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AirLine
MICRO 
WIRELESS EARSET SYSTEM



OWNERS MANUAL

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Important Safety Information

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 dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at the plugs, convenience receptacles, and at the point where they exit from the apparatus.
11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus.
When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
13. Unplug the apparatus during lightning storms, or when unused for long periods of time.
14. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. Service is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
15. This appliance shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing water and that no object filled with liquid such as vases shall be placed on the apparatus.



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16. Caution-to prevent electrical shock, match wide blade plug wide slot fully insert.
17. Please keep a good ventilation environment around the entire unit.
18. The direct plug-in adapter is used as disconnect device, the disconnect device shall remain readily operable.
19. Batteries (battery pack or batteries installed) shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire or the like.

FCC Rules and Regulations

Samson wireless receivers are certified under FCC Rules part 15 and transmitters are certified under FCC Rules part 74.

Licensing of Samson equipment is the user's responsibility and licensability depends on the user's classification, application and frequency selected.

This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC rules Class B and RSS-210 of Industry & Science Canada.

Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

- (1) This device must not cause harmful interference, and
- (2) This device must accept any interference received including interference that may cause undesired operation. Suitable for home or office use.

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, there 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, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.

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- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced Radio/TV technician for help.

WARNING: Changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

FCC Consumer Alert for Wireless Microphones

Most users do not need a license to operate this wireless microphone system. Nevertheless, operating this microphone system without a license is subject to certain restrictions: the system may not cause harmful interference; it must operate at a low power level (not in excess of 50 milliwatts); and it has no protection from interference received from any other device. Purchasers should also be aware that the FCC is currently evaluating use of wireless microphone systems, and these rules are subject to change. For more information, call the FCC at 1-888-CALL-FCC (TTY: 1-888-TELL-FCC) or visit the FCC's wireless microphone website at www.fcc.gov/cgb/wirelessmicrophones.

This equipment is intended for use in wireless microphone applications.

Equipment is intended for sale in: AT, BE, CH, CY, CZ*, DK, EE, FI*, FR*, DE*, GR*, HU, IE, IS, IT, LV, LT*, LU, MT*, NL, NO*, PL* PT, RO, SK, SI, ES, SE, UK

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Hereby, Samson Technologies Corp., declares that this Airline Micro is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 2014/53/EU. The declaration of conformity may be consulted at:

http://www.samsontech.com/site_media/support/manuals/Airline_Micro_DOC.pdf



Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Samson AirLine Micro Earset wireless system, a breakthrough in wireless microphone technology. Wireless systems were originally developed to eliminate cables. Samson took this one step further by creating the AH2 single earset transmitter, which provides unparalleled freedom of movement. The AirLine Micro features an integrated omnidirectional microphone and flexible gooseneck boom, which always allows you to obtain the perfect position to pick up your voice, even during high-impact performance. The frequency response of the transmitter has been tailored for accurate and articulate vocal reproduction. The AH2 transmitter is also water resistant, and designed with extra care to ensure that no moisture can accumulate during performances. This makes the AH2 perfectly suited for aerobics instructors, and high-energy performers and presenters.

Housed in a rugged aluminum chassis with retractable antennas, the AR2a provides the ultimate in portability and flexibility. The AR2a micro receiver features an 1/8" unbalanced audio output, with microphone or line level output, USB DC-input, and RF and Battery LED indicators. The included AR2D dock provides stability for the receiver, and facilitates ease of use.

The AirLine Micro utilizes the latest in miniaturized electronic components, as well as lithium ion batteries, which result in Samson's smallest and most comfortable wireless system, while preserving the high-quality audio you expect out of a Samson wireless device. The AirLine Micro system ensures clear, interruption-free performance by incorporating tone-key with auto-mute, which only allows the transmitter's audio to pass through the receiver, and mutes the output if there is interference.

The AirLine Micro system uses fully rechargeable Lithium Ion technology. The AirLine Micro AH2 transmitter and AR2a receiver feature internal rechargeable batteries for 10 hours of battery operation. Both the AH2 and AR2a can be recharged with the included AC adaptor and USB Y-cable. The AR2a can be powered directly off of the AC adaptor, for continuous operation. The AH2 and AR2a can also be recharged by USB bus power when connected to any USB host-equipped device.

