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Important safety instructions

Please read this instruction manual carefully and completely before using the product.
Always include this instruction manual when passing the product on to third parties.
Do not use an obviously defective product.

Preventing damage to health and accidents

Do not listen at high volume levels for long periods of time to prevent hearing damage.
Always maintain a distance of at least 3.94" (10 cm) between the ear cups and the cardiac pacemaker or implanted defibrillator since the product generates permanent magnetic fields.
Keep the product, accessories and packaging parts out of reach of children and pets to prevent accidents and choking hazards.
Do not use the product in situations which require special attention.

Preventing damage to the product and malfunctions

Always keep the product dry and do not expose it to extreme temperatures (hairdryer, heater, extended exposure to sunlight, etc.) to avoid corrosion or deformation.
Only use attachments/accessories supplied or recommended by Sennheiser.
Only clean the product with a soft, dry cloth.
Only use the product in environments where wireless Bluetooth® transmission is permitted.

Intended use/Liability

The URBANITE XL WIRELESS is an accessory for wireless communication with mobile phones, tablets, computers and other Bluetooth devices with the following Bluetooth profiles: HFP (Hands-Free Profile), HSP (Headset Profile), AVRCP (Audio Video Remote Control Profile) and A2DP (Advanced Audio Distribution Profile).

It is considered improper use when this product is used for any application not named in this instruction manual.

Sennheiser does not accept liability for damage arising from abuse or misuse of this product and its attachments/accessories. The risk is to be borne by the user.

Sennheiser is not liable for damages to USB devices that are not consistent with the USB specifications.

Sennheiser is not liable for damages resulting from the loss of connection due to flat or overaged rechargeable batteries or exceeding the Bluetooth transmission range.

Safety instructions for rechargeable batteries

WARNING

In extreme cases, abuse or misuse of rechargeable batteries can lead to:
- explosion,
- fire development,
- heat generation or
- smoke or gas development.

Switch rechargeable battery-powered products off after use.
Only charge rechargeable batteries at ambient temperatures between 10°C/50°F and 40°C/104°F.
When not using rechargeable batteries for extended periods of time, charge them regularly (about every 3 months).
Do not heat above 70°C/158°F, e.g. do not expose to sunlight or throw into a fire.
Dispose of defective products with built-in rechargeable batteries at special collection points or return them to your specialist dealer.
Only use rechargeable batteries recommended by Sennheiser and the appropriate chargers.
Introduction

Sennheiser’s stylish new over ear URBANITE XL WIRELESS headsets delivers massive bass with clear treble for a club sound on the go. CD quality sound is maintained over Bluetooth wireless through the latest aptX® codec while the XL-size, ultra comfortable, earpads block out external noise. Cutting-edge wireless technologies including Bluetooth 4.0 and NFC offer supreme ease of use, allowing “at a touch” wireless pairing and multi-connectivity for simultaneous connections to two devices at once. The URBANITE XL WIRELESS is built to last in every sense, with long lasting battery life, and robust yet stylish foldable design that can take on a life on the street.

Additional features of the Bluetooth headset

• Take your club with you – massive bass and clear treble
• Wireless Freedom – Bluetooth 4.0, NFC, touch control, voice prompts, 3WC, multi-connectivity
• CD-quality audio – featuring the aptX® codec, the URBANITE XL WIRELESS can connect wirelessly to any Bluetooth® aptX®-enabled device
• Simple to use – intuitive user interface is fast to learn
• Hours of use – 25 h of music without recharging, 15 days of stand-by time
• Convenient multi-connection – connect to two devices simultaneously (phones and computers)
• Premium materials and mechanism – bold and contemporary design
• Wrapped in comfort – XL ear-pads simply feel better
• Instant status – via voice prompted status
• Easy to store and bring along – the unique foldable design makes it easy to collapse and store in the supplied soft pouch
• Peace of mind – 2-years international warranty

Bluetooth

The headset complies with the Bluetooth 4.0 standard and is compatible with all Bluetooth 1.1, 1.2, 2.0, 2.1, 3.0 and 4.0 devices with the following Bluetooth profiles: HFP (Hands-Free Profile), HSP (Headset Profile), AVRCP (Audio Video Remote Control Profile) and A2DP (Advanced Audio Distribution Profile). The headset provides wireless freedom to give hands-free convenience during phone calls or when listening to music.

