

MakerHawk ZK-TB21

MakerHawk ZK-TB21 Bluetooth Amplifier Board User Manual

HiFi Stereo 2.1 TPA3116D2 2X50W+100W Audio Power Amplifier Module

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1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for the installation, operation, and maintenance of the MakerHawk ZK-TB21 Bluetooth Amplifier Board. This module is a high-fidelity stereo 2.1 channel audio power amplifier utilizing the TPA3116D2 chip, designed for various audio applications including home theater systems and custom speaker projects. It offers both Bluetooth 5.0 and AUX audio input methods, along with independent controls for bass, treble, and subwoofer frequency.



Image 1.1: The assembled MakerHawk ZK-TB21 Bluetooth Amplifier Board, shown with its control knobs and an included screwdriver for assembly.

2. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Please verify that all items listed below are included in your package. If any components are missing or damaged, please contact customer support.

List map

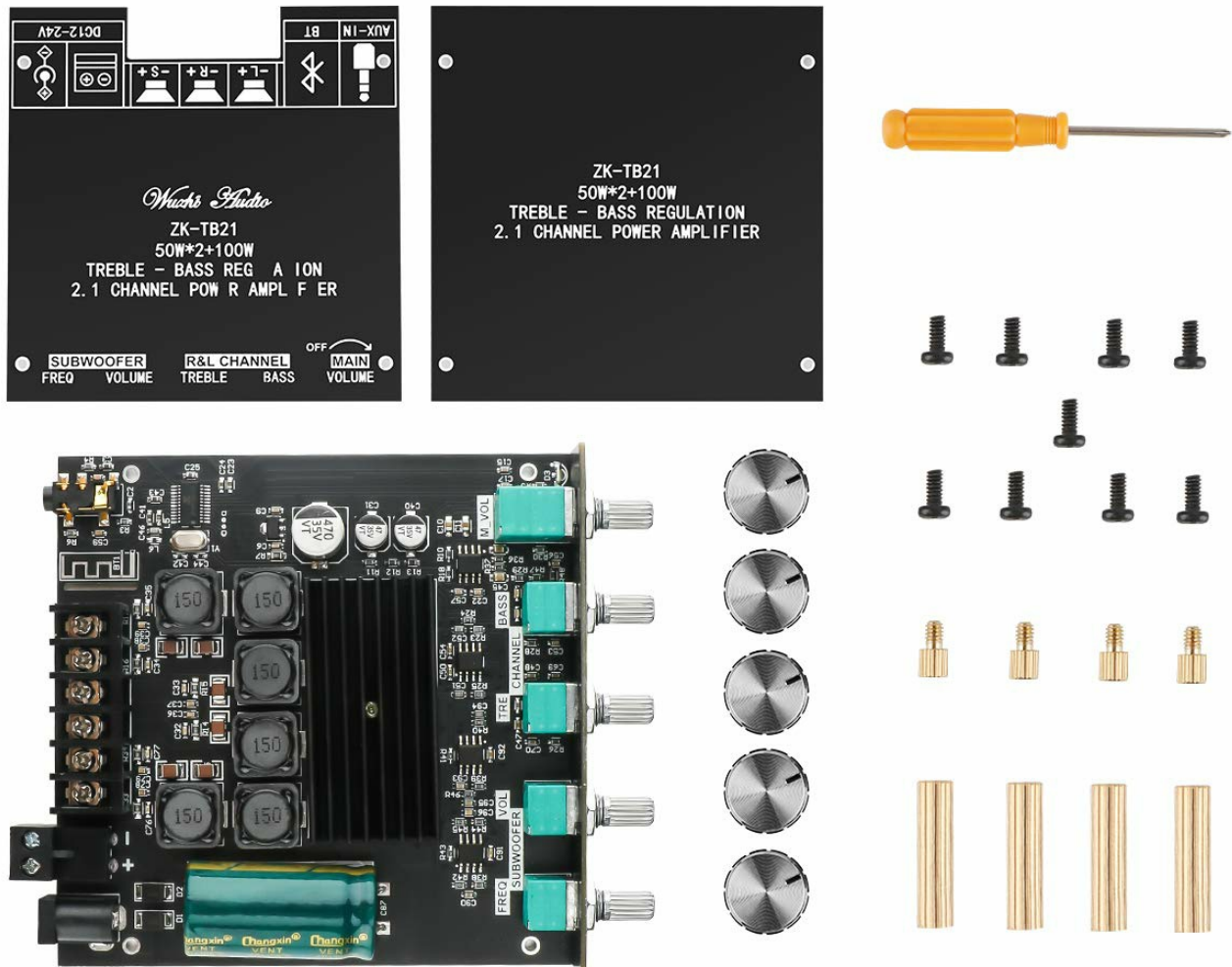


Image 2.1: A visual representation of all components included in the ZK-TB21 package, including the main board, top and bottom plates, knobs, standoffs, screws, and a screwdriver.

- MakerHawk ZK-TB21 Amplifier Board
- Top and Bottom Acrylic Protection Plates
- Control Knobs (5 pieces)
- Standoffs and Screws for assembly
- Small Screwdriver
- DC Head Lead (for power connection)

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The ZK-TB21 amplifier board features a logical layout for easy connection and control. Familiarize yourself with the

various components and their functions.

