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Model: CS 500

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for purchasing the Thomson CS500 Compact System. This micro audio system offers a versatile listening experience with its 5-CD changer, FM radio, Bluetooth connectivity, and multiple input options including USB, SD card, and docking for various Apple and Android devices. Please read this manual carefully to ensure proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your new system.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

- Thomson CS500 Compact System Unit
- Speakers (2 units)
- Remote Control
- Power Cable (AC 220V)
- FM Antenna
- User Manual (this document)

SETUP

1. Unpacking and Placement

Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Place the main unit and speakers on a stable, flat surface. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit to prevent overheating. Keep the unit away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and moisture.

2. Connecting the Speakers

Connect the speaker wires from the main unit to the corresponding terminals on the back of each speaker. Ensure correct polarity (positive to positive, negative to negative) for optimal sound quality. The system features 2-way bass reflex speakers with titanium bass boomers.

3. Connecting the FM Antenna

Connect the supplied FM antenna to the FM antenna input on the rear of the main unit. Extend the antenna fully and

position it for best reception.

4. Power Connection

Plug the power cable into the AC IN socket on the rear of the main unit, then plug the other end into a standard AC 220V wall outlet.

5. Remote Control Battery Installation

Open the battery compartment on the back of the remote control and insert the required batteries (not included), observing the correct polarity markings.



Image: The Thomson CS500 Compact System, showing the main unit and two speakers. This illustrates the primary components after initial setup.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Power On/Off

Press the **POWER** button on the front panel or remote control to turn the system on or off.

2. Source Selection

Press the **SOURCE** button repeatedly to cycle through available input modes: CD, FM Radio, Bluetooth, USB, SD, AUX, iPod/iPhone/iPad Dock, Micro USB.

3. Volume Control

Adjust the volume using the **VOLUME +/-** buttons on the unit or remote control.

4. CD Player Operation

1. Press the **CD** button to select CD mode.
2. Open the CD tray and place up to 5 CDs.
3. Press **PLAY/PAUSE** to start playback.
4. Use **SKIP** buttons to navigate tracks.
5. The system is compatible with CD-R and CD-RW discs.

5. FM Radio Operation

1. Press the **FM** button to select FM radio mode.
2. Use the **TUNE +/-** buttons to manually tune to a station.
3. Press and hold **TUNE +/-** for automatic station scanning.
4. The system supports RDS (Radio Data System) for displaying station information.
5. Save your favorite stations using the preset functions (refer to the remote control section for details).

6. Bluetooth Connectivity

1. Press the **BLUETOOTH** button to select Bluetooth mode. The display will show "PAIRING".
2. Enable Bluetooth on your mobile device and search for "Thomson CS500".
3. Select the device to pair. Once connected, you can stream audio wirelessly.

7. USB and SD Card Playback

Insert a USB drive into the USB port or an SD card into the SD card slot. The system will automatically switch to the respective mode and begin playback of compatible audio files.

8. Device Docking (iPod, iPhone, iPad, Micro USB)

The vertical speaker features docking for iPod, iPhone, and iPad devices. Additionally, a Micro USB port is available for Android/Samsung devices. Carefully dock your device into the appropriate connector. The system will automatically switch to the docking input mode.

9. AUX Input

Connect an external audio device (e.g., MP3 player) to the 3.5mm AUX input using a stereo audio cable (not supplied). Select AUX mode to listen to audio from the connected device.

10. Sound Settings

- **Equalizer:** The system includes an equalizer with 5 sound presets. Press the **EQ** button on the remote control to cycle through these presets (e.g., Flat, Rock, Pop, Jazz, Classic).
- **Bass Amplifier:** Activate the bass amplifier function for enhanced low-frequency sound. Refer to the remote control for the specific button.

11. Clock and Sleep Timer

The LCD display with blue backlight shows the current time. Use the remote control to set the clock and activate the sleep timer function, which automatically turns off the system after a set period.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning the Unit

Wipe the exterior of the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents as they may damage the finish. Ensure the unit is unplugged before cleaning.

2. CD Player Care

Handle CDs by their edges to avoid fingerprints and scratches. If a CD is dirty, wipe it gently with a soft, lint-free cloth from the center outwards. Do not use solvents or abrasive cleaners on CDs.

3. General Handling

Avoid placing heavy objects on the unit. Do not block ventilation openings. If the unit will not be used for an extended period, unplug it from the power outlet.

TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Power:**

Ensure the power cable is securely connected to both the unit and the wall outlet. Check if the outlet is functional by plugging in another device.

- **No Sound:**

Check speaker connections for correct polarity. Ensure the volume is not set to minimum or muted. Verify the correct input source is selected. If using an external device via AUX, ensure its volume is also up.

- **Remote Control Not Working:**

Check and replace batteries if necessary. Ensure there are no obstructions between the remote and the unit's sensor. Point the remote directly at the unit.

- **CD Not Playing:**

Ensure the CD is clean and free of scratches. Check that the CD is inserted correctly with the label side up. Try a different CD to rule out disc issues.

- **Bluetooth Connection Issues:**

Ensure the unit is in Bluetooth pairing mode. Delete "Thomson CS500" from your device's Bluetooth list and try pairing again. Move your device closer to the system.

- **Poor Radio Reception:**

Adjust the position of the FM antenna. Move the unit away from other electronic devices that may cause interference.

SPECIFICATIONS

Model:	CS 500
Brand:	Thomson
Power Output:	2 x 45 Watts (speakers) + 90 Watts (subwoofer) = 200 Watts Total Music Performance

Surround Sound Channel Configuration:	2 (Stereo)
Connectivity Technology:	Bluetooth, USB, SD Card, AUX (3.5mm), iPod/iPhone/iPad Dock, Micro USB
Supported Media Types:	CD, CD-R, CD-RW
Radio Bands Supported:	FM (with RDS)
Speakers:	2-way Bass Reflex with Titanium Bass Boomers, Subwoofer
Control Method:	Remote Controlled
Power Source:	AC 220V
Product Dimensions (Main Unit):	30 x 30 x 120 cm
Item Weight:	1 Kilogram
Color:	Dark Brown
Included Components:	Remote Control

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information

The Thomson CS500 Compact System comes with a limited warranty. Please retain your proof of purchase for any warranty claims. For specific terms and conditions of the warranty, refer to the documentation provided at the time of purchase or contact Thomson customer support.

Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting beyond this manual, or warranty inquiries, please contact Thomson customer support. Contact details can typically be found on the official Thomson website or on the product packaging.