PPE12

Astell&Kern INSTRUCTION BOOK

User Guide

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Package Contents

Contents may be changed without prior notice to improve the performance or quality of the product.



Micro-USB Cable

microSD Card Slot Cover

Leather Case & Protective Film: Protect the device and its screen. The warranty for the leather case guarantees the qu ality of the leather.

Micro-USB Cable: Connect the device to a computer or charge the device.

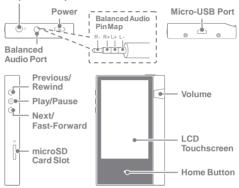
Quick Start Guide: Basic overview of device functionality. Warranty Card: The warranty card is required for customer and technical support. Do not misplace the card.

User Guide: The User Guide can be downloaded from the Astell& Kern website. [http://www.astellnkern.com/ > Support > Download]. MicroSD Card Slot Cover: The cover is used to protect the microSD card slot when not in use. It is installed on the product by default.

PPE12 at a Glance

The appearance of the product as well as the printed and engraved information may vary depending on the model.

Earphones / Optical Port Power



Earphones / Optical Port: Output sound to connected ear phones. Music can be played back on a S/PDIF-capable ex ternal device by using an optical cable.

Power: Turn the screen on and off.

Long press - Turn the device on and off.

Balanced Out: Output sound to earphones or headphones that support balanced audio connections. Connect to an external audio device by using both the earphone port (ground) and balanced audio port (LR) in conjunction.

Micro-USB Port: Connect to a computer or recharge the device.

Expansion Unit Balanced Out: Output sound to an expans ion device that supports balanced audio connections. **Previo us/Rewind:** Play the previous song or restart the song.

Long press - Rewind.

Play/Pause: Play or Pause a song.

Long press - Show the playback screen.

Next/Fast-Forward: Skip to the next song.

Long press: Fast-forward. L

CD Touchscreen: Display with touch control. Vol ume: Control the volume by turning the wheel.

microSD Card Slot: Insert a microSD card and access its files.

Home Button: Show the home screen.

Power Management

Turn On/Off

- 1. Long-press the [o] button to turn on the device.
- 2. While the device is on, long-press the [}button to disp lay a shutdown confirmation message.
- 3. Press [Confirm] to turn off the device.



Turn the Screen On/Off

- 1. While the screen is on, press the [] button to turn off t he screen.
- 2. Press the [] button again to turn off the screen.



Reset Function

1. In cases of unexpected device failure or freeze, press the I loutton for 12 seconds to force a shutdown. The device can be restarted after a shutdown

The device can be restarted after a shutdown



Resetting the device will not affect the stored data or time settin

Do not use the reset function while the product is in use. Doing s o may corrupt the data on the device.

Charging

- 1. Turn on the computer.
- 2. The device will charge automatically when connected to a computer via the micro-USB cable.



When charging via PC connection, the charging time may vary d epending on whether the device is turned on or off. The maximu m charge time with a 5V 2A charging adapter is 4 hours (Fully dis charged battery, power off).

The device will not charge normally when using a fast-charge ad apter that supports 5V and 9V together. Doing so may cause da mage to the device.

If the device is on and/or being used while charging, the charge t ime may be longer or the battery may not fully charge. Charging with the device turned off is recommended.

The device may not charge if the PC or USB connection goes int

o standby or sleep mode

The device may charge slowly or not charge at all in extreme te mperatures. Charging in a room-temperature setting is recomm

The built-in battery will gradually lose capacity over time accordi

Be sure to use a high-powered USB 2.0 port. A low-powered US B port (e.g. keyboard or USB hub without a dedicated power sup

ply) will increase the charging time.

Do not use any micro-USB cable other than the one supplied with the device. Doing so may cause a malfunction.

Connections

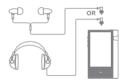
Earphones/Headphones

1. Connect earphones or headphones to the earphones port.



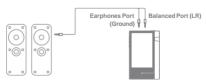
Balanced Earphones/Headphones

1. Connect supported earphones or headphones to the balanced port.



Balanced Audio Device

1. Connect to an external audio device by using the Earphones port and Balanced port in conjunction.



Optical Out

 Music can be played back on a S/PDIF-capable external audio device by using an optical cable.



DSD format is converted to PCM when using Optical Out. The volume will be fixed at the maximum level.

Connecting to a Computer

- 1. Turn on the device and your PC.
- 2. Connect the device to your PC as a standard USB device by using a micro-USB cable. [6- Connect USB]
 - Media Device (USB Drive): Transfer files from a PC to the device.
 - DAC input: Listen to music located on a PC through the device. (See p. 34)



Mac users need to download and install the MTP program from the Astell&Kern website. [http://www.astellnkern.com Support > Download]
For an optimal connection, quit any unnecessary programs befo

For an optimal connection, quit any unnecessary programs before connecting the device to the computer.

