Mackie FreePlay LIVE

Mackie FreePlay LIVE Personal PA with Bluetooth - Instruction Manual

Model: FreePlay LIVE

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1. Introduction

The Mackie FreePlay LIVE is a versatile and portable personal PA system designed for musicians, public speakers, and anyone requiring clear, powerful sound in various settings. It offers a lightweight design, robust sound quality, and flexible input options, making it suitable for both AC and battery-powered operation.

Key Features:

- 150W All-in-one PA System with 6" Low-frequency Driver
- Battery-powered Operation for extended use (up to 15 hours)
- Bluetooth Connectivity for wireless audio streaming
- 2-channel Mixer for versatile input management
- Control via FreePlay Connect app for levels and EQ adjustments

2. Important Safety Information

Please read and understand all instructions before using this product. Keep these instructions for future reference. Adhere to all warnings on the product and in the operating instructions.

- Do not use this apparatus near water.
- Clean only with a dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for

replacement of the obsolete outlet.

- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

3. Package Contents

Upon opening your Mackie FreePlay LIVE package, please ensure all the following items are present and in good condition:

- Mackie FreePlay LIVE Personal PA with Bluetooth
- Power Adapter
- Adapter for standard microphone stand
- Quick Start Guide (not included in this digital manual)
- Warranty Information (refer to Section 8)

4. Product Overview

The Mackie FreePlay LIVE is designed for portability and ease of use. Below are images illustrating the product and its dimensions.



Figure 4.1: Front view of the Mackie FreePlay LIVE Personal PA System, showcasing its sleek black grille and compact design.



Figure 4.2: Dimensions of the Mackie FreePlay LIVE, measuring approximately 7 inches deep, 14 inches wide, and 7.75 inches high.

Control Panel and Connections:

The top panel of the FreePlay LIVE features intuitive controls for volume, EQ, and effects, along with input jacks for various audio sources. The rear panel houses the power input and additional connectivity options.

- **Input Channels:** Two independent channels for microphones, instruments (guitar, keyboard), or line-level devices.
- **Bluetooth Button:** For pairing with Bluetooth-enabled devices.
- **Main Volume Control:** Adjusts the overall output level.
- **EQ Controls:** Shape the sound for each channel and the main mix.
- **Reverb Control:** Adds spatial effects to your audio.
- **Power Input:** Connect the included AC adapter for power and charging.
- **Aux Input:** 3.5mm jack for connecting external audio players.

5. Setup Guide

5.1 Powering On and Charging

1. Connect the supplied AC adapter to the power input on the rear of the FreePlay LIVE and then to a suitable AC outlet.
2. Press and hold the power button on the unit until the power indicator illuminates.
3. The internal rechargeable battery will begin charging automatically when connected to AC power. A full charge provides up to 15 hours of operation.

5.2 Connecting Audio Sources

The FreePlay LIVE features two combo input jacks (XLR/TRS) for microphones and instruments, and a 3.5mm auxiliary input.

- **Microphones:** Connect dynamic or condenser microphones to the combo jacks using XLR cables.
- **Instruments:** Connect guitars, keyboards, or other instruments using 1/4" TRS cables to the combo jacks.
- **Playback Devices:** Use a 3.5mm stereo cable to connect smartphones, tablets, or MP3 players to the Aux Input.

5.3 Bluetooth Pairing

1. Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your audio device (e.g., smartphone, tablet).
2. Press the Bluetooth button on the FreePlay LIVE. The Bluetooth indicator will flash, indicating it's in pairing mode.
3. On your device, select "FreePlay LIVE" from the list of available Bluetooth devices.
4. Once paired, the Bluetooth indicator on the FreePlay LIVE will glow solid.

5.4 FreePlay Connect App

For advanced control over levels, EQ, and effects, download the FreePlay Connect app from your device's app store. The app provides mobile freedom to fine-tune your sound.

6. Operating Instructions

6.1 Basic Operation

- **Input Levels:** Adjust the individual channel volume knobs to achieve desired levels for each connected microphone or instrument.
- **Main Volume:** Use the main volume knob to control the overall output level of the FreePlay LIVE.
- **EQ Adjustment:** Utilize the EQ controls on the unit or via the FreePlay Connect app to shape the tonal characteristics of your audio.
- **Reverb:** Apply reverb to your inputs using the dedicated reverb control for added depth.

6.2 Stereo Linking (with a second FreePlay Series speaker)

The FreePlay LIVE can be wirelessly linked to a second FreePlay Series Bluetooth speaker for true stereo playback. Refer to the FreePlay Connect app for detailed instructions on stereo linking, as the process involves specific button presses on both units.

7. Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Clean the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosols.
- **Battery Care:** For optimal battery life, avoid fully discharging the battery frequently. If storing the unit for an extended period, ensure the battery is charged to approximately 50% and recharge every few months.
- **Storage:** Store the FreePlay LIVE in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.

8. Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution

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No sound output.	Power off; volume too low; incorrect input connection; faulty cable.	Ensure unit is powered on. Increase main and channel volumes. Check all cable connections. Test with different cables.
Bluetooth not connecting.	Not in pairing mode; device too far; interference; previously paired.	Press Bluetooth button to enter pairing mode. Move device closer. Avoid obstacles. Forget device on your phone and re-pair.
Low output volume from inputs.	Input gain too low; instrument output low.	Increase individual channel gain/volume. Ensure instrument output is sufficient.
Battery life shorter than expected.	High volume usage; battery degradation over time.	Battery life is reduced at higher volumes. Ensure full charge before use. Consider battery replacement if significantly degraded over time.

9. Technical Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	LIVE
Speaker Type	PA speaker
Output Wattage	150 Watts
Woofer Diameter	6 Inches
Power Source	Battery Powered
Battery Life	15 Hours
Connectivity Technology	Bluetooth
Bluetooth Range	10 Meters
Product Dimensions	7"D x 14"W x 7.75"H
Item Weight	11.5 Pounds
Control Method	App Control
Compatible Devices	Guitar, Keyboard, Smartphone
UPC	663961054521
Manufacturer	Loud Technologies Inc.

10. Warranty and Support

The Mackie FreePlay LIVE comes with a Full Warranty. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the official Mackie website or the warranty card included with your product.
For technical support, service, or additional information, please visit the official Mackie support page or contact their

customer service. You can also refer to the **User Manual (PDF)** for further details.

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