

VOX AP3MB

VOX amPlug 3 Modern Bass Plug-In Headphone Amplifier Instruction Manual

Model: AP3MB

1. INTRODUCTION

The VOX amPlug 3 Modern Bass is a compact, plug-in headphone amplifier designed specifically for bass guitars. It allows musicians to practice silently with authentic bass tones and built-in effects, providing a convenient solution for practice sessions at home, backstage, or while traveling. This manual provides essential information for the proper setup, operation, and maintenance of your amPlug 3 Modern Bass unit.



Image 1.1: The VOX amPlug 3 Modern Bass headphone amplifier, showing its compact design and plug-in jack.

2. FEATURES

The amPlug 3 Modern Bass offers a range of features designed to enhance your practice experience:

- Delivers punchy, aggressive tones characteristic of modern rock bass amplifiers, suitable for heavy playing styles.
- Dual-channel design includes a bright clean channel and a thick distortion channel for versatile sound options.
- Custom analog circuitry ensures responsive and dynamic tones, capturing the essence of high-end modern bass amplifiers.
- Nine built-in rhythms, including rock, funk, and blues, serve as a solid practice companion.
- Integrated stereo effects such as Chorus, Delay, and Reverb, enhance your sound with depth and dimension.
- Foldable plug mechanism rotates 180 degrees for easy storage and optimal positioning on various instruments.
- Auto power-off feature conserves battery life by automatically shutting down when not in use.
- Powered by two AAA batteries, offering up to 16 hours of continuous playtime with effects and rhythms active.
- Lightweight design at approximately 40 grams (excluding batteries), making it highly portable for practice or performance.
- Auxiliary input allows connection of external audio sources for jamming along with your favorite tracks.

3. SETUP

3.1. Battery Installation

1. Locate the battery compartment cover on the back of the amPlug unit.
2. Slide the cover off to open the compartment.
3. Insert two AAA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-) as indicated inside the compartment.
4. Replace the battery compartment cover, sliding it until it clicks securely into place.



Image 3.1: The battery compartment of the amPlug 3, showing the placement of two AAA batteries.

3.2. Connecting to Your Instrument

1. Ensure your bass guitar is turned off or its volume is set to minimum.
2. Plug the amPlug unit directly into your bass guitar's output jack. The plug mechanism can rotate 180 degrees to accommodate various instrument jack orientations.



Image 3.2: The amPlug 3 Modern Bass connected to the output jack of a bass guitar.

3.3. Connecting Headphones

1. Connect your headphones to the 3.5mm (1/8-inch) headphone jack on the amPlug unit.
2. It is recommended to connect headphones before powering on the unit to avoid sudden loud noises.



Image 3.3: A headphone cable plugged into the amPlug 3 unit.

4. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1. Power On/Off

To power on the amPlug, press and hold the power button located on the side of the unit. The LED indicator will illuminate. To power off, press and hold the power button again until the LED turns off. The unit features an auto power-off function to conserve battery life if no signal is detected for a period.

4.2. Controls Overview



Image 4.1: Side view of the amPlug 3 showing the control knobs and auxiliary input.

- **GAIN Knob:** Adjusts the input gain level, controlling the amount of distortion or overdrive.
- **TONE Knob:** Adjusts the tonal characteristics, from darker to brighter sounds.
- **VOLUME Knob:** Controls the overall output volume to your headphones.
- **FX/RHYTHM Button:** Cycles through built-in effects and rhythm patterns.
- **AUX Input:** A 3.5mm (1/8-inch) stereo input for connecting external audio devices like MP3 players or smartphones.

4.3. Using Effects and Rhythms

Press the **FX/RHYTHM** button to cycle through the available effects and rhythm patterns. The amPlug 3 Modern Bass includes Chorus, Delay, and Reverb effects, as well as nine distinct rhythm patterns. Refer to the quick start guide for specific combinations and settings.