Only use the micro-USB cable supplied with the device. Doing so may cause a malfunction.

Windows XP users require Service Pack 2 and Windows Media Player 10 to be installed for the computer to recognize the USB device.

Download necessary Service Packs and Windows Media Player f rom the Microsoft website. http://www.microsoft.com

Disconnecting from the Computer

 Verify that all operations are completed before attempting to disconnect the device from the computer.



Disconnecting the device from the computer during an operation (e.g. file transfer) may corrupt data on the device.

Copy Files/Folders to the Device

 To copy files/folders from your computer, select the des ired files/folders and drag & drop them into the USB de vice.





Make sure that the micro-USB cable is securely connected. Not e that removing the micro-USB cable or turning off the device or computer during a file transfer may corrupt data on the device. File transfer speeds may be affected depending on the computer and/or OS environment.

Delete Files/Folders on the Device

- 1. Right-click the desired file/folder, and then select [Delete].
- 2. Select [Yes] in the [Confirm File/Folder Deletion] window to delete the selected file/folder.



Insert/Remove a microSD Card

1. Refer to the diagram and gently insert a microSD card into the microSD c ard slot



- 2. To safely remove a microSD card. select [Safely remove SD card] fr om the Notification Bar or select [Unmount SD cardl from [- Svste m Information1.
- 3. Gently press the microSD card to release it from the slot



Recommended microSD Cards

Brand: SanDisk, Transcend



Maximum supported microSD card capacity: 128GB

- Notes on inserting 128GB microSD card.
- Do not force the microSD card into the slot. Doing so may
- cause damage to the device and/or microSD card.

 Do not repeatedly insert/remove the microSD card.
- If the microSD card is improperly inserted, it may become immovable or cause damage to the device.

Notes on removing a microSD card

- Be sure to safely unmount and remove the microSD card from the device. Not following the proper procedure may corrupt da ta and cause serious damage to the system.
- Do not remove the microSD card while it is in use. Doing so m ay cause data corruption/deletion, malfunction, and damage to the microSD card.
- Miscellaneous
- If the device is unable to recognize the microSD card and/or malfunctions, format the memory card before use. We recommend using the FAT32 format.

 • Using microSD cards other than the recommended brands
- may cause device malfunction.
- A microSD card is not included with this device. Please purchase separately.

Firmware Upgrade

Wi-Fi Update / OTA (Over-the-Air)

- 1 Connect to a wireless network
- 2. When a new firmware version is available, the screen will display a Firmware Update Guide window.
- 3. Select [Update] and choose the items for update.
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions and proceed with the firmware upgrade.



Refer to page 44 of the manual for more information on connecti

ng to a wireless network.

The firmware upgrade may not initialize if the battery level is too low. (A minimum battery level of 50% is required.) Moving to another screen during a file download will cancel the

Do not disconnect from the wireless network while downloading a firmware upgrade. Doing so may cause data corruption and/or

damage to the system.

If an error occurs or the notice in the Notification Bar disappears during an upgrade, download the firmware update again through [O- Update - System Update].

Basic

LCD Touchscreen

Operations 1. This device features an LCD touchscreen that allows you t o perform operations by touch.

> Interact with the device by touching the screen to access various features



To prevent damage, do not use a sharp object or use excessive force when touching the screen.

Return to the Home Screen

1. Press the [Home] button at any time to return to the Home Screen





Home Screen



The [Home] button on the AK380 is pressure-sensitive and can be operated with light pressure.

Navigating Up/Down in a List

1. Scroll through the list by dragging the list screen [up] and [down].



Home Screen



1	Current Song	Currently playing song information.
2	AK CONNECT	Launches AK Connect.
3	Search Options	View the list of songs by different search options.

The search options can be long-pressed and dragged to change their locations.

Notification ¹ Bar Q LO/ICE - 10 11 2 3 12 13 4 **€**:Q 5 14 D ô 6 15 7 16 0 17 8 -SD Card safely removed

1		Notification Bar	Expand or collapse the notification bar by dragging the bar down or up, respectively.
2	*	Wi-Fi	Press [🎓] to turn Wi-Fi on or off.
3	*	Bluetooth	Press [🔰] to turn Bluetooth on or off.
4	EQ	EQ	Press [EQ] to turn the EQ on or off. The most recent EQ settings are applied by default.
5	G	Gapless Playback	Press [
6	(†)	Line Out	Turn Line Out on or off.
7	0	Wi-Fi Speakers	Turn Wi-Fi speakers on or off. (Must be on the same network.) (The icon will become enabled when AK Connect is turned on.)
8		Notifications Display	Notification contents are displayed in this area.
9	Q DEVICE	File Search	Enter keywords to display a list of items containing the search terms.
10	0	Settings	Displays a list of settings.

