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Panasonic RF-P50D Pocket AM/FM Portable Radio User Manual

Model: RF-P50D

Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Panasonic RF-P50D Pocket AM/FM Portable Radio. This compact and reliable radio is designed for easy listening on the go, featuring a digital tuner, clear sound, and battery-powered operation. This manual provides essential information for the safe and efficient use of your radio.



Image: Front view of the Panasonic RF-P50D Pocket AM/FM Portable Radio, showing the tuning dial, speaker, and antenna.

Safety Information

- Do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.
- Avoid extreme temperatures.
- Use only specified batteries (2 x AA).
- Do not attempt to disassemble or modify the unit.
- Keep out of reach of small children.

Package Contents

Verify that all items are present:

- Panasonic RF-P50D Portable Radio
- Owner's Manual (this document)
- Wrist Strap

Note: AA batteries are not included and must be purchased separately.

Setup

1. Battery Installation

The RF-P50D requires two (2) AA batteries for operation. Ensure correct polarity when inserting.

1. Locate the battery compartment cover on the back of the radio.
2. Slide the cover open in the direction indicated by the arrow.
3. Insert two AA batteries, matching the (+) and (-) terminals as shown inside the compartment.
4. Close the battery compartment cover securely.



Image: Close-up view of the battery compartment on the back of the radio, showing two AA batteries being inserted with correct polarity.

2. Attaching the Wrist Strap

For convenient carrying and to prevent accidental drops, attach the included wrist strap.

1. Locate the small loop on the side of the radio.
2. Thread the thin end of the wrist strap through this loop.
3. Pass the larger loop of the strap over the radio and pull it tight to secure.



Image: Diagram showing how to attach the wrist strap to the side of the Panasonic RF-P50D radio.

Operating Instructions

1. Power On/Off and Volume Control

The radio is turned on and off using the volume control knob.

1. Rotate the **VOLUME** dial (located on the side) clockwise until you hear a click to turn the radio on.

2. Continue rotating clockwise to increase the volume.
3. Rotate counter-clockwise to decrease the volume.
4. Rotate counter-clockwise until you hear a click to turn the radio off.

2. Band Selection (AM/FM)

Select your desired radio band using the band switch.

- Slide the **BAND** switch (located on the side, below the volume dial) to **"FM"** for FM broadcasts.
- Slide the **BAND** switch to **"AM"** for AM broadcasts.

3. Tuning to a Station

Use the slide-rule tuning dial to find your desired station.

1. Extend the telescopic antenna for optimal FM reception. For AM, the radio has a built-in ferrite bar antenna, so antenna position is less critical.
2. Slowly move the **TUNING** dial (located on the side) up or down to scan for stations.
3. Observe the **TUNING INDICATOR LED** (red light on the front panel). This LED will illuminate brightly when a strong signal is received, indicating proper tuning.