NFC

Near Field Communication (NFC) is a short-range wireless technology that enables the communication between devices over a distance of less than 10 cm.

aptX

With aptX audio coding, you can be assured of crisp, pure and full stereo sound. It allows you to not only hear, but experience and feel the audio as it was intended. Utilizing aptX, Bluetooth technology can now offer wireless audio quality that is indistinguishable from the highest quality wired connection.

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Package contents

- Headset
- USB charging cable
- Universal audio cable with remote control, 2.5 mm and 3.5 mm jack plug
- Carry bag
- Quick Guide
- Safety Guide

A list of accessories can be found at www.sennheiser.com. For information on suppliers, contact your local Sennheiser partner: www.sennheiser.com > “Sales Partner”.

Product overview

Overview of the headset

Microphone
Micro USB socket
Audio socket
Touch control panel
On/off switch
LED

Headband
Ear cups with ear pads
NFC antenna

Overview of the remote control

Volume control
Multi-function button

3.5 mm jack plug
2.5 mm jack plug
Remote control with microphone
## Overview of pictograms

### Meaning of the pictograms for pressing a button

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| ![Bluetooth mode](image1) | • Bluetooth mode: Touch the control panel.  
• wired mode: Briefly press this button. | ![5s](image2) | • Bluetooth mode: Keep the control panel touched for 5 seconds.  
• wired mode: Keep this button pressed for 5 seconds. |
| ![2x](image3) | • Bluetooth mode: Touch the control panel twice.  
• wired mode: Double press this button. | | |

### Meaning of the pictograms for the flashing of the LED

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<td><img src="image4" alt="LED flashes" /></td>
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<td><img src="image5" alt="LED flashes 3 times" /></td>
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<td><img src="image6" alt="LED flashes 3 times red and then goes off" /></td>
<td>The LED flashes 3 times red and then goes off.</td>
<td><img src="image7" alt="LED alternately flashes blue/red" /></td>
<td>The LED alternately flashes blue/red.</td>
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### The pictogram “i”

Notes marked with the pictogram “i” provide important information on the use of the product.

## Overview of LED indications

### Meaning during operation

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<td>The headset switches on.</td>
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<td><img src="image9" alt="LED is idle" /></td>
<td>The headset is in idle mode and not yet connected to a Bluetooth device.</td>
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<td><img src="image10" alt="LED successfully connected" /></td>
<td>The headset is successfully connected to a Bluetooth device.</td>
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### Meaning during calls

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Overview of buttons

**Touch control/Multi-function button**

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<td>Plays/pauses the track</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Accepts the incoming call and ends the active call</td>
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<td>Cancels redialing</td>
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<td>🔄 1s up</td>
<td>Rejects a call</td>
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<td>Transfers a call:</td>
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<td></td>
<td>– from the headset to the Bluetooth device</td>
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<td></td>
<td>– from the Bluetooth device to the headset</td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>🔄 2x down</td>
<td>Puts an active call on hold (pause)</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td></td>
<td>2 calls: Accepts the incoming call and puts an active call on hold</td>
<td>16</td>
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<td>Redials the last number</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Skips to the next track</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Double press and hold: Fast-forwards the track*</td>
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<tr>
<td>🔄 3x down</td>
<td>Skips to the previous track</td>
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<td>Triple press and hold: Rewinds the track*</td>
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* These functions are not supported by all connected Bluetooth devices.

**On/off switch**

Pairs the headset with a Bluetooth device (see page 9)

Switches the headset on (see page 12)

Switches the headset off (see page 12)
Getting started

Charging the headset battery

A complete charging cycle takes about 2 hours.

Before using the headset for the first time, charge the rechargeable battery for a complete charging cycle without interruption.

1. Take off the headset and switch it off.
2. Connect the micro USB plug of the charging cable to the micro USB socket of your headset.
3. Connect the USB plug to the USB socket of your computer or to an optional charging accessory (*) and a power source.

The battery is being charged. The LED lights up red. When the battery is fully charged, the LED flashes blue.

When the headset is paired with an iPhone, the iPhone screen shows an additional battery level indicator for the headset.

When the battery is almost empty, the LED flashes red and the voice prompt “Recharge headset” is announced. When the battery is flat, the headset switches off automatically.

Use the audio cable to continue to listen to music or make and receive phone calls.
Pairing the headset

**CAUTION**

**Danger of malfunction!**

The transmitted radio waves of mobile phones can impair the operation of sensitive and unprotected devices.

- Only make calls with the headset in locations where wireless Bluetooth transmission is permitted.

To pair your headset with a Bluetooth device, you can either use Near Field Communication (NFC) or the Bluetooth search feature. However, in order that a connection between your headset and a Bluetooth device can be established, Bluetooth must be activated, whether you use Bluetooth or NFC.

