Apple MME73AM/A

Apple AirPods (3rd Generation) User Manual

Model: MME73AM/A

INTRODUCTION

The Apple AirPods (3rd Generation) are advanced wireless earbuds designed to deliver an immersive audio experience with features like Spatial Audio, Adaptive EQ, and extended battery life. They are sweat and water resistant, making them suitable for various activities. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, maintaining, and troubleshooting your AirPods.

Key Features:

- Spatial audio with dynamic head tracking for immersive sound.
- Adaptive EQ automatically tunes music to your ears.
- Contoured design for comfortable fit.
- Force sensor for easy control of entertainment and calls.
- Sweat and water resistant for workouts and outdoor use.
- Up to 6 hours of listening time on a single charge.
- Up to 30 hours total listening time with the MagSafe Charging Case.
- Quick access to Siri.
- Effortless setup and automatic switching between Apple devices.
- Audio sharing with another set of AirPods.

SETUP

Initial Setup and Pairing:

To set up your AirPods with an Apple device (iPhone, iPad, iPod touch):

1. Ensure your Apple device is running the latest iOS/iPadOS version.
2. Unlock your Apple device and go to the Home screen.
3. Open the lid of your AirPods Charging Case with your AirPods inside, and hold it near your Apple device.
4. A setup animation will appear on your device's screen. Tap**Connect**.

5. Follow any on-screen instructions.

Image: An iPhone screen showing the AirPods connection prompt, with the AirPods (3rd Generation) charging case open beside it, ready for pairing.

Pairing with Non-Apple Devices:

To pair your AirPods with a non-Apple Bluetooth device (e.g., Android phone, PC):

1. With your AirPods in the charging case, open the lid.

2. Press and hold the setup button on the back of the case until the status light flashes white.

3. On your device, go to Bluetooth settings and select your AirPods from the list of available devices.

Charging Your AirPods and Case:

The AirPods (3rd Generation) come with a MagSafe Charging Case, which can be charged wirelessly or via a Lightning to USB-C cable.

- **Wireless Charging:** Place the charging case with the status light facing up on a MagSafe charger or a Qi-certified charging mat. The status light will indicate charging.
- **Wired Charging:** Connect the Lightning to USB-C cable (included) to the Lightning port on the bottom of the case and the other end to a USB-C power adapter.

Image: The Apple AirPods (3rd Generation) resting in their open MagSafe Charging Case, with a green indicator light visible, signifying charge.

OPERATING YOUR AIRPODS

Force Sensor Controls:

The force sensor on the stem of each AirPod allows for easy control of audio playback and calls:

- **Press once:** Play, pause, or answer a phone call.
- **Press twice:** Skip forward.
- **Press three times:** Skip back.
- **Press and hold:** Activate Siri.

Spatial Audio:

Spatial Audio with dynamic head tracking provides a theater-like experience, placing sound all around you. It works with supported content and devices, creating an immersive three-dimensional soundstage that adapts as you move your head.

Automatic Switching:

AirPods automatically switch between your active Apple devices (iPhone, iPad, Mac, Apple Watch) that are signed in with the same Apple ID, providing a seamless audio experience without manual re-pairing.

Audio Sharing:

You can easily share audio from your iPhone, iPad, iPod touch, or Apple TV with another set of AirPods. Simply bring the second pair of AirPods close to your device and follow the on-screen prompts.

In-Ear Detection:

AirPods use optical sensors and motion accelerometers to detect when they are in your ears. Audio automatically plays when you put them in and pauses when you take them out.

MAINTENANCE

Cleaning Your AirPods and Charging Case:

Regular cleaning helps maintain sound quality and hygiene:

- Wipe AirPods and the charging case with a soft, dry, lint-free cloth.
- For stubborn dirt, lightly dampen the cloth with isopropyl alcohol. Allow to dry completely before use.
- Do not use abrasive materials or submerge AirPods or the case in liquids.
- Use a dry cotton swab to clean the microphone and speaker meshes.