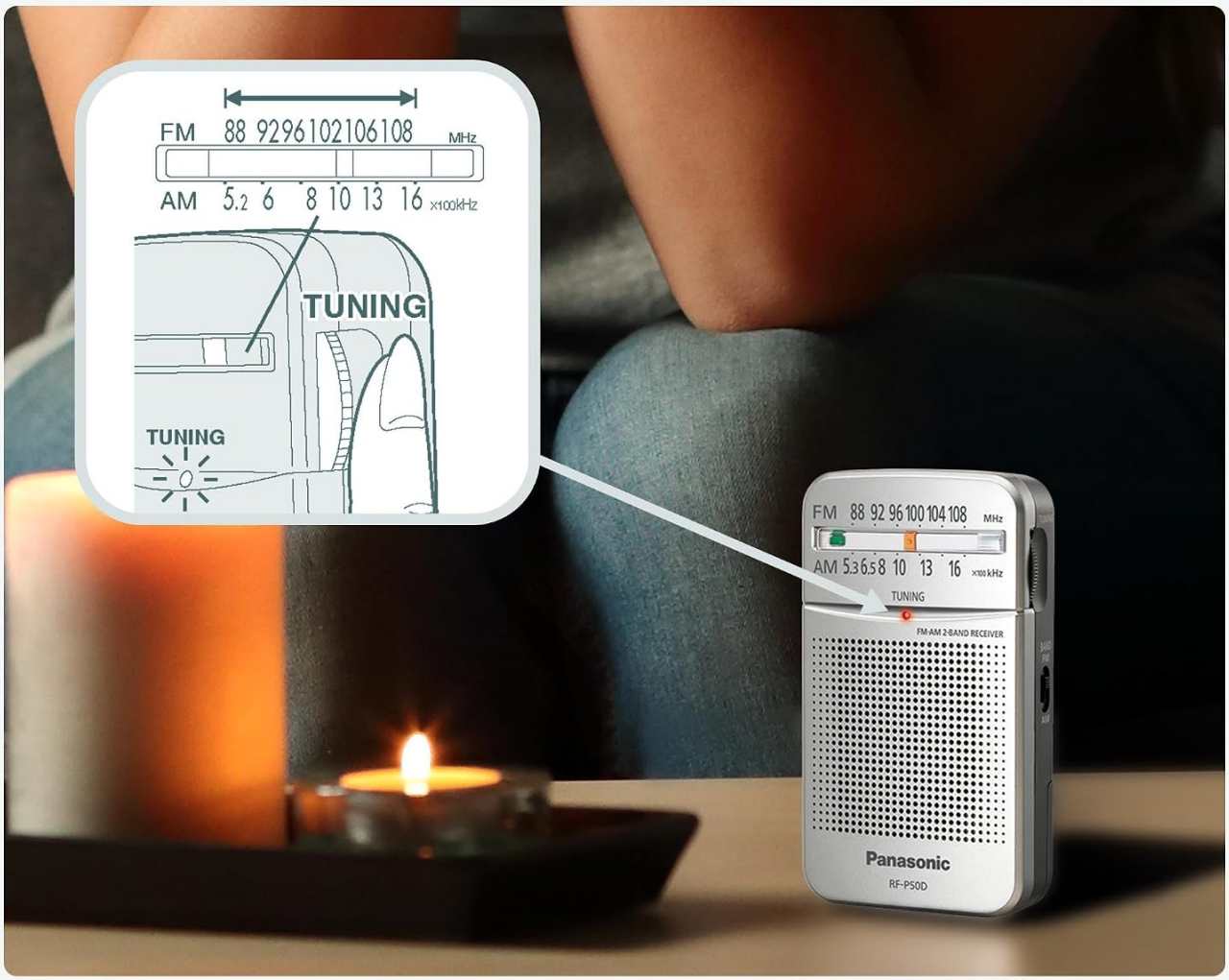

Image: Close-up of the radio's front, showing the tuning scale, the red tuning indicator LED, and the side tuning wheel being adjusted by a finger.

4. Using Headphones

For private listening, connect a mono earphone to the headphone jack.

- Locate the **EARPHONE** jack on the side of the radio.
- Insert a 3.5mm mono earphone plug into the jack. The internal speaker will automatically mute.
- Adjust the volume using the **VOLUME** dial.
- *Note: This radio outputs a mono signal. If a stereo headphone is used, sound may only be heard from one earbud.*

Maintenance

Cleaning

- Wipe the radio with a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents.

Battery Replacement

- Replace batteries when the sound becomes weak or distorted, or if the battery level indicator (if present, though not explicitly mentioned for this model, the tuning LED can act as a weak signal indicator) does not light up.
- Always replace both batteries at the same time with new AA batteries.
- Remove batteries if the radio will not be used for an extended period to prevent leakage.

Storage

- Store the radio in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Ensure batteries are removed before long-term storage.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound or very weak sound.	Volume is too low. Batteries are depleted or incorrectly inserted. Radio is off. Earphones are plugged in.	Increase volume. Replace batteries; check polarity. Turn the radio on. Unplug earphones.
Poor reception.	Antenna not extended (FM). Weak signal in the area. Interference from electronic devices. Incorrect tuning.	Extend the telescopic antenna fully. Move to a different location. Move radio away from other electronics. Adjust tuning slowly until the LED indicator lights up.
Tuning dial is stiff or difficult to move.	Dust or debris accumulation.	Gently clean around the dial with a soft, dry cloth. Do not force the dial.

Specifications

Model Number	RF-P50D
Tuner Technology	AM/FM (2-Band)
Power Source	2 x AA Batteries (not included)
Speaker	2.25-inch (5.7 cm) Full Range Speaker Unit
Headphone Jack	3.5mm Mono
Product Dimensions (W x H x D)	2.75 x 4.62 x 1.16 inches (approx. 7 x 11.7 x 2.9 cm)
Item Weight	4 ounces (approx. 113 grams)
Special Features	LED Tuning Indicator, Fluorescent Pointer, Hand Strap

Warranty and Support

Warranty Information

This Panasonic RF-P50D radio comes with a **1-year limited warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects under normal use. It does not cover damage caused by misuse, accidents, unauthorized modifications, or normal wear and tear.
Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty service, please contact Panasonic Customer Support. Refer to the official Panasonic website for the most current contact information.
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