SteelSeries 61601

SteelSeries Alias USB Microphone User Manual

Model: SteelSeries Alias USB Mic for PC (61601)

INTRODUCTION

This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up, operating, and maintaining your SteelSeries Alias USB Microphone. Designed for gaming, streaming, and podcasting, the Alias microphone offers superior audio capture and advanced software features to enhance your sound experience.

PACKAGE CONTENTS

Verify that all items are present in your package:

- SteelSeries Alias USB Gaming Microphone
- USB Type-C Cable
- Desktop Stand (pre-attached)
- Boom Arm Adapter (for separate boom arm purchase)

SETUP

1. Connecting the Microphone

The SteelSeries Alias USB Microphone is designed for simple plug-and-play functionality with your PC.

1. Place the microphone on a stable surface using the included desktop stand, or attach it to a compatible boom arm using the provided adapter.
2. Connect the USB Type-C cable to the port at the bottom of the microphone.
3. Plug the other end of the USB cable into an available USB port on your PC.
4. The microphone will automatically be recognized by your operating system.

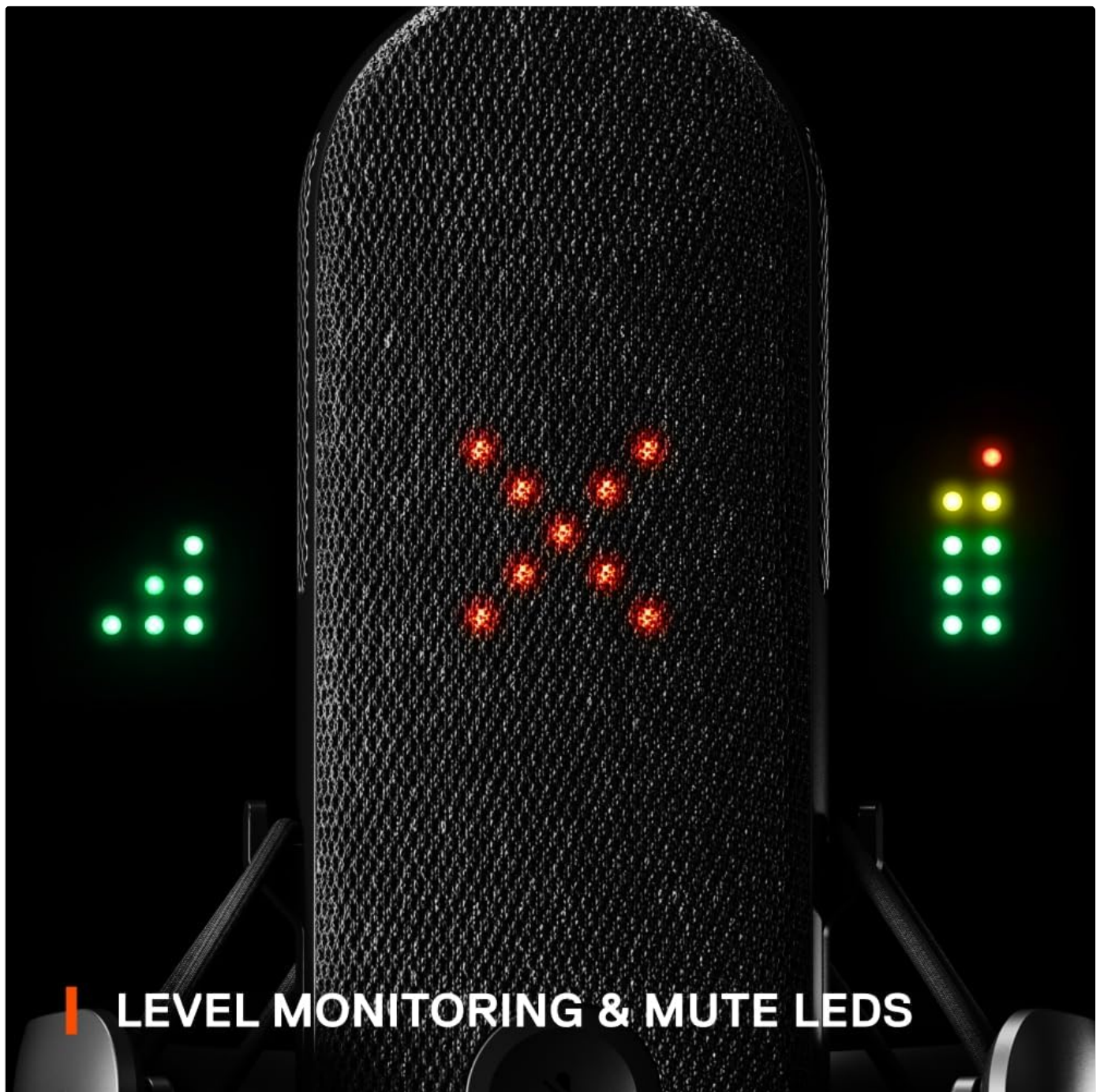Figure 1: SteelSeries Alias USB Microphone with desktop stand.

