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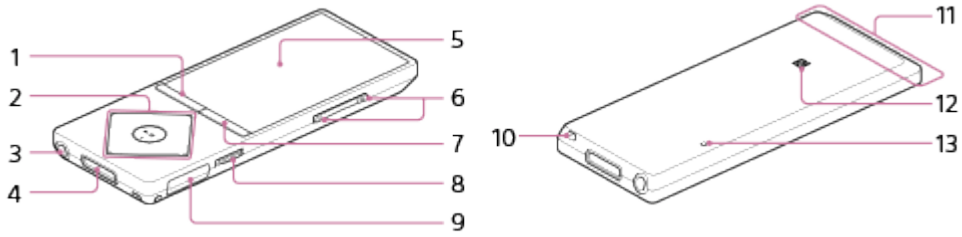
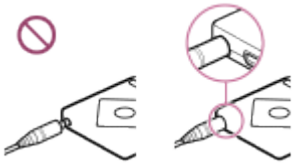


1. BACK/HOME button
   Press to go up one list screen level or to return to the previous menu.
   Press and hold to display the Home menu.
2. 5-way button
   Press to start playback or navigate through the on-screen menus of your Walkman.
   There is a tactile dot on the ▶II button to help you operate the buttons without looking.
3. Headphone jack (*1)
   Insert the headphone plug until it clicks into place.
   Sound will be impaired if the headphones are not connected properly.



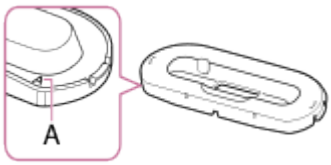
4. WM-PORT jack
   Connect the USB cable (supplied) or other accessories that support WM-PORT (not supplied).
5. Display
6. VOL (Volume) +/– button
   Press to adjust the volume.
   There is a tactile dot on the + button to help you operate the buttons without looking.
7. OPTION/PWR OFF (Option/Power off) button
   Press to display the option menu.
   Press and hold to turn the screen off and enter standby mode.
8. HOLD switch
   Set the HOLD switch to protect your Walkman against accidental operation during transport.
   Slide the HOLD switch in the direction of the arrow → to disable all operation buttons. Slide the HOLD switch to the opposite position to release the HOLD function.

9. microSD card slot
   Insert a microSD card until it clicks into place to increase available memory for your Walkman.
10. Strap hole
    Use to attach a strap (not supplied).
11. Built-in Bluetooth antenna
    Do not cover the antenna part with your hands or other object when a Bluetooth connection is active. Doing so may interrupt the connection.
12. N-mark
    Touch a Bluetooth device equipped with the NFC feature to this mark to connect it to your Walkman.
13. RESET button
    Press the RESET button with a small pin, etc. to reset your Walkman.

(*1) You cannot listen to wired headphones while your Walkman is connected to a device via Bluetooth. Disconnect the Bluetooth connection to use wired headphones.

Installing your Walkman in a peripheral device such as a cradle

You may need to use an adaptor to install your Walkman in a peripheral device such as a cradle. In this case, use the adaptor (Type A) supplied with the device.



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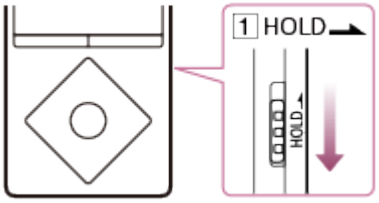

1. Slide the switch (1) to unlock your Walkman.
2. Press any button.

Hint

- If there is no operation, the screen will be turned off. To turn on the screen, press any button.
- Set the date and time before you start to use your Walkman.
- If there is no operation for an extended period, your Walkman will be turned off automatically. When you turn on the Walkman again, it will take a while before the power is on.

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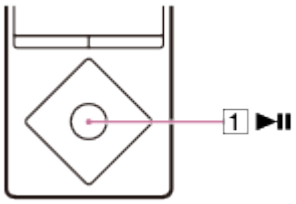
Play music imported to your Walkman.



1. From the Home menu, select ♫ [Music].
2. Select the desired items until a song list appears, then select the desired song.
3. Playback starts and the music playback screen is displayed. To pause playback, press the button (1).

Note

- If there is no operation for an extended period while paused, your Walkman will be turned off automatically. In this case, turn on the power before step 1 above.
- Depending on the way of transferring songs to your Walkman, songs might be played in different order from the song order on your computer. When you specify the song order on your Walkman, edit the playlists with a function of Media Go or iTunes and then transfer them to your Walkman.