11 DAC	PC Connection	Select the appropriate mode
	Mode	when connected to a computer.
		nsferring media files. Listen to music located on a PC through the device.
12 🔒	Screen Lock	Press [a] to turn the screen lock on or off. The volume wheel is disabled when the screen is lo
13 →	Play Mode	cked. Press [→] to cycle through
		different play modes. → :Sequential playback. □ :Shuffle playback.
14 🛱	Repeat Mode	Press [😝] to cycle through different Repeat modes.
		☐ :Repeat the entire playlist. ☐ :Repeat the current song. ☐ :Disable repeat.
15 🕥	Ripper Power	Turn the CD Ripper on or off. (Enabled when connected to the AK CD Ripper.)
16 📙	Cradle	Output sound through the cradle's Balanced Out port. (Enabled when connected to the AK Cradle.)
17 🔅	Screen Bri ghtness	Use the adjustment bar to control the display brightness.

Music from a Store

Purchasing Conveniently purchase music from the Store when connected to a wireless network.

Purchasing Music

- 1. Connect to a wireless network.
- 2. Select [Store] from the home screen.
- 3. Select the desired store.
- 4. Check the user guide or help menu within each store for detailed information.

AK CONNECT

The PPE12 can access and play back music files stored on a computer on the same network as well as output sound through Astell&Kern speakers.

MQS Streaming Server Installation

- 1 Visit the Astell&Kern website and download the server installer that corresponds to your operating system. http://www.astellnkern.com > Support > Download].
- 2. Run the downloaded installer and follow the on-screen instructions
- 3. Check the User Guide within the program for detailed information on using the MQS Streaming Server.



Connecting to the AK Connect Server

- 1. Turn on the server and connect to the same network as the PPE12.
 - Run the MQS Streaming Server on your computer.
- 2. Turn on [AK Connect] from the device settings.
- 3. Press [AK Connect] from the home screen



 A list of servers on the same network as the PPE12 will be displayed.



 Scroll the screen left and right to s elect a server. The selected server will be connected and the server h ome screen will be displayed.



Select a search option at the bott om of the server home screen to display a list of music.



Refer to page 44 of the manual for more information on connecting to a wireless network.

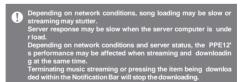
Streaming and Downloading from the Music Server

- 1. Select a search option from the server Home Screen to display a list of music
- Select a song to begin streaming.



- ht corner of the music list.
- 4. Select the desired music, and then press the [] button at the top of the screen to begin downloading.
 - A message on the Notification Bar will indicate a completed download





Selecting Speakers

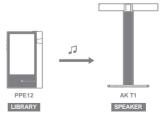
- Turn on the speaker(s) to be conn ected, and then connect it to the same network as the PPE12
- 2. Turn on [AK Connect] from the device settings.
- Press [] from the notification bar to display a list of speakers available on the same network as the PPE12.
- Scroll the screen left and right to select a speaker. The selected sp eaker will be connected, and mus ic will be played back through the speaker.



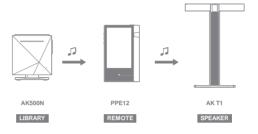


AK Connect Usage Examples

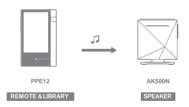
Example 1

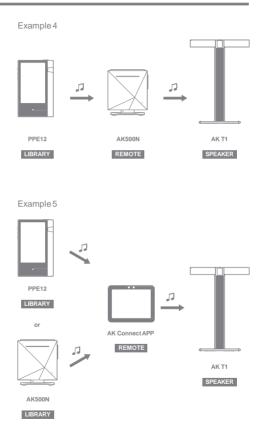


Example 2



Example 3





Listening to Music

Selecting Music

- Select a search option at the bottom of the home screen to display the playlist.
- 2. Select a song from the list to begin playback.



Select [Folder] to search music by folder.

