

Mini Hi-Fi System

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User manual



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Important notes for users in the U.K.

Mains plug

This apparatus is fitted with an approved 13 Amp plug. To change a fuse in this type of plug proceed as follows:

- 1** Remove fuse cover and fuse.
- 2** Fix new fuse which should be a BS1362 3 Amp, A.S.T.A. or BSI approved type.
- 3** Refit the fuse cover:

If the fitted plug is not suitable for your socket outlets, it should be cut off and an appropriate plug fitted in its place.

If the mains plug contains a fuse, this should have a value of 3 Amp. If a plug without a fuse is used, the fuse at the distribution board should not be greater than 3 Amp.

***Note:** The severed plug must be disposed of to avoid a possible shock hazard should it be inserted into a 13 Amp socket elsewhere.*

How to connect a plug

The wires in the mains lead are coloured with the following code: blue = neutral (N), brown = live (L).

- As these colours may not correspond with the colour markings identifying the terminals in your plug, proceed as follows:
 - Connect the blue wire to the terminal marked N or coloured black.
 - Connect the brown wire to the terminal marked L or coloured red.
 - Do not connect either wire to the earth terminal in the plug, marked E (or $\frac{1}{2}$) or coloured green (or green and yellow).

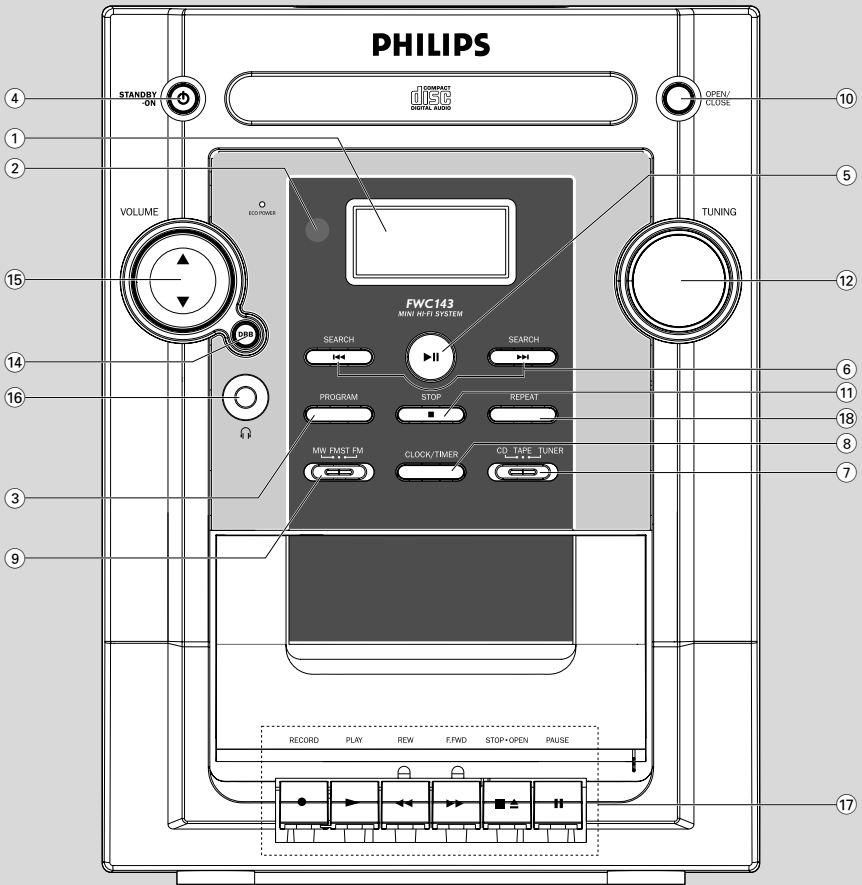
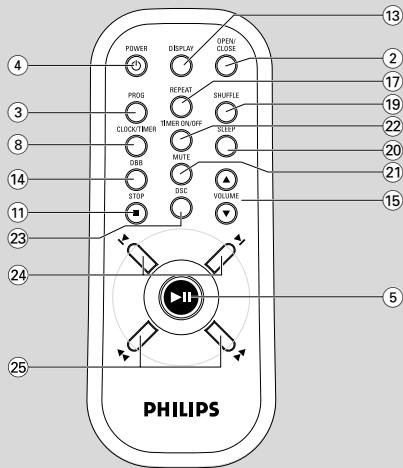
Before replacing the plug cover, make certain that the cord grip is clamped over the sheath of the lead - not simply over the two wires.

