



Ace Retro Radio Cassette Player

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User Manual

Introducing Ace: the portable all-in-one music player with so many tricks up its sleeve! Ace takes the style, versatility and tech that made boomboxes an icon of the '70s and '80s, adding modern media connectivity including Bluetooth to create a compact package with punch. Purists will love the auto-stop cassette player that can also record directly from Ace's array of audio sources, including radio, inbuilt mic, USB and SD card. The extendable, directable radio antenna keeps you in tune with FM, MW, SW1 and SW2 bands, even when using battery power to play your Ace out and about. A rotary bass control, 3.5mm headphone socket and retro folding carry handle complete Ace's winning hand.

Features:

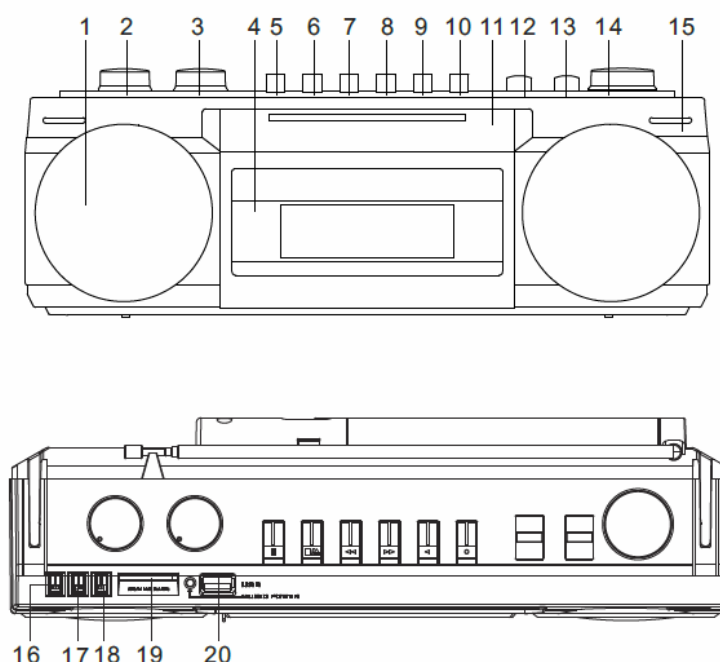
- Portable retro-style radio cassette player with digital media ports
- Bluetooth connectivity for wireless connections to smartphones, tablets and other devices
- MP3 compatible media player with USB and SD ports
- 4-band radio with FM, MW, SW1 and SW2 frequencies
- Rotary bass control and 3.5mm headphone socket
- Telescopic aerial and folding carry handle
- Powered by mains adaptor (supplied) or 4 x type D batteries (not supplied)

Technical specifications:

Power output	2W (2 x 1W)
Bluetooth range	Up to 10m (clear line of sight)
FM frequency range	88~108MHz
Input connections	Bluetooth, USB, SD card
Power: mains	220-240V~ 50-60 Hz
Power: battery	4 x 1.5V type D (not supplied)
USB output current	5V~Max.100mA
Dimensions	315 x 110 x 90 mm (W x H x D)
Weight	1.23Kg

Controls:

1. Speaker grill
2. Volume control knob
3. Bass control knob
4. Cassette door
5. Pause button
6. Stop/eject button
7. Fast forward button
8. Rewind button
9. Play button
10. Record button
11. Radio band indicator
12. Function select switch
13. Band select switch
14. Tuning knob
15. Microphone
16. MP3 previous track button
17. MP3 play/pause button
18. MP3 next track button
19. SD/MMC card slot
20. USB port



First use:

- Read this user guide carefully before using the unit for the first time. Do not use the unit if there are any signs of damage.
- Connect either the UK mains lead provided or insert 4 x 1.5V type D batteries into the compartment to the back of the unit.

Playing audio via Bluetooth:

- To connect a Bluetooth device, select BT/MUSIC with the function select switch (12). A pairing tone will be heard and the blue LED on the control panel will flash. Next, engage search mode on the Bluetooth device and select 'QTX-Ace' from the pairing names available. When the devices are successfully paired, a tone will be heard and the blue LED will become constant.
- Track selection will now be possible via Ace's MP3 controls (16,17,18) or the Bluetooth device. Similarly, volume will be controllable via either device, making it necessary to ensure both are at an audible level for playback to be heard.

