

Wireless Music Center + Station  
WACS57

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# Quick start guide

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# A

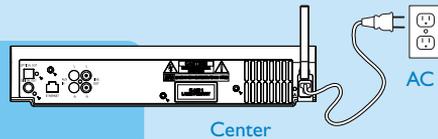
# Connect/Setup

## Set up Wi-Fi connection between Center and Station

Before starting the Wi-Fi connection, check your Center and Station are away from the source of interference, for example: turn off plasma TVs, microwave ovens, DECT phones, bluetooth devices, cordless phones and other Wi-Fi products.

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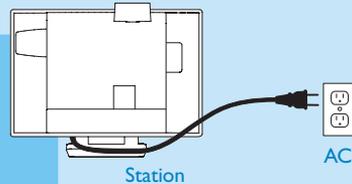
The first time you set up the Wi-Fi connection, place WAC5 Center and WAS700 Station side by side on a flat and firm surface.



2

Connect WACS57 to power supply, **first** the Center and **then** the Station Center/Station:

- The screen lights up. Auto installation/connection starts
- You will enter **HD** (Harddisk) mode when the installation/connection is finished



3

Relocate Center and Station as desired: **plug and stream\***

- Simply unplug your Center or Station and power them up in different rooms.
- You will be able to stream the harddisk music between Center and Station



HD mode (Harddisk)

### IMPORTANT!

- Avoid thick walls. Separating your Center and Station by 2 or more walls may cause poor streaming connection.
- For better Wi-Fi reception, you can turn the Wi-Fi antenna, or adjust the location of your Center and Station.  
📶: indicates maximum reception; 📶: indicates minimum reception
- For wall mounting, please refer to the **User Manual, Appendix: How to mount your Station onto walls**. You may need assistance from the qualified service personnel.

\* Streaming is the process describing data is pulled between places, which can be multiple places.

# A

## Connect Center to an audio system

You can easily connect **WAC5 Center** to your existing home audio systems, such as audio/video receivers, home theatre systems, mini/micro systems, multi-media speaker boxes (with built-in amplifier) and audio amplifiers.

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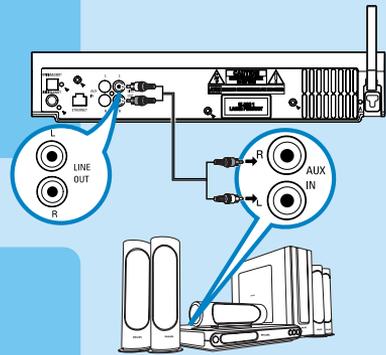
### On Center:

Insert the red plug of the red/white audio cables (supplied) to the red socket **LINE OUT R** and the white plug to the white socket **LINE OUT L**

2

### On the home audio system:

Connect the other end of the audio cables to the **AUX IN** (or **AUDIO IN**) terminals, red plug to the red socket **AUX IN R** and white plug to the white socket **AUX IN L**



(for illustration only)

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To listen to music playback, select **AUX** mode on the connected home audio system

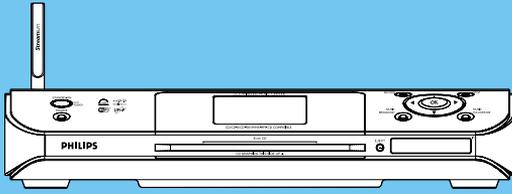
### IMPORTANT!

- Never make or change connections with the power supply switched on.

### Tips:

- WAC5 Center also provides the sound output **DIGITAL OUT** and **OPTICAL OUT**, see the **Installation** chapter in **User Manual**.
- WAS700 Station provides sound and FM radio features unavailable in WAC5.

# What's in the box



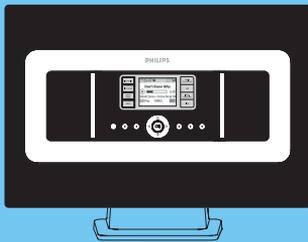
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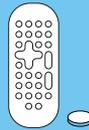
Center's remote control  
4xAAA batteries



Audio cables  
(for Center)



Wireless Music Station WAS700



Station's remote control  
1xCR2025 battery



1 x FM wire antenna  
(for Station)



1 x Mounting kit  
(for Station)



PC installer



1 x Ethernet cable



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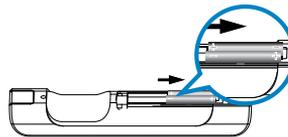
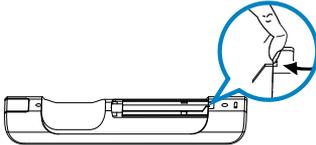
Connect to your PC

## Before using the remote control:

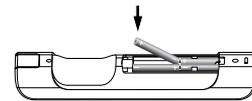
- Remove the protective plastic tab from the Station's remote control
- Insert 4 AAA batteries into Center's remote control as shown



Station's remote control



Center's remote control



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# B Enjoy

Play HD

On WAC5 Center's 80GB\* hard disk, you can centrally store up to 1,500 audio CDs. On a connected Station, you can play all the music stored on the Center.

