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## Creative SA0170

# Creative Live! Mic M3 USB Microphone Instruction Manual

MODEL: SA0170

## Introduction

Welcome to your Creative Live! Mic M3. This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up, operating, and maintaining your USB microphone. The Live! Mic M3 is designed for high-quality audio capture with versatile features for various recording needs, including streaming, podcasting, and video conferencing.

## Package Contents

Ensure all items are present in your package:

- Creative Live! Mic M3 USB Microphone
- Detachable Pop Filter
- Adjustable Table Stand
- USB-C to USB-A Cable

## Product Overview

The Creative Live! Mic M3 is a versatile USB microphone featuring dual 14mm condenser capsules, offering both Cardioid and Omni polar patterns. It includes a dedicated mute button with an LED indicator, real-time mic-monitoring, and supports high-resolution 24-bit/96kHz audio recording. The microphone comes with a detachable magnetic pop filter and an adjustable table stand for optimal positioning.



Image: Creative Live! Mic M3 USB Microphone with its detachable pop filter and adjustable stand.

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Video: An official overview of the Creative Live! Mic M3 USB Microphone, highlighting its features and use cases.

## Setup

### 1. Connecting the Microphone

1. Connect the provided USB-C to USB-A cable to the USB-C port at the bottom of the Creative Live! Mic M3.
2. Plug the USB-A end of the cable into an available USB port on your computer (PC or Mac).
3. The microphone is plug-and-play and should be automatically recognized by your operating system.

### 2. Assembling the Stand and Pop Filter

1. Attach the microphone to the adjustable table stand by screwing it onto the 1/4-20 UNC thread.
2. Position the magnetic pop filter by aligning it with the top of the microphone until it snaps into place. The pop filter helps reduce plosive sounds (e.g., 'p' and 'b' sounds).



Image: Close-up view of the microphone with its detachable magnetic pop filter attached.

## Operating Instructions

### 1. Selecting Polar Patterns

The Creative Live! Mic M3 features two polar patterns: Cardioid and Omni. Use the polar pattern control knob on the microphone to switch between them.

- **Cardioid Pattern:** This is a front-focused mode, ideal for single-person recordings, streaming, or voiceovers. It primarily captures sound directly in front of the microphone, reducing background noise.
- **Omni Pattern:** This all-angle mode captures sound equally from all directions. It is suitable for conference calls, multi-person podcasts, or capturing ambient sounds.



Image: Illustration of the dual 14mm condenser capsules and the polar pattern selection knob.



Image: Visual representation of the Cardioid pickup pattern, focusing on sound from the front.

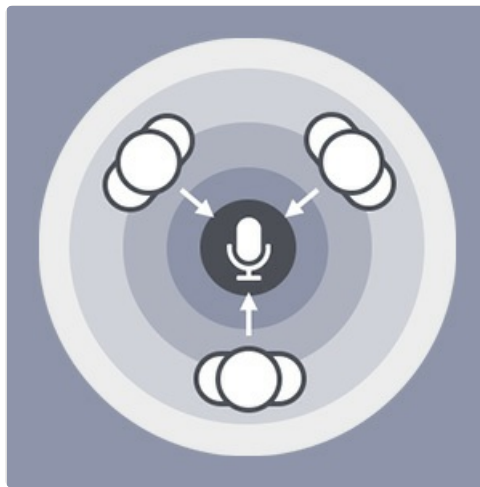


Image: Visual representation of the Omni-directional pickup pattern, capturing sound from all directions.

## 2. Using the Mute Button

The dedicated mute button is located on the front of the microphone. Press it to instantly mute or unmute your audio. An LED indicator accompanies the button:

- **Red LED:** Microphone is muted.
- **Blue LED:** Microphone is active and capturing audio.