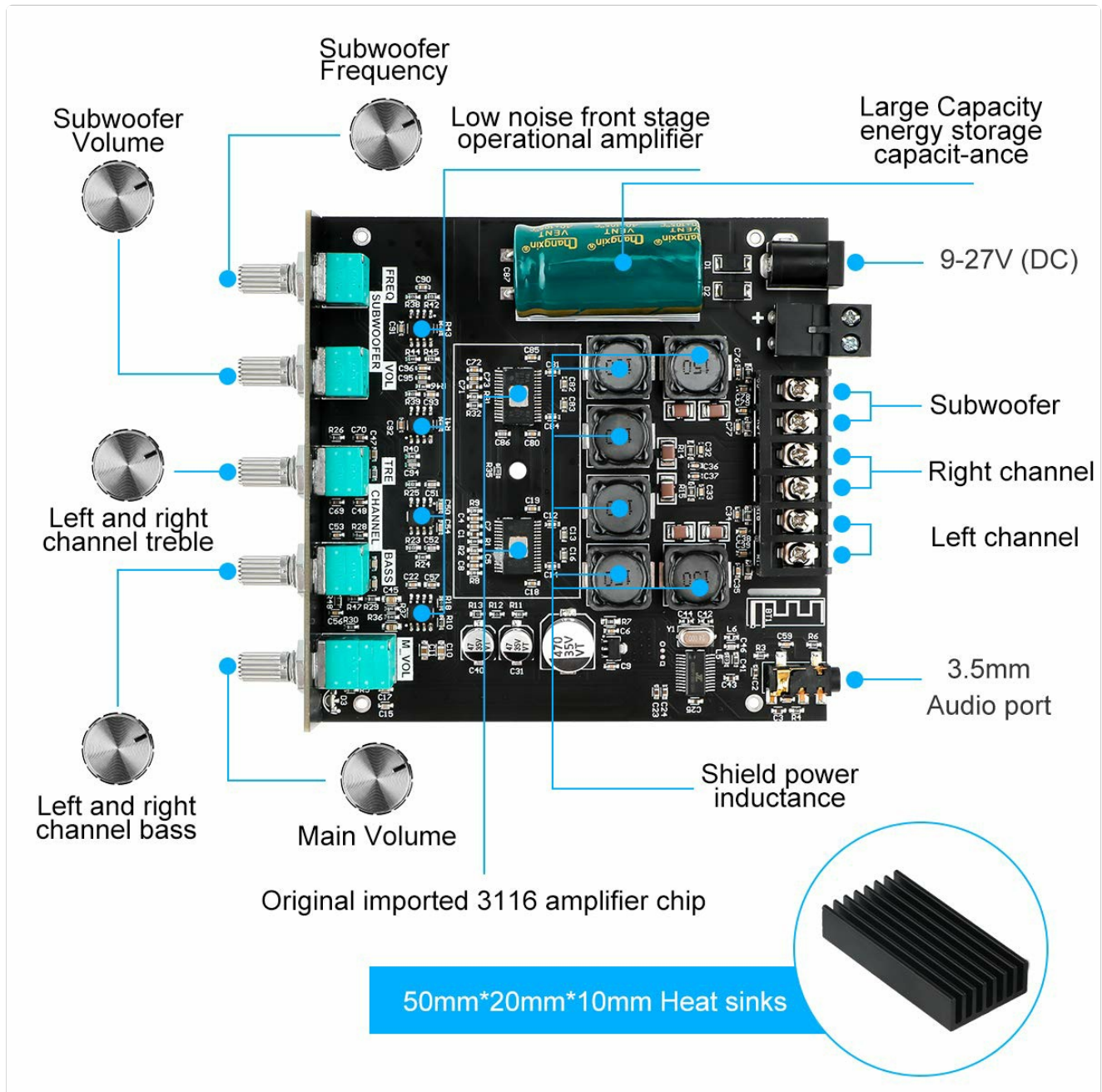


Image 3.1: An annotated diagram highlighting the various controls, input/output ports, and key components of the ZK-TB21 amplifier board.

3.1. Controls and Indicators

- **Main Volume:** Adjusts the overall output volume.
- **Left and Right Channel Treble:** Adjusts the high-frequency response for the main stereo channels.
- **Left and Right Channel Bass:** Adjusts the low-frequency response for the main stereo channels.
- **Subwoofer Volume:** Adjusts the output volume specifically for the subwoofer channel.
- **Subwoofer Frequency (FREQ):** Adjusts the crossover frequency for the subwoofer, determining the upper limit of frequencies sent to the subwoofer.
- **Bluetooth Indicator:** Illuminates when Bluetooth is active and paired.

3.2. Input/Output Ports

- **DC 12-24V Power Input:** Connects to the external power supply.
- **AUX-IN (3.5mm Audio Port):** For wired audio input from devices like smartphones, PCs, or CD players.

- **BT (Bluetooth):** For wireless audio input from Bluetooth-enabled devices.
- **Speaker Outputs (L+, L-, R+, R-):** Connects to passive left and right stereo speakers.
- **Subwoofer Output (S+, S-):** Connects to a passive subwoofer.

4. SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Specification
Model Number	ZK-TB21
Amplifier Chip	TPA3116D2 (Class D)
Channels	2.1 (Left, Right, Subwoofer)
Output Power	2 x 50W (Stereo) + 1 x 100W (Subwoofer)
Input Voltage	DC 12V - 24V
Audio Input Methods	Bluetooth 5.0, AUX (3.5mm)
