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Model: H5

INTRODUCTION

The Zoom H5 is a versatile handheld portable digital recorder designed for high-quality audio capture. It features a modular input system, allowing for interchangeable microphone capsules, and offers four-track recording capabilities. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your H5 Handy Recorder.

SETUP

1. Battery Installation

The Zoom H5 requires two AA batteries for operation. Locate the battery compartment on the rear of the device. Open the cover and insert the batteries, ensuring correct polarity as indicated inside the compartment. Close the cover securely.





Figure 1: Rear view of the Zoom H5, highlighting the battery compartment and tripod mount.

2. Attaching the XY Microphone Capsule

The H5 comes with an included XY microphone capsule. Align the capsule with the input slot at the top of the main unit and slide it in until it clicks securely into place. To remove, press the release button and slide the capsule out.







Figure 2: Front view of the Zoom H5 with the XY stereo microphone capsule attached.

3. Inserting a MicroSD Card

The H5 records directly to a MicroSD card (up to 32 GB supported). Locate the MicroSD card slot on the side of the device. Gently insert the card until it locks into place. To remove, push the card in slightly until it springs out.





Figure 3: Side view of the Zoom H5, showing the MicroSD card slot, menu controls, and remote port.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Powering On/Off

To power on, slide and hold the POWER switch (located on the side) until the display illuminates. To power off, slide and hold the POWER switch again until the display turns off.

2. Basic Recording

1. **Select Inputs:** Use the input gain knobs (1, 2, L, R) and corresponding arm buttons to select which inputs you wish to record. The H5 supports 4-in/2-out recording.
2. **Adjust Levels:** Monitor the input levels on the LCD screen and adjust the gain knobs to prevent clipping (distortion). Aim for levels that peak around -12dB.
3. **Start Recording:** Press the **RECORD** button (red circle) once to arm recording. Press it again to start recording. The record indicator will illuminate.
4. **Stop Recording:** Press the **STOP** button (square) to end recording.
5. **File Format:** Recordings are saved in WAV format at up to 24-bit/96kHz resolution.

3. Playback

After recording, use the navigation buttons to select a file. Press the **PLAY/PAUSE** button to begin playback. Adjust the headphone volume using the dedicated volume controls on the side.

4. USB Audio Interface Functionality

The H5 can function as a USB audio interface. Connect the device to your computer using a USB cable. Select "Audio Interface" mode on the H5 when prompted. This allows you to use the H5's high-quality preamps and inputs for computer-based recording.

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Video: An extended product video demonstrating various features and operations of the Zoom H5 Handy Recorder.

MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the exterior of the unit. Avoid using abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** When not in use for extended periods, remove the batteries to prevent leakage. Store the H5 in a cool, dry place,

- away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Microphone Care:** Handle microphone capsules with care. Avoid dropping or exposing them to excessive moisture or dust.

TROUBLESHOOTING

No Power:

Ensure batteries are correctly inserted and fully charged. Check if the power switch is held long enough to power on.

No Recording/Playback:

Verify that a MicroSD card is inserted and has sufficient free space. Check input arming and gain levels before recording.
Ensure the correct file is selected for playback.

Distorted Audio:

Reduce input gain levels to prevent clipping. Check microphone placement and ensure it's not too close to the sound source.

Unit feels sticky:







Over time, the rubberized coating on some units may become sticky. This is a known cosmetic issue and does not typically affect functionality. Gentle cleaning with a damp cloth (water only) may help, but avoid harsh chemicals.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Product Dimensions	9.1 x 3.4 x 6.6 inches (1.7"D x 2.6"W x 5.3"H for main unit)
Item Weight	4.1 ounces (115 Grams)
Model Number	H5
Batteries Required	2 Lithium Polymer AA batteries
Memory Storage Capacity	32 GB (MicroSD)
Hardware Interface	USB
Microphone Form Factor	Built-In (Modular)
Format	WAV
Headphones Jack	3.5 millimeters
First Available Date	June 23, 2014

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For detailed warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official Zoom website or the full user manual. A digital version of the user manual can often be found online for download.
You can access the official User Manual (PDF) [here](#).

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	<p>ZOOM H5 Handy Recorder Operation Manual</p> <p>This operation manual details the features, setup, and usage of the ZOOM H5 Handy Recorder, a versatile portable audio device for professional recording applications.</p>
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