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Recording and playback of material may require consent. See Copyright Act 1956 and The Performer's Protection Acts 1958 to 1972.

CAUTION

Use of controls or adjustments or performance of procedures other than herein may result in hazardous radiation exposure or other unsafe operation.



Hearing Safety

Listen at a moderate volume.

- Using headphones at a high volume can impair your hearing. This product can produce sounds in decibel ranges that may cause hearing loss for a normal person, even for exposure less than a minute. The higher decibel ranges are offered for those that may have already experienced some hearing loss.
- Sound can be deceiving. Over time your hearing "comfort level" adapts to higher volumes of sound. So after prolonged listening, what sounds "normal" can actually be loud and harmful to your hearing. To guard against this, set your volume to a safe level before your hearing adapts and leave it there.

To establish a safe volume level:

- Set your volume control at a low setting.
- Slowly increase the sound until you can hear it comfortably and clearly, without distortion.

Listen for reasonable periods of time:

- Prolonged exposure to sound, even at normally "safe" levels, can also cause hearing loss.
- Be sure to use your equipment reasonably and take appropriate breaks.

Be sure to observe the following guidelines when using your headphones.

- Listen at reasonable volumes for reasonable periods of time.
- Be careful not to adjust the volume as your hearing adapts.
- Do not turn up the volume so high that you can't hear what's around you.
- You should use caution or temporarily discontinue use in potentially hazardous situations.
- Do not use headphones while operating a motorized vehicle, cycling, skateboarding, etc.; it may create a traffic hazard and is illegal in many areas.

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General Information

Congratulations on your purchase and welcome to Philips!

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This product complies with the radio interference requirements of the European Union.

Supplied accessories

- 2 speaker boxes
- remote control

Environmental Information

All unnecessary packaging has been omitted. We have tried to make the packaging easy to separate into three materials: cardboard (box), polystyrene foam (buffer) and polyethylene (bags, protective foam sheet).

Your system consists of materials which can be recycled and reused if disassembled by a specialized company. Please observe the local regulations regarding the disposal of packaging materials, exhausted batteries and old equipment.

Disposal of your old product

Your product is designed and manufactured with high quality materials and components, which can be recycled and reused.



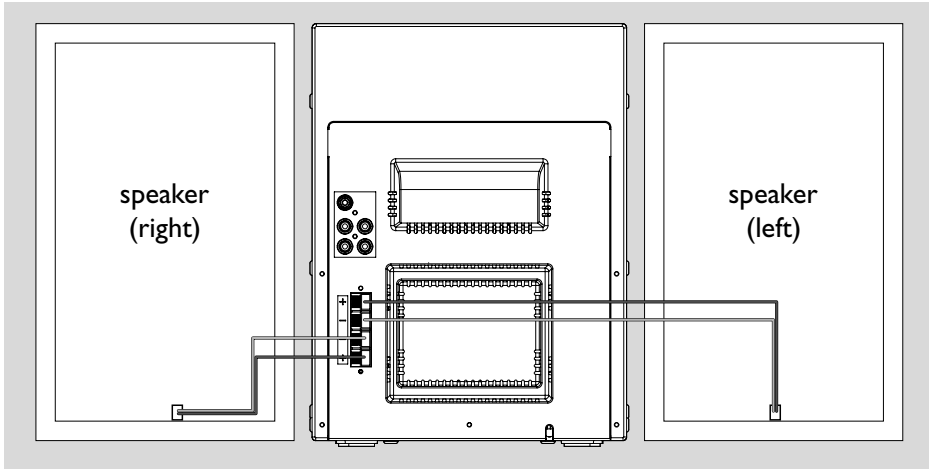
When this crossed-out wheeled bin symbol is attached to a product it means the product is covered by the European Directive 2002/96/EC

Please inform yourself about the local separate collection system for electrical and electronic products.

