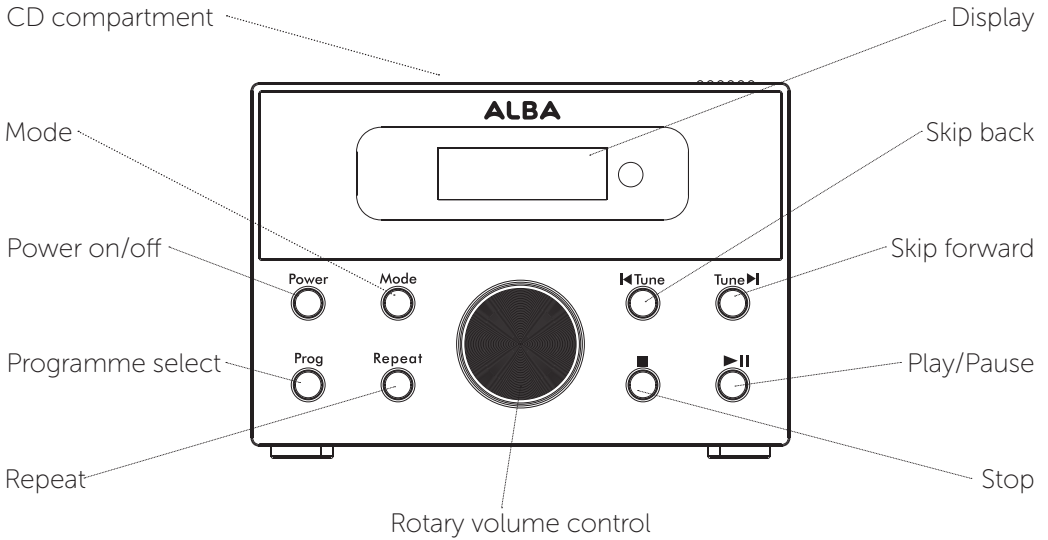
• on a flat and stable surface

• Note: Never place your Micro directly onto antique or polished surfaces.

• within 1.4 metres of a power socket. Please ensure that the mains power lead and speaker cables are not a trip hazard.

• at least 1 metre away from other electrical appliances to avoid interference

• where you can fully extend the wire radio aerial

• away from bright sunlight or heat sources, such as a radiator

• not in a humid or very damp place such as a bathroom

Setting up

1. Connect the speakers to the Left and Right speaker sockets on the back of the Micro.

2. Fully extend the wire radio aerial on the back of the Micro to receive the best possible radio reception and sound quality.

3. Open the CD compartment (push and release the lid on the front right), and remove the cardboard shipping protector. Close the CD lid.

4. Plug the mains power plug into the mains power wall socket and switch on. Your Micro will now be in 'Standby' mode (' **- - -**' will be displayed).

Your Micro system

Front view

CD compartment

Mode

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Programme select

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Rotary volume control

Display

Skip back

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Play/Pause

Stop

Back view

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Left and Right speaker sockets   Wire radio aerial   Mains power cable
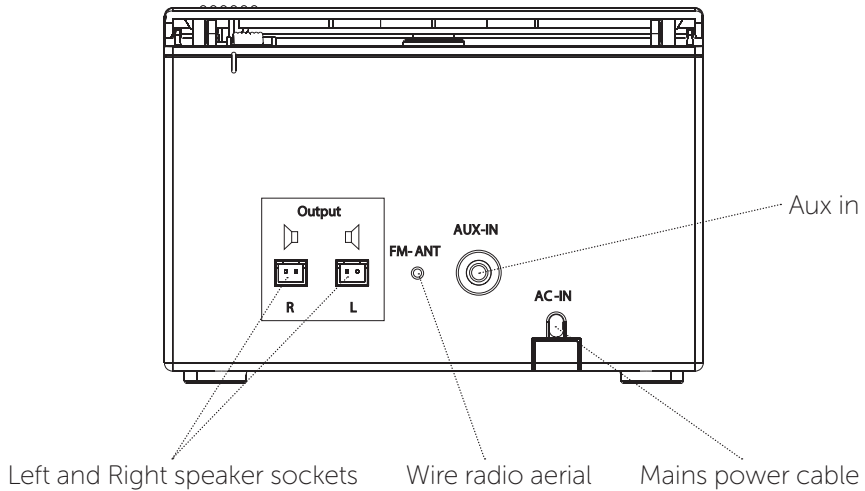
Using your Micro

Switch on

Press and release the 'Power' button on the front of the Micro to switch on.

FM Radio, CD and Aux in modes are available.

Please check the display, which will confirm the mode.

Notes:

- The first time you switch on your Micro it will start in CD mode, subsequently it will start in the mode you were last using unless it has been unplugged from the mains power supply.
- Always make sure that the wire aerial is fully extended when listening to the radio, to ensure the maximum signal strength and the best possible sound quality.

