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**SoundLink<sup>®</sup> Colour**  
***Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> speaker***

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Owner's Guide

# Important Safety Instructions

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Please read this owner's guide carefully and keep for future reference.



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle alerts the user to the presence of uninsulated, dangerous voltage within the system enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle alerts the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance instructions in this owner's guide.

## WARNINGS

- Do not expose this apparatus to dripping or splashing, and do not place objects filled with liquids such as vases, on or near the apparatus. As with any electronic products, use care not to spill liquids into any part of the system. Exposure to liquids may create a failure and/or fire hazard.
- To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this product to rain or moisture.
- Do not place naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, on or near the product.



This product contains magnetic material. Contact your physician if you have questions on whether this might affect the operation of your implantable medical device.



Contains small parts which may be a choking hazard. Not suitable for children under age 3.

## CAUTION

- Do not make unauthorized alterations to the product; doing so may compromise safety, regulatory compliance, system performance, and may void the warranty.
- The battery used in this device may present a risk of fire or chemical burn if mistreated. Do not disassemble, heat above 113°F (45°C), or incinerate.

## NOTES

- The product label is located on the bottom of the product.
- Where the mains plug or appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, such disconnect device shall remain readily operable.
- The power supply must be used indoors. It is neither designed nor tested for use outdoors, in recreation vehicles, or on boats.
- When using the product with a power supply (AC adapter), only use the power supply provided.
- The product shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire or the like.
- In the event of a battery leaking, do not allow the liquid to come in contact with the skin or eyes. If contact has been made, wash the affected area with copious amounts of water and seek medical advice.
- Do not attempt to replace the speaker battery. Contact Bose customer service using the contact information provided in this guide.



Bose Corporation hereby declares that this product is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC and all other applicable EU directive requirements. The complete declaration of conformity can be found at: [www.Bose.com/compliance](http://www.Bose.com/compliance)

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with a dry cloth.
7. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
8. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
9. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
10. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in a way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.



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## Information about products that generate electrical noise

### NOTE

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, this is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, you are encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment to an outlet on a different circuit than the one to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Bose Corporation could void the user's authority to operate this equipment.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

### IN CANADA

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003, CAN ICES-3 (B) / NMB-3 (B).

This device complies with FCC and Industry Canada RF radiation exposure limits set forth for general population. It must not be co-located or be operating in conjunction with any other antennas or transmitters.

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

Output power: 8.99 mW (9.54 dBm) @ 2.48 GHz



This symbol means the product must not be discarded as household waste, and should be delivered to an appropriate collection facility for recycling. Proper disposal and recycling helps protect natural resources, human health and the environment. For more information on disposal and recycling of this product, contact your local municipality, disposal service, or the shop where you bought this product.

Names and Contents of Toxic or Hazardous Substances or Elements						
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Part Name	Lead (Pb)	Mercury (Hg)	Cadmium (Cd)	Hexavalent (CR(VI))	Polybrominated Biphenyl (PBB)	Polybrominated diphenylether (PBDE)
PCBs	X	0	0	0	0	0
Metal parts	X	0	0	0	0	0
Plastic parts	0	0	0	0	0	0
Speakers	X	0	0	0	0	0
Cables	X	0	0	0	0	0

O: Indicates that this toxic or hazardous substance contained in all of the homogeneous materials for this part is below the limit requirement in SJ/T 11363-2006.  
X: Indicates that this toxic or hazardous substance contained in at least one of the homogeneous materials used for this part is above the limit requirement in SJ/T 11363-2006.

Speaker battery: 

### Please complete and retain for your records:

The serial number and model number are located on the bottom of the speaker.

Serial number \_\_\_\_\_

Model number \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase date \_\_\_\_\_

We suggest you keep your receipt with this owner's guide.

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## Introduction

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# About your SoundLink® Colour *Bluetooth*® speaker

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Your music keeps you moving. And with the SoundLink® Colour *Bluetooth*® speaker, now it can move with you.