Please act according to your local rules and do not dispose of your old products with your normal household waste. The correct disposal of your old product will help prevent potential negative consequences for the environment and human health.

Safety Information

- Before operating the system, check that the operating voltage indicated on the typeplate (or the voltage indication beside the voltage selector) of your system is identical with the voltage of your local power supply. If not, please consult your dealer.
- Where the MAINS plug or an appliance coupler is used as the disconnnet device, the disconnnet device shall remain readily operable.
- Place the system on a flat, hard and stable surface.
- Place the system in a location with adequate ventilation to prevent internal heat build-up in your system. Allow at least 10 cm (4 inches) clearance from the rear and the top of the unit and 5 cm (2 inches) from each side.
- The ventilation should not be impeded by covering the ventilation openings with items, such as newspapers, table-cloths, curtains, etc.
- Do not expose the system, batteries or discs to excessive moisture, rain, sand or heat sources caused by heating equipment or direct sunlight.
- No naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, should be placed on the apparatus.
- No objects filled with liquids, such as vases, shall be placed on the apparatus.
- Install this unit near the AC outlet and where the AC power plug can be reached easily.
- If the system is brought directly from a cold to a warm location, or is placed in a very damp room, moisture may condense on the lens of the disc unit inside the system. Should this occur, the CD player would not operate normally. Leave the power on for about one hour with no disc in the system until normal playback is possible.
- The mechanical parts of the set contain self-lubricating bearings and must not be oiled or lubricated.
- **When the system is switched to Standby mode, it is still consuming some power. To disconnect the system from the power supply completely, remove the AC power plug from the wall socket.**



Rear connections

The type plate is located at the back of the system.

A Power

– Before connecting the AC power cord to the wall outlet, ensure that all other connections have been made.

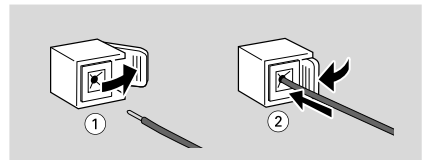
WARNING!

- **For optimal performance, use only the original power cable.**
- **Never make or change any connections with the power switched on.**

B Speakers Connection

Front Speakers

Connect the speaker wires to the SPEAKERS terminals, right speaker to "RIGHT" and left speaker to "LEFT", coloured (marked) wire to "+" and black (unmarked) wire to "–".



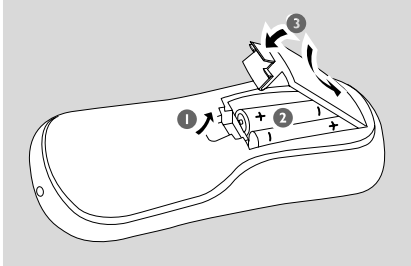
- Fully insert the stripped portion of the speaker wire into the terminal as shown.

Notes:

- *For optimal sound performance, use the supplied speakers.*
- *Do not connect more than one speaker to any one pair of + / – speaker terminals.*
- *Do not connect speakers with an impedance lower than the speakers supplied. Please refer to the SPECIFICATIONS section of this manual.*

Inserting batteries into the remote control






Insert two batteries type R03 or AAA into the remote control with the correct polarity as indicated by the "+" and "-" symbols inside the battery compartment.



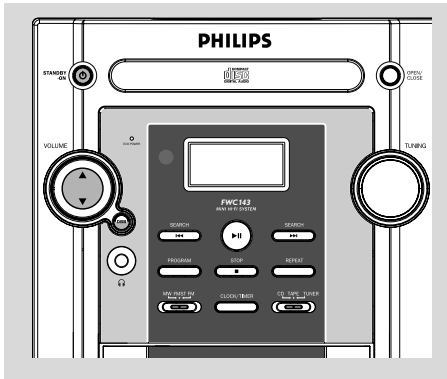
CAUTION!