Dimensions (L x W x H)	4.65 x 3.94 x 0.87 inches (118 x 100 x 22 mm)
Weight	6.88 ounces (195 grams)
Protection Mechanisms	Short-circuit, Thermal, Overvoltage, Undervoltage, DC Protection

HIFI Stereo & Subwoofer

2.1 channel with filter inductor, the sound is round and clear AM interference suppression prevent noise



Image 4.1: The ZK-TB21 amplifier board with its key dimensions indicated, showing its compact size.

5. SETUP

Follow these steps to assemble and connect your amplifier board.

5.1. Assembly

1. Carefully unpack all components from the package.
2. Place the bottom acrylic plate on a flat surface.
3. Align the amplifier board with the standoffs and secure it to the bottom plate using the provided screws.
4. Attach the control knobs to their respective shafts on the amplifier board.
5. Place the top acrylic plate over the board, aligning the holes, and secure it with the remaining screws.

5.2. Power Connection

The ZK-TB21 requires a DC power supply between 12V and 24V. Ensure your power supply can provide sufficient current for your speakers (e.g., a 24V, 10A power supply is recommended for maximum output).

- Connect the DC power adapter to the DC 12-24V input port on the amplifier board.
- Alternatively, use the provided DC head lead to connect to a compatible power source, ensuring correct polarity.

5.3. Speaker Connection

Connect your passive speakers and subwoofer to the appropriate terminal blocks. Ensure correct polarity (+ to + and - to -) for optimal sound quality.