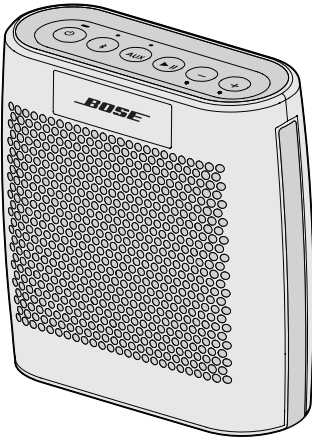
## Features

- Inspired audio performance, anywhere you go.
- Connects wirelessly to your smartphone, tablet or other *Bluetooth* enabled devices – up to two at a time.
- Voice prompts talk you through *Bluetooth* pairing so it's easier than ever.
- Available in a selection of colours.
- Designed and tested to support an active, mobile lifestyle.
- Lithium-ion battery allows up to eight hours of unplugged play time.
- Charges with most USB power sources.

## Unpacking

Check the carton for the speaker, the AC power supply, and the power supply cord (USB). Be sure to save all packing materials. They provide the safest means for any necessary shipping or transporting.

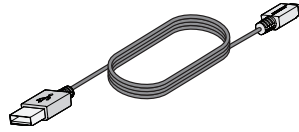
If any part of the product appears to be damaged, do not attempt to use it. Contact your authorized Bose dealer immediately or call Bose Customer Service. For contact information, visit: <http://global.Bose.com>



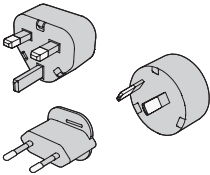
SoundLink® Colour  
Bluetooth® speaker



AC power supply



Power supply cord (USB)



Adapters (included only in certain regions)

# Operation

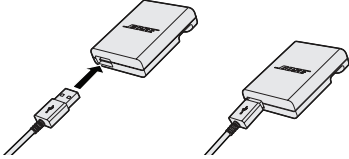
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## Connecting to AC power

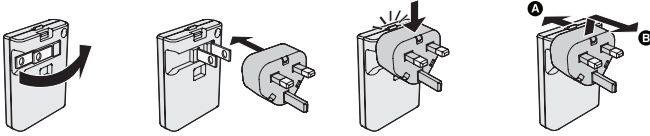
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Before using your speaker, connect it to AC power and charge the battery.


1. Plug the small end of the power supply cord into the **POWER** connector on the back of the speaker.
2. Plug the large end of the power supply cord into the connector on the AC power supply.

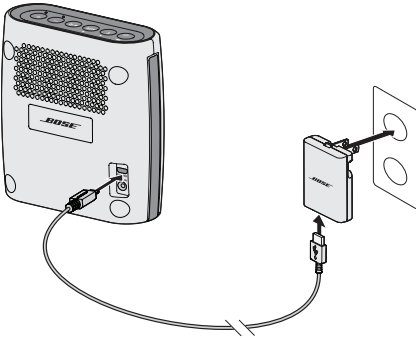


3. Extend the power supply prongs. If needed, snap on the adapter for your region. To remove an adapter, pull back the release tab (A) and lift the adapter up and off (B).



**Note:** Power hardware varies per region. You may not need to attach an adapter to your power supply.

4. Plug the power supply into an AC (mains) power outlet. The battery indicator  blinks amber and the speaker emits a tone.



## Charging the battery

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Allow three hours for a full charge.

**Note:** You can use the speaker while charging. Playing the speaker while charging may increase charge time.



## Battery indicator

The battery indicator is located above the power button. While the battery is charging, the battery indicator glows amber. When the battery is fully charged, the indicator glows green.



### Battery indicator (while speaker is charging)





Amber: *Charging* | Green: *Fully charged*

**Note:** Charging the speaker with the provided AC power supply will provide the fastest charging time. You can also charge the speaker by connecting to a powered USB port, such as on your computer. For faster charging time, use the USB power cord provided by Bose.



## Selecting a language for voice prompts

The speaker features voice prompts to guide you through the pairing and connecting processes. Voice prompts also indicate the name of the currently connected device(s) and remind you to charge the speaker when the battery is low.

The first time you use your speaker, you will need to select a language:

1. Press  to turn on the speaker.
2. Press  or  to scroll through the list of language options:  
English, Spanish, French, German, Mandarin, Japanese, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, Russian, Polish
3. When you hear your language, press and hold  to select.



## Turning voice prompts off/on

If you prefer not to hear voice prompts, press and hold  and  at the same time until you hear confirmation that voice prompts are off.