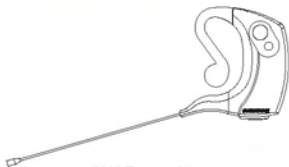
Introduction

In this manual, you'll find a detailed description of the features of your AirLine Micro Earset system, as well as a guided tour of its components, step-by-step instructions for setting up and using your system, and full specifications. If your AirLine Micro Earset system was purchased in the United States, you'll also find a warranty card enclosed—don't forget to fill it out and mail it! This will enable you to receive online technical support and will allow us to send you updated information about this and other Samson products in the future. If your Airline Micro Earset system was purchased outside of the U.S., contact your local distributor for warranty details. Also, be sure to check out our website (<http://www.samsontech.com>) for information about our full product line.

SPECIAL NOTE for U.S. Purchasers: Should your Airline Micro Earset system ever require servicing, a Return Authorization (RA) number is necessary. Without this number, the unit will not be accepted for return. If your AirLine Micro Earset system was purchased in the United States, please call Samson at 1-800-372-6766 for an RA number prior to shipping your system. If possible, return the unit in its original carton and packing materials. If your AirLine Micro Earset system was purchased outside of the U.S., contact your local distributor for information.

BATTERY NOTE: Lithium-ion batteries are low maintenance and provide higher power in a lighter package when compared to NiCad (nickel-cadmium). All Lithium-ion batteries have a finite number of times they can be recharged, called a charge cycle. A charge cycle means using all of the battery's power, but does not necessarily mean a single charge. The battery can be recharged when needed, and does not need to be fully discharged (as compared to NiCad). Repetitive full discharges of the battery should be avoided. Lithium-ion batteries need to be used for maximum life and performance. If you are not using your wireless system often, be sure to complete a full charge cycle at least every three months. If you need to replace your AH2 or AR2a battery please contact Samson or your local distributor.

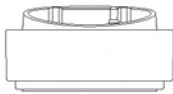
System Components



AH2 Transmitter



AR2a Receiver



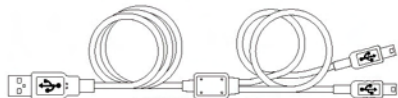
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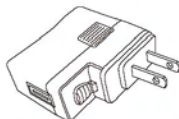
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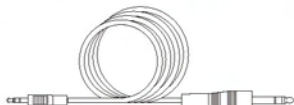
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USB Y-Power Cable



Universal AC Adaptor



1/8" to 1/4" Audio Cable



3 Windscreens

Note: Universal AC Adaptor works from 100V - 240V. Plug adaptors snap into place and can be changed by sliding the button below the plug. Each system is shipped with one plug adaptor specific to the country where the system is purchased. Plug adaptors can be ordered through Samson.



Quick Start

Please follow these basic procedures for setting up and using your AirLine Micro:

1. For your AirLine Micro system to work correctly, both the receiver and transmitter must be set to the same channel. Remove all packing materials (save them in case your unit needs service in the future) and check to make sure that the supplied receiver and transmitter are set to the same channel.

Note: The channel number is laser-engraved on the back of the AR2a and AH2 chassis. If these channels do not match, please contact Samson Technical Support at 1-800-372-6766. If your unit was purchased outside of the U.S., please contact your local distributor.

2. Before using your AirLine Micro system you should fully recharge the transmitter and receiver batteries. Plug the AC adaptor into a power socket. Connect the USB Y-Cable into the USB socket on the AC adaptor. Plug the two mini-USB connectors into the USB ports on the AH2 transmitter and AR2a receiver. When the transmitter and receiver are completely charged, the BLUE LED indicator will turn off.
3. Remove the USB cable and continue with setup.
4. Physically place the receiver where it will be used (if desired, the AR2a receiver model can be used with the included AR2D dock) and fully extend the antennas vertically.
5. Turn your audio system off and connect the receiver's 1/8" unbalanced output jack to the microphone or line level audio input of your amplifier or mixer. Set the AR2a Mic/Line Level switch to match the input.
6. Turn on the receiver using the Power Switch. When on, the Status Indicator will be steady YELLOW.

