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Ion Explorer Outback 2

Ion Explorer Outback 2 Portable Bluetooth Speaker System

User Manual

Model: Explorer Outback 2 | Brand: Ion

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1. Introduction

The Ion Explorer Outback 2 is a portable Bluetooth speaker system designed for outdoor use. It features 100 watts of peak power, an 8-inch woofer, and a 3-inch tweeter for clear sound. The unit is IPX5 water-resistant, making it suitable for use in various outdoor conditions. It offers a 100-foot Bluetooth range for wireless audio streaming. Key features include a 100-hour rechargeable battery, integrated cupholders, a wired microphone, AM/FM radio, a telescoping handle with built-in wheels, side handles, a multi-color light bar, USB charging ports, and an auxiliary input for non-Bluetooth devices. A built-in bottle opener is also included.

2. What's in the Box

- Ion Explorer Outback 2 Speaker
- Rechargeable battery (integrated)
- Deep cupholders (integrated)
- Microphone with cable
- AM/FM radio (integrated)
- Telescoping handle (integrated)
- Built-in wheels and side handles (integrated)
- Multi-color light bar (integrated)
- USB charging ports (integrated)
- Built-in bottle opener (integrated)
- Aux input for non-Bluetooth devices (integrated)
- Power cable

3. Setup

3.1 Initial Charging

Before first use, fully charge the Explorer Outback 2. Connect the power cable to the unit's power input and a wall outlet. A full charge can take up to 10 hours. The battery indicator on the display will show charging status.

3.2 Power On/Off

Press and hold the **Power** button on the control panel to turn the unit on or off.

3.3 Bluetooth Pairing

1. Ensure the Explorer Outback 2 is powered on.
2. On your Bluetooth-enabled device (e.g., smartphone, tablet), go to the Bluetooth settings.
3. Select "Pathfinder 320" or "Explorer Outback 2" from the list of available devices.
4. Once paired, the Bluetooth indicator on the speaker's display will illuminate, and you will hear an audible confirmation.

3.4 App Connection (ION Sound XP™ App)

For enhanced control and dynamic experience, download the ION Sound XP™ App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Connect your phone to the speaker via Bluetooth (Step 3.3), then open the app, press the '+' button to search for the speaker, and connect within the app.

3.5 Telescoping Handle and Wheels

To extend the telescoping handle, press the button located on the handle and pull upwards. The integrated wheels allow for easy transport of the speaker.



Figure 1: Front view of the Ion Explorer Outback 2, showing the control panel, main speaker, and cupholders.



Figure 2: Rear view of the speaker, highlighting the telescoping handle, wheels, and power input.

4. Operating Instructions

4.1 Volume Control

Adjust the master volume using the large rotary knob on the control panel. Separate volume controls for the microphone input may be available via the dedicated MIC volume buttons.

4.2 Bluetooth Audio Playback

Once paired with your device, play music from your preferred music player app. Use the Play/Pause, Skip Forward, and

Skip Backward buttons on the speaker's control panel to manage playback. Ensure your device's volume is turned up.

4.3 Radio Operation (AM/FM)

Press the **RADIO** button to switch to FM radio mode. Use the seek buttons (left/right arrows) to find stations. Press and hold a number button (1-8) to save a preset, and press and release to recall a saved preset.

4.4 Auxiliary Input

Connect any audio source to the AUX input using a 3.5mm audio cable (not included). Ensure the source device's volume is turned up.

4.5 USB Charging and Playback

The integrated USB port can be used to charge your mobile devices or play audio files from a USB drive. Refer to the display for USB playback controls.

4.6 Light Bar Control

Press the **Light** button to cycle through different light modes or turn the light bar off.

4.7 Bass Boost

Press the **BOOM** button to activate or deactivate the bass boost feature for enhanced low-frequency sound.

4.8 Microphone Usage

Connect the included wired microphone to the MIC input. Adjust the microphone volume using the dedicated MIC volume buttons.



Figure 3: Detail of the integrated bottle opener on the side of the speaker.

5. Maintenance

5.1 Cleaning

Wipe the speaker with a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, use a slightly damp cloth. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents that could damage the finish.

5.2 Water Resistance

The Explorer Outback 2 is IPX5 water-resistant, meaning it can withstand splashing water from any direction. Do not submerge the unit in water or expose it to pressurized water jets.

5.3 Battery Care

To prolong battery life, fully charge the unit before extended storage and recharge it every 3 months. Avoid exposing

the battery to extreme temperatures.

6. Troubleshooting

6.1 No Power

- Ensure the power cable is securely connected to the speaker and a working power outlet.
- Check if the battery is fully charged. If not, charge the unit for the recommended time.
- Press and hold the Power button for a few seconds to ensure it's properly activated.

6.2 No Sound

- Increase the master volume on the speaker and the volume on your connected audio source.
- Ensure the correct input source (Bluetooth, AUX, Radio) is selected.
- If using Bluetooth, ensure the device is properly paired and within range. Try unpairing and re-pairing.
- If using the microphone, ensure it is securely plugged in and its volume is adjusted.

6.3 Bluetooth Connection Issues

- Ensure your device's Bluetooth is enabled and the speaker is in pairing mode.
- Move your device closer to the speaker (within 100 feet).
- Turn off the speaker and your Bluetooth device, then turn them back on and try pairing again.
- Clear the speaker from your device's Bluetooth memory and re-pair.

7. Specifications

Model Name	Explorer Outback 2
Speaker Type	Woofer
Special Feature	Radio
Compatible Devices	Smartphone, Tablet, Laptop, MP3 Player
Subwoofer Diameter	8 Inches
Surround Sound Channel Configuration	2.0
Color	Black
Is Waterproof	False (Water Resistant)
Maximum Range	100 Feet
Wireless Communication Technology	Bluetooth
Speaker Size	8 Inches
Power Source	Battery Powered

Woofer Diameter	8 Inches
Tweeter Diameter	3 Inches
Water Resistance Level	Water Resistant (IPX5)
Audio Driver Type	Dynamic Driver
Bluetooth Range	100 Feet
Audio Driver Size	8 Inches
Subwoofer Connectivity Technology	Wireless
Specific Uses For Product	Outdoor activities
Item Weight	28.6 pounds
Package Dimensions	21 x 20 x 14.5 inches
Battery Capacity	100000 Milliamp Hours
Speaker Maximum Output Power	10 Watts
Connectivity Technology	Bluetooth
Audio Output Mode	Stereo
Mounting Type	Tabletop Mount

8. Warranty and Support

8.1 Warranty Information

This product comes with a limited warranty. Please refer to the warranty card included in your product packaging for detailed terms and conditions, including coverage period and claim procedures.

8.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting, or service inquiries, please visit the official Ion website or contact their customer support line. Contact information can typically be found in the product packaging or on the manufacturer's website.

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