- **Remove batteries if they are exhausted or will not be used for a long time.**
- **Do not use old and new or different types of batteries in combination.**
- **Batteries contain chemical substances, so they should be disposed of properly.**

Controls on the system and remote control



- ① **LCD Display**
– shows the status of the system.
- ② **iR SENSOR**
– infrared sensor for remote control.
- ③ **PROGRAM (PROG)**
for CD programs tracks and reviews the program.
- ④ **STANDBY-ON**  (**POWER** )
– switches the system to standby/on.
- ⑤ **▶||**
for CD starts or pauses CD playback.
- ⑥ **SEARCH**  
for CD skips to the beginning of a current track/previous/ next track.
fast searches back and forward within a track/CD.
for clock/timer .. adjusts the hours and minutes for clock / timer functions.
- ⑦ **Source selector (CD/ TAPE/TUNER)**
– selects the respective sound source for CD/ TAPE/TUNER.
- ⑧ **CLOCK/TIMER**
– sets the clock or timer function.
- ⑨ **Band selector (MW/FMST/FM)**
for Tuner selects waveband: MW, FM (stereo) or FM (mono).
- ⑩ **OPEN/CLOSE**
– open/close the CD door:
- ⑪ **STOP** ■
for CD stops CD playback or erase a CD program.
- ⑫ **TUNING**
– tunes to a radio station.
- ⑬ **DISPLAY**
– display the current time.
- ⑭ **DBB**(Dynamic Bass Boost)
– enhances the bass.
- ⑮ **VOLUME** ▲/▼
– adjusts the volume level.
- ⑯ 
– connect headphones.
- ⑰ **Tape Deck Operation**
RECORD ● starts recording.
PLAY ▶ starts playback.
REW ◀◀/F.FWD ▶▶ fast rewinds/ forwards the tape.
STOP•OPEN ■▲ stops the tape; opens the tape compartment.
PAUSE || pauses recording or playback.
- ⑱ **REPEAT**
for CD repeats a track/CD programme/ entire CD.
- ⑲ **SHUFFLE**
for CD plays CD tracks in random order.
- ⑳ **SLEEP**
– activates/deactivates or selects the sleeper time.
- ㉑ **MUTE**
– switches playback sound off and on.
- ㉒ **TIMER ON/OFF**
– activates/deactivates the timer.
- ㉓ **DSC (Digital Sound Control)**
– selects sound characteristics: CLASSIC/JAZZ/ POP/ROCK.
- ㉔ **◀|▶**
for CD skips to the beginning of a current track/previous/next track.
for clock/timer .. adjusts the hours and minutes for clock/timer functions.
- ㉕ **◀◀/▶▶**
for CD fast searches back and forward within a track/CD.

Basic Functions







IMPORTANT:
Before you operate the system, complete the preparation procedures.

Switching the system on

- Press **STANDBY-ON**  (**POWER**  on the remote).
→ The system will switch to the last selected source.




Switching the system to Eco Power Standby mode

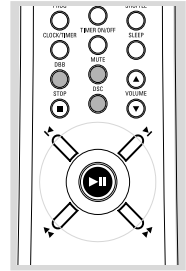
- Press **STANDBY-ON**  (**POWER**  on the remote) in the active mode.
→ The system enters Eco power standby (the ECO POWER LED is on) or normal standby with clock display.
→ The volume level (up to a maximum volume level of 31), interactive sound settings, last selected source and tuner presets will be retained in the player's memory.
- If the system is in normal standby with clock display, press and hold **STANDBY-ON**  (**POWER**  on the remote) for 3 seconds or more to switch to Eco power standby or vice versa.

Power-saving automatic standby

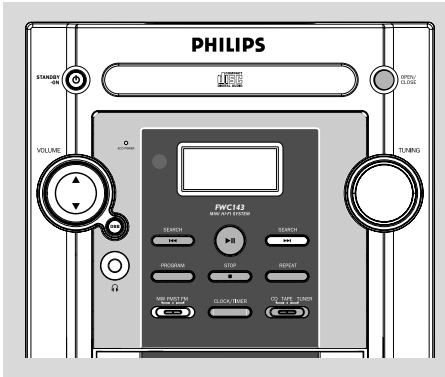
The power-saving feature automatically switches to standby 30 minutes after a tape or CD playback has ended and no control is operated.

