

## Soundmaster MCD5550SW

# Soundmaster MCD5550SW Multi-Functional Audio System User Manual

Model: MCD5550SW | Brand: Soundmaster

## 1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Soundmaster MCD5550SW Multi-Functional Audio System. This system integrates a turntable, CD player, dual cassette deck, DAB+/FM radio, Bluetooth connectivity, and USB/SD card playback and encoding capabilities. Please read this manual thoroughly before using the device and retain it for future reference.

## 2. SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- **Power Source:** Connect the unit only to an AC power outlet with the specified voltage.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure adequate ventilation around the unit. Do not block ventilation openings.
- **Water and Moisture:** Do not expose the unit to rain, moisture, or dripping/splashing liquids. Do not place objects filled with liquids on the unit.
- **Heat:** Keep the unit away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other heat-producing appliances.
- **Cleaning:** Unplug the unit from the power outlet before cleaning. Use a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners.
- **Servicing:** Do not attempt to service this product yourself. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.
- **Batteries:** The remote control requires 2 AAA batteries. Ensure correct polarity when inserting. Do not mix old and new batteries or different types of batteries.

## 3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present upon unpacking:

- Soundmaster MCD5550SW Main Unit
- Two External Speakers

- Remote Control
- User Manual (this document)
- Power Cable
- FM Antenna

## 4. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

### 4.1 Front View



**Image Description:** This image displays the Soundmaster MCD5550SW audio system from the front. It features a top-mounted turntable with a clear dust cover, a central control panel with a digital display, buttons for various functions (power, function, tuning, volume), and input ports (USB, SD). Below the control panel are two cassette decks (Deck 1 and Deck 2) and a CD player tray. Two external speakers, with black wooden enclosures and visible speaker cones, flank the main unit.



**Image Description:** A closer view of the Soundmaster MCD5550SW's front panel. The digital display shows 'ANTENNE DAB+', indicating DAB radio mode. Various control buttons are visible, including power, function selection, tuning, volume knobs, and buttons for playback control. The USB and SD card slots are also clearly visible on the upper part of the central panel.

## 4.2 Rear View





**Image Description:** This image shows the rear panel of the Soundmaster MCD5550SW. Key connection ports are visible, including the DAB+/FM antenna input, Line Out (RCA), Speaker outputs (RCA), and an AUX-In port (3.5mm jack). The AC power input is located on the right side. Various regulatory labels and a serial number sticker are also present.

#### 4.3 Remote Control



**Image Description:** A black remote control for the Soundmaster MCD5550SW. It features various buttons for power (I/O), function selection, navigation (MEM/CLK-ADJ, TUNE+/-, BAND, ENTER), playback control (Play/Pause, Stop, Skip), volume adjustment (VOL+/-, MUTE), and specific functions like PLAY MODE, SCAN, SLEEP/TIMER, EQ, DELETE/INFO, and REC. The Soundmaster logo is at the bottom.

#### 4.4 Key Features Overview



**Image Description:** This image displays a grid of icons illustrating the main features of the Soundmaster MCD5550SW. These include Radio, PLL Tuning, Preset Stations, DAB+, RDS, Clock, CD-R/RW compatibility, MP3 playback, CD player, Double Cassette Deck, Recording function, Turntable, Encoding (recording to USB/SD), Equalizer, Bass Boost, Line Out, 75-Ohm Antenna Jack, Aux In, Headphone output, USB port, AC Power, and Bluetooth connectivity.

## 5. SETUP

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove all components from the packaging. Retain packaging for future transport or storage.
2. **Speaker Connection:** Connect the two external speakers to the SPEAKER OUT RCA jacks on the rear panel of the main unit. Ensure correct polarity (red to red, black to black).
3. **Antenna Connection:** Connect the supplied FM antenna to the DAB+/FM ANT jack on the rear panel. For optimal DAB+ reception, extend the antenna fully.
4. **Power Connection:** Insert the power cable into the AC IN socket on the rear panel and then plug it into a standard wall outlet.
5. **Remote Control Batteries:** Open the battery compartment on the back of the remote control and insert 2 AAA batteries, observing the correct polarity (+/-).

## 6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 6.1 Power On/Off

Press the **I/O** button on the front panel or remote control to turn the unit on or off.

### 6.2 Function Selection

Press the **FUNCTION** button on the front panel or remote control repeatedly to cycle through available modes: **PHONO** (Turntable), **CD**, **TAPE** (Cassette), **DAB**, **FM**, **BT** (Bluetooth), **USB**, **SD**, **AUX**.