Switch off

Press and release the 'Power' button to go to standby mode.

To completely power off the Micro, switch off the mains power at the wall socket.

Change the mode

Press and release the 'Mode' button on the front of the Micro to change the mode.

FM Radio, CD and Aux in modes are available.

Please check the display, which will confirm the mode.

Adjusting the volume

Turn the rotary volume control to adjust the volume. Turn clockwise to increase the volume and anti-clockwise to decrease the volume.

Using the CD Player

Note: Please make sure that you remove the cardboard shipping protector from within the CD compartment before you try to use CD player.

CD mode

Check that your Micro is in CD mode. If you are not already in CD mode, briefly press and release the 'Mode' button until you are in CD mode (check the display). The display will show a flashing '- -' while it scans for CD tracks. If there is a CD in the compartment, after a short delay, the number of tracks will be displayed or '00' if the CD compartment is empty.

Play a CD

Your Micro will play Audio CDs as well as the following CD types:

CD-Recordable (CD-R)

CD-Rewritable (CD-RW)

It is not possible to play DVD or computer CDs.

1. Press and release the lid of the CD player on the front right edge, where raised dots indicate the release point. 'OP' will be displayed.
2. Place an audio CD, label side up, into the CD compartment. Please ensure that you line up the hole in the centre of the CD, with the central spindle and press down into place.
3. Close the lid of the CD player, pressing down on the front right edge, ensuring that it 'clicks' shut. '- -' will be displayed and after a short delay the number of tracks on the CD will be displayed.

   Note: If there is no CD in the compartment, '00' will be displayed.

CD controls

You can use the following controls on your Micro in CD mode.

- Play

  Press and release the ►❚❚ button on the Micro. The first track will begin to play and the 'PLAY' icon will be displayed. The display will switch between the track number and the elapsed time of the track, whilst the CD is playing.

- Pause

  Press and release the ►❚❚ button. The 'PLAY' icon and the elapsed time of the track will flash will flash in pause mode. Press and release the ►❚❚ button again to continue to play the track/CD.

- Next track:

  Press and release the ▶❙ button.

- Previous track:

  Press and release the ❙◀ button.

- Fast forward within a track:

  Press and hold the ▶❙ button.

- Fast backward within a track:

  Press and hold the ❙◀ button.

- Stop

  Press and release the ■ button.

Programmed play mode

In programmed play mode, you can program the play order of the tracks on your CD. You can program up to 20 tracks in total.

Note: To set up programmed play mode, the CD must be stopped in the CD compartment and must not be paused or playing.

In CD mode, with the CD you wish to programme in the CD compartment and stopped:

1. If the CD is playing press ■ to stop.
2. Press and release the 'Prog' button, '1 00' is displayed
3. Use the ▶❙ or ❙◀ buttons to go to the track number that you would like to program to play first. Press and release the 'Prog' button to confirm.
4. '2 00' will now be displayed and you can select the second track that you would like to programme. Continue to select each track as in Steps 2 and 3 above, up to a total of 20 tracks.
5. Press and release the 'Prog' button twice after your final selection, to confirm the last track in the programmed play list.
6. Press and release the ▶❙❙ button on the Micro to play the programmed tracks.

   Note: In programmed play mode the 🄿 icon will be displayed.
7. To exit programmed play mode, press and release the ■ button twice.

Repeat mode

- Repeat current track only.

  Press and release the 'Repeat' button once, the repeat single track ⤵ icon will be displayed.

- Repeat all tracks.

  Press and release the 'Repeat' button a second time, the repeat all ⟲ icon will be displayed.

- Cancel repeat.

  Press and release the 'Repeat' button a third time to switch off repeat mode.

Remove the CD

1. Press and release the lid of the CD player on the front right edge, where raised dots indicate the release point. 'OP' will be displayed.

2. Put your thumb on the central spindle and put your fingers under the outside edge of the CD and lift off and remove the CD from the compartment.

3. Close the lid of the CD player, pressing down on the front right edge, ensuring that it 'clicks' shut. '- -' followed by 00 will be displayed.

   Note: If you stop or pause playing a CD for 15 minutes, your Micro will go to Standby mode automatically.

Caring for compact discs

- Do NOT touch the playback side of the CD.

- Do NOT attach paper or tape or any other material to the disc.

- Fingerprints and dust on the disc will cause sound deterioration. Wipe the disc from the centre outwards with a soft cloth. Always keep the disc clean.

- If dust or marks cannot be removed with a soft cloth, wipe the disc lightly with a slightly damp soft cloth and then wipe with a soft dry cloth.

