

Philips AZ328

Philips Portable CD Player Boombox AZ328 User Manual

Model: AZ328

1. INTRODUCTION

This manual provides essential instructions for the safe and efficient operation of your Philips Portable CD Player Boombox AZ328. Please read it thoroughly before using the device and retain it for future reference. The Philips AZ328 is a versatile portable stereo system designed for enjoying audio from multiple sources, including CDs, cassette tapes, FM radio, USB devices, and external audio players via a 3.5mm input. It features Dynamic Bass Boost for enhanced sound quality and a compact design for portability.



Image: Front view of the Philips Portable CD Player Boombox AZ328, showcasing its compact design and speaker grilles.

2. SAFETY INFORMATION

Always follow basic safety precautions when using this appliance to reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury.

- Do not expose the appliance to rain or moisture.
- Do not block any ventilation openings.
- Ensure proper power supply as indicated on the rating label.
- Keep the appliance away from direct sunlight, heat sources, and excessive dust.
- Do not open the casing; refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

3. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

3.1 Components

- Main Unit (CD/MP3/Cassette Player, FM Radio)
- Power Cord
- User Manual

3.2 Controls and Connections



Image: Detailed diagram illustrating the control panel and various buttons on the Philips AZ328, including play, pause, skip, mode, program, and volume controls.

1. **Power/Function Selector:** Switches between CD, USB, FM, Tape, and Off modes.
2. **Volume Control:** Adjusts the audio output level.
3. **Dynamic Bass Boost (DBB) Button:** Enhances bass frequencies.
4. **Play/Pause Button (▶/⏸):** Starts or pauses playback.
5. **Stop/Erase Button (■):** Stops playback or erases programmed tracks.
6. **Skip/Search Buttons (◀◀/ ▶▶):** Skips tracks or searches within a track.
7. **Mode Button:** Selects playback modes (e.g., repeat, shuffle).
8. **Program Button:** Programs the sequence of tracks.
9. **Cassette Door Open Button:** Opens the cassette compartment.
10. **USB Port:** For connecting USB storage devices.
11. **Audio In Jack:** For connecting external audio devices (3.5mm).
12. **FM Antenna:** Extendable antenna for FM radio reception.

4. SETUP

4.1 Power Connection

The Philips AZ328 can be powered by AC mains or batteries.

- **AC Power:** Connect the supplied power cord to the AC IN socket on the unit and then to a wall outlet.
- **Battery Power:** Open the battery compartment on the bottom of the unit and insert the required number of C-size batteries (not included), ensuring correct polarity.

4.2 Initial Placement

Place the boombox on a stable, flat surface. For optimal FM reception, extend the telescopic antenna.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

5.1 Playing CDs

1. Slide the function selector to "CD".
2. Open the CD compartment cover.
3. Place a CD with the label side facing up.
4. Close the CD compartment cover. The display will show the total number of tracks.
5. Press the Play/Pause button (▶/⏸) to start playback.
6. To skip tracks, press the Skip/Search buttons (◀◀/ ▶▶).
7. To search within a track, press and hold the Skip/Search buttons.
8. To stop playback, press the Stop button (■).



Image: A hand carefully placing a compact disc into the top-loading CD compartment of the Philips AZ328.