The headset complies with the Bluetooth 4.0 standard. In order that data can be transmitted wirelessly, you have to pair your headset with Bluetooth devices that support the following profiles: HFP (Hands-Free Profile), HSP (Headset Profile), AVRCP (Audio Video Remote Control Profile) and A2DP (Advanced Audio Distribution Profile).

The headset can save up to eight Bluetooth devices with which it has been paired. After switch-on, the headset automatically tries to connect to the two last connected Bluetooth devices. You can only connect a third Bluetooth device after having switched off the first or the second Bluetooth device.

If you pair the headset with a ninth Bluetooth device, the saved connection profile of the least used Bluetooth device will be overwritten. If you want to re-establish a connection with this Bluetooth device, you have to pair the headset again.
Pairing the headset using Near Field Communication (NFC)

1. Enter pairing mode by sliding the on/off switch up and then releasing it. The on/off switch automatically slides back to the position ON. The LED alternately flashes blue and red. The headset is in pairing mode. You hear a beep in the headset.

2. Activate Near Field Communication and Bluetooth on your Bluetooth device.

3. Hold the Bluetooth device close to the left ear cup.

4. Once the headset is paired with the Bluetooth device, the LED flashes 3 times blue and then goes off. The voice prompt “Connected” is announced.
Getting started

Pairing the headset using Bluetooth

1. Enter pairing mode by sliding the on/off switch up and then releasing it. The on/off switch automatically slides back to the position ON. The LED alternately flashes blue and red. The headset is in pairing mode. You hear a beep in the headset.

2. Activate Bluetooth on your Bluetooth device. Start the search for new Bluetooth devices. All available devices in the proximity of the Bluetooth device are displayed.

3. Select “Sennheiser Urbanite” to pair the headset with the Bluetooth device. If necessary, enter the default PIN code “0000”.

4. Once the headset is paired with the Bluetooth device, the LED flashes 3 times blue and then goes off. The voice prompt “Connected” is announced.

If pairing is not successful within 5 minutes, the headset automatically returns to connectable mode. Repeat the pairing procedure.
Using the headset

Individually adjusting the headset

For good sound quality and best possible comfort, the headset has to be adjusted to properly fit your head.

- Wear the headset so that the headband runs over the top of your head.
- Adjust the headset so that
  - the ear pads rest comfortably against the ears,
  - you feel even, gentle pressure around your ears,
  - a snug fit of the headband on the head is ensured.

Switching the headset on and connecting it

- Activate Bluetooth on your mobile device.
- Move the on/off switch to the position ON.
  The headset switches on. You hear an ascending sequence of beeps.
  The LED flashes slowly blue until the headset finds a paired Bluetooth device to connect to.
  Once the connection is successfully established, the LED flashes 3 times blue and then goes off. The voice prompt “Connected” is announced in the headset.

Switching the headset off

- Move the on/off switch to the position OFF.
  The LED flashes 3 times red and then goes off. You hear a descending sequence of beeps. The headset switches off.
  If the headset has not been used for more than 60 minutes and no devices are connected, the headset automatically switches off to conserve battery power.
Using the headset

Using the audio cable
Connect the audio cable if:
- the rechargeable battery is flat or
- wireless transmission is not allowed (e.g. in airplanes).
The Bluetooth connection is automatically disconnected when you connect the audio cable.

1. Plug the 2.5 mm jack plug of the audio cable into the audio socket of your headset.
2. Turn the jack plug clockwise to secure the audio cable.
3. Plug the 3.5 mm jack plug into your audio source.
4. Unplug the 3.5 mm jack plug from your audio source.
5. Turn the 2.5 mm jack plug counterclockwise to release the audio cable.
6. Unplug the 2.5 mm jack plug from your headset.
You can now use Bluetooth again.

Changing the volume

CAUTION
Hearing damage due to high volumes!
Listening at high volume levels for long periods can lead to permanent hearing defects.

1. Set the volume to a low level before putting on the headset.
2. Do not continuously expose yourself to high volumes.

A
- Touch the control panel on the headset. Slide your finger:
  - upwards to increase the volume or
  - downwards to reduce the volume.

B
- Move the volume control on the remote control in the direction:
  - + to increase the volume or
  - – to reduce the volume.

When the minimum or maximum volume is reached, you hear a beep in the headset (Bluetooth connection only).
Listening to music using the headset

You can listen to music either wirelessly via Bluetooth® or using the supplied audio cable or the USB cable connected to the PC.