- **Stereo Speakers:** Connect the left speaker wires to the L+ and L- terminals, and the right speaker wires to the R+ and R- terminals.
- **Subwoofer:** Connect the subwoofer wires to the S+ and S- terminals.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

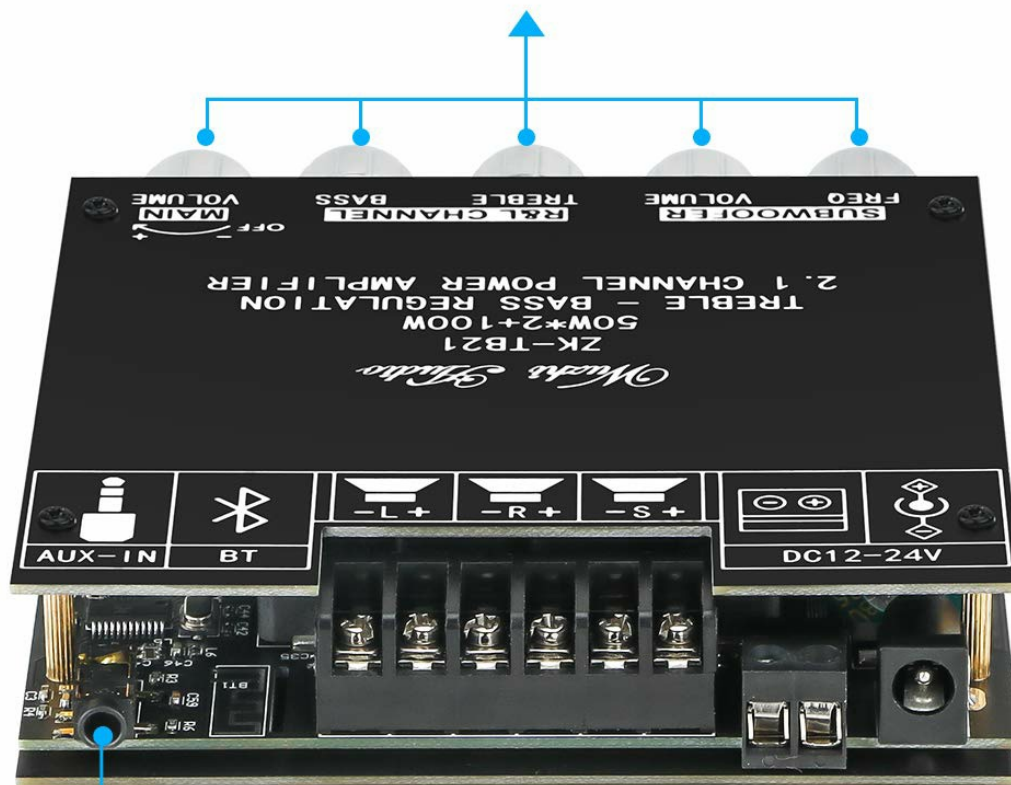
6.1. Powering On/Off

Once the power supply is connected, the amplifier board will power on automatically. To turn off, disconnect the power supply.

6.2. Audio Input Selection

The ZK-TB21 supports two audio input methods: Bluetooth and AUX.

With Subwoofer frequency, volume, bass, treble and main volume control
Easy to adjust volume, enjoy the music tone what you want



Audio input



Smaetphone

DVD

Tablet

PC

Laptop

MP3/MP4

CD

Image 6.1: The amplifier board highlighting the AUX-IN and Bluetooth input options, compatible with various devices like smartphones, tablets, and PCs.

6.2.1. Bluetooth Connection

1. Ensure the amplifier board is powered on.
2. On your audio source device (e.g., smartphone, tablet), enable Bluetooth and search for available devices.
3. Select "BT-AUDIO" or a similar name from the list of devices to pair.
4. Once paired, the Bluetooth indicator on the amplifier board will illuminate, and you can play audio wirelessly.

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With AUX and Bluetooth two audio input methods. Bluetooth 5.0, higher transmission efficiency, farther transmission distance



Image 6.2: A user wirelessly streaming music from a smartphone to the ZK-TB21 amplifier board, which is connected to a pair of stereo speakers.

6.2.2. AUX Input

1. Connect a 3.5mm audio cable from your audio source device to the AUX-IN port on the amplifier board.
2. The amplifier will automatically switch to AUX input when a cable is detected.

6.3. Adjusting Audio Settings

Use the control knobs to fine-tune your audio output:

- Rotate the **Main Volume** knob to adjust the overall loudness.
- Adjust the **Treble** and **Bass** knobs for the left and right channels to achieve your desired tonal balance.
- Use the **Subwoofer Volume** knob to control the bass intensity.
- Adjust the **Subwoofer Frequency (FREQ)** knob to set the crossover point for the subwoofer, typically between 20Hz and 200Hz.

