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Model: SoundSticks II

## INTRODUCTION

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This manual provides essential information for the setup, operation, and maintenance of your Harman Kardon SoundSticks II Multimedia Speaker System. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the product to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

The SoundSticks II system is a three-piece multimedia speaker system designed to deliver high-quality stereo sound for various audio sources, including digital music players, computers (all platforms), stereos, and portable listening devices. It features a unique design and advanced audio technologies for an enhanced listening experience.

### Key Features:

- 20 Watts RMS subwoofer power output.
- Capacitance touch control buttons for direct volume adjustment.
- Three-piece plug-and-play multimedia speaker system.
- Computer-optimized multi-band parametric equalization.
- Mini stereo jack connection for broad device compatibility.

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Before proceeding with the setup, please ensure all components are present:

- 1x Harman Kardon SoundSticks II Subwoofer
- 2x Harman Kardon SoundSticks II Satellite Speakers
- 1x Power Adapter
- 1x 3.5mm Audio Cable



Figure 1: Overview of the Harman Kardon SoundSticks II system, showing the central subwoofer and two satellite speakers.

## SETUP INSTRUCTIONS

1. **Placement:** Position the subwoofer on a stable surface, ideally under your desk or in a location where its bass output can resonate effectively. Place the two satellite speakers on either side of your listening area, ensuring they are equidistant from you for optimal stereo imaging.
2. **Connect Satellite Speakers:** Connect the cables from the two satellite speakers to the corresponding left and right output jacks on the subwoofer. These jacks are designed for secure connection.
3. **Connect Audio Source:** Use the provided 3.5mm audio cable to connect the subwoofer to your audio source (e.g., computer, smartphone, MP3 player). Insert one end into the audio input jack on the subwoofer and the other end into the audio output jack of your device.
4. **Connect Power:** Plug the power adapter into the subwoofer's power input, then plug the adapter into a standard electrical outlet. The subwoofer will illuminate, indicating it is powered on.



**Figure 2:** The Harman Kardon SoundSticks II subwoofer, which houses the main controls and connections.



**Figure 3:** Front view of a Harman Kardon SoundSticks II satellite speaker, showing the individual speaker drivers.

## OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. **Power On/Off:** The system powers on automatically when connected to an electrical outlet. There is no separate power button. To turn off, disconnect from the power source.
2. **Volume Control:** The right satellite speaker features capacitance touch control buttons.
  - Touch the + symbol to increase volume.
  - Touch the - symbol to decrease volume.
  - Touch both + and - simultaneously to mute/unmute the audio.
3. **Adjusting Bass:** The subwoofer has a bass level control knob. Rotate this knob to adjust the intensity of the bass output to your preference.



**Figure 4:** Side view of a Harman Kardon SoundSticks II satellite speaker, highlighting the touch-sensitive volume controls.

## MAINTENANCE

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To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your SoundSticks II system, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to gently wipe the surfaces of the speakers and subwoofer. Avoid using abrasive cleaners, solvents, or chemical sprays, as these can damage the clear plastic finish.
- **Dust Removal:** Regularly dust the speaker grilles and subwoofer port to prevent accumulation that could affect sound quality.
- **Avoid Liquids:** Keep the system away from liquids and moisture. Do not place beverages or other liquid containers on or near the speakers.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure the subwoofer has adequate ventilation to prevent overheating. Do not block the subwoofer's port or place it in an enclosed space without airflow.

## TROUBLESHOOTING

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If you encounter issues with your SoundSticks II system, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound or low volume	Power not connected Volume too low Audio cable loose or incorrect input Audio source volume too low	Ensure power adapter is securely plugged in. Increase volume using the touch controls on the right satellite speaker. Check all audio cable connections. Ensure the 3.5mm cable is fully inserted into both the subwoofer and the audio source. Increase the volume on your connected audio device.
Distorted sound	Volume too high Audio source output level too high Poor audio cable connection	Decrease the volume on the SoundSticks II system. Reduce the volume output from your audio source. Check and re-secure all audio cable connections.
One channel (left or right speaker) is not working	Loose satellite speaker connection Audio source output issue Incorrect audio settings on computer	Ensure both satellite speaker cables are firmly connected to the subwoofer. Test with a different audio source or cable if possible. If connected to a computer, ensure the audio output settings are configured for stereo (e.g., "2 channels 16 bits" in "Audio MIDI Setup Utility" on macOS, or equivalent settings in Windows Sound Control Panel). Avoid connecting via a USB hub; connect directly to the computer's audio output.
Subwoofer not producing bass	Bass level knob set too low Audio source not providing bass frequencies	Rotate the bass level control knob on the subwoofer clockwise to increase bass. Ensure your audio source is playing content with bass frequencies. Check equalizer settings on your device.

<b>Model Name</b>	Harman/kardon SoundSticks II
<b>Brand</b>	JBL (Manufactured by Harman Kardon)
<b>Speaker Type</b>	2.1 Multimedia Speaker System (Woofer and Satellite Speakers)
<b>Connectivity Technology</b>	Wired (3.5mm mini stereo jack)
<b>Audio Output Mode</b>	Stereo
<b>Subwoofer Power Output</b>	20 Watts RMS
<b>Speaker Maximum Output Power</b>	40 Watts (Total System)
<b>Woofer Diameter</b>	6 Inches
<b>Satellite Speaker Size</b>	1 Inch (drivers)
<b>Compatible Devices</b>	Smartphone, Tablet, MP3 Player, Desktop, Laptop
<b>Product Dimensions (Subwoofer)</b>	16"D x 12"W x 11.25"H (Approximate, as per product listing)
<b>Item Weight</b>	1.1 pounds (0.5 Kilograms)
<b>Material</b>	Transparent plastic, metal
<b>Color</b>	Clear
<b>Power Source</b>	Corded Electric
<b>UPC</b>	028292501807, 282925018142

## WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official Harman Kardon website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

For further assistance, you may contact Harman Kardon customer service directly. Contact details are typically available on the manufacturer's website.