Adjusting volume and sound

- 1 Press **VOLUME**   to increase or decrease volume.
→ Display shows the volume level  and a number from 0-31.
- 2 Press **DBB** to switch bass enhancement on or off.
→ Display shows: **DBB** if the DBB is activated.

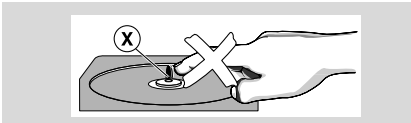


- 3 Press **DSC** repeatedly to repeatedly to select the desired sound effect: CLASSIC, JAZZ, POP or ROCK.
 - 4 Press **MUTE** on the remote control to stop sound play-back instantly.
→ Playback will continue without sound and the display shows **MUTE**.
- To start sound playback you can:
 - press **MUTE** again;
 - adjust the volume controls.



IMPORTANT:

The lens of the CD player should never be touched.



Playing a disc

This CD player plays Audio Discs including CD-Recordables and CD-Rewritables.

- CD-ROM, CD-I, CDV, VCD, DVD or computer CDs, however, are not possible.
- 1 Adjust the source selector to select **CD** source.
 - 2 Press **OPEN/CLOSE** on the system to open the CD compartment.
→ *OPEN* is displayed when you open the CD compartment.
 - 3 Insert a disc with the printed side facing up and press down on **OPEN/CLOSE** to close the CD door.
→ *READ* is displayed as the CD player scans the contents of a disc. The total number of tracks and the total playing time are also shown.
 - 4 Press **▶II** to start playback.
→ Current track number followed by elapsed playing time of the track are displayed during disc playback.

- 5 To pause playback press **▶II**. Press **▶II** again to resume play.
→ Display: The current track number and elapsed time flash when playback is paused.
- 6 To stop disc playback, press **STOP**.
Note: CD playback will also stop when;
– the CD door is opened.
– the disc has reached the end.
– you select another source: *TAPE, TUNER.*
– you select standby.

Selecting a different track

- Press **SEARCH** **◀◀** or **▶▶** (**◀/▶** on the remote) once or repeatedly until the desired track number appears in the display.
- Press **▶II** to start playback.

Finding a passage within a track

- 1 Press and hold down **SEARCH** **◀◀▶▶** or press **◀▶** on the remote.
→ The disc is played at high speed and low volume.
- 2 When you find the passage you want, release **◀◀** or **▶▶** or press **◀▶** on the remote.
→ Normal playback continues.

Different play modes: SHUFFLE and REPEAT

You can select and change the various play modes before or during playback.

REPEAT plays the current track continuously

REPEAT ALL ... repeats the entire disc/programme

SHUF tracks of the entire disc are played in random order

SHUF and **REPEAT ALL** repeats the entire disc/programme continuously in random order

- 1 To select your play mode, press **SHUFFLE** or **REPEAT** on the remote control before or during playback until the display shows the desired function.
 - 2 Press **▶||** to start playback if in the STOP position.
→ If you have selected SHUFFLE, playback starts automatically.
 - 3 To return to normal playback, press **SHUFFLE** or **REPEAT** on the remote control until the various SHUFFLE/ REPEAT modes are no longer displayed.
- You can also press **STOP ■** to cancel your play mode.

Programming track numbers

Programme in the STOP position to select and store your disc tracks in the desired sequence. If you like, store any track more than once. Up to 20 tracks can be stored in the memory.

- 1 Press **PROGRAM (PROG)** on the remote) to enter the programming mode.
- 2 Use **SEARCH** **◀◀▶▶** (**◀▶** on remote) to select your desired track number:
→ The selected track number and **PROG** flash on the display panel.
- 3 Press **PROGRAM (PROG)** on the remote control) to confirm the track number to be stored.
- 4 Repeat steps 2-3 to select and store all desired tracks.
- 5 To start playback of your disc programme, press **▶||**

Note:

– If you wish, you can add further tracks to your current program. Make sure you are in the STOP position, and that you have not exceeded 20 tracks.