### 6.3 Turntable Operation

1. Select **PHONO** mode.
2. Open the dust cover.
3. Place a record on the platter.
4. Select the appropriate speed (33, 45, or 78 RPM) using the speed selector switch.
5. Gently lift the tonearm using the cueing lever and position it over the desired track on the record.
6. Lower the tonearm slowly onto the record. Playback will begin.
7. At the end of the record, manually lift the tonearm and return it to its rest.

### 6.4 CD Player Operation

1. Select **CD** mode.
2. Press the **OPEN/CLOSE** button to open the CD tray.
3. Place a CD (CD/CD-MP3/CD-R/CD-RW/MP3/WMA compatible) with the label side up into the tray.
4. Press **OPEN/CLOSE** again to close the tray. The unit will read the disc.
5. Press **PLAY/PAUSE** to start playback.
6. Use **SKIP FORWARD/BACKWARD** buttons to navigate tracks.
7. The **REPEAT** and **PROGRAM** functions are available for customized playback.

### 6.5 Cassette Player/Recorder Operation

1. Select **TAPE** mode.
2. Press the **STOP/EJECT** button on either Deck 1 or Deck 2 to open the cassette door.
3. Insert a cassette tape.
4. **Playback:** Press **PLAY** on Deck 1 or Deck 2.

5. **Recording (Deck 1 only):** To record from another source (CD, Turntable, Radio, Bluetooth) onto a cassette, ensure Deck 1 has a recordable tape. Select the desired source, then press the **REC** button on Deck 1.
6. **Cassette to Cassette Overdub:** Insert a playback cassette into Deck 2 and a recordable cassette into Deck 1. Start playback on Deck 2, then press **REC** on Deck 1.

## 6.6 Radio Operation (DAB/FM)

1. Select **DAB** or **FM** mode.
2. **Auto Scan:** For DAB, the unit will automatically scan for available stations upon first use. For FM, press and hold the **SCAN** button to auto-scan and store stations.
3. **Manual Tuning:** Use the **TUNE +/-** buttons to manually adjust the frequency.
4. **Preset Stations:** Store and recall your favorite stations using the **MEM/CLK-ADJ** and **FOLDER/MEM PRE +/-** buttons.

## 6.7 Bluetooth Operation

1. Select **BT** mode. The display will show "BT" and start flashing, indicating it's in pairing mode.
2. On your Bluetooth-enabled device (e.g., smartphone, tablet), enable Bluetooth and search for available devices.
3. Select "MCD5550SW" from the list of devices.
4. Once paired, the display will stop flashing. You can now play audio from your device through the Soundmaster MCD5550SW.

## 6.8 USB/SD Playback

1. Insert a USB flash drive into the **USB** slot or an SD card into the **SD CARD** slot.
2. Select **USB** or **SD** mode.
3. The unit will automatically detect and begin playing compatible MP3/WMA files.
4. Use playback control buttons (**PLAY/PAUSE**, **SKIP**) and **FOLDER** buttons to navigate.

## 6.9 Encoding (Recording to USB/SD)

The MCD5550SW allows you to record audio from the turntable, CD player, cassette player, or radio directly to a connected USB drive or SD card in MP3 format.

1. Insert a USB drive or SD card with sufficient free space.
2. Select the desired source (PHONO, CD, TAPE, DAB, FM, BT).
3. Start playback on the source (e.g., play a record, CD, or cassette, tune to a radio station).
4. Press the **REC** button on the front panel or remote control. The unit will begin recording the audio to the USB/SD device.
5. Press **STOP** to end the recording.

## 6.10 Volume and Tone Control

Adjust the master volume using the **VOLUME** knob on the front panel or **VOL +/-** buttons on the remote. Use the **TONE** knob to adjust bass and treble levels. The **EQ** button on the remote cycles through preset equalizer settings.

## 7. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning the Unit:** Wipe the exterior surfaces with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Turntable Maintenance:** Keep the stylus clean with a soft brush. Regularly clean the dust cover with a soft, damp cloth.
- **CD Player:** Use a clean, lint-free cloth to wipe CDs from the center outwards. Do not use scratched or dirty CDs.
- **Cassette Decks:** Periodically clean the tape heads and pinch rollers with a cotton swab lightly dampened with isopropyl alcohol.

