

HEAD 230605 - S40

HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP Tennis Racket Instruction Manual

Brand: HEAD | Model: Graphene XT Speed MP (Model 230605 - S40)

1. INTRODUCTION

The HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP Tennis Racket is engineered for intermediate to advanced players seeking a balance of feel and power on the court. This racquet incorporates HEAD's exclusive Graphene XT Technology, designed to optimize weight distribution for faster swing speeds and enhanced maneuverability.

It comes pre-strung with HEAD Synthetic Gut, featuring a 16x19 string pattern, which is ideal for generating spin and maintaining control. With a 100 square inch head size and a slightly wider 22.5mm beam, the Speed MP offers a generous sweet spot and stable performance across various shot types.

This manual provides essential information on setting up, using, maintaining, and troubleshooting your HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP Tennis Racket to ensure optimal performance and longevity.

2. SETUP

Your HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP Tennis Racket arrives pre-strung and ready for use. Before your first use, please perform the following checks:

- **Inspect for Shipping Damage:** Carefully examine the racket frame, strings, and grip for any signs of damage that may have occurred during transit. If any damage is found, contact your retailer immediately.
- **Verify Grip Size:** Ensure the grip size (4 1/2 inches for this model) is comfortable and appropriate for your hand. An incorrect grip size can lead to discomfort and affect performance.
- **Check String Tension:** While pre-strung, a quick check of the string tension can be beneficial. The factory stringing is designed for general play, but you may consider professional restringing to a tension that suits your personal preference and playing style.



Figure 2.1: Front view of the HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP Tennis Racket, showcasing the head, strings, and grip.

3. OPERATING (USAGE)

The HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP is designed to offer a versatile playing experience. Understanding its characteristics will help you maximize your performance:

- **Grip:** Hold the racket firmly but not too tightly. Common grips include the Eastern, Western, and Continental, each suited for different shot types. Experiment to find what feels most natural and effective for you.
- **Power and Control:** The Graphene XT technology redistributes weight to the handle and top of the frame, allowing for more power with less effort, while maintaining excellent control due to its balanced design.

- **Spin Generation:** The 16x19 string pattern is optimized for generating topspin and slice, enabling you to add variety and depth to your shots.
- **Versatility:** This racket performs well from all areas of the court, making it suitable for baseline rallies, volleys at the net, and serving. Its stability helps against powerful opponents.



Figure 3.1: Close-up view of the HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP Tennis Racket handle and throat, highlighting the grip and frame design.

4. MAINTENANCE

Proper maintenance will extend the life of your tennis racket and ensure consistent performance:

- **String Care:**
 - Avoid exposing the racket to extreme temperatures (e.g., hot car trunks, freezing conditions) as this can affect string tension and frame integrity.
 - Restrung your racket regularly, even if strings are not broken, as tension loss occurs over time and with play. Frequency depends on play level and hours.
- **Grip Care:**
 - Replace your grip or overgrip when it becomes worn, slippery, or loses its tackiness. A fresh grip provides better control and comfort.
 - Clean the grip periodically with a damp cloth if it's not an overgrip that can be easily replaced.
- **Frame Protection:**
 - Use a racket bag or cover to protect the frame from scratches and impacts when not in use.
 - Avoid hitting the racket against hard surfaces (e.g., court, net posts) as this can cause structural damage.
- **Storage:** Store your racket in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperature fluctuations.

5. TROUBLESHOOTING

Here are some common issues and their potential solutions:

Issue	Possible Cause	Solution
Frequent String Breakage	High string tension, worn strings, aggressive play style, mishits.	Consider a lower string tension, use more durable strings, or replace strings more frequently. Ensure proper hitting technique.
Loss of Power/Control	String tension loss, worn grip, frame fatigue.	Restrung the racket. Replace the grip or overgrip. If frame fatigue is suspected, consider racket replacement.
Discomfort/Blisters on Hand	Incorrect grip size, worn grip, improper grip technique.	Ensure correct grip size. Replace worn grip. Adjust your grip technique.
Racket Vibration	Off-center hits, lack of vibration dampener, loose strings.	Use a vibration dampener. Focus on hitting the sweet spot. Check string tension.

For issues not listed here or for professional assessment, consult a certified tennis racket technician or your local tennis pro shop.

6. SPECIFICATIONS

Detailed specifications for the HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP Tennis Racket:

Feature	Detail
Brand	HEAD
Model Name	Graphene XT Speed MP
Model Number	230605 - S40

Feature	Detail
Headsizes	100 square inches / 645 cm²
Weight (Strung)	11.1 ounces / 318 grams
Weight (Unstrung)	10.6 ounces / 300 grams
String Pattern	16 Mains x 19 Crosses
Grip Size	4 1/2 inches
Material	Graphite
Skill Level	Intermediate
Product Dimensions	27.05 x 14.72 x 2.17 inches (Item Package Dimensions)
Color	White
UPC	726423967200

7. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty: The HEAD Graphene XT Speed MP Tennis Racket comes with a 1-year manufacturer's warranty. This warranty covers defects in materials and workmanship under normal use. Please retain your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Support: For any questions regarding your racket, technical assistance, or warranty claims, please contact HEAD customer service. You can find more information and contact details on the official HEAD website or through the [HEAD Brand Store on Amazon](#).