Continuous Playback: Approximately 10 hours (Basis: FLAC, 16bit, 44 kHz, unbalanced output, volume 80, EQ off, LCD off) Supported Formats: PCM [8 – 384 kHz (8/16/24/32-bit)], DSD [2.8/5.6 MHz]

Listening to Music

- Press [] at the top of the music list to display music options.
 - : Add the selected file after the current/last song of the current playlist.
 - : Add the selected file to the playlist.
 - Copy the selected file.
 - : Move the selected file.
 - : Delete the selected file.
- Select an album cover from the home screen to begin playback.
- Turn the [Volume Wheel] to adjust the volume.
- Press [] during playback to pause and [] to resume pla yback.
 - $_{\rm O}$ You can also pause/resume playback by pressing the $_{\rm IN}$ button on the device.
- Press [/ during playback for the previous/next song. Play t
 o he previous/next song by pressing the [/] button on the
 device.

- Drag the progress bar to the desired location during playback.
- Press the [Home] button on the device to go to the Home Screen.
- Press the album cover during playback to display an additional screen
 - : Display the previous screen.

: Display the current playlist.

- Press [] Thext to the playlist to edit the playlist or der.
- Press [] at the top of the music list to display music options.
 - : Add the selected file to the playlist.
- = : Delete the selected file.
- + : Add the current song to the playlist.
- ≡ : Display lyrics for the current song.
- 1 : Display current song information.

Playlist Screen



1	Current	Indicates the current location.		
	Location	Press to return to the	previous screen.	
2	Play All	Play all songs from the current playlist.		
3	Playlist	Displays the playlist for the current location.		
4	List Sorting	Select a method for sorting the playlist.	# 100 E = 00 Pm 19 - 00 Localed	
5	5 List View Select a view type for the list of albur		the list of albums.	
6	Music O	Select the checkbox	o apply playlist	

options.

ptions

Music Player Screen



1	_	Previous Screen	Return to the previous screen.
2		Album Cover	Display album covers. Press the album cover to show additional functions.

3	=	Lyrics	Lyrics for the current song.
4	+	Add to Playlist	Add the current song to a playlist.
5		Song Progress	Indicates song duration.
6		Details	Displays bitrate and sampling
			frequency data.
7		Title	Song title information.
			File name is displayed when
			ID3Tag is unavailable.
8		Artist	Artist name.
9	▶/II	Play/Pause	Play or pause the current song.
10	0=	Playlist	Displays the current playlist.
11	1	Details	Displays current songinformation.
12		Song Duration	Indicates the song's total duration.
			Press to switch from elapsed
			time to remaining time.
13		Progress Bar	Indicates song progress. Dra
			g the indicator to move to th
			e desired time.
14	44	Previous/	Short press: Previous song.
		Rewind	Long press: Rewind the current
			song.
15	>>	Next/	Short press: Next song.
		Fast-Forward	Long press: Fast-forward the
			current song.

Playlist Management

Creating a Playlist

- Press [Playlist Playlists] from the home screen to display a list of pl avlists.
- 2. Press [+] at the upper-right corner of the screen.
- Enter a name for the playlist, and then press [Add] to create a new playlist.





Adding a Song to a Playlist

- 1. Press [Playlists] to display a list of playlists.
- 2. Select a playlist and press [+ Add] to display a list of songs.
- Select the desired song, and then press [+ Add] to add the song to the selected playlist.



Removing a Song from a Playlist

- Press [Playlists] to display a list of playlists.
- Select the desired playlist, and then press [] at the top of t he screen.
- Select the desired song, and then press [] to remove the song fr om the selected playlist.



Editing the Playlist Order

 Press [] mext to the playlist to modify the playlist order.



Playing a Playlist

- Press [Playlists] to display a list of playlists, and then press [] at the top of the screen.
- 2. Select the desired playlist for playback.



Renaming a Playlist

- 1. Press [Playlists] to display a list of playlists, and then press [=] at the top of the screen.
- 2. Select a playlist to be renamed.
- 3. Press [nat the top of the screen to display a rename window.
- 4. Enter a name for the playlist, and then press [Rename] to save the playlist under a new name.



Deleting a Playlist

- 1. Press [Playlists] to display a list of playlists, and then press [=] at the top of the screen.
- 2. Select the playlist to be deleted.
- 3. Press [=] at the top of the screen to delete the selected playlist.



USB DAC Installation

The USB DAC functionality allows the PPE12 to be recognized as a sound card on a computer. Music from the computer is played through the device's earphones port for an enhanced listening experience.

USB DAC Specifications

- Supported OS
 - Windows XP (32-bit) / Windows 7 (32/64-bit) / Windows 8 (32/64-bit)
- USB DAC Support Specifications
 - Supported Formats: WAV.FLAC, WMA, MP3, OGG, A PE (Normal, High, Fast), AAC, ALAC, AIFF, DFF, DSF
 - Sample Rate: 44.1 kHz 96 kHz
 - Bit Rate: 16-bit/24-bit
- Control the volume with the PPE12's volume wheel



Sound will not play back for files that exceed the supported form

Volume control is unavailable when the LCD screen is turned off during USB DAC connection.

