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Model: POD Express Bass (99-060-3100)

Introduction

The Line 6 POD Express Bass is an ultra-portable bass amplifier and effects processor designed to provide bassists with a wide range of tones in a compact format. It features models derived from the award-winning HX family of processors, ensuring high-quality sound and authentic feel. This manual will guide you through the setup, operation, and maintenance of your device.

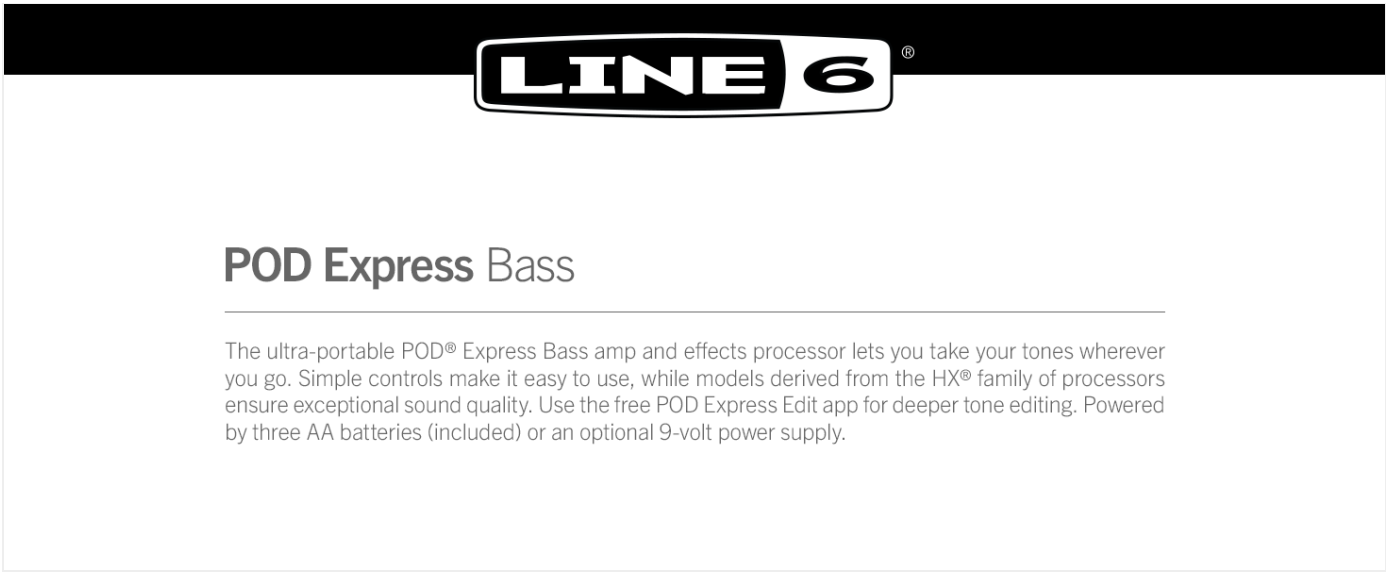


Image: The Line 6 POD Express Bass Compact, highlighting its ultra-portable design and core features.

Package Contents

- Line 6 POD Express Bass Compact Unit
- Three AA Batteries
- User Manual (this document)

Note: An optional 9-volt power supply is sold separately.

Setup

1. Powering the Device

The POD Express Bass can be powered in two ways:

- **Batteries:** Insert three AA batteries into the battery compartment.
- **External Power Supply:** Connect an optional 9-volt DC power supply (center-negative) to the DC IN jack.

2. Connecting Your Instrument and Audio Output

1. Connect your bass guitar to the **IN** jack using a standard 1/4-inch instrument cable.
2. For mono output, connect the **L/MONO OUT** jack to your amplifier or audio interface.
3. For stereo output, connect both the **L/MONO OUT** and **RIGHT OUT** jacks to your stereo amplifier or audio interface.
4. To use headphones, connect them to the 3.5mm headphone jack on the side of the unit. Adjust the headphone volume using the adjacent thumbwheel.



Image: Rear panel of the POD Express Bass, illustrating the IN, L/MONO OUT, RIGHT OUT, FS 3/4, USB-C, and DC IN connections.



Image: Side view of the POD Express Bass, showing the 3.5mm headphone jack and its corresponding volume control thumbwheel.

3. USB-C Connection

Connect the USB-C port to your computer or mobile device to use the POD Express Edit app for deeper tone editing, preset management, global settings, and as a USB-C audio interface with re-amping capabilities.



