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Victrola VTA-204B-MAH

Victrola Ashford – 3-Speed Belt Driven Bluetooth Record Player

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Important Safety Information

Please read all instructions carefully before using this product and retain them for future reference. Adhere to all warnings on the product and in the operating instructions.

- 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.
- 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.

Product Overview

The Victrola Ashford is a versatile 7-in-1 entertainment system designed to play various audio formats. It features a 3-speed belt-driven turntable, CD player, cassette player, FM radio, Aux-in, Bluetooth connectivity, and built-in stereo speakers. It also supports recording vinyl to MP3.



Image: Front view of the Victrola Ashford 7-in-1 Record Player in mahogany finish, with the lid open showing the turntable.

Setup Guide

1. **Unpacking:** Carefully remove the unit from its packaging. Retain the packaging for future transport or storage.
2. **Placement:** Place the unit on a flat, stable surface away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and excessive dust or moisture.
3. **Power Connection:** Plug the AC power cord into a wall outlet.
4. **Lid Support:** To keep the lid open, gently push the lid support arm into the slot on the lid.



Image: Close-up view of the turntable platter and tone arm, with the lid support arm visible on the left.

5. **Turntable Setup:**
    - Remove the white protective stylus cover from the needle.
    - Remove any transport screws or ties securing the tone arm.
    - Ensure the platter is seated correctly.
6. **External Audio Connection (Optional):**
    - **Aux-In:** Connect an external audio device (e.g., smartphone, MP3 player) to the 3.5mm AUX IN jack on the front panel.
    - **RCA Output:** Connect the RCA output jacks on the rear of the unit to an external amplifier or powered speakers using RCA cables (not included).

Operating Instructions

General Controls

The front panel features various controls for different functions.



Image: Close-up of the Victrola Ashford's front control panel, showing the power, tuning, volume knobs, and mode selection buttons, with a smartphone indicating Bluetooth connectivity.

- **POWER Knob:** Turn clockwise to power ON and adjust volume. Turn counter-clockwise to power OFF.
- **FUNCTION Knob:** Select desired mode: PHONO, CD, AUX, FM/BT.
- **TUNING Knob:** Adjust for FM radio stations.
- **VOLUME Knob:** Adjust the overall sound volume.

Turntable Operation (PHONO Mode)

1. Lift the lid and place a record on the turntable platter.
2. Select the appropriate speed (33 1/3, 45, or 78 RPM) using the speed selector switch located on the turntable.
3. Move the tone arm clip to release the tone arm.
4. Raise the cueing lever to lift the tone arm.
5. Manually move the tone arm and position the stylus over the desired starting track of the record.
6. Lower the cueing lever to gently drop the tone arm onto the record. Playback will begin.
7. When the record finishes, the tone arm will automatically return to its rest position (Auto-Stop function).

CD Player Operation (CD Mode)

1. Press the CD/AUX/FM/BT button to select CD mode.

2. Insert a CD into the CD slot located on the front panel. The CD will load automatically.
3. Playback will begin automatically. Use the PLAY/PAUSE, SKIP FORWARD, and SKIP BACKWARD buttons to control playback.
4. Press the STOP button to stop playback. Press the OPEN/CLOSE button to eject the CD.

Cassette Player Operation (TAPE Mode)

1. Press the CD/AUX/FM/BT button to select TAPE mode.
2. Insert a cassette tape into the cassette slot on the side of the unit.



Image: A hand inserting a cassette tape into the side slot of the Victrola Ashford unit.

3. Playback will begin automatically. Use the control buttons (Play, Stop, Fast Forward, Rewind) on the front panel to manage playback.
4. To eject the cassette, press the STOP/EJECT button firmly.

FM Radio Operation (FM Mode)

1. Press the CD/AUX/FM/BT button to select FM mode.
2. Extend the FM wire antenna on the rear of the unit for optimal reception.
3. Turn the TUNING knob to select your desired FM radio station.