Erasing the programme

You can erase the programme by:

- pressing **STOP ■** once in the STOP mode;
- pressing **STOP ■** twice during playback;
- opening the CD compartment;
- selecting another sound source
→ **PROG** disappears from the display.



Tuning to radio stations

- 1 Adjust the source selector to select **TUNER** source.
→ **TUNER** is displayed.
- 2 Adjust the band selector to select your waveband: MW, FMST (stereo) or FM (mono).
- 3 Adjust the **TUNING** control knob to tune to a desired radio frequency.

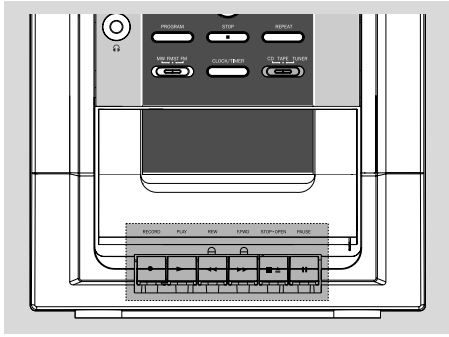
Note:

– The system is equipped with a built-in MW antenna and a fixed FM antenna. For optimal MW reception, adjust the position of the whole set until the strongest signal is found. For optimal FM reception, fully extend and adjust the position of the FM antenna until the strongest signal is found.

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Be responsible
Respect copyrights



Tape playback

- 1 Adjust the source selector to select **TAPE** source.
→ Display: shows **TAPE** throughout tape operation.
- 2 Press **STOP•OPEN** ■ ▲ to open the tape door.
- 3 Insert a recorded tape and close the tape door:
→ Load the tape with the open side downward and the full spool to the left.
- 4 Press **PLAY** ► to start playback.
- 5 To pause, press **PAUSE** ■■. Press again to resume.
- 6 Press **REW** ◀◀ or **F.FWD** ▶▶ to fast wind tape in either direction.
- 7 To stop the tape, press **STOP•OPEN** ■ ▲.

Notes:

- During playback, the keys are automatically released at the end of a tape. To switch off the set, press **STANDBY-ON** ⏻.
- During fast forwarding/rewinding, the keys will not be released at the end of a tape. To stop fast winding, press **STOP•OPEN** ■▲.

General information on recording

- Recording is permissible insofar as copyright or other rights of third parties are not infringed.
- For recording, use only **NORMAL** (IEC type I) tapes on which the tabs have not yet been broken. This deck is not suited for recording on **METAL** (IEC IV) type tapes.
- The best recording level is set automatically. Altering the **VOLUME** or **DBB** controls will not affect the recording in progress.
- The recording sound quality might differ depending on the quality of your recording source and the recording tape.
- At the very beginning and end of the tape, no recording will take place during the 7 seconds when the leader tape passes the recorder heads.
- To protect a tape from accidental erasure, have the tape in front of you and break out the left tab. Recording on this side is no longer possible. If, however, you wish to record over this side again, cover the tabs with a piece of adhesive tape.

Synchro start CD recording

- 1 Adjust the source selector to select **CD** source.
- 2 Insert a disc and if desired, programme track numbers.
- 3 Press **STOP•OPEN** ■ ▲ to open the tape door.
- 4 Insert a suitable tape into the deck and close the tape door.
- 5 Press **RECORD** ● to start recording.
→ Playing of the CD programme starts automatically from the beginning of the CD after 7 seconds. It is not necessary to start the CD player separately.

To select and record a particular passage within a CD track:

- Press and hold down on **REW** ◀◀ or **F.FWD** ▶▶. Release the control when you recognize the passage you want.
 - To interrupt CD playback press ▶II.
 - Recording starts from this exact point in the track when you press **RECORD** ●.
- 6** To pause, press **PAUSE** II. Press again to resume.
- 7** To stop recording, press **STOP•OPEN** ■ ▲.

Recording from the radio

- 1** Tune to the desired radio station (see Tuning to radio stations).
- 2** Press **STOP•OPEN** ■ ▲ to open the tape door.
- 3** Insert a suitable tape into the deck and close the tape door.
- 4** Press **RECORD** ● to start recording.
- 5** To pause, press **PAUSE** II. Press again to resume.
- 6** To stop recording, press **STOP•OPEN** ■ ▲.