Figure 2: USB Type-C connection port at the base of the microphone.

2. Installing Sonar Audio Software

For optimal performance and access to advanced features, download and install the SteelSeries Sonar audio software.

1. Visit the official SteelSeries website: steelseries.com/gg
2. Download and run the SteelSeries GG installer.
3. Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.
4. Launch SteelSeries GG and navigate to the Sonar section to configure your microphone settings.
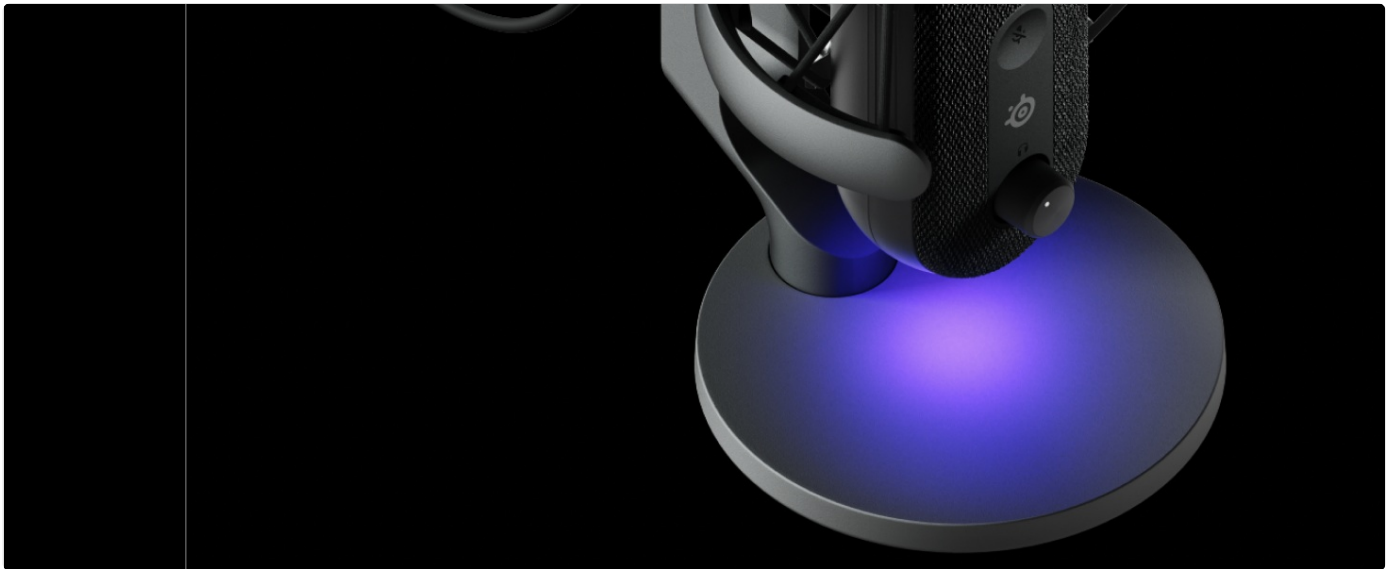
Figure 3: Overview of the SteelSeries Sonar audio software interface.