4.4. Using the Auxiliary Input

Connect an external audio player to the AUX input using a 3.5mm stereo cable. You can then play along with your favorite music or backing tracks through your headphones, mixed with your bass guitar's sound.

5. MAINTENANCE

5.1. Battery Replacement

When the sound becomes weak or distorted, or the LED indicator dims, it is time to replace the batteries. Follow the battery installation steps in Section 3.1. Always use fresh AAA alkaline batteries for optimal performance. Remove batteries if the unit will not be used for an extended period to prevent leakage.

5.2. Cleaning and Storage

Clean the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents. Store the amPlug in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Avoid dropping the unit or subjecting it to strong impacts.

6. TROUBLESHOOTING

- **No Sound:**
 - Ensure the amPlug is powered on and the LED is illuminated.
 - Check if headphones are properly connected and their volume is up.
 - Verify that the amPlug's VOLUME knob is not set to minimum.
 - Confirm that the bass guitar is plugged in correctly and its volume is not at zero.
 - Replace batteries if they are low or depleted.
- **Distorted or Weak Sound:**
 - Check battery level and replace if necessary.
 - Adjust the GAIN and TONE knobs on the amPlug.
 - Ensure your bass guitar's output is not excessively high, causing clipping.
- **Auto Power-Off Activates Too Soon:**
 - The auto power-off feature activates after a period of no audio input. Ensure you are actively playing or have an audio source connected to the AUX input.

7. SPECIFICATIONS

Model Number	AP3MB
Product Dimensions	1.42 x 5.12 x 7.2 inches (3.6 x 13.0 x 18.3 cm)
Item Weight	2.12 ounces (60 grams)
Power Supply	2 x AAA batteries (included)
Battery Life	Up to 16 hours (with effects/rhythms on)
Input/Output	Instrument Input (1/4" mono jack), Headphone Output (1/8" stereo mini jack), AUX Input (1/8" stereo mini jack)
Controls	Gain, Tone, Volume, FX/Rhythm button
Effects	Chorus, Delay, Reverb
Rhythms	9 built-in patterns






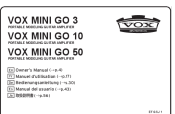


Image 7.1: The back of the amPlug 3 unit, displaying the model number (AP3MB) and battery specifications.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and technical support, please refer to the official VOX website or contact your local VOX distributor. Keep your purchase receipt as proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

Related Documents - AP3MB

	<p>VOX amPlug 2 Headphone Guitar Amplifier Owner's Manual</p> <p>Comprehensive owner's manual for the VOX amPlug 2 headphone guitar amplifier, detailing installation, operation, controls, modes, specifications, and safety precautions for the Clean, Blues, and Lead models.</p>
	<p>VOX VX50 GTV / VX15 GT Guitar Amplifier Owner's Manual</p> <p>Detailed owner's manual for the VOX VX50 GTV and VX15 GT modeling guitar amplifiers, covering setup, features, amp models, effects, and specifications.</p>
	<p>VOX MV50 Brian May Guitar Amplifier Owner's Manual</p> <p>Comprehensive owner's manual for the VOX MV50 Brian May guitar amplifier, detailing features, setup, specifications, and safety precautions. Includes information on Nutube technology.</p>
	<p>VOX Adio Air GT / Adio GT Owner's Manual</p> <p>Comprehensive user manual for the VOX Adio Air GT and Adio GT modeling guitar and audio amplifiers, detailing features, setup, operation, and specifications for optimal performance.</p>
	<p>VOX VT20X VT40X Modeling Guitar Amplifier Owner's Manual</p> <p>Comprehensive guide to the VOX VT20X and VT40X modeling guitar amplifiers, detailing features, setup, effects, and operation for musicians.</p>
	<p>VOX MINI GO Series Portable Modeling Guitar Amplifier Owner's Manual</p> <p>Comprehensive owner's manual for the VOX MINI GO 3, MINI GO 10, and MINI GO 50 portable modeling guitar amplifiers, detailing features, setup, functions, effects, and troubleshooting.</p>