7. PROTECTION FEATURES

The TPA3116D2 amplifier chip incorporates several protection mechanisms to ensure reliable operation and prevent damage to the device and connected components.

Bluetooth Amplifier Board TPA3116D2 Protection Mechanism

Feature short-circuit and thermal protection as well as overvoltage, undervoltage, and DC protection.

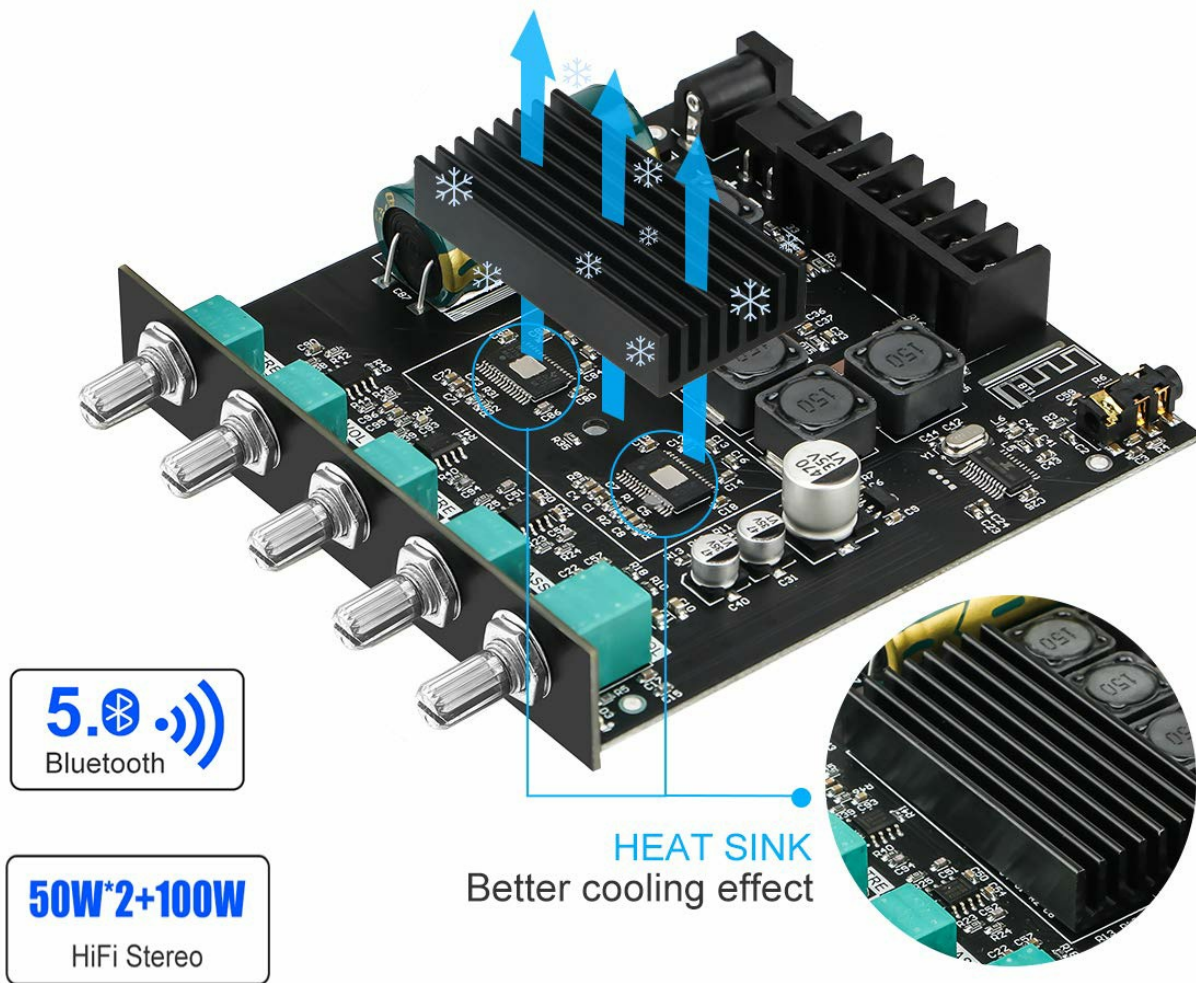


Image 7.1: The ZK-TB21 amplifier board with its heat sink, illustrating the cooling and protection features of the TPA3116D2 chip.