1

Press **STANDBY ON** to switch on the **Center** or **Station**

2

Press **SOURCE** once or more to select **HD** source  
(or press **HARDDISK** or **Center** on the remote control)

3

Use the navigation controls **▲▼◀▶** to select your playback options  
(*Demo tracks are stored under All tracks*)

4

Press **OK** to start playback

5

To change your playback options,

- Press **◀** once or more to enter previous option lists
- Use the navigation controls **▲▼◀▶** to select
- Press **OK** or **▶** to confirm

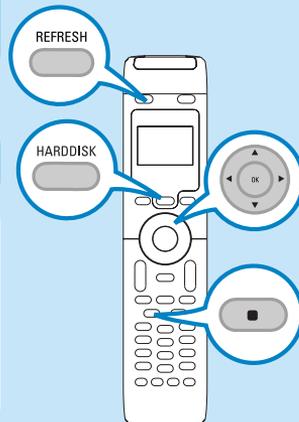
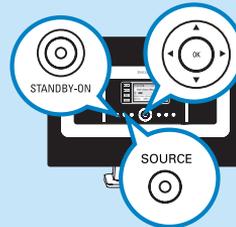
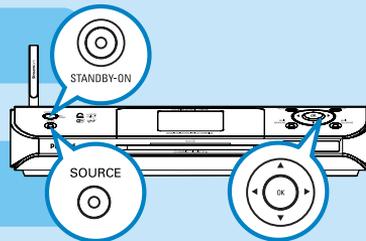
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To stop playback, press **STOP / ■**

#### Tips:

- By default, Center's remote control works with Center only.  
**To operate Station using Center's remote control,**
  - Press and hold **REFRESH** until the selection screen appears on the display of Center's remote control
  - Press the navigation controls **▲** or **▼** and **▶** to select **Station**
- Avoid placing your Center or Station close to the plasma TV. It may result in improper display on your Center's remote control.

\* Actual free space is 69GB or less, due to the buffer partition for MP3 compression, firmware, music CD database and demo tracks stored.



# B

## Build music library on Center

You can store up to 1,500 audio CDs on **Center's** 80GB harddisk by **Ripping CDs, Importing MP3/WMA tracks from PC** or **Recording from external source**

### Ripping CDs

1

Insert an audio CD into **Center's** CD loader, CD graphic printed side facing up

- **Reading CD** appears
- List of CD tracks appears

*(For CD recorded with MP3/WMA music files:*

*To enter a track list, press ► on a highlighted file folder)*

2

In the screen of track list, press **RECORD**

- List of track checkboxes  appears

3

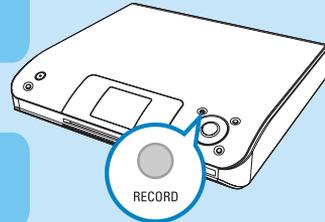
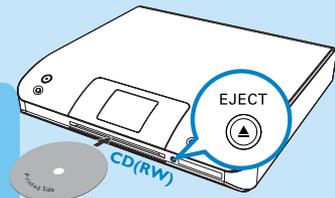
To start recording the whole CD, press **RECORD**

*(To rip part of the CD, press **OK** to select/deselect the tracks to be recorded)*

- **CD-Rec** appears. Display shows the album name of the track being recorded (*write down the album name for your convenience*)
- Center will return to **CD** mode when ripping is finished (*All the functions are available to you at this time*)

4

To rip another CD, repeat the **Step 1-3** above  
*(Up to 8 CDs can be ripped consecutively)*



#### IMPORTANT!

- It takes some time to convert the ripped tracks to MP3 files.
- If power failure occurs during the conversion, you will lose the ripped tracks not converted yet.
- To rip a disc during playback (for audio CD only), see **User Manual, HD: Building music library on Center.**
- You can edit the track information using **Philips Digital Media Manager (DMM)**. For details, see the manual **Connect to your PC.**

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## Build music library on Center

### To find your ripped tracks

After MP3 conversion is completed, you can find and playback the ripped tracks from the HD under **Albums**.