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7. Turn on your AH2 transmitter by pressing and holding the Multi-Function Switch, until the Status Indicator LED flashes GREEN, then release it. The AH2 Status Indicator will now light steady GREEN. The AR2a receiver Status Indicator will change from YELLOW to GREEN indicating that it is receiving a valid RF signal.
8. Position the AH2 on your head, as illustrated on page 7.
9. Turn on your connected amplifier and/or mixer, but keep its volume all the way down. Make sure the AH2 transmitter is not muted.
Note: If the AH2 is muted, the AH2 Status Indicator LED will flash GREEN and the AR2a Status Indicator will flash GREEN. To unmute the AH2, press the Multi-Function Switch and the Status Indicator will light steady GREEN.
10. Speak or sing into the earset microphone at a normal performance level while slowly raising the audio input control of your amplifier or mixer, until the desired volume is reached.
11. If you hear distortion at the desired volume level, check to see whether the Status Indicator LED on the receiver is lighting RED. If it is not lit, make sure that the gain structure of your audio system is set correctly (consult the owners manual of your mixer and/or amplifier for details). If the Status Indicator is RED, simply move the microphone further from your mouth.

If you hear a weak, noisy signal at the desired volume level, make sure that the gain structure of your audio system and the Audio Output Level switch are correctly set. If the Audio Output Level switch is correctly set and the signal coming from the receiver is still weak and/or noisy, simply position the microphone closer to your mouth.

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If you feel that the level of the microphone needs further adjustment, press and hold the AH2 Multi-Function Switch while the unit is powered on until the Status Indicator turns off, and release the switch. Then press and hold the Multi-Function Switch again for 5 seconds. The AH2 Status Indicator will first flash GREEN then flash YELLOW to show that you are in the Volume Adjustment mode. Press and release the Multi-Function Switch once, and the microphone volume will increase one level. To continue to adjust the microphone volume, press and release the Multi-Function Switch until the maximum level is reached. There are 5 levels. With each increasing level, the Status Indicator will flash faster. After level 5 is reached, the transmitter will cycle back down through the levels each time the Multi-Function Switch is pressed. As the levels decrease, the Status Indicator flashes slower. When the desired level is reached, release the Multi-Function Switch. The AH2 will return to normal operation after 10 seconds, and the Status Indicator will be steady GREEN.

12. Do a walk-around through the intended area of coverage while observing the AR2a's Status Indicator; it should stay steadily GREEN, indicating sufficient RF reception in all areas of coverage. If the AR2a's Status Indicator lights YELLOW, it designates RF dropout or muted receiver. Reposition the device (or its antennas) as necessary. If extended range coverage is required, another AR2a true diversity receiver (set to the same channel as the transmitter) should be used.
13. If you have followed all the steps above and are experiencing difficulties, please call Samson Technical Support (1-800-372-6766) between 9 AM and 5 PM EST. If you purchased your system outside of the U.S., please contact your local distributor.

Wearing the AH2 Transmitter

The AH2 can be re-sized to fit comfortably on your ear.

1. Rotate the adjustment band up. (figure 1)
2. Position the AH2 over your left ear so that the body of the transmitter is behind your ear. (figure 2)
3. Push the adjustment band down until it fits comfortably in your ear and is secure against your head. (figure 3)
4. Position the microphone towards the corner of your mouth, approximately 1/2" away from the lips.
5. Position the moisture guard ring as close to the capsule as possible.
6. For outdoor use, and to help reduce p-popping, install one of the included windscreens.



figure 1

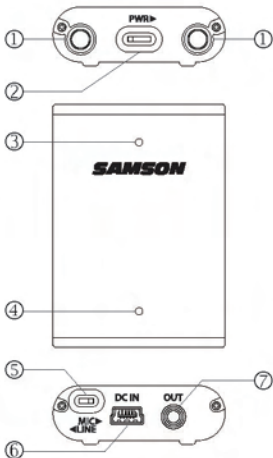


figure 2



figure 3

Guided Tour - AR2a Receiver



1. **Antennas** - The retractable antennas allow full rotation for optimum placement. In normal operation, both antennas should be fully extended and placed in a vertical position, as shown below.