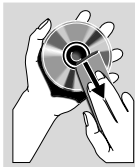
Maintenance

Cleaning the Cabinet

- Use a soft cloth slightly moistened with a mild detergent solution. Do not use a solution containing alcohol, spirits, ammonia or abrasives.

Cleaning Discs

- When a disc becomes dirty, clean it with a cleaning cloth. Wipe the disc from the centre out.
- Do not use solvents such as benzene, thinner, commercially available cleaners, or antistatic spray intended for analogue records.

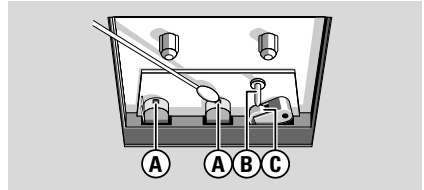


Cleaning the disc lens

- After prolonged use, dirt or dust may accumulate at the disc lens. To ensure good playback quality, clean the disc lens with Philips CD Lens Cleaner or any commercially available cleaner. Follow the instructions supplied with cleaner.

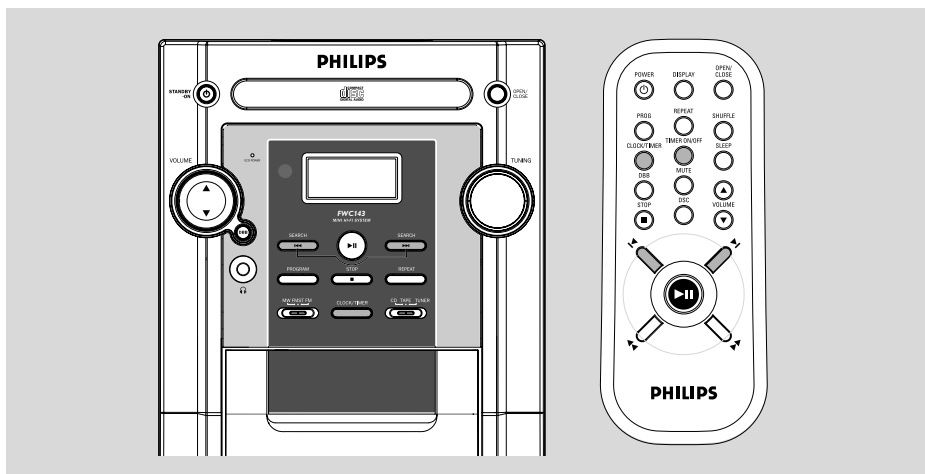
Cleaning the Heads and the Tape Paths

- To ensure good recording and playback quality, clean the heads (A), the capstan(s) (B), and pressure roller(s) (C) after every 50 hours of tape operation.
- Use a cotton swab slightly moistened with cleaning fluid or alcohol.
- You can also clean the heads by playing a cleaning tape once.



Demagnetising the heads

- Use a demagnetising tape available at your dealer.



Setting the clock

- 1 In any mode, press **CLOCK/TIMER** twice.
→ The clock digits for the hours flash.
- 2 Press **SEARCH** **◀◀ / ▶▶** (**◀ / ▶** on the remote) to set the hours.
- 3 Press **CLOCK/TIMER** again.
→ The clock digits for the minutes flash.
- 4 Press **SEARCH** **◀◀ / ▶▶** (**◀ / ▶** on the remote) to set the minutes.
- 5 Press **CLOCK/TIMER** to confirm the time.


Note:

– If the clock has not been set, --:– will be displayed.

Setting the timer

- The system can be used as an alarm clock. CD or TUNER can be set to switch on at a preset time. The clock time needs to be set first before the timer can be used.
 - If no button is pressed within 90 seconds during timer setup, the system will exit timer setting mode automatically.
- 1 In standby mode, press **CLOCK/TIMER** for more than 2 seconds.
 - 2 Press **SEARCH** **◀◀ / ▶▶** (**◀ / ▶** on the remote) to set the hours.
 - 3 Press **CLOCK/TIMER** again.
→ The clock digits for the minutes flash.
 - 4 Press **SEARCH** **◀◀ / ▶▶** (**◀ / ▶** on the remote) to set the minutes.
 - 5 Press **CLOCK/TIMER** to confirm the time
→ The timer is now set and actiated.