5.2 Playing Cassette Tapes

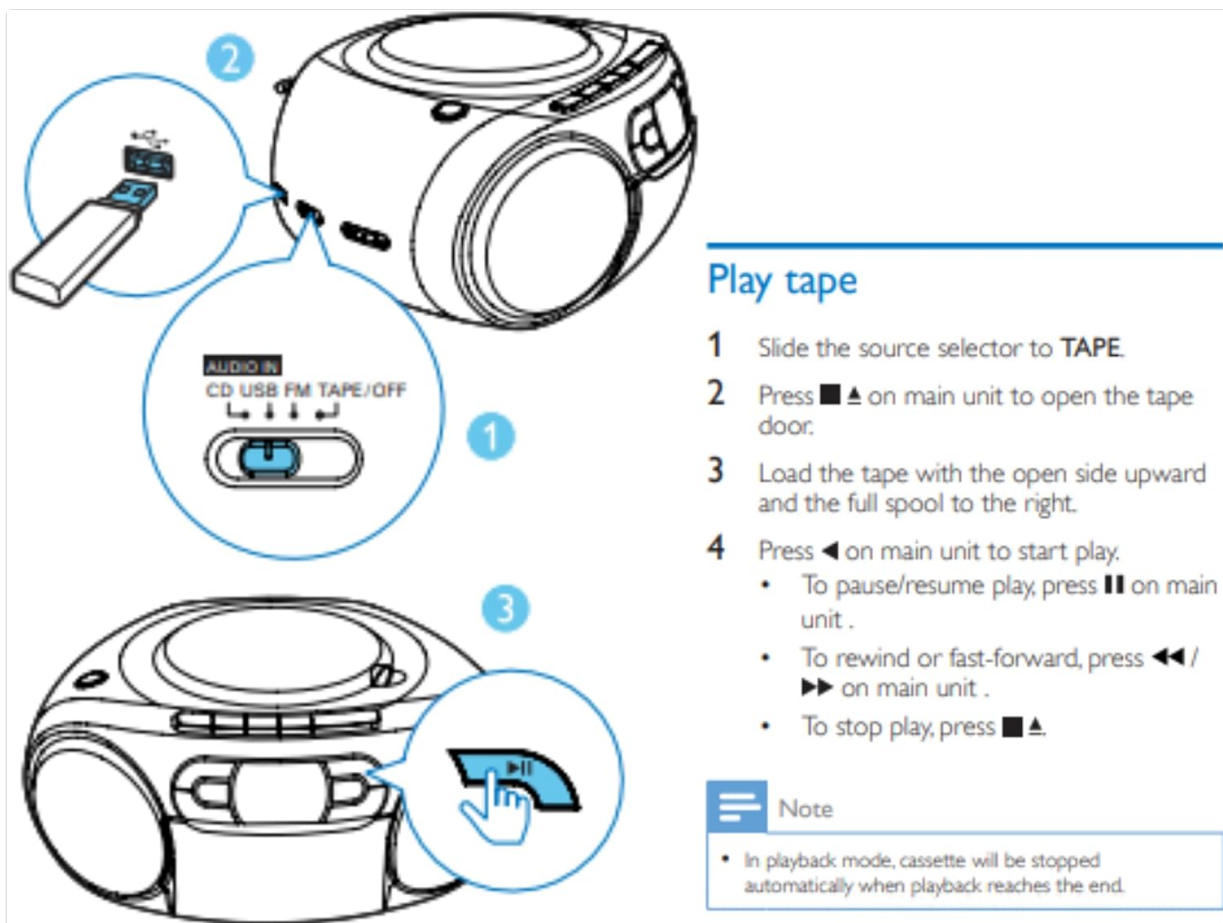


Image: An instructional diagram showing the steps to load and play a cassette tape, including the location of the tape door and control buttons.

1. Slide the function selector to "TAPE".
2. Press the cassette door open button to open the tape door.
3. Load the tape with the open side upward and the full spool to the right.
4. Close the tape door.
5. Press the Play button (▶) to start playback.
6. To pause/resume play, press the Pause button (⏸).
7. To rewind or fast-forward, press the corresponding arrow buttons (◀◀ / ▶▶).
8. To stop play, press the Stop button (■).

Note: In playback mode, the cassette will stop automatically when playback reaches the end.



Image: A person inserting a cassette tape into the front-loading compartment of the Philips AZ328 boombox.

5.3 Listening to FM Radio

1. Slide the function selector to "FM".
2. Extend the telescopic antenna for better reception.
3. Rotate the tuning knob to select your desired FM station.
4. Adjust the volume to a comfortable listening level.