The Previous, Play, and Next buttons are unavailable during USB

Playback may stutter when computer performance is slow or the

USB connection is experiencing heavy usage.
There may be issues with audio-to-video synchronization during video playback depending on the sound quality and operating en

Optical output (S/PDIF) is unavailable during USB DAC connecti

Volume cannot be adjusted via the Windows volume control. The volume wheel on the device or volume control on the appropriat e program must be used to adjust the volume.

CD Ripping

Connect the AK Ripper (sold separately) to rip CDs.

Turning the AK Ripper On/Off

- 1. Set [CD Ripping] to On.
- After connecting the product, pull down the notification bar and press the CD ripping icon to use the AK Ripper.
- While the AK Ripper is turned on, pull down the notification bar and press the CD ripping icon to stop the AK Ripper operation.

Automatic CD Ripping

- 1. Connect the AK Ripper and insert a CD.
- The metadata (ID3 tags) for the inserted CD will be retrieved via Gracenote.
- CD ripping will begin automatically after the metadata has been retrieved.
- When finished, press [OK] on the results prompt to complete automatic CD ripping.

Manual CD Ripping

- When the AK Ripper is connected and a CD is inserted, the [CD Ripping] menu will be activated on the home screen.
- Press the [CD Ripping] menu and select the desired file format (FLAC or WAV).
- The Gracenote database will be searched for matching CD metadata after the file format is selected.
- When the database search is complete, press [Start] to begin CD ripping.
- 5. Rip only selected songs.

CD Ripping Results

- Indicates that CD ripping is complete, or that although an error occurred. CD ripping was successfully compl eted via error correction.
- x: Indicates that the song currently being ripped can be canceled via user input.
- ♠: Indicates that CD ripping failed due to a scratch on the CD or other similar reasons. Also indicates that CD ripping was canceled due to user interruption.
 - To search the Gracenote database, the PPE12 must be connecte d to the Internet via Wi-Fi. The database access time may vary d epending on the network environment. Please note that metadata for certain CDs may not be available
 - on the Gracenote database. You may not access the Home screen while CD ripping is in prog
 - The AK Connect service will be disabled during CD ripping. The service will automatically restart when CD ripping is completed.

 Music playback will be disabled during CD ripping, and tracks th
 at have been ripped will not be available for playback until the en tire CD has been ripped.

 - the CD has been ripped.

 You can set the desired file format and ripping speed from the [

 O CD Ripping] menu.

 Several attempts at correction will be made for data with errors when the feature is enabled under [CORipping Error Correct ion]. Please note that the CD ripping speed will be affected when this feature is enabled.

Using Bluetooth

Connect a Bluetooth device to listen to music wirelessly.

Turning Bluetooth On/Off

A Bluetooth device must be paired with the PPE12 prior to use. Refer t o the Bluetooth device's instruction manual for details



Bluetooth Pairing

 Select the appropriate Bluetooth device from the list of available devices.



A Bluetooth device must be paired with the PPE12 prior to use. Refer to the Bluetooth device's instruction manual for details.

Terminating a Bluetooth Connection

 Press the connected Bluetooth d evice and confirm the message prompt to disconnect the device.



Removing a Bluetooth Pairing

- 1. Press [14th the right of the pai red device to be redirected to the settings screen.
- 2. Select [Remove Pairing] to complete the process.





- **Bluetooth Support Specifications** Profile: A2DP
- . Device performance may be affected during Hi-Fi playback. (48 kHz or lower is recommended.)

DSD playback is unavailable via Bluetooth.

Do not turn off the device while connected to Bluetooth. P
ower cycle the Bluetooth device in case of malfunction. Pairing methods may differ for each individual Bluetooth device. Always refer to the respective instruction manual for details.

When connecting the product to a Bluetooth device, the distance

e between the two must be within 20 cm. Audio quality will degrade with longer distances, and the pairing may disconnect at a distance of 2 m (6.5 ft) or more. (Distances may vary depending on device and environment.) Crosstalk may be heard while using Bluetooth.

For multipoint devices, make the necessary connections prior to

Car audio Bluetooth connections are not supported. Malfunction , noise, and other undesirable effects may occur due to the devic e's battery level and the environment.

If signal interference affects data transmission. (e.g. holding

- the device while wearing a Bluetooth device, holding the devi
- ce while holding another electronic device, etc.)

 If the device or Bluetooth headset's radio transmitters are touching parts of the body.
- If the transmission strength is affected by walls, corners. partitions, etc.
- If devices using the same frequencies cause interference. (e.g. medical devices, microwave ovens, Wi-Fi, etc.)
- Areas with an excessive amount of interference or weak signals. (e.g. elevators, underground, etc.)

