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iHome iPL8XHG

iHome iPL8XHG Dual Alarm FM Clock Radio with Lightning Dock for iPhone and USB Charging

User Manual

1. Introduction

This manual provides detailed instructions for the iHome iPL8XHG Dual Alarm FM Clock Radio. This device is designed to enhance your daily routine by offering timekeeping, alarm functions, FM radio, and charging capabilities for compatible Apple Lightning devices and other USB-powered devices.

Key Features:

- Dual alarm functionality for flexible scheduling.
- Integrated Lightning dock for charging and playing audio from compatible iPhone and iPod models.
- USB port for charging additional devices.
- FM radio with programmable station presets.
- High-fidelity stereo drivers with Reson8 speaker chambers and EXB expanded bass circuitry for rich sound.
- Automatic time synchronization with docked iPhone/iPod.

2. Package Contents

Ensure all items are present before proceeding with setup:

- iHome iPL8XHG Stereo FM Clock Radio
- Lightning Dock for iPhone 5/5S and 6/6Plus (compatible with newer Lightning models)
- AC Power Adapter

3. Setup

1. **Power Connection:** Connect the included AC power adapter to the DC jack on the back of the iPL8XHG unit and then plug the adapter into a standard wall outlet.
2. **Battery Backup (Optional):** The unit includes a CR2 battery for backup. This battery preserves time and alarm settings during a power outage. Ensure the battery is correctly installed.
3. **Initial Power On:** The unit will power on automatically once connected to AC power. The display will illuminate.

4. **Time Synchronization:** If an iPhone or iPod with Lightning connector is docked, the unit will automatically synchronize its clock with the device's time settings.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1. Setting the Clock

1. Press and hold the **Time Set** button (usually located on the top or back panel) until the time display flashes.
2. Use the **+/-** buttons (or dedicated hour/minute buttons) to adjust the hour. Pay attention to the AM/PM indicator.
3. Press the **Time Set** button again to confirm the hour and move to minute adjustment.
4. Use the **+/-** buttons to adjust the minutes.
5. Press the **Time Set** button one last time to save the settings.

4.2. Setting Alarms (Alarm 1 and Alarm 2)

The iPL8XHG features two independent alarms.

1. Press and hold the **Alarm 1** or **Alarm 2** button until the alarm time flashes.
2. Use the **+/-** buttons to adjust the desired alarm hour (observe AM/PM).
3. Press the respective **Alarm** button again to confirm the hour and move to minute adjustment.
4. Use the **+/-** buttons to adjust the desired alarm minutes.
5. Press the **Alarm** button again to select the alarm source (e.g., FM radio, docked device, or buzzer). Use **+/-** to cycle through options.
6. Press the **Alarm** button one last time to save the settings and activate the alarm. An alarm indicator will appear on the display.

4.3. FM Radio Operation

1. Press the **FM** button to turn on the radio.
2. Use the **Tune +/-** buttons to manually tune to a desired station.
3. Press and hold **Tune +/-** to auto-scan for the next available station.
4. **Setting Presets:** To save a station, press and hold a **Preset (1-6)** button until the preset number flashes on the display. Use **Tune +/-** to select the desired preset number, then press the **Preset** button again to confirm.
5. To recall a preset, simply press the corresponding **Preset (1-6)** button.

4.4. Lightning Dock for iPhone/iPod

The flexible Lightning dock allows you to charge and play audio from compatible Apple devices.

1. Carefully place your Lightning-enabled iPhone or iPod onto the dock connector. Ensure it is seated properly.
2. The device will begin charging automatically.
3. To play audio from the docked device, select the 'Dock' source using the **Source** button (if available) or ensure the device is playing audio.





Figure 1: iHome iPL8XHG with an iPhone docked, displaying the time.

4.5. USB Charging

A USB port is located on the back of the unit for charging other USB-powered devices.

1. Connect your device's USB charging cable to the USB port on the iPL8XHG.
2. Connect the other end of the cable to your device. Charging will commence automatically.

4.6. Display Brightness

Adjust the display brightness to your preference using the **Dimmer** button (often integrated with the Snooze button or a dedicated button). Repeatedly press the button to cycle through brightness levels.



Figure 2: iHome iPL8XHG on a bedside table, illustrating its compact design and display visibility.

5. Maintenance

To ensure optimal performance and longevity of your iHome iPL8XHG, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the unit. Do not use liquid cleaners or abrasive materials.
- **Dust:** Regularly dust the unit, especially around the speaker grilles and dock connector, to prevent accumulation.
- **Placement:** Place the unit on a stable, flat surface away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and moisture.
- **Dock Connector:** Handle the Lightning dock connector with care to avoid bending or damage.

6. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Solution
Unit does not power on.	Ensure the AC power adapter is securely connected to both the unit and a working wall outlet. Check if the outlet is receiving power.

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Time or alarm settings are lost after a power outage.	Verify that the CR2 backup battery is correctly installed and has sufficient charge. Replace if necessary.
iPhone/iPod is not charging or playing audio when docked.	Ensure the device is properly seated on the Lightning connector. Check for any debris in the connector. Confirm the device is compatible with the Lightning dock.
Poor FM radio reception.	Extend the FM antenna fully. Try repositioning the unit or the antenna for better signal reception. Avoid placing near other electronic devices that may cause interference.
Alarm does not sound.	Ensure the alarm is activated (alarm indicator visible on display). Verify the alarm time is set correctly. Check the alarm volume level.

7. Specifications

- **Brand:** iHome
- **Model:** iPL8XHG
- **Display Type:** LCD
- **Power Source:** AC Power (with CR2 battery backup)
- **Connectivity Technology:** Lightning, USB
- **Material:** Plastic
- **Item Weight:** 1.48 pounds
- **Product Dimensions:** 5 x 5 x 4.49 inches
- **Manufacturer:** SDI Technologies, Inc.

8. Warranty and Support

This product is covered by a Limited Warranty. For specific warranty details and support inquiries, please refer to the documentation included with your purchase or visit the official iHome website.

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