

Creative SB0103EX

Creative Labs Sound Blaster Extigy Sound Card User Manual

Model: SB0103EX

INTRODUCTION

The Creative Labs Sound Blaster Extigy is an external, high-quality audio solution designed for both notebook and desktop users. It provides stunning digital audio capabilities without requiring internal PC modifications, connecting easily via USB. This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your Sound Blaster Extigy.

PRODUCT FEATURES

- Hassle-free external USB connection for PC or notebook.
- High-definition audio with 24-bit multi-channel performance and 100dB Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR) clarity.
- Dolby Digital 5.1 surround sound capability to transform your PC into a home-theater system.
- Innovative EAX ADVANCED HD music enhancement tools for an enriched listening experience.
- Compatibility with Windows 98 SE, 2000, Me, or XP operating systems with USB functionality.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Upon opening your Sound Blaster Extigy package, please ensure all components are present and in good condition. The standard package typically includes:

- Creative Sound Blaster Extigy Unit
- Power Adapter
- USB Cable
- Installation CD (with drivers and software)
- Remote Control



Image: The Sound Blaster Extigy unit and its accompanying power adapter.

SETUP

Connecting the Device

1. Connect the power adapter to the 12V DC IN port on the rear of the Sound Blaster Extigy unit and plug it into a power outlet.
2. Connect one end of the USB cable to the USB port on the rear of the Sound Blaster Extigy and the other end to an available USB port on your PC or notebook.
3. Connect your speakers or headphones to the appropriate audio output ports on the Sound Blaster Extigy. For multi-channel setups, refer to the port labels for Front, Rear, and C/Subwoofer.
4. For digital audio connections, use the Optical In/Out or Digital Out (Coaxial) ports as needed. MIDI devices can be connected via the MIDI In/Out ports.



Image: The rear panel of the Sound Blaster Extigy, illustrating the various input and output ports including USB, MIDI, and analog/digital audio connections.

Software Installation

1. Insert the Sound Blaster Extigy installation CD into your computer's CD-ROM drive.
2. Follow the on-screen prompts to install the necessary drivers and Creative software suite. It is recommended to install all components for full functionality.
3. Restart your computer if prompted after the installation is complete.
4. Verify the installation by checking your system's audio settings and playing a test sound.

OPERATING THE SOUND BLASTER EXTIGY

Front Panel Controls

The front panel of the Sound Blaster Extigy provides convenient access to essential controls and input jacks.



Image: The front panel of the Sound Blaster Extigy, detailing the Line In, Mic In, Headphone jacks, Master volume, Mic volume, CMSS button, and Power button.

- **Line In:** Connect external audio sources such as CD players or MP3 players.
- **Mic In:** Connect a microphone for recording or communication.
- **Headphones:** Connect headphones for private listening.
- **Master Volume Knob:** Adjusts the overall output volume.
- **Mic Volume Knob:** Adjusts the microphone input level.
- **CMSS Button:** Activates Creative Multi-Speaker Surround (CMSS) to upmix stereo content to surround sound.
- **Power Button:** Turns the unit on or off.



Image: A close-up view of the Sound Blaster Extigy's front panel, highlighting the 24-bit/96kHz/100dB SNR, EAX Advanced HD, and Dolby Digital branding, indicating its audio capabilities.

Audio Output Modes

The Sound Blaster Extigy supports various audio output modes to suit your listening preferences and speaker setup:

- **Stereo:** Standard two-channel audio output.
- **Surround:** Utilizes multiple channels for immersive audio, often enhanced by CMSS technology.
- **Dolby Digital:** Provides discrete multi-channel audio for a cinematic experience, especially with compatible media.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Sound Blaster Extigy, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- Keep the unit clean by wiping it with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- Ensure proper ventilation around the unit to prevent overheating. Do not block any vents.
- Store the device in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Periodically check cable connections to ensure they are secure.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your Sound Blaster Extigy, try the following troubleshooting steps:

- **No Sound:**
 - Check if the unit is powered on and the power adapter is securely connected.
 - Ensure the USB cable is properly connected to both the Extigy and your computer.
 - Verify that your speakers or headphones are correctly plugged into the appropriate output jacks.
 - Check the Master Volume knob on the Extigy and your computer's system volume.
 - Confirm that the correct audio output device (Sound Blaster Extigy) is selected in your computer's sound settings.
- **Distorted Sound:**
 - Reduce the Master Volume to prevent clipping.
 - Ensure audio cables are not damaged or loosely connected.
 - Update or reinstall the Sound Blaster Extigy drivers.
- **Unit Not Recognized by PC:**
 - Try connecting the Extigy to a different USB port on your computer.
 - Restart your computer.
 - Reinstall the drivers from the installation CD or Creative's support website.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	SB0103EX
ASIN	B000062TTF
Item Weight	4 pounds
Package Dimensions	14.3 x 10.4 x 4.9 inches
Hardware Interface	USB

Audio Output Mode	Dolby Digital, Stereo, Surround
Compatible Devices	Personal Computer, Laptop, Headphone
Platform	Windows 98 SE, 2000, Me, XP
Manufacturer	Creative
Date First Available	February 4, 2002