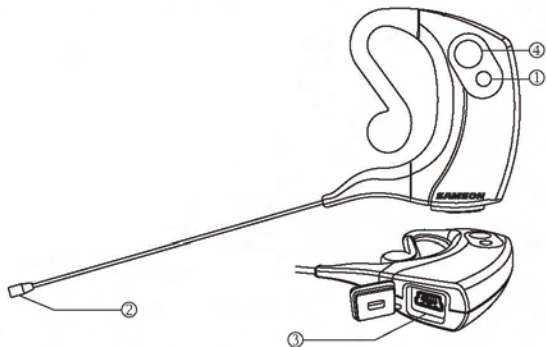
2. **POWER Switch** - Use this to turn the AR2a power on and off.
3. **Status Indicator** - This three-color LED acts as a multi-function meter, indicating power, transmitter tone-key status, transmitter mute, and transmitter peak.

YELLOW	AR2a Powered On, No Tone-Key Present
GREEN	AH2 On, Normal Operation
Flashing GREEN	AH2 Audio Muted
RED	Transmitter Input Overloaded

Guided Tour - AR2a Receiver

- 4. Low Battery Indicator** - This BLUE LED displays the status of the battery. The Low Battery Indicator will flash BLUE when the unit is on, and the battery is low. When recharging the AR2a, the LED will be steady BLUE until the battery is fully charged, then the indicator will turn off.
- 5. Audio Output Level Switch** - Sets the audio output level of the unbalanced output to microphone or line level.
- 6. USB DC Power Input** - Connect the supplied universal adaptor to recharge the internal lithium ion rechargeable battery or to power the receiver. The USB DC input will also accept USB bus power from a computer USB port, or any 5-volt DC adaptor that has a USB output (including automotive).
NOTE: The USB port is only used for charging purposes and cannot be used for data exchange between a PC and the AR2a receiver.
- 7. 1/8" Unbalanced Output** - Use this unbalanced (600 Ohm min.) 1/8" (3.5 mm) mini-phone jack when connecting the audio equipment.

Guided Tour - AH2 Transmitter



- 1. Status Indicator** - This LED displays the operation mode, low battery and recharge status of the transmitter.

GREEN	Normal Operation
Flashing GREEN	Mute
Flashing YELLOW	Volume Adjustment Mode
Fastest Flashing YELLOW	Maximum Level
Slowest Flashing YELLOW	Minimum Level
Flashing BLUE	Low Battery
BLUE	Recharging - LED will turn off when AH2 is fully charged

- 2. Microphone** - Micro-miniature, 3mm omni-directional microphone capsule.

- 3. USB DC Power Input** - Connect the supplied universal adaptor to recharge the internal Lithium Ion battery. The USB DC input will also accept USB bus power from a computer USB port, or any 5-volt DC adaptor that has a USB output.

NOTE: The Universal AC Adaptor will charge the AH2 & AR2a faster than a computer USB port.

NOTE: The USB port is only used for charging purposes and cannot be used for data exchange between a PC and the AH2 transmitter.

Guided Tour - AH2 Transmitter

4. **Multi-Function Switch** - Press and hold to turn the unit on or off. Press and release to mute or unmute the transmitter. To adjust the transmitter volume, while the AH2 is powered on, press and hold until the power turns off, release the switch, then press and hold the switch for 5 seconds and the Status Indicator will first flash GREEN then flashes YELLOW.

Function	Activation	Hold Time	LED Status
Power ON/OFF	Press and Hold	> 1 sec	GREEN
Mute ON/OFF	Press	0.2 - 2 sec	Flashing GREEN
Volume Adjust	Press and Hold	> 5 sec	Flashing YELLOW
Increase Gain	Press (Total 5 steps)	> 0.2 sec	Flashing YELLOW
Decrease Gain	Press (Total 5 steps)	> 0.2 sec	Flashing YELLOW
Set Level	Don't Press	10 sec	GREEN

AR2a Dock



For added convenience and easy setup, we have included the AR2D dock. To use the dock please follow these steps:

1. Slide the AR2a receiver into the AR2D dock. There are two keys on the rear of the AR2a that will match up and align with the AR2D so that the receiver will fit correctly.
2. Attach the included 1/8" to 1/4" audio cable to the audio output on the back panel of the AR2D.
3. To recharge the AR2a receiver, connect the USB Y-cable to the USB DC input on the back panel of the AR2D and connect the cable to the included Universal AC adaptor.