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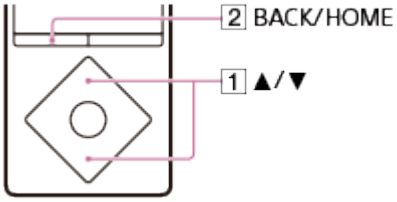
Listen to FM radio on your Walkman. You cannot listen to FM radio without connecting headphones, as the cord of these headphones works as the antenna. Extend the cord as long as possible.



1. From the Home menu, select FM [FM Radio].
2. Press the button (1) to select the desired frequency.
   To turn off FM radio, press the button (2).

Note

- The sound quality settings are not applied while listening to FM radio.
- You cannot listen to FM radio while your Walkman holds Bluetooth connection.

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Connecting with a paired Bluetooth audio device

Connect your Walkman with a Bluetooth audio device if they are paired but not connected with each other. You will need to do this when the connection is lost, for example, by turning off either the Walkman or the Bluetooth audio device.

1. Turn on the Bluetooth audio device you want your Walkman to connect with and put the device in connection stand-by status.
   Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the Bluetooth audio device for details.
2. From the Home menu of your Walkman, select [Bluetooth].
3. Select [Connect to Audio Device].
   If the Bluetooth audio device is not paired with your Walkman, pair it first.
4. Select the Bluetooth audio device to connect with.
   The [Processing Connection] screen is displayed.
5. Confirm that the Bluetooth audio device is connected with your Walkman.
   When the connection is made successfully, is displayed in the information area of your Walkman and next to the icon of the connected Bluetooth audio device.

About the Bluetooth status icons

: Bluetooth function is on but no devices are connected.
: Bluetooth function is on and your Walkman is connected with other Bluetooth device(s).
No icon: Bluetooth function is off.

Hint

- The behavior of your Walkman while connected with a Bluetooth audio device is as follows.
  - If you connect a USB charger (not supplied), your Walkman is charged while holding the Bluetooth connection.
  - If you make a USB connection, USB connection is prioritized.
- If multiple names for a Bluetooth audio device are displayed, check the BD address of the Bluetooth audio device you want to connect with. Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the Bluetooth audio device for details on BD address.

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Disconnecting a Bluetooth audio device

Disconnect the connection between your Walkman and a Bluetooth audio device.

1. From the Home menu, select [Bluetooth].
2. Select [Disconnect Audio Device].

Note

- Bluetooth connection is disconnected automatically in the following cases:
  - The remaining battery power of your Walkman is low.
  - The remaining battery power of your Walkman is depleted.
  - Your Walkman is connected to a computer via USB.
  - About 24 hours have passed without playing back any content such as music while your Walkman is holding a Bluetooth connection.
- When you end the Bluetooth connection using the Bluetooth audio device, your Walkman enters the connection standby mode. If you do not make another Bluetooth connection within 5 minutes after that, the Bluetooth function of the Walkman turns off automatically.
- A Bluetooth connection is held for 24 hours even when no content is played back during that time. However, the length of the time may be shorter depending on the Bluetooth audio device.

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1. Confirm that the Bluetooth connection between the Bluetooth audio device and your Walkman is active.
   is displayed in the information area of your Walkman.
2. Play music on your Walkman.

Hint

- You can change the setting so the Bluetooth audio device is automatically connected when you turn on your Walkman.
- The following operations are available with some Bluetooth audio devices. The available operations vary depending on the Bluetooth audio device you use.
  - Play/Pause
  - Fast forward/rewind
  - Go to the beginning of the next song
  - Go to the beginning of the current song
  - Skip to the previous/next folder
  - Adjust volume

  Your Walkman may not be operated depending on the connection status.
- The behavior of your Walkman while connected with a Bluetooth audio device is as follows.
  - Sound is not emitted from the headphones connected to the headphone jack.
  - Operation sounds are not emitted from the Bluetooth audio device even with the operating sound setting set to on.
  - If you connect speakers to the WM-PORT jack, sound is emitted from the Bluetooth audio device but not from the speakers.

Note

- Sound is not emitted from the headphones (supplied) connected to the headphone jack or an accessory connected to the WM-PORT jack while a Bluetooth connection is active.
- You cannot listen to FM radio while a Bluetooth connection is active. Use the headphones to listen to FM radio.
- You cannot record while a Bluetooth connection is active.
- Sound may skip depending on the usage environment or the settings. Take the following measures to reduce sound skipping.
  - Place your Walkman and the Bluetooth audio device close together.
    Set [Wireless Playback Quality] to [Prioritize Connection].

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– Set [Dance/Karaoke/Language] to [Off].
– Set [DPC (Speed Control)] to [Off].

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