Settings

Set up the device according to the user's needs. The settings m enu may vary depending on the firmware version.

Setup

- 2. Select the desired item for setup.

Wi-Fi

• Change wireless network settings and turn Wi-Fi on or off.



Refer to page 44 of the manual for more information on setting a wireless network.

Bluetooth

• Connect a Bluetooth device to listen to music wirelessly.



Refer to [Using Bluetooth] on page 37 of the manual for more information on setting up a Bluetooth connection.

AK CONNECT

Set whether to use AK Connect.

Equalizer

- Set the equalizer according to the user's preferences.
 - o Pro EQ: EQ Preset recommended by professionals.
 - User EQ: Adjust the frequencies according to the user's preferences.



Supported Formats for EQ: PCM [8 – 192 kHz (8/16/24-bit)] DSD (Equalizer disabled during 32-bit playback.) Using the equalizer may negatively affect device performance. R efer to pages 45 - 47 of the manual for more information on usin

Gapless Playback

g the equalizer.

 Play the next song without any interruptions/silence. Ga
 pless playback is only supported between two files wi th identical bit rates, sample rates, and channels.

Line Out

- Turn Line Out on or off.
 - Enabling Line Out and pressing [Line Out] on the volume control window will lock the volume level at maximum.



Do not use earphones with the Line Out feature enabled. Doing so may cause permanent hearing loss.

Left-Right Balance

Adjust the left-right balance for earphones/headphones.

Amp

• Set the amplification level when connected to the AKAmp.

CD Ripping

 Set the automatic CD ripping function as well as the file format and ripping speed.

Screen Brightness

· Adjust screen brightness settings.

Theme

· Change the theme.

Date & Time

Set the current date and time.

Device Name

- Set the name of the device.
 - o The maximum name length is 30 characters.

Language

- Select the display language.
 - Supported languages: English, Korean, Japanese, Chin ese (Simplified/Traditional), French, Russian, German

Keyboard

- Select the keyboard language.
 - Supported languages: English, Korean, Japanese, Chinese (Simplified/Traditional), Russian

Power

- Automatic Shutdown: The device will turn off after a defined period if there is no user input.
- Screen Timeout: The screen will turn off after a defined period when there is no user input.
- Sleep Timer: Music playback will stop, and the device will turn off after a defined period.

USB Connection

- Media Device (USB Drive): Connect to a computer to transfer media files.
- DAC Input: Listen to music located on a PC through the device.

Download

Select a folder for downloaded files.



The default folder is set when using AK Connect to download file s. When [Select Folder] is selected, the user is prompted to choo se a download folder each time a file is downloaded.

Update

- System Update: Update the system when a new version is found.
- Application Update: Update the default applications (including the Store) when new versions are found.

System Information

 System Information: View model number, firmware version. and data storage information. The microSD card can be mounted/dismounted, and data can be deleted.



Formatting the microSD card will delete all data on the memory card. Be sure to backup any important files before formatting. When formatting the microSD card from a computer, be sure to se lect the FAT32 system.

System Restore

- Database Initialization: Reset the internal database. The e database initialization time may vary depending on th e number of files stored on the device.
- Default Settings: Revert all user settings back to their original settings.
- Factory Reset: Delete all user data and restore the device to its original factory settings.

to a Wir eless N etwork

Connecting Connecting to a Network

1. Long-press [@ I from the Notifi cation Bar or select [Wi-Fil to display a list of access points (AP).



- 2. Select the desired AP to connect to the wireless network
 - Additional information (enc ryption key, index, etc.) ma y be required depending o n the network settings.
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3. Long-press the network name a nd select [Network Settings] to edit specific network settings.





Networks requiring browser or other additional certifications are not supported. Channels 1 through 11 are supported.

Equalizer Setup

Equalizer Setup



Press [Pro EQ] at the upper-left corner of the screen and select [+].



3. Enter a name for the custom EQ settings and select [Add].



- Adjust the frequencies left and right according to the user's p references
- The number values at the lowerleft corner of the screen can be adjusted for fine-tuning.



The frequency, gain, and Q value s can be adjusted according to th e user's preferences.





Resetting the Equalizer

 Select the desired EQ setting and press [) at the bottom of the screen to revert the EQ to its default settings.



Deleting an Equalizer

- Press [Pro EQ] at the upper-left corner of the screen.
- Press [mext to the desired it em to delete the selected eq ualizer.