Activating and deactivating TIMER

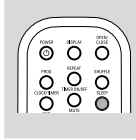
- In standby or during playback, press **TIMER ON/OFF** once.
→ Display shows  if activated, and disappears if deactivated.

Activating and deactivating SLEEP

The sleep timer enables the system to switch off by itself after a set period of time

- Press **SLEEP** on the remote control repeatedly to select desired time before system shuts off.

→ Display shows **SLEEP** and series of time options for selection: 120, 90, 60, 45, 30, 15, OFF.



- To deactivate, press **SLEEP** on the remote control once or more until 'OFF' is shown, or press **STANDBY-ON** (POWER) on the remote).

Specifications

AMPLIFIER

Output power 2 x 10 W RMS
 Signal-to-noise ratio ≥ 62 dBA (IEC)
 Frequency response 63 – 16000 Hz, ± 3 dB
 Impedance loudspeakers 8 Ω
 Impedance headphones 32 Ω – 1000 Ω

CD PLAYER

Frequency range 63 – 16000 Hz
 Signal-to-noise ratio 65 dBA

TUNER

FM wave range 87.5 – 108 MHz
 MW wave range
 526.5+0/-20 – 1606.5+50/-0 kHz

TAPE DECK

Frequency response
 Normal tape (type I) 125 – 8000 Hz (8 dB)
 Signal-to-noise ratio
 Normal tape (type I) 35 dBA
 Wow and flutter ≤ 0.4% DIN

SPEAKERS

Bass reflex system
 Dimensions (w x h x d) . 190 x 292 x 182 (mm)

GENERAL INFORMATION

AC Power 220 – 230 V / 50 Hz
 Power consumption
 Power consumption standby < 3 W
 Eco Power standby < 1 W
 Dimensions (w x h x d) .. 220 x 292 x 285 (mm)
 Weight (with/without speakers)
 approx. 4.9 / 2.3 kg

Specifications and external appearance are subject to change without notice.

Troubleshooting

WARNING

Under no circumstances should you try to repair the system yourself, as this will invalidate the warranty. Do not open the system as there is a risk of electric shock.

If a fault occurs, first check the points listed below before taking the system for repair. If you are unable to remedy a problem by following these hints, consult your dealer or service centre.

Problem

Solution

CD OPERATION

"no cd" is displayed.

- Insert a disc.
- Check if the disc is inserted upside down.
- Wait until the moisture condensation at the lens has cleared.
- Replace or clean the disc, see "Maintenance".
- Use a finalised CD-RW or CD-R.

RADIO RECEPTION

Radio reception is poor.

- Increase the distance between the Micro HiFi System and your TV or VCR.

TAPE OPERATION / RECORDING

Recording or playback cannot be made.

- Clean deck parts, see "Maintenance".
- Use only normal (IEC I) tape for recording.
- Apply a piece of adhesive tape over the missing tab space.

GENERAL

The system does not react when buttons are pressed.

- Remove and reconnect the AC power plug and switch on the system again.

Sound cannot be heard or is of poor quality.

- Adjust the volume.
- Disconnect the headphones.
- Check that the speakers are connected correctly.
- Check if the stripped speaker wire is clamped.

The left and right sound outputs are reversed.

- Check the speaker connections and location.

The remote control does not function

- Reduce the distance between the remote control and the system.
- Insert the batteries with their polarities (+/- signs) aligned as indicated.
- Replace the batteries.
- Point the remote control directly toward IR sensor on the front of the system.

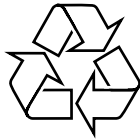
The timer is not working.

- Set the clock correctly.
- Press **TIMER ON/OFF** to switch on the timer.
- If a recording is in progress, stop the recording.

The Clock/Timer setting is erased.

- Power has been interrupted or the power cord has been disconnected. Reset the clock/timer.
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