

VOX AP3BA

VOX amPlug 3 Bass Headphone Amplifier User Manual

Model: AP3BA

1. INTRODUCTION

The VOX amPlug 3 Bass is a compact, plug-in headphone amplifier designed specifically for bass players. It allows for silent practice with the authentic sound of a bass amplifier, complete with built-in stereo effects and rhythm tracks. Its portable design makes it suitable for practice anytime, anywhere.

2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Do not expose the unit to rain, moisture, or extreme temperatures.
- Use only AAA batteries as specified. Ensure correct polarity when inserting batteries.
- Remove batteries if the unit will not be used for an extended period.
- Avoid listening at high volume levels for prolonged periods to prevent hearing damage.
- Do not attempt to disassemble or modify the unit. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

- VOX amPlug 3 Bass Headphone Amplifier
- AAA Batteries (2) for initial use

4. CONTROLS AND FUNCTIONS

4.1 Front View



This image displays the front of the amPlug 3 Bass unit, showing the VOX logo, the 'Bass' designation, and the overall design.

1/4" Instrument Plug: Connects directly to your bass guitar's output jack. Rotates 180 degrees for optimal positioning.

Headphone Jack (3.5mm): Connect your headphones here.

AUX Input Jack (3.5mm): Connect an external audio player (e.g., smartphone, MP3 player) to play along with tracks.

4.2 Top Panel Controls



A hand is shown adjusting one of the control knobs on the amPlug 3 Bass, illustrating the accessible top-mounted controls.

VOLUME Knob: Adjusts the overall output volume to your headphones.

tone Knob: Adjusts the tonal characteristics of your sound.

GAIN Knob: Controls the amount of overdrive or distortion.

POWER Button / Mode Selector: Press and hold to power on/off. Short press to cycle through amplifier modes (Classic, Smooth, Funk).

RHYTHM Button: Activates and cycles through 9 built-in rhythm patterns.

FX Button: Activates and cycles through built-in stereo effects and compressor.

4.3 Rear View and Battery Compartment



This image shows the rear of the amPlug 3 Bass, detailing the battery compartment cover and product information.



The battery compartment is shown open, revealing two AAA batteries inside, ready for power.

Battery Compartment: Houses two AAA batteries.

5. SETUP

1. **Install Batteries:** Open the battery compartment cover on the rear of the unit. Insert two AAA batteries, ensuring correct polarity (+/-). Close the cover securely.



The battery compartment is shown open, revealing two AAA batteries inside, ready for power.

2. **Connect to Instrument:** Plug the amPlug 3 Bass directly into your bass guitar's output jack. The plug rotates 180 degrees to accommodate various instrument jack positions.



The amPlug 3 Bass is shown plugged into the output jack of a bass guitar, ready for use.

3. **Connect Headphones:** Plug your headphones into the 3.5mm headphone jack on the amPlug 3 Bass.



A hand is shown inserting a headphone jack into the amPlug 3 Bass unit.

4. **Power On:** Press and hold the POWER button until the indicator light illuminates.

6. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 Selecting Amplifier Modes

With the unit powered on, short press the POWER button to cycle through the three available bass amplifier modes:

- **Classic:** Delivers a traditional, warm bass tone.
- **Smooth:** Provides a rounded, articulate bass sound.
- **Funk:** Offers a punchy, dynamic tone suitable for funk and slap bass styles.

6.2 Adjusting Sound

- **VOLUME Knob:** Rotate to increase or decrease the headphone output level.
- **tone Knob:** Adjusts the brightness or darkness of your bass tone.
- **GAIN Knob:** Controls the amount of drive. Turn clockwise for more aggressive, overdriven sounds, or counter-clockwise for cleaner tones.

6.3 Using Rhythm Tracks

Press the RHYTHM button to activate and cycle through the 9 built-in rhythm patterns. This feature is useful for practice and timing development.

6.4 Applying Effects

Press the FX button to activate and cycle through the built-in stereo effects and compressor. These effects enhance your sound and provide a more dynamic playing experience. The integrated compressor helps to level out volume peaks for a consistent, punchy sound.

6.5 Using the AUX Input

Connect an external audio device (e.g., smartphone, tablet) to the AUX input jack using a 3.5mm stereo cable. You can then play along with your favorite music or backing tracks through your headphones.

7. MAINTENANCE

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the unit with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Battery Replacement:** Replace batteries when the indicator light dims or the sound becomes weak or distorted. Always replace both batteries simultaneously.
- **Storage:** Store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Remove batteries if storing for extended periods.

8. TROUBLESHOOTING

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
No sound	Unit not powered on; low batteries; headphones not connected; instrument not connected; volume too low.	Press POWER button; replace batteries; connect headphones/instrument; increase VOLUME knob.
Distorted sound	GAIN knob too high; low batteries; faulty headphones/cable.	Decrease GAIN; replace batteries; try different headphones/cable.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Rhythm/FX not working	Feature not activated.	Press RHYTHM/FX button to activate and cycle through options.
Short battery life	Old batteries; prolonged use at high volume.	Use fresh, high-quality AAA batteries. Reduce volume when possible.

9. SPECIFICATIONS







Feature	Detail
Model Number	AP3BA
Dimensions (L x W x H)	1.42" x 5.12" x 7.2" (approx. 36 x 130 x 183 mm)
Item Weight	3.2 ounces (approx. 90 grams, excluding batteries)
Power Supply	2 x AAA batteries
Battery Life	Up to 17 hours (may vary based on battery type and usage)
Input Jack	1/4" (for instrument)
Output Jack	3.5mm stereo mini jack (for headphones)
Auxiliary Input	3.5mm stereo mini jack
Amplifier Modes	Classic, Smooth, Funk
Rhythm Patterns	9 built-in patterns
Effects	Built-in stereo effects, compressor

10. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

For warranty information and customer support, please refer to the documentation provided with your purchase or visit the official VOX website. Keep your proof of purchase for any warranty claims.

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	<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>
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