Touch the control panel on the headset or press the multi-function button on the remote control:

- Plays the track
- Pauses the track (acknowledgement tone)
- Skips to the next track
- Skips to the previous track
- Fast-forwards the track*
- Rewinds the track*

Making calls using the headset

You can make calls either wirelessly via Bluetooth® or using the supplied audio cable.

Making a call

Dial the desired number on your mobile phone, smartphone or softphone.
You hear a beep in the headset.

If your mobile phone does not automatically transfer the call to the headset:

- Touch the control panel on the headset or press the corresponding button on your mobile phone (see the instruction manual of your mobile phone).
Using the headset

Accepting/rejecting/ending a call
When you receive a call, you hear a ring tone in the headset and the LED flashes blue. If the headset battery is low, the LED flashes red.

Touch the control panel on the headset or press the multi-function button on the remote control:

1. Touch the control panel on the headset or press the multi-function button on the remote control:
   - Accepts a call
   - Rejects a call
   - "Call rejected"
   - Ends a call
   - "Call ended"
   - Puts an active call on hold (pause)

To accept a call when the headset is switched off:

- Simply switch your headset on.

When you listen to music, the music is paused until you end the call. This function is not supported by all mobile phones.

Transfering the call to/from the headset
Once a connection is established, you can transfer the call to/from the headset.

Touch the control panel on the headset:

- Transfers a call from the headset to the mobile phone
- Transfers a call from the mobile phone to the headset
Managing two calls

You can manage two calls:
- from either two different Bluetooth devices or
- from one Bluetooth device.

If you receive a call during an active call:
▶ Touch the control panel:

If you put an active call on hold (toggling):
▶ Touch the control panel again:

Redialing

The redialing function is only supported by Bluetooth devices with HFP (Hands-Free Profile).
▶ Touch the control panel:
Using the headset

Storing and transporting the headset

For space-saving storage and transportation, the headset can be folded up.
- Detach the audio cable if necessary.
- Fold the ear cups one after the other into the headband.
- Store and transport the headset in the supplied carry bag.

If you are out of the Bluetooth transmission range

Listening to music or calling is only possible in the Bluetooth transmission range of the mobile phone/Bluetooth device. The transmission range largely depends on environmental conditions such as wall thickness, wall composition etc. With a free line of sight, the transmission range of most mobile phones and Bluetooth devices is up to 10 meters.

If the headset leaves the transmission range of the connected Bluetooth device, the voice prompt “Lost connection” is announced in the headset.

If you re-enter the Bluetooth transmission range within 5 minutes, the connection is automatically re-established and the voice prompt “Connected” is announced in the headset.

If you spend more than 5 minutes outside the Bluetooth transmission range, the connection breaks down completely and you have to manually re-establish the connection. To re-establish a connection to the Bluetooth device:
- Touch the control panel on the headset.
  Once the connection is successfully re-established, the voice prompt “Connected” is announced in the headset.
Cleaning and maintaining the headset

**CAUTION**
Liquids can damage the electronics of the product!
Liquids entering the housing of the device can cause a short circuit and damage the electronics.
- Keep all liquids far away from the product.
- Do not use any cleansing agents or solvents.

- Before cleaning, disconnect the headset from the USB charging cable.
- Only use a dry and soft cloth to clean the product.

Replacing the ear pads
For reasons of hygiene, you should replace the ear pads from time to time. Spare ear pads are available from your Sennheiser partner.

1 Carefully remove the old ear pad from the ear cup.
2 Attach the new ear pad to the ear cup by pressing firmly around the ear pad.

Replacing/removing the rechargeable battery

**CAUTION**
Danger of damage to the product!
During the warranty period, the rechargeable batteries must only be replaced or removed by an authorized Sennheiser service center, otherwise the warranty will be null and void.
- Contact your Sennheiser service center if the rechargeable batteries need to be replaced or removed. Outside the warranty period, the rechargeable batteries may be replaced or removed by any qualified service center in an appropriate manner.
If a problem occurs ...

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<td>Contact your Sennheiser service center if the rechargeable batteries need to be replaced or removed. Outside the warranty period, the rechargeable batteries may be replaced or removed by any qualified service center in an appropriate manner.</td>
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<td>No audio signal</td>
<td>The headset is not paired with the Bluetooth device</td>
<td>Check if the headset is paired. If necessary, pair the headset again.</td>
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<td>The volume is adjusted too low</td>
<td>Increase the volume.</td>
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<td>Headset cannot be paired</td>
<td>The pairing does not work</td>
<td>Check if your Bluetooth device supports the HF or HS profile.</td>
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<td>The mobile phone is switched off</td>
<td>Switch your mobile phone on.</td>
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<td>Bluetooth is deactivated on the Bluetooth device</td>
<td>Activate Bluetooth on your Bluetooth device.</td>
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If a problem occurs that is not listed in the above table or if the problem cannot be solved with the proposed solutions, please contact your local Sennheiser partner for assistance.