Image: A man relaxing on a couch, listening to the FM radio on his Philips AZ328 boombox, with the antenna extended.

5.4 Playing from USB Devices

1. Slide the function selector to "USB".
2. Insert a USB storage device into the USB port.
3. The unit will automatically detect and begin playing compatible audio files (e.g., MP3).
4. Use the Play/Pause, Stop, and Skip/Search buttons for control.

5.5 Using Audio In (External Device)

1. Slide the function selector to "AUDIO IN".
2. Connect an external audio device (e.g., smartphone, tablet) to the "AUDIO IN" jack using a 3.5mm audio cable (not included).
3. Start playback on your external device.
4. Adjust the volume on both the boombox and your external device.

5.6 Dynamic Bass Boost (DBB)

Press the "DBB" button to activate or deactivate the Dynamic Bass Boost feature, which enhances low-frequency sounds for a richer audio experience.

5.7 Program and Shuffle Modes

The unit supports programming a sequence of tracks and shuffling playback for CDs and USB devices.

- **Program Mode:** While playback is stopped, press the "PROG" button to enter program mode. Use the skip buttons to select tracks and "PROG" again to add them to the program list. Press Play to start the programmed sequence.
- **Shuffle Mode:** During playback, press the "MODE" button repeatedly until "SHUFFLE" appears on the display to play tracks in a random order.

6. MAINTENANCE

6.1 Cleaning

- Wipe the exterior with a soft, damp cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- For the CD lens, use a specialized CD lens cleaner.
- Regularly clean the cassette head and pinch roller with a cotton swab lightly moistened with isopropyl alcohol to ensure optimal tape playback.

6.2 Storage

When not in use for extended periods, remove batteries and store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No power	Power cord not connected; batteries depleted or incorrectly inserted.	Check power cord connection; replace batteries or ensure correct polarity.
No sound	Volume too low; incorrect function selected; headphones connected.	Increase volume; select correct function (CD, TAPE, FM, USB, AUDIO IN); disconnect headphones.
CD/USB not playing	Disc dirty/scratched; USB device not formatted correctly or incompatible files; CD compartment not closed.	Clean or replace disc; ensure USB device contains compatible audio files (MP3); close CD compartment securely.
Cassette tape not playing or poor quality	Function selector not on TAPE; tape head dirty; tape damaged.	Ensure function selector is set to TAPE; clean tape head; try a different tape.
Poor FM reception	Antenna not extended; weak signal.	Fully extend and adjust the telescopic antenna; try repositioning the unit.

8. SPECIFICATIONS

- **Brand:** Philips
- **Model:** AZ328
- **Connectivity Technology:** USB

- **Color:** Black
- **Speaker Type:** Stereo
- **Power Source:** AC (Mains) or Battery Powered (C-size batteries)
- **Item Weight:** 4.24 pounds (approx. 1.92 kg)
- **Dimensions (L x W x H):** 12.52 x 10.67 x 6.18 inches (approx. 31.8 x 27.1 x 15.7 cm)
- **Supported Media:** CD, CD-R/RW, MP3-CD, Cassette Tape, USB (MP3), FM Radio, Audio In (3.5mm)

PHILIPS STEREO CD CASSETTE PLAYER

DIMENSIONS



Image: The Philips AZ328 boombox with its length (L130 mm), width (W290 mm), and height (H240 mm) clearly indicated, demonstrating its compact size.

9. PRODUCT VIDEOS

9.1 Philips Stereo CD Cassette Player Overview

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Video: This video provides a general overview of the Philips Stereo CD Cassette Player, demonstrating its various functions including CD, radio, cassette, and USB playback, as well as its portable nature.

9.2 Philips Stereo CD Player Features

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Video: This video highlights key features of the Philips Stereo CD Player, such as Dynamic Bass Boost, multi-format playback (CD, cassette, USB, audio-in), and personalized listening options like shuffle and program modes.

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Philips support website. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for warranty claims.

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