Renaming an Equalizer

- 1. Press [Pro EQ] at the upper-left corner of the screen.
- Press [<u>Mext</u> to the desired ite m and enter a new name for th e selected equalizer.
- 3. Press [Rename] to apply the changes.



Safety Pre cautions

Device

- When a plug is inserted into the earphones, balanced, or USB port, do not apply any force or shock to the plug. D
- o not insert any metal objects (coins, hairpins, etc.) or fla mmable debris into the device.
- Do not place heavy objects on the device.
- In case the device gets wet (rain, water, chemicals, medici ne, cosmetics, sweat, moisture, etc.), do not power on the device and allow it to dry thoroughly. Contact the nearest iriver Customer Support Center.
 - (Malfunctions due to exposure to liquids will be repaired for a fee regardless of the warranty period and such da mage may not be repairable.)
- Avoid exposing the device to direct sunlight or extreme temperatures (-5°C - 40°C; 23°F - 104°F) such as the in side of a car during the summer.
- Do not store or use in hot and humid places such as saunas.
- Avoid places with excess moisture, dust, or smoke.
- Do not use for extended period on blankets, electric blankets, or carpet.
- Do not place near a fire or in a microwave.
- Never attempt to disassemble, repair, or alter the product.
- Do not store for extended periods in a confined space wit h the power on.
- Do not place the device near magnetic objects (magnets, televisions, monitors, speakers, etc.).
- Never use chemicals or cleaning products on the device since they can damage the paint and surface coating. A
- void dropping or subjecting the device to a strong impa ct (excessive vibration, etc.).
- Do not press multiple buttons simultaneously.
- Do not disconnect the micro-USB cable during data transfer.
- When connecting the micro-USB cable, use a USB port on the back of the PC. Connecting to a defective or damaged USB port may damage the device.
- Displaying one image for an extended period may cause screen burn-in (afterimage).

- Using poor quality protective films or adhesive stickers on the screen may cause damage.
- Do not insert any foreign objects into the earphones port.

Other

- Do not use earphones/headphones or operate the product while operating any type of vehicle. It is not only dangerous but may be a violation of the law in certain regions.
- Do not use the product during physical activities (driving, walking, hiking, etc.).
- Always use in a safe environment to avoid the risk of accidents.
- Always be aware of your surroundings when using the de vice while moving.
- Avoid using the device during thunderstorms to reduce the possibility of electric shock.
- If there is a ringing in the ears during or immediately after use, reduce the volume or discontinue using the product and obtain medical advice.
- Do not listen to music at excessive volumes for extended periods.
- Do not use the earphones/headphones at excessive volumes.
- Be careful not to get the earphones/headphones caught in other objects.
- Do not sleep with earphones in your ears or leave them in for extended periods.

Troubleshooting

Check for solutions to common problems.

- 1. The device won't turn on.
 - The battery may need to be recharged. Charge the device for at least one hour and try again.
 - Reset the device and try again. (See p. 5)

- The device will not charge when connected to a computer via USB cable
 - Use a USB port on the back of the computer, and check that the USB port is functioning properly.
 - Check that the USB cable is connected correctly.
- The computer won't recognize the device or an error occurs when connected.
 - Use a USB port on the back of the computer. Ch
 - eck that the USB cable is connected correctly.
 - For Windows XP, verify that Service Pack 2 (or higher) a nd Windows Media Player 10 (or higher) are installed.
 - heck if the device connects properly on a different computer.
- 4. The screen turns off repeatedly.
- 5. The screen does not display images properl
 - y. Check the screen for debris.
- 6. There is no sound, or there is static/interferenc
 - e. Check that the volume setting is above [0].
 - Check that the earphones are plugged in properly, and make sure debris isn't obstructing the port connection.
 - Check if the music file is corrupted.
 - Verify that the audio settings have been properly set.
 (Balanced out, line out, etc.)
- A file does not play, or the product is unstable when a certain file is used.
 - The following may occur due to the condition of the file:
 Playback is unstable or difficult.
 - o The product may not work normally.
 - $_{\text{o}}$ The file may sound different from a computer. T
 - o here may be a difference in the performance of playback or other functions.
 - o There may be differences in the playable specs.
 - A file conversion or use of a different file is recommended.

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The PPE12 was designed and audio-tuned under the advisement of MSD.

Certifications

KC / FCC / CE / TELEC

Class B Device (Communication equipment for residential use): This is a Class B Device and is registered for EMC requirements for residential use. This device can be used in residential an d all other areas.