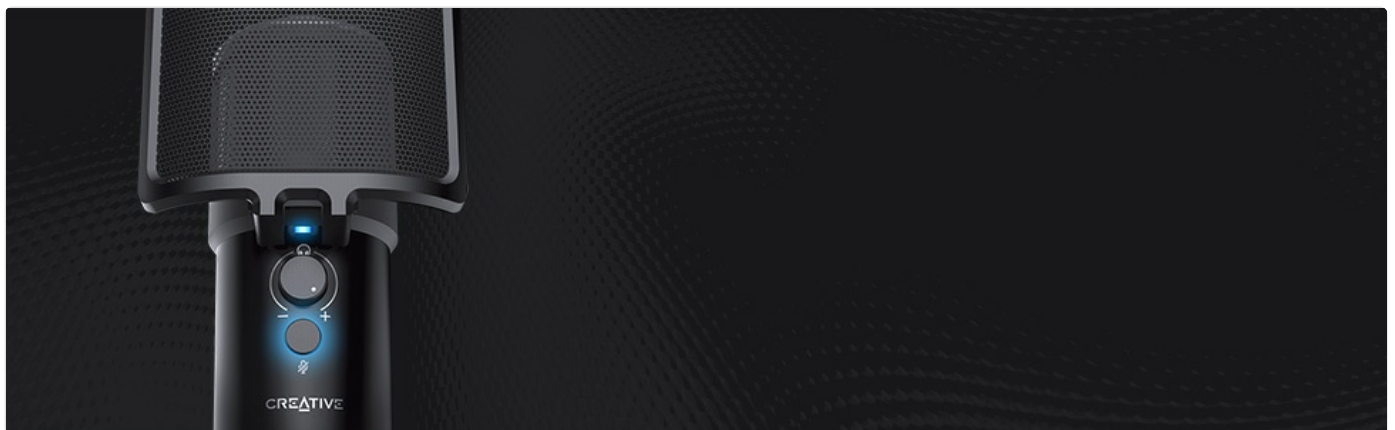


Image: The microphone's front panel, highlighting the mute/unmute button and its LED indicator.

## 3. Monitoring Your Audio

The Creative Live! Mic M3 features real-time mic-monitoring. To use this function:

1. Plug your headphones into the 3.5mm port located at the bottom of the microphone.
2. You will hear your own voice in real-time, allowing you to monitor your audio levels and identify any unwanted noise or issues during recording or streaming.



Image: A user monitoring their audio in real-time through headphones connected to the Creative Live! Mic M3.

#### 4. Adjusting Microphone Position

The adjustable table stand allows for flexible positioning:

- The microphone can tilt up to 90 degrees.
- The stand offers 360-degree rotation.
- The microphone is also compatible with standard 1/4-20 UNC tripods for alternative mounting options.



Image: The microphone demonstrating its adjustable tilt and rotation features on the table stand.

## Maintenance

### 1. Cleaning

- Wipe the microphone body with a soft, dry cloth.
- Do not use liquid cleaners or solvents, as they may damage the microphone's finish or internal components.
- The pop filter can be gently wiped with a damp cloth if necessary, ensuring it is completely dry before reattaching.

### 2. Storage

Store the microphone in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures to prevent damage.

# Troubleshooting

## 1. No Sound Output

- Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the microphone and your computer.
- Check if the microphone is muted (red LED indicator). Press the mute button to unmute.
- Verify that the Creative Live! Mic M3 is selected as the input device in your computer's sound settings and in any recording/communication software you are using.
- Test with a different USB port or computer if possible.

## 2. Distorted Audio

- Adjust the microphone gain/volume settings on the microphone itself or in your computer's sound settings to prevent clipping.
- Ensure you are speaking at an appropriate distance from the microphone (typically 6-12 inches).
- Confirm the pop filter is correctly attached to reduce plosive sounds.

## 3. Microphone Not Recognized

- Disconnect and reconnect the USB cable.
- Restart your computer.
- Check your operating system's device manager (Windows) or System Information (Mac) to see if the device is listed.
- Ensure your operating system is up to date.

# Specifications

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Brand</b>                   | Creative         |
| <b>Model Name</b>              | SA0170           |
| <b>Connectivity Technology</b> | USB              |
| <b>Connector Type</b>          | 3.5 mm Jack, USB |
| <b>Special Feature</b>         | Stand            |
| <b>Compatible Devices</b>      | Headphone        |
| <b>Color</b>                   | Black            |
| <b>Included Components</b>     | Microphone       |
| <b>Polar Pattern</b>           | Cardioid, Omni   |
| <b>Audio Sensitivity</b>       | 34 Decibels      |
| <b>Microphone Form Factor</b>  | Table Array      |
| <b>Power Source</b>            | USB Microphone   |
| <b>Number of Channels</b>      | 1                |
| <b>Frequency Response</b>      | 96000 Hz         |

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|-------------------------|--|
| <b>Item Weight</b>      | 848 Grams                                    |
| <b>Item Dimensions</b>  | 7.68 x 8.27 x 3.7 inches                     |
| <b>Recommended Uses</b> | Voice Recording, Streaming, Video Conference |

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