Repeat to turn voice prompts back on.

## Changing the language

To change the selected language:

1. Press and hold  and  at the same time until you hear the voice prompt for the first language option.
2. Repeat steps 2 and 3, above.

During language selection the *Bluetooth* indicator glows solid blue.

**Note:** For more languages check: [updates.Bose.com/SoundLinkColour](https://updates.Bose.com/SoundLinkColour)

# Operation

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## Pairing the first mobile device

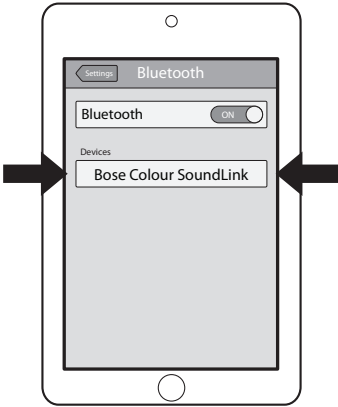
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After you select a language, the speaker is ready to pair with your first mobile device.

The *Bluetooth* indicator blinks blue, and the voice prompt says, “Ready to pair”.

1. On your mobile device, make sure *Bluetooth* is on.  
(The *Bluetooth* menu is usually found in the Settings menu.)
2. Select **Bose Colour SoundLink** from your mobile device’s *Bluetooth* list.

The *Bluetooth* indicator glows solid white, and the voice prompt says “Connected to <device name>”.



## Playing music

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Once your mobile device is connected, start a music app on the device to play music. You can use the playback and volume controls on your device or on the speaker. See “Speaker controls” on page 12.


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## Using the speaker with multiple devices

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The speaker can remember up to eight paired devices and can be actively connected to two devices at a time.

### Pairing another device

1. With the speaker and the mobile device both on, press and hold  until the *Bluetooth* indicator blinks blue and the voice prompt says, “Ready to pair another device”.
2. On your mobile device, make sure *Bluetooth* is on.  
(The *Bluetooth* menu is usually found in the Settings menu.)
3. Select **Bose Colour SoundLink** from the device list.

The *Bluetooth* indicator glows solid white, and the voice prompt says “Connected to <device name>”.

**Note:** The speaker can remember up to eight devices. If you pair a ninth device, the least recently used device will be deleted from the speaker’s memory.



### Managing multiple connections

When powered on, the speaker will automatically connect to the two most recently connected devices.

When two devices are actively connected, you can play music from either device. To switch between connected devices, pause the first device and play music from the second.

### Scrolling through other paired devices


To play music from a device in the speaker’s memory that is not currently connected:

1. Press  to hear which device(s) are currently connected.
2. Press  again (within three seconds) to connect to the next paired device.
3. Repeat step 2 until you hear the correct device name.

**Note:** To use this feature, voice prompts must be on. (See “Turning voice prompts off/on” on page 9.)

### Clearing the speaker memory

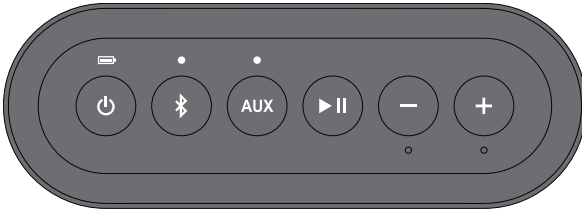
To clear the speaker’s memory of all devices:











1. Press and hold  for ten seconds, until you hear “*Bluetooth* device list cleared.”
2. Delete **Bose Colour SoundLink** from your mobile device’s *Bluetooth* list.  
All *Bluetooth* devices are cleared and the speaker is ready to pair.