To find a Sennheiser partner in your country, search at www.sennheiser.com.
### Specifications

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<td>Talk time</td>
<td>up to 25 hours</td>
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<td>Range (environment dependent)</td>
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Outstanding audio quality

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Professional grade sound

Until now, aptX has been the best-kept secret of the professional audio industry. From major public broadcasters to film production studios, aptX is used throughout the world to transmit high quality digital audio from A to Z in real-time. It was developed to meet the exacting standards of musicians and audio engineers who love the exceptional dynamic range and high fidelity it provides.

Now available on selected consumer devices, the technology ensures that music lovers everywhere can stream the rich listening experience that only aptX can deliver.

Revolutionizing Bluetooth listening

Bluetooth technology has revolutionized our communications and lifestyle by eliminating troublesome wires and letting us get on with life “on the move”. Listening to a mobile phone conversation on a Bluetooth earpiece sounds just fine but when it comes to delivering full stereo sound, a little extra help is required. aptX works within Bluetooth to deliver CD quality audio, ensuring you are getting the most from your wireless listening experience.

In order to deliver two-channel digital sound within the Bluetooth A2DP profile, audio compression is necessary. While traditional audio compression technologies struggle to provide full-bandwidth, high-fidelity audio over Bluetooth, aptX works to ensure you enjoy the fullest, richest sound your music collection has to offer.

aptX legacy

If you have ever been to the movies or listened to the radio then chances are you’ll already have heard aptX in action. Over 20,000 radio stations across the world and thousands of cutting-edge film studios rely on aptX for high quality audio delivery.

The digital compression technology now known as aptX was originally developed in Queen’s University, Belfast, Northern Ireland. The technology was first brought to market for radio automation applications to store CD quality audio on computer hard drives for direct playout during radio shows, hence automating the process of the disc jockey.

The acclaim the technology received lead to further research and development and throughout the 1990s the technology was used by Broadcast and Post-production studios worldwide to deliver high-fidelity, low latency audio in situations where bandwidth was limited. The same core principles that have earned aptX worldwide acclaim in the Broadcast and Post-Production markets make it the perfect solution for delivering high quality audio on wireless devices. aptX is leading the way in bringing pro-audio quality to the discerning consumer.

aptX key features:

- Blind listening tests with industry reference audiences have shown that aptX over Bluetooth is indistinguishable from audio delivered over wired technology. Unlike psychoacoustic-based technologies such as MP3 or AAC, aptX can be used to transport audio without degrading the audio quality. With MPEG/AAC compression, the encoding process is destructive and content perceived as “irrelevant” is discarded. aptX’s transparent, non-destructive approach ensures that every frequency present in the original signal is preserved in the encoded and decoded signal.

- Dynamic range of >92 dB for 16 bit audio and >120 dB for 24 bit audio.

- The overall framework of aptX ensures a high degree of resilience to random bit errors, with the bit error response well matched to the auditory response of the human ear. aptX employs connection and synchronization techniques to ensure a robust connection and enable delivery of audio even under stressful conditions.

- Shortest processing delay of any professional audio compression technology. Many current wireless devices suffer from unwanted delays which cause lip-sync issues, aptX can enable real-time delivery of wireless audio ensuring seamless integration when used with video devices.

- aptX encoded audio fits neatly within the available bandwidth of wireless transmission standards to offer an efficient solution for bandwidth-restricted connections.
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• Product Safety Directive (2001/95/EC)
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• Low Voltage Directive (2014/35/EU)
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Statements regarding FCC and Industry Canada

FCC Declaration of Conformity (DoC)

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declare the above device comply with the requirements of Federal Communications Commission.

This device complies with Part 15 subpart b of the FCC rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions:
1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and
2) This device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

Responsible Party: Greg Beebe

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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 of the following measures:
• Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
• 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.

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Industry Canada statement
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Radiation Exposure Statement
Since the radiated output power of this device is far below the Canada radio frequency exposure limits, it is not subjected to routine RF exposure evaluation as per RSS -102

Industry Canada

RF Radiation Exposure Information
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