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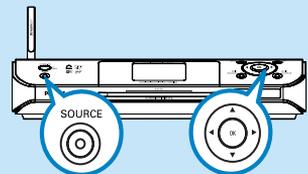
Select **HD** source

2

Use the navigation controls ▲▼◀▶ to select **Albums**

3

In **Albums**, use the navigation controls ▲▼◀▶ to find the album of recorded tracks



### Importing MP3/WMA from your PC

See the manual [Connect to your PC](#)

### Recording from External source

A maximum of 3-hour recording can be made from the external source (recorded tracks under the album **AUX**). See [User manual, HD: Build music library on Center](#)

# B

## Stream between Center and Station

With WACS57 Center and Station, you will have the freedom to enjoy or share your favorite music around your home.

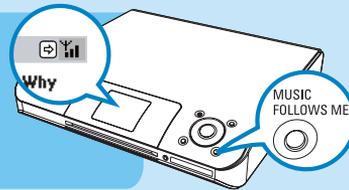
### MUSIC FOLLOWS ME

While playing music in HD(Harddisk) mode, move the music playback with you, from **Center** to **Station** or from **Station** to **Center**.

1

**On the source unit (Center or Station), where the music is playing**

- Press **OK** to pause playback on the selected point
- Press **MUSIC FOLLOWS ME** to activate
  - The  icon appears

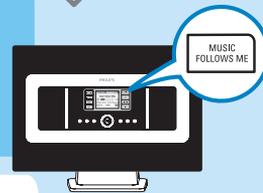


2

**On the destination unit (Center or Station), where the music will continue**

Press **MUSIC FOLLOWS ME**

- Selected music continues on the destination unit
- On the source unit, the music stops. The  icon disappears



#### Tips:

- Check you have switched the destination unit on or to Standby mode.
- Always press **MUSIC FOLLOWS ME** on the source unit before pressing **MUSIC FOLLOWS ME** on the destination unit.
- MUSIC FOLLOWS ME** will be automatically deactivated if you do not press **MUSIC FOLLOWS ME** on the destination unit within 5 minutes
- After **MUSIC FOLLOWS ME** is activated on destination unit, you can select other tracks or source for playback on the source unit.

### MUSIC BROADCAST

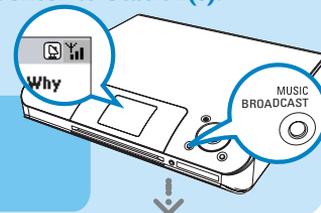
While playing music in HD(Harddisk) mode, broadcast music from **Center** to **Station(s)**.

1

**On Center**

Press **MUSIC BROADCAST** to activate

- The  icon appears on Center and Station. 5-second countdown starts



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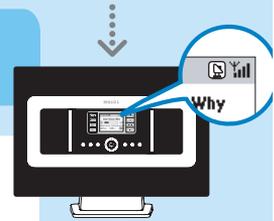
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## On Center and Station(s)

- Selected music starts to play simultaneously

### Tips:

- Check you have switched the Station(s) on or to standby mode.
- **To broadcast again**  
Before you press **MUSIC BROADCAST**, check if you need to deactivate any earlier broadcasting. If the icon  is still active in Center or Station's display. Press **STOP/■** on **Center**. Then, follow the above steps 1-2.
- During **MUSIC BROADCAST**, other functions are unavailable
- For a station to exit **MUSIC BROADCAST**, press **STOP / ■** on **Station**.



## Play CDs (on Center only)

For playback on the Center you can use:

- All pre-recorded audio CDs
- All finalized audio CDR and CDRW discs
- MP3 & WMA-CDs (CD-R/CD-RW with MP3/WMA files)

**Note:** Discs with “Digital Rights Management” cannot be played

1

Insert a CD into **Center's** CD loader, CD graphic printed side facing up

2

Use the navigation controls     to select a track or album.

3

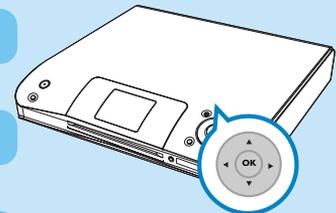
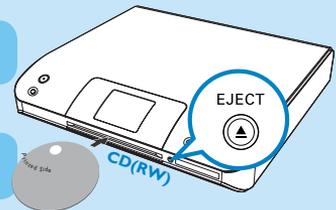
To start playback, press **OK**