Water and Sweat Resistance:

The AirPods (3rd Generation) and MagSafe Charging Case are sweat and water resistant for non-water sports and exercise, and they are rated IPX4 under IEC standard 60529. This means they are resistant to splashing water from any direction. They are **not waterproof** and should not be submerged in water or used for activities like swimming. Resistance may decrease as a result of normal wear.
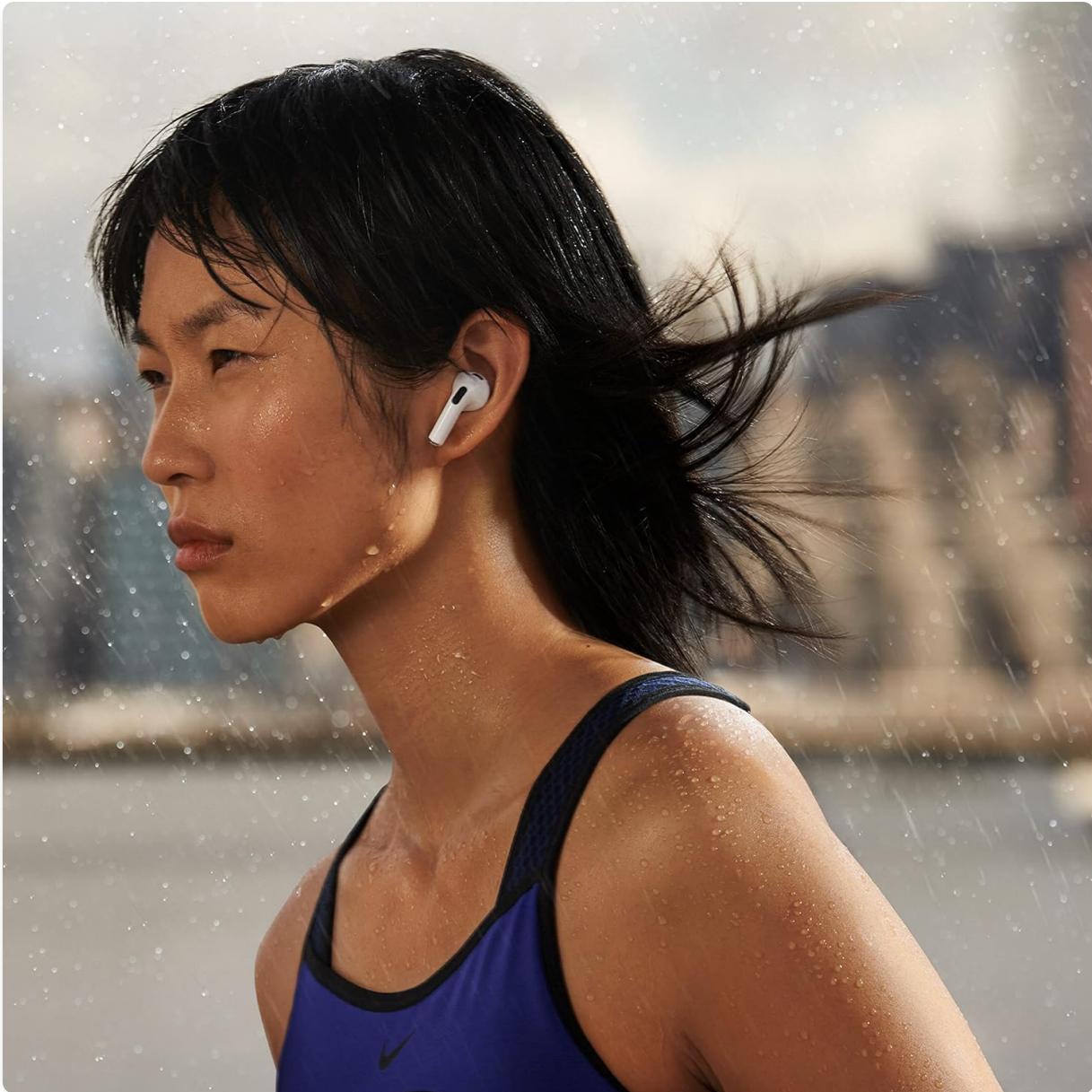
Image: A person wearing Apple AirPods (3rd Generation) during a physical activity, with visible moisture on their face, illustrating the earbuds' sweat and water resistance.

Battery Life:

Your AirPods provide:

- Up to 6 hours of listening time with a single charge (up to 5 hours with Spatial Audio enabled).
- Up to 4 hours of talk time with a single charge.
- With the MagSafe Charging Case, you can get up to 30 hours of listening time or up to 20 hours of talk time.
- A quick 5-minute charge in the case provides approximately 1 hour of listening time or 1 hour of talk time.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Common Issues and Solutions:

- **AirPods not connecting:**
  - Ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your device.