Image: The POD Express Bass connected to a laptop, demonstrating its compatibility with the POD Express Edit app for advanced control.

Operating Instructions

1. Basic Controls

The POD Express Bass features intuitive controls for quick tone adjustments. The main knobs control Compression, Distortion, Amp/Cab, Modulation/Delay, and Synth effects.



Image: Top-down view of the POD Express Bass, clearly showing the layout of all control knobs, footswitches, and indicators.

- **COMP (Compression):** Adjusts the compression effect. Options include Optical, LA Comp, Deluxe, and Limiter.
- **DIST (Distortion):** Controls various distortion types such as Boost, Overdrive, Grit, Fuzz, and Distortion.
- **AMP (Amplifier/Cabinet):** Selects from 7 amp models and 7 cabinet models. Options include Vintage, Punch, Modern, Studio, Round, and Deep. The central knob also controls Channel Volume and can save presets.
- **MOD/DELAY (Modulation/Delay):** Accesses 17 modulation and delay effects, including Chorus, Flanger, Phaser, and Delay.
- **SYNTH (Synthesizer):** Provides synth effects like Growl, Octave, String, and Mutant.
- **ON Footswitch:** Toggles the unit on/off or activates/deactivates effects.
- **TAP Footswitch:** Used for tap tempo functions and activating the tuner.
- **ALT Button:** Press and hold to access alternate functions for knobs (e.g., saving presets, fine-tuning parameters).



Image: A hand adjusting one of the control knobs on the POD Express Bass, demonstrating the tactile interface.

2. Tuner Functionality

To activate the tuner, press and hold the**TAP** footswitch. The tuner indicates if a note is in tune, but it does not display the specific note being played. For initial tuning or when changing strings, it is recommended to use a dedicated tuner or a reference pitch source.

3. Using the POD Express Edit App

For advanced tone shaping and preset management, download the free POD Express Edit app for your computer or mobile device. This app provides a graphical interface to access deeper parameters for effects, manage presets, and configure global settings.

4. External Footswitches and Expression Pedal

The unit supports optional external footswitches (up to two) for selecting presets or toggling effects on/off. An optional

expression pedal can be connected for volume control or other assignable parameters.



Image: The POD Express Bass connected to an optional expression pedal, demonstrating expanded control possibilities.

Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the unit. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the unit in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Battery Replacement:** If using batteries, replace them when the power indicator light dims or the unit behaves erratically. Remove batteries if the unit will not be used for an extended period.
- **Firmware Updates:** Periodically check the Line 6 website for firmware updates to ensure optimal performance and access to new features. Follow the instructions provided with the update carefully.

Troubleshooting

- **No Power:**
  - Check battery installation and charge level.
  - Ensure the optional 9V power supply is correctly connected and functional.
- **No Sound:**
  - Verify all cables (instrument, output) are securely connected.
  - Check the volume settings on the POD Express Bass, your amplifier, and any connected headphones.
  - Ensure the unit is powered on.
- **Tuner Issues:**

    - The built-in tuner indicates pitch accuracy but does not display the note name. For precise note identification, use an external tuner.

- **App Connectivity Issues:**
    - Ensure the USB-C cable is properly connected between the POD Express Bass and your device.
    - Verify that the POD Express Edit app is installed and up to date.
    - Check for any driver requirements for your operating system.

- **Unwanted Distortion/Noise:**
    - Adjust the input gain on your audio interface or amplifier if the output from the POD Express Bass is too high.
    - Utilize the built-in noise gate feature to reduce unwanted noise.

Specifications

Item Weight	12.3 ounces (0.35 Kilograms)
Product Dimensions	5.12 x 3.66 x 2.28 inches
Model Number	99-060-3100
Body Material	Plastic
Color	Black
Connector Types	3.5mm Jack, 6.35mm Jack, USB-C
Hardware Interface	USB Type C
Signal Format	Analog
Power Source	Battery Powered (3x AA), Corded Electric (Optional 9V)
Voltage	9 Volts (external power)
Included Accessories	Three AA batteries

Warranty Information

Line 6 products typically come with a limited manufacturer's warranty. For specific details regarding the warranty period and terms for your POD Express Bass, please refer to the warranty card included with your product or visit the official Line 6 website. Keep your proof of purchase for warranty claims.

Support

For further assistance, technical support, or to download the POD Express Edit app and firmware updates, please visit the official Line 6 support website:

- Line 6 Support Website
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