- Do NOT use any type of solvent, commercially available cleaners or antistatic spray for vinyl as it may damage the disc.

- Do NOT store discs in a place subject to direct sunlight or near a heat source.

- Do NOT store discs in a place subject to moisture or dust, such as a bathroom or near a humidifier.

- Always store discs vertically in a case, stacking or placing objects on discs may cause warping.

Using the FM Radio

Wire radio aerial

Please make sure that the wire aerial on the back of the Micro is fully extended and adjusted before you attempt to tune to an FM radio station (a vertical position is recommended)

FM Radio mode

Check that your Micro is in FM radio mode. If you are not already in FM mode, briefly press and release the 'Mode' button until you are in FM mode (check the display). If you were listening to an FM station when you switched the Micro to standby mode, then this station will be automatically selected when you switch the Micro back on.

Tuning to an FM station

In FM mode:

Press and hold the ▶ button to scan up the frequency band, your Micro will search for the next available station and then stop on that station. Press and release the ▶ button to scan up the frequency band in 0.05MHz steps

Press and hold the ◀ button to scan down the frequency band, your Micro will search for the next available station and then stop on that station. Press and release the ◀ button to scan down the frequency band in 0.05MHz steps.

Note: If reception is poor check that the wire aerial is fully extended or try moving the Micro to another location.

Storing an FM station preset

Your Micro can store up to 20 FM radio stations in its preset memories for instant access to your favourite stations.

Tune the Micro to the FM radio station that you wish to preset.

1. Press and hold the 'Prog' button for approximately 2 seconds until 'P XX' starts flashing on the display (where XX is the preset number).

2. Use the ▶ and ◀ buttons to move to the preset number that you would like to store the radio station to (1-20).

3. Press and release the 'Prog' button, 'P XX' will stop flashing confirming that the preset has been stored.

Your Micro can automatically search for and store FM radio stations.

1. Press the 'Repeat' button for approx 2 seconds until the display starts to scan, you can now release the button.

    Your Micro will now scan for, and store, all of the available FM stations.

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Note: If there is already an existing FM station stored under a preset, it will be overwritten when you store new stations.

Tune to an FM station preset

In FM mode:

Press and release the 'Prog' button to move to the preset location and station that you would like to listen to (1-20). When you pause between each press the frequency stored under each preset location will be displayed and the Micro will tune to and play the stored station.

Aux in mode

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Check that your Micro is in Aux in mode. If you are not already in Aux in mode, briefly press and release the 'Mode' button until you are in Aux in mode (check the display).

Using a 3.5mm audio input connection cable (not included), Aux in allows for a quick and easy connection to an external sound source.

Connect one end of the 3.5mm audio connection cable to the headphone (or auxiliary out) socket of your secondary device, connect the other end to the auxiliary socket on the back of your Micro.

Press the 'Play' button on your external device to start playback through the Micro speakers.

To gain optimal volume levels, adjust the output volume level on both the secondary device and on the Micro.

Note: It is recommended that you unplug the Audio cable from the Line in socket after you have finished listening to your external device.

Troubleshooting

If you are experiencing problems with your Micro, there are some quick and easy checks that you can do, which may help to solve the problem.

Problem	Solution
No sound / power:	• Adjust the volume using the rotary control. • Check that the speakers are plugged fully home into the sockets on the back of the Micro. • Check that the mains power wall socket is switched on and that the Micro is not in Standby mode. • Check that you are trying to use the function buttons for the mode that you are in.
Radio reception is poor:	• Fully extend the wire aerial to get the best reception and sound quality. • Retune the radio station/s, see page 11. • Try moving your Micro to another location to see if reception improves. • Check that you do not have other electrical equipment too close to your Micro, causing interference.
The function buttons do not respond:	• Check that mains power wall socket is switched on and that the Micro is not in Standby mode. • Check that you are trying to use the function buttons for the mode that you are in. • Unplug the mains power. Leave the Micro for 3 minutes and then reconnect the power.

Problem	Solution
CD does not play:	• Check that you are in CD mode. Press and release the 'Mode' button on the Micro to change the mode (check the display). • Take out the CD and check that it is not marked or scratched. Damaged CDs cannot be played in the Micro or may skip or not rotate correctly. • Please check that you are using an original audio CD and not a copy. Often copied CDs will not play.

General information

This symbol ⬚ indicates that this product should not be treated as normal household waste and it should be recycled. Please take it to your nearest collection facility or for further details contact your local council or visit www.recycle-more.co.uk

Technical specification

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Power supply :   AC 100-240V/50Hz
Power consumption: 10W
Audio output: 2 x 1.2W RMS
Radio frequency: FM 87.5 - 108 MHz

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PRODUCT GUARANTEE

This product is guaranteed against manufacturing defects for a period of

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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 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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