- Check that AirPods are charged.
- Place AirPods in the case, close the lid, wait 15 seconds, then open the lid.
- Restart your device.
- If issues persist, try resetting your AirPods (see below).

- **Sound issues (low volume, distorted audio):**
  - Clean the speaker meshes on your AirPods.
  - Check volume settings on your device.
  - Ensure AirPods are properly seated in your ears.
  - Disable Spatial Audio temporarily to see if it resolves the issue.

- **Charging problems:**
  - Ensure the Lightning cable is securely connected or the case is properly aligned on the wireless charger.
  - Try a different charging cable or power adapter.
  - Clean the Lightning port on the case.

Resetting Your AirPods:

If you experience persistent issues, you may need to reset your AirPods:

1. Place your AirPods in their charging case and close the lid.
2. Wait 30 seconds, then open the lid.
3. On your Apple device, go to Settings > Bluetooth, tap the **i** icon next to your AirPods, then tap **Forget This Device**. Confirm your action.
4. With the lid open, press and hold the setup button on the back of the case for about 15 seconds, until the status light flashes amber, then white.
5. Reconnect your AirPods by following the initial setup steps.

SPECIFICATIONS

Technical Specifications:

Feature	Detail
Model Name	AirPods (3rd Generation)
Model Number	MME73AM/A
Connectivity	Bluetooth 5.0, Apple H1 Chip
Sensors (each AirPod)	Dual beamforming microphones, Inward-facing microphone, Skin-detect sensor, Motion-detecting accelerometer, Speech-detecting accelerometer
Battery Life (AirPods)	Up to 6 hours listening, up to 4 hours talk time
Battery Life (with Case)	Up to 30 hours listening, up to 20 hours talk time

Charging Case	MagSafe Compatible, Wireless (Qi-certified), Lightning connector
Water Resistance	IPX4 (sweat and water resistant)
Dimensions (each AirPod)	0.76 by 0.72 by 1.21 inches (19.21 by 18.26 by 30.79 mm)
Dimensions (Charging Case)	1.83 by 0.84 by 2.14 inches (46.40 by 21.38 by 54.40 mm)
Weight (each AirPod)	0.15 ounce (4.28 g)
Weight (Charging Case)	1.34 ounces (37.91 g)
Included Components	AirPods (3rd generation), MagSafe Charging Case, Lightning to USB-C Cable, Documentation

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

Warranty Information:

Apple AirPods (3rd Generation) are covered by Apple's standard one-year limited warranty, which covers manufacturing defects. For detailed warranty terms and conditions, please refer to the documentation included with your product or visit the official Apple website.
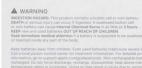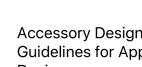
Customer Support:

For further assistance, technical support, or service, please visit the official Apple Support website or contact Apple customer service. You can find comprehensive support resources, FAQs, and contact options at support.apple.com/airpods.

Related Documents - MME73AM/A

	Apple AirPods Quick Start Guide: Controls, Spatial Audio, and Connectivity A concise guide to using Apple AirPods (3rd generation) with Lightning Charging. Learn about controls, activating Spatial Audio, charging methods, and connecting to various devices like iPhone, iPad, and other Bluetooth-enabled products.
	Apple AirPods (3rd Generation) Quick Start Guide Concise guide to setting up and using Apple AirPods (3rd generation). Learn about controls, spatial audio, charging, and connecting to devices.

	[Apple AirPods (3rd Generation) User Guide](#) A concise guide to using Apple AirPods (3rd Generation), covering controls, spatial audio, charging, and connectivity with Apple and other devices.
	[Apple AirPods Max: Full-Size Wireless Headphones User Guide](#) Comprehensive guide to Apple AirPods Max wireless headphones, covering specifications, compatibility, setup, audio controls, call management, and charging. Learn how to use Active Noise Cancellation and Transparency modes.
	[Apple AirPods Pro User Guide and Safety Information](#) Concise HTML guide for Apple AirPods Pro, covering safety warnings, usage instructions, features, charging, regulatory compliance, and warranty information.
	[Accessory Design Guidelines for Apple Devices](#) Comprehensive technical guidelines from Apple for designing accessories compatible with iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, AirPods, and other Apple devices. Covers product design, connectivity, power, and compliance.