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SteelSeries 61680

SteelSeries Arctis GameBuds User Manual

Model: 61680

PRODUCT OVERVIEW

The SteelSeries Arctis GameBuds are versatile gaming earbuds designed for seamless audio across multiple platforms including PlayStation, PC, Switch, and mobile devices. They feature dual wireless connectivity (2.4GHz and Bluetooth 5.3), Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) with transparency mode, 360° Spatial Sound, and customizable audio presets via the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App. The earbuds offer up to 10 hours of battery life, extended to 40 hours with the Qi charging case, and are built with IP55 water resistance for durability.



Image: SteelSeries Arctis GameBuds in their open charging case, showcasing the earbuds.

SETUP

1. Package Contents

Your Arctis GameBuds package includes:

- Arctis GameBuds (Left and Right)
- Charging Case
- 2.4GHz Wireless Dongle
- Silicone Ear Tips (Small, Medium, Large)
- User Manual (this document)



Image: The Arctis GameBuds, their charging case, and the compact 2.4GHz wireless dongle.

2. Charging the GameBuds

Before first use, ensure your GameBuds and charging case are fully charged. The charging case supports Qi wireless charging and can provide up to 3 full recharges for the earbuds, totaling up to 40 hours of use. A 15-minute charge provides significant playtime.



Image: The Arctis GameBuds charging case being charged wirelessly on a Qi-compatible pad.

3. Selecting and Fitting Ear Tips

For optimal sound quality and Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) performance, selecting the correct ear tip size is crucial. The GameBuds come with three sizes of silicone ear tips (Small, Medium, Large). Experiment with each size to find the best seal and comfort for your ears.

1. Gently remove the pre-installed ear tips.
2. Select a new pair of ear tips that feel comfortable and create a snug fit in your ear canal.
3. Attach the new ear tips securely to the earbuds.