FCCID: QDMPPE12

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

Specifications

Model	PPE12
BodyColor	TBD
Body Material	Aluminum
Display	4-inch WVGA (480x800) Touch Screen
Supported Audio	WAV, FLAC, WMA, MP3, OGG, APE (Normal, High, Fast),
Formats	AAC, ALAC, AIFF, DFF, DSF
SamplingRate	PCM: 8 kHz - 192 kHz (8/16/24-bits per sample)
	DSD:DSD64 (1-bit 2.8 MHz), Stereo/ DSD128(1-bit 5.6 MHz), Stereo
Output Level	Unbalanced 2.2 VRVIS / Balanced 2.3 VRVIS (Condition: NoLoad)
DAC	AKM AK4490 x 1 (Single DAC)
Decoding	Supports up to 24-bit / 192 kHz bit-to-bit decoding
Input	Type-B micro-USB Input (Charging & data transfer (PC & Mac)) /
	Connection Mode: MTP (Media Device)
Outputs	Phones (3.5 mm) / Optical Out (3.5 mm) /
	Balanced Out (2.5 mm, only 4-pole supported)
Wi-Fi	802.11 b/g/n (2.4GHz)
Bluetooth	v4.0 (A2DP, AVRCP) APT-x
Dimensions	2.95"(75.15 mm)[W]x 4.42"(1124 mm)[H]x 0.64"(16.45 mm)[D]
Weight	TBD
Feature Enhancements	Firmware Upgrade Supported (OTA)
Audio Specifications	S
Frequency Response	±0.053dB (Condition: 20 Hz -20 kHz) Unbalanced /
	±0.053 dB (Condition: 20 Hz - 20 kHz) Balanced
	±0.56 dB (Condition: 10 Hz -70 kHz) Unbalanced /
	±0.55 dB (Condition: 10 Hz -70 kHz) Balanced
S/N	116 dB @1 kHz, Unbalanced / 117 dB @1 kHz, Balanced
Crosstalk	130 dB @1 kHz, Unbalanced / 135 dB @1 kHz, Balanced
THD+N	0.0008% @1 kHz, Unbalanced / 0.0007% @1 kHz, Balanced
SMPTEIMD	0.0007% 800 Hz 10 kHz (4:1) Unbalanced /
	0.0006% 800 Hz 10 kHz (4:1) Balanced
Output Impedance	Balanced Out 2.5 mm (1 ohm) / Phones 3.5 mm (2 ohm)
Clock Jitter	30 ps (Typ.)/ Reference Clock Jitter (VCXO Clock) 0.2 ps (Typ
Reference Clock Jitter	0.2ps (VCXO Clock)
Storage Capacity	
Built-in Memory	128GB[NAND]
External Memory	microSD (Max. 128 GB) x 1
Battery	
Capacity	3,400 mAh 3.7 V Li-Polymer Battery

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> The information in this user manual was written based on current product specifications. The manufacturer, iriver Li mited, is adding new complementary features and will co ntinue to apply new technologies in the future.

All specifications may be changed without prior notice. The re is no warranty against data loss due to the use of this pr oduct.

We, IRIVER LIMITED., hereby declares that this Portable, Music Player is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC.

Body-worn Operation

This device was tested for typical body-worn operations. A minimum separation distance must be maintained between the user's body and the handset, including the antenna: 5 mm to comply with the RF exposure requirements in Europe Third-party belt-clips, holsters, and similar accessories used by this device should not contain any metallic components. Body-worn accessories that do not meet these requirements m ay not comply with RF exposure requirements and should b e avoided. Use only the supplied or an approved antenna. Unauthorized antennas, modifications, or attachments could im pair call quality, damage the phone, or result in violation of r egulations. Do not use the phone with a damaged antenna. If a damaged antenna comes into contact with the skin, a m inor burn may result. Please contact your local dealer for re placement antenna.

Body-worn accessory exposure conditions

"Specific information must be included in the operating ma nuals to enable users to select body-worn accessories that meet the minimum test separation distance requirements. User s must be fully informed of the operating requirements and restrictions, to the extent that the typical user can easily und erstand the information, to acquire the required body- worn accessories to maintain compliance. Instructions on how to place and orient a device in body-worn accessories, in acc ordance with the test results, should also be included in the user instructions. All supported body-worn accessory oper ating configurations must be clearly disclosed to users thro ugh conspicuous instructions in the user guide and user ma nual to ensure unsupported operations are avoided. All bod y-worn accessories containing metallic components must b e tested for compliance and clearly identified in the operatin a manual. The instruction must inform users to avoid using oth er body-worn accessories containing metallic components to ensure RF exposure compliance."



Risk of explosion if battery is replaced by an incorrect type. Disp ose of used batteries according to the instructions.

FCC Caution

Any changes or modifications in construction of this device which are not expressly a pproved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to op erate the equipment.