# Operation

## Speaker controls




The speaker controls are located on the top of the speaker.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press to turn speaker on/off.</li><li>• With speaker on, press and hold to check the battery charge state.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press to select the <i>Bluetooth</i> source (if in AUX mode).</li><li>• Press and hold to get ready to pair with another device.</li><li>• With voice prompts on, press to hear which <i>Bluetooth</i> device is connected. Press again (within three seconds) to connect with the next paired device.</li><li>• Press and hold for 10 seconds to clear the speaker memory.</li></ul>
	Press to select the AUX source (if in <i>Bluetooth</i> mode).
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press once to Play/Pause   Press twice to skip forward   Press three times to skip backward. <b>Note:</b> Certain devices may not support these functions.</li><li>• In AUX mode, press to mute/unmute.</li><li>• In language selection mode, press and hold to select a language.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volume down</li><li>• Press to scroll through voice prompt language options.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Volume up</li><li>• Press to scroll through voice prompt language options.</li></ul>
	Press and hold together for three seconds to turn voice prompts on/off.
	Press and hold together for three seconds to change the voice prompt language.
	Press and hold together for ten seconds to return the speaker to factory reset. (See "Factory reset" on page 16.)
	Press and hold together for three seconds to turn the Auto off feature on/off. (See "Auto off feature" on page 14.)

## System status indicators


The system status indicators are located on the top of the speaker, above the corresponding buttons.

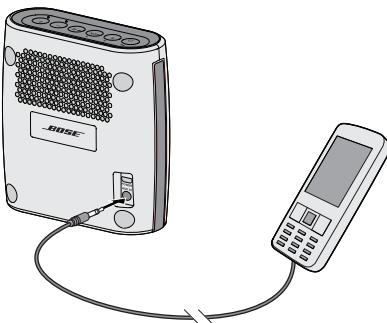
	<p><b>Battery indicator (while speaker is operating on battery power)</b>            Green: <i>High charge</i>            Amber: <i>Medium charge</i>            Red blinking: <i>Low charge/Charge now</i>            See “Operating on battery power” on page 14 for more information.</p>
	<p><b>Bluetooth indicator</b>            Blue blinking: <i>Ready to pair</i>            White blinking: <i>Connecting</i>            White solid: <i>Connected</i></p>
	<p><b>AUX indicator</b>            White solid: <i>AUX is the selected source</i></p>

## Connecting an AUX device

You can use your speaker with any device that features headphone or audio output, such as a portable digital music player. This feature requires using a stereo audio cable with a 3.5 mm plug on each end to connect the audio output of your device to the AUX input on the speaker. This type of cable is available for purchase at electronics stores.

To connect an AUX device:

1. Connect the audio cable to the **AUX IN** connector on the back of the speaker and to the headphone or audio output connector on the device.
2. Turn on the speaker.
3. Press  to select the AUX source.
4. Adjust the volume on the connected device to near maximum, then use the speaker volume buttons to adjust the volume level.



# Operation


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## Operating on battery power

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Battery performance varies with the content played and the volume level at which it is played. In typical use, the speaker battery lasts up to eight hours.

### Checking the battery

- Each time you turn the speaker on, the battery indicator will display the battery charge level for two seconds. (See “System status indicators” on page 13.)
- With the speaker on, press and hold  to check the battery charge level.
- If the battery indicator begins to blink red while operating on battery power, the battery is low and you must charge the speaker now.



### Battery protection mode

When the speaker is unplugged and unused for more than 24 days, it enters battery protection mode to preserve battery power. To reactivate the speaker, connect it to AC power.

## Auto off feature

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If no *Bluetooth* device is actively connected, the speaker will automatically turn off after 30 minutes of inactivity.

To turn off this feature, press and hold  and  at the same time.

## Tips on placing the speaker

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When using your speaker indoors, the sound quality can vary depending on where the speaker is placed in a room.

When using your speaker outdoors, you should expect the sound quality to change as you move farther away from the speaker.

Keep the following guidelines in mind when placing your speaker:

- The speaker's *Bluetooth* range is 33 feet (10 m). If you move the device farther away from the speaker, sound quality will be affected and the device may disconnect from the speaker.
- For optimal sound, the front of the speaker should face the user.
- For best bass response, the back of the speaker should be placed near a wall, but not directly against a wall. Bass response decreases as the speaker is moved away from a wall.
- Do not place the speaker in small areas that are enclosed on all sides except the front, as this will adversely affect sound quality.
- Do not place the speaker on wet or dirty surfaces.
- Only place the speaker upright, sitting on its rubber feet.