OPERATING THE MICROPHONE

Key Features and Controls

- **3x Bigger Capsule:** The Alias microphone features a significantly larger capsule compared to standard microphones, designed to capture a wider range of vocal tones for richer, more detailed sound.
- **Cardioid Polar Pattern:** This microphone utilizes a cardioid polar pattern, which primarily picks up sound from the front, reducing unwanted noise from the sides and rear. This is ideal for single-person use in streaming and podcasting.
- **LED Monitoring:** Integrated LEDs on the microphone provide real-time visual feedback on your audio levels and mute status. Green lights indicate active audio, while red lights signify a muted microphone.
- **RGB Downlight:** A customizable RGB light emanates from below the microphone, allowing for personalized aesthetic integration with your setup.
- **Shock Mount:** The integrated shock mount helps to reduce vibrations and handling noise, ensuring clearer audio capture.

Figure 4: LED indicators for audio levels and mute status.

Figure 5: Customizable RGB downlight feature.

Sonar Software Functionality

SteelSeries Sonar is an all-in-one audio solution that provides comprehensive control over your microphone and audio mix.

- **Audio Mixing:** Create separate mixes for your personal listening and your stream audience. Adjust levels for game audio, chat, media, auxiliary inputs, and your microphone independently.
- **App Routing:** Easily drag and drop applications to specific audio channels within Sonar, ensuring precise control over what your audience hears.
- **AI Noise Cancellation (ClearCast):** Utilize advanced AI algorithms to eliminate background noise from your microphone input, ensuring crystal-clear voice transmission.

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Video 1: Official product video demonstrating the SteelSeries Alias USB Streaming & Gaming Microphone features, including its large capsule and Sonar software integration.

Figure 6: Sonar software's intuitive mixing and routing capabilities.

Figure 7: Voice capture capabilities of the Alias microphone.

MAINTENANCE

To ensure the longevity and optimal performance of your SteelSeries Alias USB Microphone, follow these maintenance guidelines:

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe down the microphone's exterior. Avoid using harsh chemicals or abrasive materials, as they may damage the finish.
- **Storage:** When not in use, store the microphone in a clean, dry environment away from extreme temperatures and direct sunlight.
- **Cable Care:** Avoid sharp bends or kinks in the USB cable. Always grasp the plug, not the cable, when disconnecting.

TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter issues with your SteelSeries Alias USB Microphone, refer to the following common solutions:

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Microphone not detected by PC.	Loose USB connection, faulty USB port, driver issue.	Ensure the USB cable is securely connected to both the microphone and the PC. Try a different USB port on your PC. Restart your computer. Reinstall the SteelSeries GG software.
No sound or low volume.	Microphone muted, incorrect input device selected, low gain setting.	Check the mute button on the microphone (LEDs should not be red). In your operating system's sound settings, ensure the SteelSeries Alias is selected as the default input device. Adjust the gain knob on the microphone or within the SteelSeries Sonar software.
Background noise or static.	Environmental noise, incorrect polar pattern, AI noise cancellation off.	Ensure you are speaking directly into the front of the microphone. Enable ClearCast AI Noise Cancellation in the SteelSeries Sonar software. Reduce other noise sources in your environment.
Sonar software issues (e.g., hijacking audio).	Software conflict or misconfiguration.	Ensure Sonar is updated to the latest version. Check Sonar settings for default audio device routing. If issues persist, consider a clean reinstallation of SteelSeries GG.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	SteelSeries
Model Name	SteelSeries Alias USB Mic for PC
Item Model Number	61601
Connectivity Technology	USB
Connector Type	USB Type-C
Polar Pattern	Cardioid
Microphone Form Factor	Mini
Hardware Platform	PC
Color	Black
Item Weight	1.65 pounds (750 Grams)
Product Dimensions (LxWxH)	7.1 x 3.11 x 5.39 inches

Feature	Detail
Audio Sensitivity	10 dB
Signal-to-Noise Ratio	61 dB
Included Components	Alias USB Gaming Microphone
Recommended Uses	Gaming, Streaming, Podcasting

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information, technical support, or to access additional resources, please visit the official SteelSeries support website:

SteelSeries Support

You can also find FAQs and community forums on their website for further assistance.

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