- **Short-Circuit Protection:** Automatically detects and protects against short circuits at the speaker outputs.
- **Thermal Protection:** Monitors the chip's temperature and reduces output or shuts down if overheating occurs.
- **Overvoltage Protection:** Safeguards the circuit from damage due to excessively high input voltage.
- **Undervoltage Protection:** Prevents unstable operation or damage from insufficient input voltage.
- **DC Protection:** Protects speakers from harmful DC offset in the audio signal.

In the event of an overload or fault condition, the device is designed to report the condition and protect itself from damage.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your MakerHawk ZK-TB21 amplifier board, refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound output	No power; incorrect speaker wiring; input source issue; volume too low.	Check power connection and supply voltage (12-24V DC). Verify speaker wire polarity and secure connections. Ensure audio source is playing and connected correctly. Increase main volume.
Poor sound quality / Distortion	Insufficient power supply; speaker impedance mismatch; volume too high; poor audio source quality.	Use a power supply within the recommended voltage range (12-24V) with adequate current (e.g., 24V 10A). Ensure speaker impedance is compatible (4Ω recommended). Reduce volume. Test with a different audio source.
Bluetooth connection issues	Device too far; interference; amplifier not in pairing mode.	Ensure your device is within close range (within 10 feet) and has a clear line of sight to the amplifier. Disconnect and reconnect Bluetooth. Try pairing with a different device.
Humming or buzzing noise	Ground loop; interference from power supply or audio source.	Ensure all components are properly grounded. Try a different power supply. If using AUX, consider an audio isolation transformer.
Amplifier turns off randomly	Overheating; power supply instability; protection circuit activation.	Ensure adequate ventilation around the heat sink. Verify power supply stability and current capability. Reduce load or volume.

9. MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your MakerHawk ZK-TB21 amplifier board, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the surface of the amplifier board. Avoid using liquid cleaners or solvents, as they may damage the electronic components.
- **Environment:** Operate the amplifier in a clean, dry environment. Avoid exposure to excessive dust, moisture, or extreme temperatures.
- **Ventilation:** Ensure the heat sink has adequate airflow to prevent overheating, especially during prolonged use at high volumes. Do not obstruct the heat sink.
- **Connections:** Periodically check all wire connections to ensure they are secure and free from corrosion.



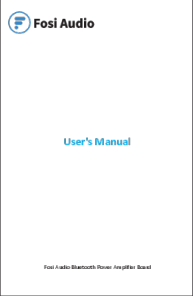
10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT



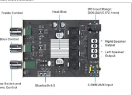
For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the documentation provided at the time of purchase or contact MakerHawk customer service directly. You can often find support resources and contact details on the official MakerHawk website or through the retailer where the product was purchased.

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<p>ZK-AM100/ZK-AM100F TPA3116D2 microphone audio integrated machine 50Wx2 +100W 2.1channel BT audio power amplifier board</p>  <p>A square PCB module with a QR code in the center. The text around the QR code provides additional information about the product.</p>	<h3>Wuzhi Audio ZK-AM100/ZK-AM100F TPA3116D2 2.1 Channel Microphone Audio Amplifier Board</h3> <p>Detailed information on the Wuzhi Audio ZK-AM100 and ZK-AM100F integrated microphone audio amplifier boards featuring TPA3116D2 chip, 50Wx2+100W output, Bluetooth, USB, and dual microphone support.</p>
<p>INTRODUCTION</p>  <p>A rectangular PCB module with various components, including a large capacitor and several integrated circuits. It has multiple pins and connectors.</p>	<h3>DFRobot Bass Treble Bluetooth Amplifier 50W*2: Product Overview and Operation Guide</h3> <p>Comprehensive guide to the DFRobot Bass Treble Bluetooth Amplifier 50W*2, detailing its features, specifications, operation instructions, and shipping contents. Includes independent bass and treble control, Bluetooth 5.0, and protection mechanisms for DIY audio projects.</p>