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Bose Companion 3 Series II Multimedia Speaker System User Manual

Model: 329666-1300

Product Overview

The Bose Companion 3 Series II multimedia speaker system is designed to deliver high-quality stereo sound for your computer. This system includes two compact satellite speakers, an Acoustimass module for deep bass, and a multi-function control pod for convenient access to volume, headphone jack, auxiliary input, and mute function.



Figure 1: Complete Bose Companion 3 Series II system components, including the Acoustimass module, two satellite speakers, and the control pod.

Key features include:

- **Superior stereo performance:** Engineered to provide clear, expansive sound from your computer.
- **Multi-function control pod:** Offers easy access to volume control, a headphone jack for private listening, an auxiliary input for connecting other audio devices, and a mute button.
- **Acoustimass module:** Delivers powerful low-frequency effects, enhancing music, games, and movies.
- **Preassembled stand:** Satellite speakers come mounted on stands for optimal positioning and stability.

Setup Instructions

Follow these steps to set up your Bose Companion 3 Series II multimedia speaker system:

1. **Unpack Components:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging: the Acoustimass module, two satellite speakers with preassembled stands, and the control pod.
2. **Position Acoustimass Module:** Place the Acoustimass module on the floor near your computer. For optimal

bass performance, avoid placing it directly against a wall or in a corner, but experimentation with placement can yield different bass responses.

3. **Position Satellite Speakers:** Place the two satellite speakers on your desk or desired listening surface, equidistant from your listening position and ideally at ear level. Ensure they are positioned to create a stereo soundstage.



Figure 2: The two satellite speakers with their integrated stands, ready for placement on a desk.

4. **Connect Satellite Speakers to Acoustimass Module:** Connect the cables from the satellite speakers to the corresponding ports on the Acoustimass module. Ensure a secure connection.
5. **Connect Control Pod to Acoustimass Module:** Plug the cable from the control pod into the designated port on the Acoustimass module.



Figure 3: The multi-function control pod, featuring the volume dial, mute button, headphone jack, and auxiliary input.

6. **Connect Acoustimass Module to Computer:** Connect the audio input cable from the Acoustimass module to the audio output (headphone or line-out) jack on your computer.
7. **Connect Power:** Plug the power cord from the Acoustimass module into a standard electrical outlet.
8. **Power On:** The system will power on automatically when connected to power. The control pod will illuminate.

Operating Instructions

Operating your Bose Companion 3 Series II system is straightforward:

- **Volume Control:** Rotate the outer ring of the control pod clockwise to increase volume and counter-clockwise to decrease volume.
- **Mute/Unmute:** Gently tap the center of the control pod to mute or unmute the audio. The LED indicator on the control pod will change color (e.g., green for on, yellow for mute) to indicate its status.
- **Headphone Jack:** Plug your headphones into the headphone jack on the front of the control pod for private listening. Plugging in headphones will automatically mute the speakers.
- **Auxiliary Input:** Connect an external audio device (e.g., MP3 player, smartphone) to the auxiliary input jack on the front of the control pod using a 3.5mm audio cable. Audio from the auxiliary input will play through the speakers.

Maintenance

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your Bose Companion 3 Series II speaker system, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the surfaces of the speakers, Acoustimass module, and control pod. Do not use liquid cleaners, solvents, or abrasive materials, as these can damage the finish.
- **Dust Accumulation:** Regularly dust the speaker grilles and vents on the Acoustimass module to prevent dust buildup, which can affect sound quality and component lifespan.
- **Cable Management:** Ensure all cables are neatly routed and not pinched or excessively bent, which can lead to damage over time.
- **Environmental Conditions:** Avoid exposing the system to extreme temperatures, high humidity, or direct sunlight. Keep the system away from sources of heat or excessive moisture.

Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Bose Companion 3 Series II system, refer to the following common troubleshooting steps:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound from speakers	• System not powered on. • Volume too low or muted. • Cables not connected properly. • Incorrect audio output selected on computer. • Headphones plugged into control pod.	• Ensure power cord is securely plugged in and control pod LED is illuminated. • Increase volume using the control pod and ensure it is not muted. • Check all cable connections between speakers, Acoustimass module, and computer. • Verify your computer's audio settings are set to output sound through the correct device. • Unplug headphones from the control pod.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Distorted or poor sound quality	• Volume set too high. • Poor audio source quality. • Interference.	• Reduce the volume. • Try playing audio from a different source or a higher quality file. • Move the system away from other electronic devices that may cause interference.
No bass from Acoustimass module	• Acoustimass module not connected or powered. • Incorrect placement.	• Ensure the Acoustimass module is properly connected and receiving power. • Experiment with the placement of the Acoustimass module; try moving it closer to a wall or corner to enhance bass.

If the problem persists after trying these steps, please contact Bose customer support for further assistance.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	329666-1300
Product Dimensions	15.8 x 10.5 x 16.5 inches (Acoustimass module, approximate)
Item Weight	26.4 pounds (Total system weight)
ASIN	B000HZBR64
Batteries Required	1 Lithium Ion battery (Note: This specification may refer to an internal component or a remote control not typically included with this model. The main system is AC powered.)
Manufacturer	Bose
First Available Date	September 24, 2006

Warranty and Support

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