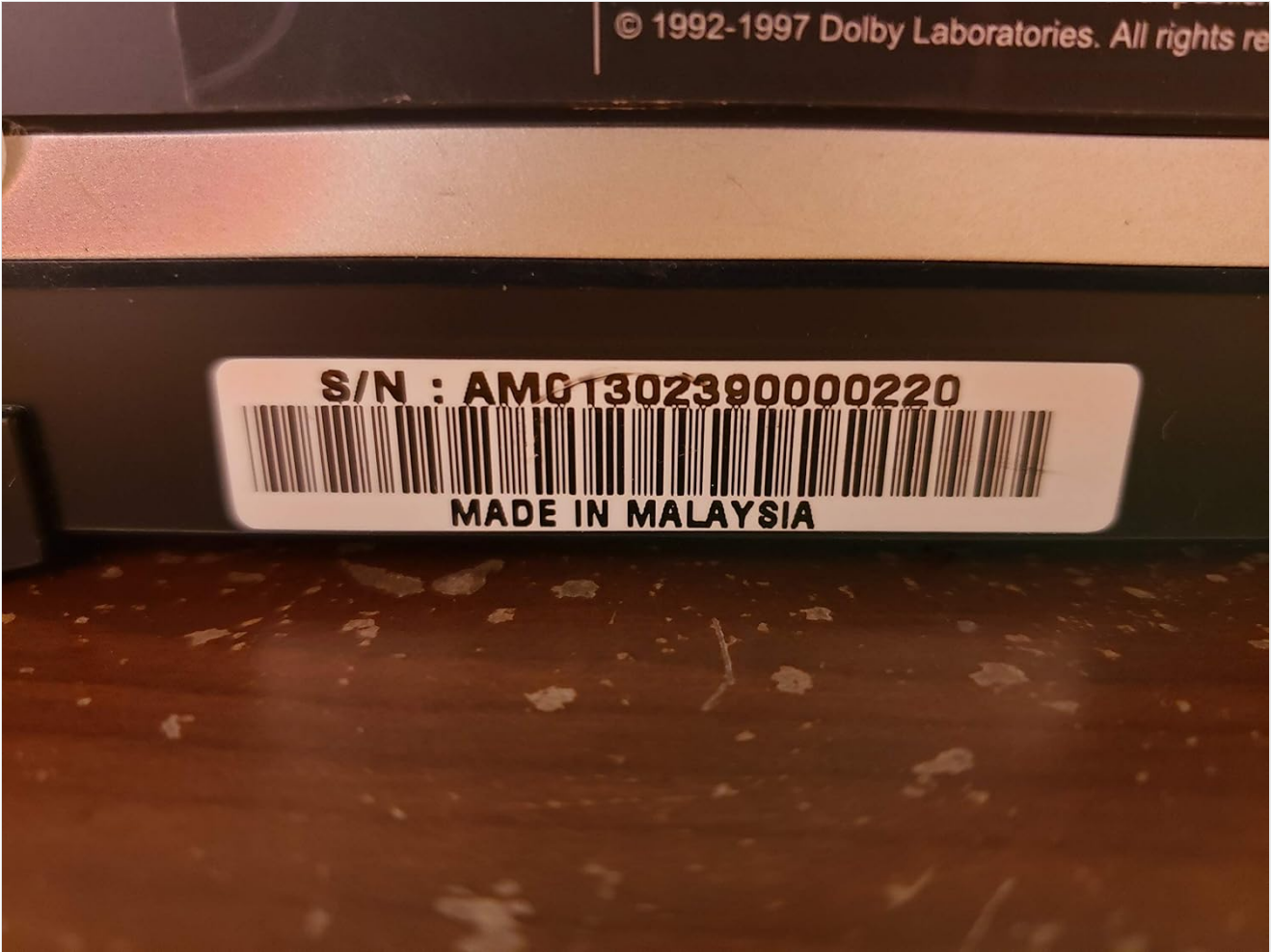


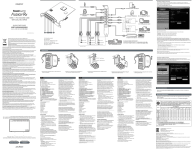



Image: A close-up of the serial number label on the Sound Blaster Extigy, showing S/N: AM01302390000220 and 'Made in Malaysia'.

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information, please refer to the documentation included with your product or visit the official Creative website. For technical support, driver downloads, and frequently asked questions, please visit the Creative support portal. An official user manual in PDF format can be accessed via this link:[Creative Sound Blaster Extigy User Manual \(PDF\)](#) For further assistance, you may also visit the [Creative Store on Amazon](#).

Related Documents

	<p>Creative Sound Blaster Extigy User Manual</p> <p>Comprehensive user manual for the Creative Sound Blaster Extigy external sound card, detailing installation, features, applications, and troubleshooting for enhanced digital audio entertainment.</p>
	<p>Creative Sound Blaster Live! 5.1 User Guide: Installation, Features, and Troubleshooting</p> <p>A comprehensive user guide for the Creative Sound Blaster Live! 5.1 audio card, detailing installation, software features, advanced configurations, specifications, and troubleshooting for an immersive audio experience.</p>
	<p>Creative Sound Blaster Audigy Rx PCI-e Sound Card Quick Start Guide</p> <p>Learn how to install and use your Creative Sound Blaster Audigy Rx 7.1 PCI-e Sound Card, featuring high-performance audio, dual mic inputs, and advanced surround sound capabilities.</p>
	<p>Руководство пользователя Sound Blaster Z-Series</p> <p>Подробное руководство пользователя для звуковых карт Creative Sound Blaster Z-Series (модели SB1500, SB1502, SB1506), описывающее установку, подключение, функции и технические характеристики.</p>