

## RCA RP1802

# RCA RP1802 Portable Cassette Player Instruction Manual

Model: RP1802

## INTRODUCTION

This manual provides instructions for the operation and maintenance of your RCA RP1802 Portable Cassette Player. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the device to ensure proper function and longevity. The RCA RP1802 is designed for playing audiocassettes, including mixed tapes and books on tape. It features simple controls and automatic tape shutoff.

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- RCA RP1802 Portable Cassette Player
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- Removable Belt Clip
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## SETUP

### 1. Installing Batteries

The RCA RP1802 requires two (2) AA alkaline batteries (not included).

1. Locate the battery compartment cover on the back of the unit.
2. Slide the cover open.
3. Insert two AA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+ and -) as indicated inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.

### 2. Connecting Headphones

Insert the 3.5mm plug of the included stereo headphones into the headphone jack, typically located on the side of the cassette player.



Figure 1: RCA RP1802 Portable Cassette Player shown with its included lightweight stereo headphones.

### 3. Attaching the Belt Clip

Align the removable belt clip with the designated slot on the back of the cassette player and slide it into place until it clicks securely. To remove, press the release tab (if present) and slide the clip off.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. Loading a Cassette Tape

1. Open the cassette compartment door by gently pressing the "STOP/EJECT" button or sliding the door latch.
2. Insert a cassette tape with the exposed tape facing towards you and the side to be played facing up.
3. Close the cassette compartment door firmly until it latches.

### 2. Basic Playback Controls



Figure 2: Side view of the RCA RP1802 showing the three-button operation for playback control.

- **PLAY (►):** Press this button to begin playing the cassette tape.
- **STOP/EJECT (■):** Press this button once to stop playback. Press it again (or firmly) to open the cassette compartment door and eject the tape.
- **FAST FORWARD (FF - ):** Press and hold this button to quickly advance the tape. Release to stop.

### 3. Automatic End-of-Tape Shutoff

The player features an automatic shutoff mechanism. When the tape reaches its end, the player will automatically stop to conserve battery life and prevent tape damage.

### 4. Bass Boost Function

Locate the "BASS BOOST" switch or button on the unit. Toggle this feature ON or OFF to enhance the low-frequency audio output according to your preference.

## MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning the Unit:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the exterior of the player. Do not use liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- **Cleaning the Tape Head:** Periodically clean the tape head and pinch roller using a cotton swab lightly dampened with isopropyl alcohol. Ensure the unit is powered off and batteries are removed before cleaning. Allow to dry completely before use.
- **Battery Care:** Remove batteries if the unit will not be used for an extended period to prevent leakage.
- **Storage:** Store the player in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound or weak sound	Batteries are dead or inserted incorrectly. Headphones not fully plugged in. Tape head is dirty.	Replace batteries or check polarity. Ensure headphone plug is fully inserted into the jack. Clean the tape head (refer to Maintenance section).
Tape does not play or stops unexpectedly	Tape is at its end (automatic shutoff). Batteries are low. Tape is tangled or damaged.	Flip the tape or insert a new one. Replace batteries. Inspect the tape for damage.
Buttons are unresponsive	Batteries are completely drained. Internal malfunction.	Replace batteries. If problem persists, contact customer support.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	RP1802
Brand	RCA
Power Source	2 x AA Alkaline Batteries (not included)
Item Weight	9.6 ounces
Package Dimensions	9.4 x 7.5 x 2.7 inches
Connectivity Technology	Wired (for headphones)
Special Features	Lightweight, Bass Boost, Automatic End-of-Tape Shutoff
Compatible Devices	Analog Audio Cassettes

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

### Limited Warranty

The RCA RP1802 Portable Cassette Player comes with a one-year limited warranty. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship from the date of original purchase. Please retain your proof of purchase for

warranty claims.

This warranty does not cover damage caused by misuse, accident, unauthorized modification, or normal wear and tear.

## **Customer Support**

For technical assistance, warranty service, or further inquiries, please refer to the official RCA support channels.

Contact information can typically be found on the manufacturer's website or on the product packaging.

You may visit the [RCA Store on Amazon](#) for additional product information.

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