Emerson GQ980

Emerson GQ980 CD/CDG Karaoke Player User Manual

Model: GQ980

Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your Emerson GQ980 CD/CDG Karaoke Player. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the device to ensure optimal performance and safety. Keep this manual for future reference.

Safety Information

- Do not expose the unit to rain or moisture to prevent fire or shock hazards.
- Do not block any ventilation openings. Ensure proper airflow around the unit.
- Use only attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Unplug the unit during lightning storms or when unused for long periods.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

Package Contents

Verify that all items listed below are included in your package:

- Emerson GQ980 CD/CDG Karaoke Player Unit
- 2 Microphones
- MP3 Cradle
- AC Power Adapter
- User Manual (this document)

Product Overview

Familiarize yourself with the components of your Emerson GQ980 Karaoke Player:


(Celebration)
Let's all celebrate
And have a good time



Image: The Emerson GQ980 Karaoke Player. This black unit features a tall, slender main body with a control panel and display screen at the top. Two microphones are mounted on either side of the top section. The display screen shows example lyrics, such as "(Celebration) Let's all celebrate And have a good time." Below the display are various control knobs and buttons, including a large master volume dial and inputs for microphones. Two detachable speakers are positioned on the sides of the main column, near the base of the control panel. An MP3 cradle is visible at the top, behind the display. The unit stands on a stable, triangular base.

Key Components:

- **CD/CDG Player:** Located at the top section for disc insertion.
- **Display Screen:** Shows lyrics from CDG discs and track information.
- **Microphone Inputs:** Two 3.5mm jacks for connecting microphones, each with separate volume controls.
- **Master Volume Control:** Adjusts the overall sound output.
- **Echo Control:** Adds echo effect to vocals.
- **Tone Control:** Adjusts the treble and bass of the audio.
- **AVC (Automatic Voice Control):** Automatically reduces the main vocal on multiplex tracks when a singer starts.
- **Balance Control:** Adjusts the balance between the vocal and music on multiplex tracks.
- **Reversible Speakers:** Two side speakers that can be positioned for optimal sound.
- **Bass Subwoofer Speaker:** Located on the back for enhanced bass.
- **MP3 Cradle:** Built-in cradle for connecting and playing audio from MP3/iPod/MP4 devices.
- **3.5mm Audio Jack Connectivity:** Allows connection of external audio devices.

Setup

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging.
2. **Placement:** Place the main unit on a stable, flat surface. Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit.
3. **Speaker Attachment:** Attach the two side speakers to the main unit. Ensure they are securely fastened.
4. **Microphone Connection:** Plug the two included microphones into the microphone input jacks on the front panel.
5. **Power Connection:** Connect the AC power adapter to the DC IN jack on the unit and then plug it into a standard electrical outlet.
6. **MP3/iPod/MP4 Connection (Optional):** If using an external device, place it in the MP3 cradle and connect it to the 3.5mm audio jack.

Operating Instructions

Playing CD/CDG Discs:

1. Press the POWER button to turn on the unit.

2. Open the CD compartment and insert a CD or CDG disc with the label side facing up. Close the compartment.
3. The unit will automatically begin playing the disc. Lyrics will appear on the display screen if it is a CDG disc.
4. Adjust the MASTER VOLUME control to your desired listening level.
5. Use the SKIP buttons to navigate between tracks.
6. Press the PLAY/PAUSE button to pause or resume playback.
7. Press the STOP button to stop playback.

Using Microphones:

1. Ensure microphones are securely plugged into the MIC 1 and MIC 2 jacks.
2. Adjust the individual MIC VOLUME controls for each microphone to balance vocal levels.
3. Use the ECHO control to add a reverberation effect to your voice.
4. The AVC (Automatic Voice Control) feature will automatically reduce the main vocal track on multiplex discs when you sing into the microphone.

Playing External Devices (iPod/MP3/MP4):

1. Place your iPod, MP3 player, or MP4 player in the built-in cradle.
2. Connect your device's headphone output to the 3.5mm AUDIO IN jack on the karaoke player using an appropriate audio cable (not included).
3. Select the correct input source on the karaoke player (refer to the FUNCTION control if available).
4. Play music from your external device. The sound will be amplified through the karaoke player's speakers.
5. Adjust the MASTER VOLUME on the karaoke player and the volume on your external device for optimal sound.

Maintenance

Cleaning:

- Always unplug the unit from the power outlet before cleaning.
- Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior surfaces.
- Do not use abrasive cleaners, waxes, or solvents as they may damage the finish.
- For the CD lens, use a specialized CD lens cleaner disc.

Storage:

- If storing the unit for an extended period, unplug it and store it in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- Keep the unit covered to prevent dust accumulation.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Power cord not connected; Power outlet not active	Ensure power cord is securely plugged in; Try a different outlet; Check household circuit breaker.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound from speakers	Volume too low; Speakers not connected properly; Incorrect input source selected	Increase MASTER VOLUME; Check speaker connections; Select correct FUNCTION mode.
No sound from microphones	Microphones not plugged in; MIC VOLUME too low; Microphone faulty	Plug in microphones securely; Increase individual MIC VOLUME controls; Test with another microphone if available.
CD/CDG disc skips or does not play	Disc is dirty or scratched; Unit is on an unstable surface; Lens is dirty	Clean or replace disc; Place unit on a stable surface; Use a CD lens cleaner.
Lyrics not appearing on screen	Disc is not a CDG disc; Display setting incorrect	Ensure you are using a CDG (Karaoke) disc; Check display settings if applicable.

Specifications

- **Model:** GQ980
- **Product Dimensions:** 108.59 x 39.05 x 108.59 cm
- **Item Weight:** 6.29 kg
- **Colour:** Black
- **Compatible Devices:** iPod, MP3 player, MP4 player, Microphone
- **Connectors:** 3.5 mm Jack, USB (for power/charging cradle, not data)
- **Speaker Count:** 1 (main unit with integrated subwoofer) + 2 detachable side speakers
- **Special Feature:** Bass Subwoofer Speaker and Advanced Audio Controls (Echo, Tone, AVC, Balance)
- **Included Components:** 2 Microphones, MP3 Cradle
- **Power Source:** AC Operated

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The CD is stuck in my Emerson GQ980 Karaoke Player; it plays but will not eject. How can I remove it, and how do I use the MP3 function?

If a CD is stuck in your Emerson GQ980, please note that this model features a top-loading manual compartment rather than a motorized tray. If the lid is not opening or the disc is...

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