Bluetooth Operation (BT Mode)

- **Bluetooth IN (Streaming to the unit):**
  a. Press the CD/AUX/FM/BT button to select BT mode. The Bluetooth indicator will flash.
  b. Enable Bluetooth on your external device (e.g., smartphone, tablet) and search for "Victrola Ashford".
  c. Select "Victrola Ashford" to pair. Once paired, the indicator will stop flashing and remain solid.

d. You can now stream audio from your device to the Victrola Ashford.

- **Bluetooth OUT (Streaming from the unit):**
  a. Ensure the unit is in PHONO mode.
  b. Press and hold the BT OUT button for 3 seconds. The Bluetooth indicator will flash.
  c. Enable Bluetooth on your external Bluetooth speaker or headphones and ensure it is in pairing mode.
  d. The Victrola Ashford will automatically search and connect to the nearest Bluetooth audio device. Once connected, the indicator will stop flashing.
  e. Audio from the turntable will now stream to your external Bluetooth device.

Recording to MP3 (Vinyl to MP3)

The Victrola Ashford allows you to convert your vinyl records into digital MP3 files using a computer.

- Connect the unit to your computer using the provided USB cable.
- Install and use the included recording software (compatible with Mac/PC) to capture audio from the turntable.
- Follow the software's instructions for recording and saving your vinyl tracks as MP3 files.

Maintenance and Care

- **Cleaning the Unit:** Wipe the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Cleaning Records:** Use a soft, anti-static brush to gently remove dust and debris from your records before and after playback.
- **Stylus Care:** Handle the stylus (needle) with extreme care. Clean it periodically with a soft brush, brushing from back to front.
- **Stylus Replacement:** The stylus has a lifespan of approximately 300-500 hours of play. If sound quality deteriorates, replace the stylus. Refer to the manufacturer's website or contact support for compatible replacement styli.
- **CD/Cassette Care:** Keep CDs and cassette tapes clean and free of dust. Store them in their cases when not in use.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No Power	Power cord not securely plugged in.	Ensure the power cord is firmly connected to the unit and a working wall outlet.
No Sound	Volume too low; incorrect function mode selected; external speakers not connected properly.	Increase volume. Select the correct function (PHONO, CD, AUX, FM/BT). Check RCA cable connections if using external speakers.
Turntable Skipping/Poor Sound	Record is dirty or scratched; stylus is worn or dirty; unit is not on a stable surface.	Clean the record. Clean or replace the stylus. Place the unit on a stable, level surface.
Bluetooth Not Connecting	Device not in pairing mode; unit too far from device; interference.	Ensure both devices are in pairing mode. Move devices closer. Avoid other wireless devices.
CD/Cassette Not Playing	Disc/tape inserted incorrectly; disc/tape is dirty or damaged.	Re-insert disc/tape correctly. Clean disc/tape. Try a different disc/tape.

Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Name	Ashford (Nostalgic)
Model Number	VTA-204B-MAH
Product Dimensions (L x W x H)	18.1 x 13.4 x 9.5 inches
Item Weight	18.32 pounds (8.33 Kilograms)
Color	Mahogany
Material	Retro Real Wood Case
Connectivity Technology	Wired, Wireless (Bluetooth)
Turntable Speeds	33 1/3, 45, 78 RPM
Included Components	CD Player, Aux-in, Cassette Player, USB Cable (for MP3 recording software)
Special Features	AUX Input, Built-In Speakers, RCA Output, Bluetooth In/Out, FM Radio



Image: Diagram showing the dimensions of the Victrola Ashford unit and icons representing its various features like record player, cassette player, radio, CD player, and headphone jack.

Warranty and Support

For warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Victrola website. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance, or to inquire about replacement parts (such as styli), please contact Victrola customer service.

You can often find additional support resources, FAQs, and contact details on theVictrola Brand Store or by searching for your model number (VTA-204B-MAH) on their support page.

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