## 8. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Power cable not connected; Power outlet faulty	Ensure power cable is securely connected; Try a different outlet
No sound	Volume too low; Speakers not connected; Incorrect function selected	Increase volume; Check speaker connections; Select correct input source
Poor radio reception	Antenna not extended or positioned correctly	Extend and adjust the FM antenna for better reception. For DAB, ensure you are in an area with DAB+ coverage.
Bluetooth pairing fails	Device too far; Bluetooth not enabled on source device; Unit not in pairing mode	Move device closer; Enable Bluetooth on your device; Ensure MCD5550SW is in BT mode and flashing
Turntable speed incorrect	Wrong speed selected	Adjust the speed selector switch to match the record (33, 45, or 78 RPM)

## 9. SPECIFICATIONS

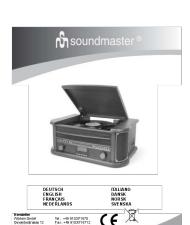
- **Model:** MCD5550SW
- **Brand:** Soundmaster
- **Power Output:** 2 x 2.5 W RMS (Speakers)
- **Turntable Speeds:** 33 / 45 / 78 RPM
- **CD Compatibility:** CD, CD-MP3, CD-R, CD-RW, MP3, WMA
- **Radio:** DAB+, FM Stereo
- **Connectivity:** Bluetooth, USB, SD Card Slot, AUX-In (3.5mm), Line-Out (RCA)
- **Encoding:** Record from Turntable, CD, Cassette, Radio to USB/SD (MP3 format)
- **Cassette Decks:** Double Cassette Deck with Overdub function
- **Special Features:** X Bass Support, Headphone Jack, Remote Control
- **Dimensions (Main Unit):** 31.8 x 29.0 x 28.6 cm (W x D x H)

- **Dimensions (Speakers):** 14.6 x 15.5 x 19.5 cm (W x D x H) each
- **Weight:** 7.6 kg
- **Power Source:** AC Cable
- **Remote Control Batteries:** 2 x AAA (not included)

## 10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or contact your retailer. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

### Related Documents - MCD5550SW

 <p>DEUTSCH ENGLISH FRANÇAIS NEDERLANDS ITALIANO NORSK SVENSKA DANSK CZEŠTINA Ver.5 MCD5550</p> <p>CE</p>	<p><a href="#"><b>soundmaster MCD5550 Bedienungsanleitung   Stereo-Musikcenter mit DAB+, CD, Bluetooth</b></a> Das soundmaster MCD5550 ist ein vielseitiges Stereo-Musikcenter mit DAB+, CD, Bluetooth, Kassette und Plattenspieler. Diese umfassende Bedienungsanleitung erklärt Installation, Bedienung und alle Funktionen für ein optimales Hörerlebnis.</p>
 <p>DEUTSCH ENGLISH FRANÇAIS NEDERLANDS ITALIANO NORSK SVENSKA DANSK CZEŠTINA Ver.10 NR545DAB</p> <p>CE</p>	<p><a href="#"><b>Soundmaster NR545DAB Bedienungsanleitung</b></a> Umfassende Bedienungsanleitung für das Soundmaster NR545DAB Nostalgie Stereo DAB+/UKW Digitalradio mit Plattenspieler, CD/MP3, USB, Kassette und Bluetooth.</p>
 <p>DEUTSCH ENGLISH FRANÇAIS NEDERLANDS ITALIANO NORSK SVENSKA DANSK CZEŠTINA Ver.10 MCD5600</p> <p>CE</p>	<p><a href="#"><b>Soundmaster MCD5600: Umfassende Bedienungsanleitung für Ihr Musikcenter</b></a> Entdecken Sie das Soundmaster MCD5600 Stereo-Musikcenter mit DAB+/UKW-Radio, CD/MP3-Player, Plattenspieler, Doppelkassette, USB, Bluetooth®. Diese Anleitung bietet detaillierte Informationen zur Einrichtung, Bedienung und Wartung.</p>
 <p>DEUTSCH ENGLISH FRANÇAIS NEDERLANDS ITALIANO NORSK SVENSKA DANSK CZEŠTINA Ver.10 ICD1050</p> <p>CE</p>	<p><a href="#"><b>soundmaster ICD1050: Ihr umfassender Leitfaden für Internetradio, DAB, CD und mehr</b></a> Entdecken Sie die Funktionen des soundmaster ICD1050 Hi-Fi-Systems mit diesem detaillierten Benutzerhandbuch. Erfahren Sie mehr über Installation, Bedienung von Internetradio, DAB, CD, USB, Bluetooth und erhalten Sie Tipps zur Fehlerbehebung.</p>



### [soundmaster NR961 Bedienungsanleitung](#)

Umfassende Bedienungsanleitung für das soundmaster NR961 Nostalgie Stereo DAB+/UKW Radio mit CD, USB und Bluetooth-Funktionen.



### [Soundmaster NMCDAB990 DAB/FM Radio CD Player User Manual](#)

Comprehensive user manual for the Soundmaster NMCDAB990, a versatile digital and FM radio featuring a CD player, Bluetooth connectivity, and USB playback. Discover setup, operation, and feature details.