## Troubleshooting

Problem	What to do
Speaker does not turn on (while operating on AC power)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure both ends of the power supply cable are firmly connected.</li> <li>• Make sure the power supply is connected to a live AC (mains) outlet.</li> <li>• Make sure you are using the power supply that shipped with your speaker.</li> </ul>
Speaker does not turn on (while operating on battery power)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Battery may be in protection mode or may need to be charged. Connect to a working AC outlet to restore the battery to operational mode.</li> </ul>
Speaker does not connect with mobile device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On your mobile device, turn off <i>Bluetooth</i> and turn it back on. Then try pairing again.</li> <li>• Delete <b>Bose Colour SoundLink</b> from the <i>Bluetooth</i> list on your mobile device. Then try pairing again.</li> <li>• Move the mobile device closer to the speaker and away from any interference or obstructions.</li> <li>• Try pairing another mobile device.</li> <li>• Clear the speaker's memory: Press and hold  for ten seconds until you hear, "<i>Bluetooth device list cleared</i>". Delete <b>Bose Colour SoundLink</b> from your mobile device's Bluetooth list. Then try pairing again.</li> </ul>
No sound from a <i>Bluetooth</i> device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure the speaker power is on.</li> <li>• Make sure the volume is turned up on the speaker and on your mobile device (and music app).</li> <li>• Press  to hear the name of the currently connected device.</li> <li>• Move the mobile device closer to the speaker and away from any interference or obstructions.</li> <li>• Try using a different music app.</li> <li>• Try pairing another mobile device.</li> <li>• If two mobile devices are actively connected, make sure the other device has been paused first.</li> <li>• If two mobile devices are actively connected, make sure both devices are within range of the speaker (30 ft. or 10 m).</li> </ul>
Poor sound quality from a <i>Bluetooth</i> device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move the mobile device closer to the speaker, and away from any interference.</li> <li>• Try using a different music app.</li> <li>• Try pairing another mobile device.</li> <li>• If two mobile devices are actively connected, make sure both devices are within range of the speaker (30 ft. or 10 m) or disconnect the second device.</li> </ul>
Audio plays from the wrong <i>Bluetooth</i> device (when two devices are actively connected)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pause or quit the music app on the other device.</li> <li>• Start music on the intended device.</li> </ul>



# Care and Maintenance

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Problem	What to do
No audio from the AUX source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure the connected mobile device is on and playing.</li><li>• Press the AUX button and check that the AUX indicator is on.</li><li>• Make sure the 3.5 mm plug is fully inserted into the speaker, and fully inserted into the source device.</li><li>• Turn up the speaker volume to make sure the speaker is not muted.</li><li>• Increase the volume level on the AUX device.</li><li>• Try using a different AUX cable.</li></ul>
Poor sound quality from an AUX device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make sure the audio cable is firmly connected to the <b>AUX IN</b> connector speaker and the source device.</li><li>• Try connecting a different AUX device.</li></ul>

## Factory reset

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To restore the speaker to factory default settings (clear memory, clear language selection, etc.) press and hold  and  at the same time for ten seconds.

## Cleaning

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To clean the exterior surface of your product, you can wipe it using a soft, dry cloth.

- Do not use solvents, chemicals, or sprays.
- Do not allow liquids to spill or objects to drop into any openings.

## Contacting Customer Service

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For questions about the Bose® SoundLink® Colour speaker, contact your local Bose dealer.

To contact Bose directly, visit: <http://global.Bose.com>

## Limited Warranty

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Your Bose® SoundLink® Colour *Bluetooth*® speaker is covered by a limited warranty. Details of the limited warranty are provided on the product registration card that is included in the carton. Please refer to the card for instructions on how to register. Failure to register will not affect your limited warranty rights.



### Technical Information

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**Temperature range**

32°-113°F (0°-45°C)

**Operating time**

Up to 8 hours

**Bluetooth range**

33 feet (10 m)

**Power supply rating**

Input: 100 - 240VAC , 50-60Hz, 0.18A

Output: 5VDC, 1.0A

**Input power rating**

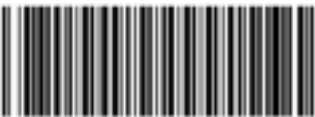
Input: 5VDC, 1.0A Max

**Dimensions**

5.3" H x 5" W x 2.1" D (13.5 cm x 12.7 cm x 5.4 cm)

**Weight**

1.16 lb (0.53 kg)



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