Playing audio via USB or SD/MMC:

- Insert a USB drive or SD/MMC card into the relevant port (19, 20), then select BT/MUSIC with the function select switch (12). An audible tone will be heard and the blue LED on the control panel will flash.
- MP3 files stored on the USB drive or SD/MMC card will begin to play automatically, with track navigation available via the MP3 control buttons (16,17,18). Short-press either the MP3 PREVIOUS TRACK or NEXT TRACK buttons to select tracks, and long-press to scan individual track content.
- Before removing the USB drive or SD/MMC card, ensure TAPE/OFF is selected with the function select switch (12).
- MP3 playback will resume from the beginning of the last-played track whenever using a previously played USB drive or SD/MMC card.
- **NB:** Do not remove the USB drive or SD/MMC card during playback or while the blue LED is lit or flashing as this could damage the removable media.

Listening to a cassette:

- Select TAPE/OFF with the function select switch (12).
- Open the cassette door (4) by pressing the STOP/EJ button (6).
- Insert a cassette and close the cassette door.
- To play the cassette, press the PLAY button (9).
- To wind either back or forward through the cassette, press the REW (8) and F.FWD buttons (7), as required.
- To record from the inbuilt microphone (15) onto a recordable cassette, press the REC button (10). To stop the recording, press the STOP/EJ button (6).
- To record from the radio, select RADIO with the Function select switch (12); the desired band with the band select switch (13); and your desired station with the tuning knob (14). To start recording, press the REC button (10). To stop recording, press the STOP/EJ button (6).
- To record from a USB drive or SD/MMC card via the MP3 player, first select BT/MUSIC on the function select switch (12). Cue the track/s to be recorded using the MP3 control buttons (16,17,18). To start recording, press the REC button (10). To stop recording, press the STOP/EJ button (6).

Listening to the radio:

- Unclip Ace's antenna at the back of the unit and extend upwards to increase the signal quality. It may also be necessary to adjust the angle to receive a good quality signal, depending on the reception strength in your location.
- Select RADIO with the function select switch (12) and the desired band with the band select switch (13). Scan between stations using the tuning knob (14). Frequency info can be viewed via the band indicator (11).

Headphone socket:

- Ace's side-mounted 3.5mm stereo headphone socket is ideal for private listening.

FAQ

Q) Why won't Ace play the media on my flash drive? **A)** Ace is only compatible with MP3 and WMA audio files, stored on flash drives of up to 32GB in FAT32 format.

Q) Why won't my Bluetooth device connect to Ace? **A)** Ensure Ace is in Bluetooth pairing mode and that your Bluetooth device is in search mode and discoverable.

Q) Why is there no sound when I'm connected to my Bluetooth device? **A)** Ace's volume level or that of your connected device may be too low.

Q) Why does Ace disconnect from my Bluetooth device within the stated 10m transmission distance? **A)** Large metallic objects or other devices transmitting radio or wireless signals can impact on Ace's reception. To attain the maximum transmission distance, ensure there is a clear line of sight between the unit and your Bluetooth device.

Q) Why is there poor radio reception? **A)** Changing the direction and/or extension of the antenna can markedly improve signal quality. Similarly, moving the radio away from electrical equipment such as microwaves, fluorescent lights and cordless phones can help to minimise interference.

Maintenance:

- Keep your Ace in optimum working condition by regularly cleaning with a soft dry cloth and avoiding moisture and excess sunlight wherever possible.
- When using the cassette player on a regular basis, it is important to keep the heads, pinch rollers and capstans clean and free of dirt and grease. We recommend using a cassette head cleaning tape where possible. Alternatively, cleaning by hand using a cotton bud, moistened with methylated or white spirit can be equally effective.

In the box:

1. Ace retro radio cassette player
2. UK mains lead
3. User guide

Warning:

- For reasons of electrical safety, this device must never be immersed in water, exposed to damp conditions or excessive force.
- Do not use this device if you find that it is damaged in any way.
- Only use the power supply provided by the manufacturer.
- When not in use for long periods, remove the batteries or disconnect the power supply from the mains.
- Do not attempt to repair this device or take apart under any circumstances, as this will invalidate your warranty.



This product is classed as Electrical or Electronic equipment and should not be disposed with other household or commercial waste at the end of its useful life. The goods must be disposed of according to your local council guidelines.

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