4

To stop playback, press **STOP / ■**

5

To remove the CD, press **EJECT**

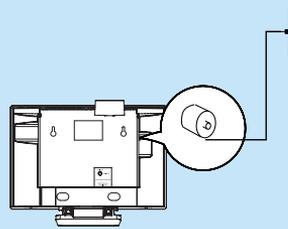


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## Listen to FM Radio (on Station only)

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Connect the supplied FM wire antenna to your Station  
(see **User manual, Installation**)

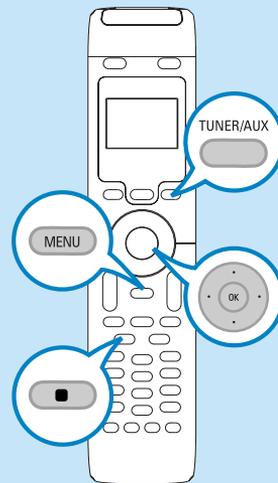


2

Press **SOURCE** once or more to select **Radio** source on **Station**  
(on the remote control, press **TUNER/AUX** once or more)

3

- press **MENU**
- Use the navigation controls ▲ or ▼ and ► to select **Autostore radio**
  - Display shows: **Autostore Please wait...**
  - You can store up to 40 preset radio stations in the memory.  
After all stations are stored, the first autostore preset station will then automatically play



4

Press ◀ to enter the list of presets

5

Use the navigation controls ▲ or ▼ and ► to select your desired station



To find out more about product features and how to activate them please read the supplied manual:

- **User manual:** for further details and also troubleshooting
- **Connect to your PC:** to connect to your PC, set up networks, transfer and manage your music collection using the **Philips Digital Media Manager** (supplied)



# FAQ

## Most Frequently Asked Questions

### About the Environment

**Q:** Is there a maximum distance of transmission between the Music Center and the Music Stations for effective streaming?

**A:** Yes. The maximum distance of Wi-Fi transmission for the system is 250m measured in open space. However in a home environment there are inevitable solid obstacles such as walls and doors, which may reduce the effective transmission distance significantly to approximately 50-100m. Try re-positioning the sets if you experience transmission problems.

**Q:** Do I need a computer and home network to use the WACS57?

**A:** No. Your WACS57 is designed to work independently of the computer. You can convert your CDs into MP3s on the Music Center, and stream the music to your Music Stations without any computer or home networking structure.

**Q:** Would my neighbours be able to access the music stored on my Music Center if they also have the Philips Music Station?

**A:** No. Every Music Station has a unique encryption code that has to be recognized by the Music Center during the installation process.

### About Ripping/Track Information

**Q:** What does "ripping" mean and what functions can I use while ripping is in progress?

**A:** Ripping is the process by which a CD track is converted into the compressed MP3 format which is then stored on the Music Center's internal hard disk for playback and music streaming. In the Music Center "ripping" takes two steps: first, it reads the CD content and store it temporarily on the hard disk; second, it converts this temporary CD content into the MP3 format - a process called "background encoding". Switch Center to ECO POWER (power-saving mode) before removing its power plug from the wall outlet.

**Q:** Do I need to immediately update the CDDB database stored in the Music Center straight after bringing it home?

**A:** No. There is already a massive CD-tracks database pre-stored in the Music Center, which should match most of the CDs released within the last six months.

**Q:** Does Philips provide CDDB database updates?

**A:** Yes. We provide quarterly updates of the CDDB database through our website at <http://www.philips.com/support>. Simply download the file, burn it on a CD-ROM and follow the step by step procedure to complete the update.



## About Music Management

**Q:** What is Philips Digital Media Manager (DMM)?

**A:** The main function of the Philips Digital Media Manager is to collect MP3 tracks you have on your PC and transfer them to the Music Center. In addition it provides a one-stop solution to help you manage and organize your MP3 digital music contents such as create playlists, rename tracks and playlist contents as well as CDDDB update.

**Q:** How do I transfer the MP3 songs that I already have on my PC to my new Music Centre?

**A:** Once you have installed the Philips Digital Media Manager (DMM) and connected your PC to the Music Center with the supplied Ethernet cable, you can use this software to locate all the MP3 tracks on your PC and then just drag and drop them into the "device window" of DMM. Transfer of track will start automatically and the average time it takes to transfer one track is 4-15 seconds. Refer to the manual **Connect to your PC**.

**Q:** Is the Music Centre upgradeable?

**A:** Yes, both the Music Center and the Music Station are software upgradeable which means they are prepared for future function upgrades available. Check our website regularly for latest news on new features and improvements at <http://www.philips.com/support>

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Canada	1-800-661-6162 (Francophone) 1-888-744-5477 (English / Spanish)	Free	Date of Purchase, Model number and Serial number
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