Specifications

System		Sensitivity	18 dBu (@ THD 2%)
Operating Frequency		Power Requirements	Internal lithium ion rechargeable battery or AC adaptor
K Band: 489.050-492.425MHz	N Band: 642.375-645.750MHz	Battery Life	~10 hours
E Band: 863.125-864.875MHz		Indicators	Power On, Tone Key, Transmitter Mute, Transmitter Peak, Battery Low, Recharging
Number of Channels		Dimensions	43 mm L x 13 mm W x 60 mm H
K Band: 3	N Band: 6	Weight	1.7" L x 0.51" W x 2.4" H
E Band: 4		AH2 Transmitter	42g (1.5 oz.)
Working Range	100m (300 ft.) line of sight	Audio Input Level	-110 dBv ~ 0 dBv
Audio Frequency Response	100 Hz - 15 kHz	Volume Adjustment Steps	5
T.H.D. (Overall)	< 1% (@AF 1 kHz, RF 46 dBu)	RF Transmitter Output	5 mW ERP
Operating Temperature	-18°C (0°F) to +40°C (+104°F)	Power Requirements	Internal lithium ion rechargeable battery
Storage Temperature	-5°C (23°F) to +35°C (+95°F)	Battery Life	~10 hours
Software version:	V1.0	Dimensions	171 mm L x 14 mm W x 58 mm H
Hardware version:	V1.0	Weight	6.7" L x 0.6" W x 2.3" H
AR2a Receiver			22 grams (0.8 oz.)
Audio Output Connector	1/8" Unbalanced		
Audio Output Level (Typical)	-30 dBv (Mic), -10 dBv (Line)		
Audio Output Impedance	Unbalanced 600 Ohms		
AF Frequency Response	50 Hz - 15 kHz		
Antennas	Two 1/4 Wavelength Rod		
Selectivity	±150 kHz (AF Out Ratio -60 dB)		
S/N Ratio (Overall)	90 dB (w/IHF-A Filter)		

AirLine Micro Channel Plan

Channel	Frequencies	Channel	Frequencies	Channel	Frequencies
K1	489.050 MHz	N1	642.375 MHz	E1	863.125 MHz
K2	490.975 MHz	N2	642.875 MHz	E2	863.625 MHz
K3	492.425 MHz	N3	644.125 MHz	E3	864.500 MHz
		N4	644.750 MHz	E4	864.875 MHz
		N5	645.500 MHz		
		N6	645.750 MHz		

Airline Micro N-Channel wireless frequencies are within UHF TV frequency bands. Only certain channels may be available in particular areas. The six N-Channels have been selected for optimum multi-channel compatibility and may be used simultaneously, subject to frequency availability in your geographic area.

Airline Micro E-Channel wireless frequencies may not be used in North America.

AirLine Micro Function & Indicator Guide

AH2 Earset Transmitter

Status

Earset Status Indicator Light

Powering On

Steady **GREEN**.

Mute

Intermittent **GREEN** flashes.

Volume Adjust

Intermittent **YELLOW** flashes. The indicator flashes faster as the volume is increased. The indicator flashes slower as the volume is decreased.

Battery Low

The indicator flashes **BLUE**.

Charging Battery

Steady **BLUE**. Indicator turns off when the battery is fully charged.

AR2a Receiver

Status

Receiver Indicator Lights

Powering On

Status Indicator: Steady **YELLOW**.

(AR2a: ON, AH2: OFF)

Powering On

Status Indicator: Steady **GREEN**.

(AR2a: ON, AH2: ON)

AH2 Mute

Status Indicator: Intermittent **GREEN** flashes.

Peak

Status Indicator: Flashes **RED**.

Battery Low

Low Battery Indicator: Intermittent **BLUE** flashes.

Charging Battery

Low Battery Indicator: Steady **BLUE**. Indicator turns off when the battery is fully charged.