4. Insert the earbuds horizontally into your ear and twist them slightly backward to create a proper seal.

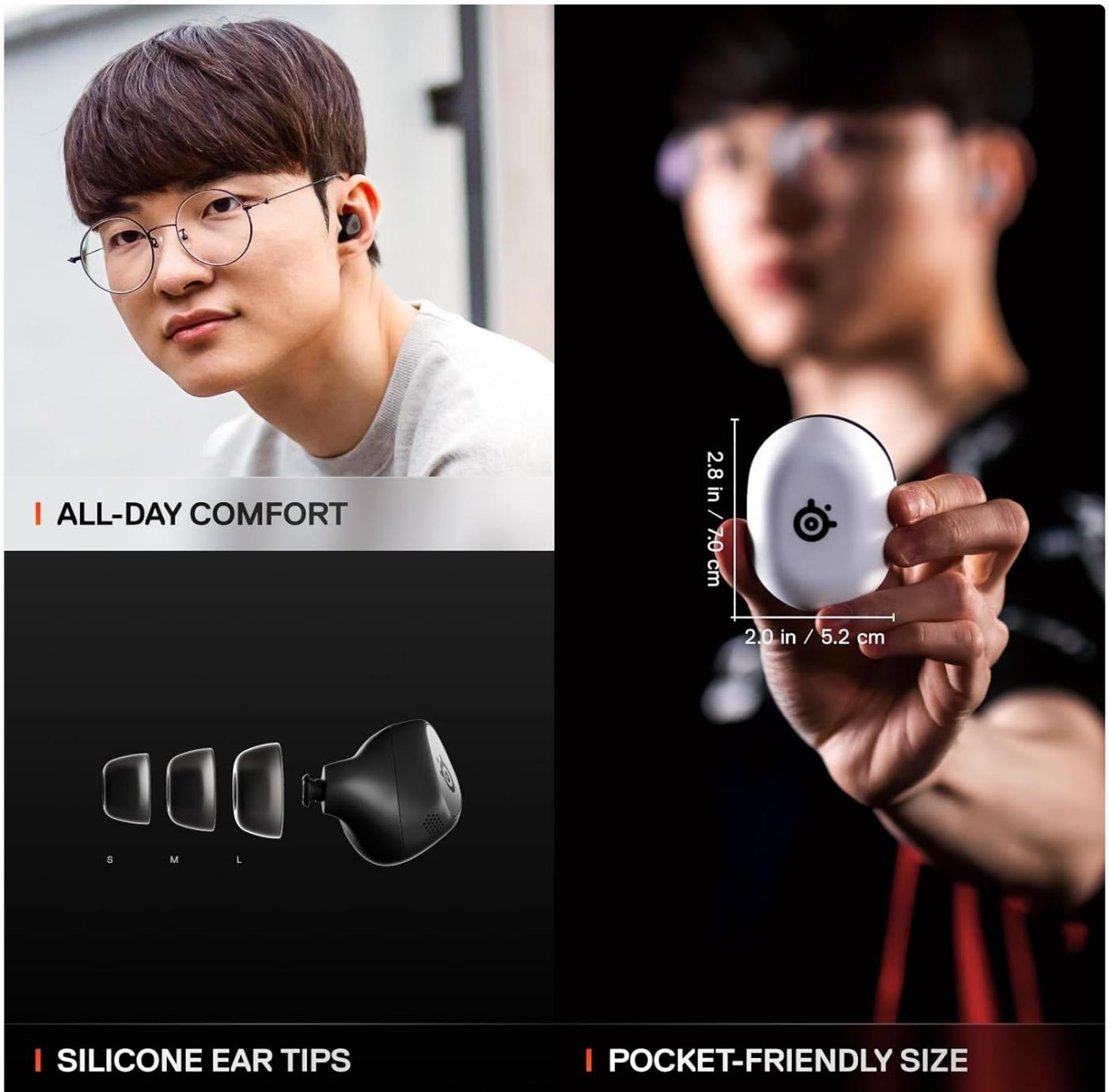


Image: A visual representation of the three different sizes of silicone ear tips (S, M, L) included with the Arctis GameBuds.

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Video: This video demonstrates how to correctly fit the Arctis GameBuds into your ear for optimal comfort and sound isolation, including selecting the right ear tip size.

4. Connecting to Devices

The Arctis GameBuds offer two primary connection methods: 2.4GHz wireless via the included dongle for low-latency gaming, and Bluetooth 5.3 for mobile devices.

4.1. 2.4GHz Wireless Connection (for PC, PlayStation, Switch, VR)

1. Insert the 2.4GHz wireless dongle into an available USB-C port on your gaming device (PC, PlayStation, Switch, etc.).
2. The GameBuds will automatically connect to the dongle. A solid light on the dongle indicates a successful connection.
3. Ensure the GameBuds are selected as the audio output device in your system settings.



Image: The compact 2.4GHz wireless dongle plugged into a PlayStation console's USB-C port, indicating a low-latency gaming connection.

4.2. Bluetooth 5.3 Connection (for Mobile, Tablets)

1. With the GameBuds in the charging case, open the lid.
2. On your mobile device, go to Bluetooth settings and search for "Arctis GameBuds".
3. Select the GameBuds to pair. A voice prompt will confirm successful pairing.

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Quick-Switch Dual Wireless

The GameBuds feature Quick-Switch Dual Wireless technology, allowing you to seamlessly switch between 2.4GHz wireless (for gaming) and Bluetooth 5.3 (for mobile). This is typically managed via the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App or through specific button presses on the earbuds (refer to Button Mapping section).

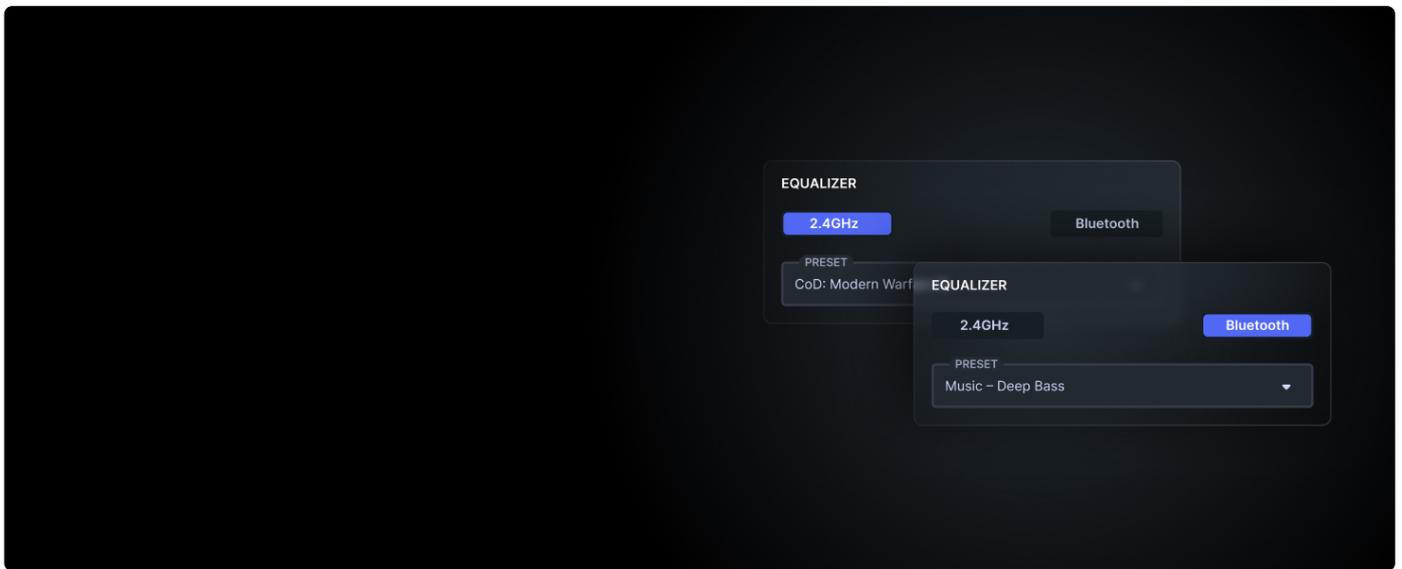


Image: A visual showing the Arctis GameBuds seamlessly switching between 2.4GHz wireless and Bluetooth connections.

2. Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) and Transparency Mode

The GameBuds are equipped with 4-mic hybrid ANC for immersive audio by reducing ambient noise. Transparency mode allows you to hear your surroundings without removing the earbuds. These modes can be toggled and adjusted via the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App.



ACTIVE NOISE CANCELLATION – with transparency mode. 360° Spatial Audio enabled.

Image: An X-ray view of the Arctis GameBuds, illustrating the internal components responsible for Active Noise Cancellation and audio processing.

3. 360° Spatial Sound

Experience immersive audio with 360° Spatial Sound, enhanced by custom Neodymium Magnetic Drivers. This feature provides directional awareness, crucial for competitive gaming, and can be optimized through the companion app.

4. SteelSeries Arctis Companion App

The companion app (available for iOS and Android) allows for extensive customization of your GameBuds. Features include:

- **100+ Game Audio Presets:** Boost critical sounds in specific games.
- **Equalizer (EQ) Settings:** Fine-tune audio profiles or create custom ones.
- **Noise Control:** Adjust ANC strength and toggle transparency mode.
- **Microphone Settings:** Control microphone volume and sidetone.
- **Volume Limiter:** Set maximum volume levels.
- **Firmware Updates:** Keep your GameBuds up-to-date.

- **Wear Sense:** Automatically pause audio when earbuds are removed.
- **Button Mapping:** Customize earbud controls.

The advertisement features a central image of the SteelSeries Arctis GameBuds in their charging case, with a smartphone displaying the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App. The app interface shows battery levels (55% L, 54% R, Case 100%), an equalizer with a 'Fortnite' preset, active noise cancellation settings, and microphone options. To the right, three circular callouts highlight key features: 'NO. 1 PREMIUM GAMING HEADSET BRAND*' (with SteelSeries logo), 'ACTIVE NOISE CANCELLATION WITH TRANSPARENCY MODE', and '100+ PS5 AUDIO PRESETS MOBILE APP'.

GAMING EARBUDS, NOW PLAYING. FOR GLORY

*#1 Premium Brand is based on independent aggregated sales data above \$100 (Jan '23-Dec '23) of US, CA, CN, JP, UK, DE, NOR, FR, BENE, CEE, PO

Image: A smartphone displaying the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App, showing options for equalizer presets, active noise cancellation, and microphone settings.

5. Button Mapping

The physical buttons on each earbud can be customized via the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App. Default controls typically include:

- **Single Press:** Mute/Unmute Microphone, Answer/End Call, Play/Pause.
- **Double Press:** Play/Pause, End Call.
- **Triple Press:** Toggle Audio Mode (2.4GHz/Bluetooth).
- **Short Hold:** Mute/Unmute Microphone.
- **3-Second Hold (in case):** Enter Pairing Mode.

Refer to the app for the most up-to-date and customizable button configurations.

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

Regular cleaning helps maintain performance and hygiene. Use a soft, dry cloth to wipe the earbuds and charging case. For ear tips, remove them and clean with mild soap and water, then dry thoroughly before reattaching.

2. Water Resistance (IP55)

The Arctis GameBuds are rated IP55 for dust and water resistance, meaning they are protected against dust ingress and low-pressure water jets from any direction. This makes them suitable for workouts or light rain, but they are not designed for submersion in water.



Image: An Arctis GameBud being splashed with water, illustrating its IP55 dust and splash resistant rating.

TROUBLESHOOTING

1. Connectivity Issues

- **No Connection:** Ensure the 2.4GHz dongle is properly inserted and the earbuds are charged. For Bluetooth, ensure pairing mode is active and the device is discoverable.
- **Intermittent Connection:** Move closer to your device. Check for interference from other wireless devices.

2. Low Volume

- Adjust the volume on both your connected device and through the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App.
- Ensure ear tips provide a proper seal.

3. ANC/Transparency Mode Not Working

- Verify that ANC or Transparency mode is enabled and configured correctly in the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App.
- Ensure a good ear tip seal for optimal performance.

4. Microphone Issues

- Check microphone settings and volume levels in the companion app and your device's audio settings.
- Ensure the microphone is not muted.

5. Factory Reset

If issues persist, a factory reset may resolve them. Refer to the SteelSeries Arctis Companion App or the official SteelSeries support website for specific instructions on performing a factory reset for your GameBuds.

SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Brand	SteelSeries
Model Number	61680
Connectivity	2.4GHz Wireless, Bluetooth 5.3
Ear Placement	In Ear
Noise Control	Active Noise Cancellation
Battery Life (Earbuds)	10 Hours
Battery Life (with Case)	Up to 40 Hours
Water Resistance	IP55 (Dust and Water Resistant)
Audio Driver Type	Dynamic Driver
Frequency Range	20-20,000 Hz
Impedance	140 Ohms
Control Method	App, Push Button, Touch
Compatible Devices	Gaming Consoles, Laptops, Desktops, Tablets, Telephones, Smart Speakers, Televisions, Mobile Devices

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The SteelSeries Arctis GameBuds come with a **1-Year Warranty** from the date of purchase. For warranty claims, technical support, or further assistance, please visit the official SteelSeries support website or contact their customer service.

Official Support Website: steelseries.com/support

