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Model: TLGATERTGHXUS-A

INTRODUCTION

The ION Audio Tailgater Tough is a rugged, portable, all-weather Bluetooth speaker engineered to deliver high-quality sound in any environment. Its durable construction, IPX5 water resistance, and versatile features make it an ideal audio solution for outdoor enthusiasts, job sites, and various adventures. This manual provides essential information for setting up, operating, and maintaining your Tailgater Tough speaker.



Figure 1: ION Audio Tailgater Tough Speaker

WHAT'S IN THE BOX

- Tailgater Tough Speaker
- USB-A to USB-C Cable (3.28 ft / 1 m)
- Quick Start Guide

SETUP

1. Charging the Speaker

Before first use, fully charge the Tailgater Tough speaker. Connect the included USB-A to USB-C cable to the USB-C charging port on the speaker and to a USB power adapter (not included) or a computer's USB port. The charging indicator will show the charging status. A full charge provides up to 15 hours of battery life.

10hr



RECHARGEABLE 10-HOUR BATTERY

USB POWER BANK



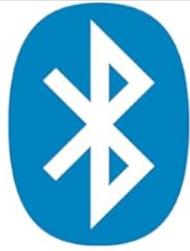
Figure 2: Charging and Input/Output Ports

2. Powering On/Off

Press and hold the **Power** button located on the top panel to turn the speaker on or off.

3. Bluetooth Pairing

1. Ensure the Tailgater Tough is powered on.
2. The speaker will automatically enter Bluetooth pairing mode. The Bluetooth indicator light will flash.
3. On your Bluetooth-enabled device (smartphone, tablet, laptop), go to the Bluetooth settings and select "ION Tailgater Tough" from the list of available devices.
4. Once paired, the Bluetooth indicator light will glow solid, and you will hear an audible confirmation.



BLUETOOTH 5.3 ENABLED FM RADIO



Figure 3: Top Panel Controls and Bluetooth Indicator

4. Wireless Stereo-Link (Connecting Two Speakers)

For an enhanced stereo sound experience, you can wirelessly connect two Tailgater Tough speakers using ION's Wireless Stereo Link technology.

1. Ensure both Tailgater Tough speakers are powered on and not connected to any Bluetooth device.
2. On one speaker (this will be the primary speaker), press and hold the **Link** button (often indicated by a chain link icon or similar).
3. On the second speaker, press and hold the **Link** button.
4. The speakers will search for each other and automatically link. Once connected, you will hear an audible confirmation, and the Link indicator lights on both speakers will glow solid.

5. Now, connect your Bluetooth device to the primary speaker as described in the "Bluetooth Pairing" section. Audio will play in stereo across both linked speakers.



LINK 2 FOR STEREO SOUND



Figure 4: Wireless Stereo-Link Setup

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Basic Controls

- **Volume Up/Down:** Use the **+** and **-** buttons on the top panel to adjust the master volume.
- **Play/Pause:** Press the **Play/Pause** button (triangle/two vertical bars icon) to play or pause audio.
- **Next/Previous Track:** Press the **Next** or **Previous** track buttons (arrow icons) to skip tracks when playing from Bluetooth or USB.
- **Mode Button:** Press the **Mode** button to switch between Bluetooth, FM Radio, and AUX input modes.

2. FM Radio Operation

To use the FM Radio:

1. Press the **Mode** button until FM Radio mode is selected.
2. Press the **Play/Pause** button to auto-scan and save available FM stations as presets.
3. Use the **Next/Previous Track** buttons to navigate through saved presets.

3. Using the ION Sound Control App

Download the free ION Sound Control app from your device's app store (iOS/Android). The app allows you to:

- Control volume and EQ settings.
- Set and manage FM radio presets.
- Access the latest firmware updates.

4. USB-A Charge/Playback Port

The Tailgater Tough features a USB-A port that serves two functions:

- **Charging Mobile Devices:** Connect your mobile device's charging cable to this port to use the Tailgater Tough as a power bank.
- **Music Playback:** Insert a USB thumb drive containing audio files (MP3, WAV, etc.) into this port for direct music playback. Use the speaker's control buttons to navigate tracks.

5. 1/4" Mic In and 1/8" AUX In

The speaker includes input ports for additional audio sources:

- **1/4" Mic In:** Connect a microphone (not included) for public speaking, karaoke, or other vocal applications. This input includes gain control for adjusting microphone volume.
- **1/8" AUX In:** Connect external audio devices (e.g., MP3 players, non-Bluetooth phones) using a standard 3.5mm audio cable (not included).

MAINTENANCE

1. Cleaning

To clean the speaker, use a soft, dry cloth. For stubborn dirt, a slightly damp cloth can be used. Do not use harsh chemicals, solvents, or abrasive cleaners, as these may damage the finish or internal components.

2. Storage

When not in use for extended periods, store the Tailgater Tough in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. Ensure the battery is partially charged (around 50%) before storing to prolong its lifespan.

3. Water Resistance (IPX5)

The Tailgater Tough is IPX5 water-resistant, meaning it can withstand splashes and light rain. It is not designed to be submerged in water. Ensure all port covers are securely closed before exposing the speaker to moisture to maintain its water resistance.



WEATHER-RESISTANT



Figure 5: IPX5 Water Resistance

TROUBLESHOOTING

| Problem | Solution |
|------------------------------|--|
| No Power | Ensure the speaker is fully charged. Connect the USB-C cable to a power source and allow it to charge for a few hours. |
| Cannot Connect via Bluetooth | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure the speaker is in Bluetooth pairing mode (flashing indicator).• Make sure Bluetooth is enabled on your device.• Forget "ION Tailgater Tough" from your device's Bluetooth list and try pairing again.• Move the speaker and your device closer together.• If two speakers are linked, ensure you are connecting to the primary speaker. |
| No Sound or Low Volume | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase the volume on both the speaker and your connected device.• Ensure the correct input mode (Bluetooth, AUX, USB) is selected.• Check audio cables if using AUX input. |

| Problem | Solution |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| FM Radio Reception is Poor | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reposition the speaker to improve reception. • Perform an auto-scan again to find stronger signals. |
| Speaker Turns On/Off by Itself | This could indicate a low battery. Charge the speaker fully. If the issue persists, contact customer support. |

SPECIFICATIONS

| Feature | Detail |
|-------------------------------|---|
| Model Name | Tailgater TOUGH |
| Model Number | TLGATERTGHXUS-A |
| Speaker Type | Outdoor, Portable Bluetooth Speaker |
| Output Power | 65 Watts |
| Woofer Size | 6.5 Inches |
| Bluetooth Version | 5.3 |
| Bluetooth Range | Up to 30.48 meters (100 feet) |
| Battery Life | Up to 15 Hours (rechargeable Li-ion) |
| Water Resistance | IPX5 (splash-proof) |
| Inputs | 1/4" Mic In, 1/8" AUX In, USB-C (charging), USB-A (charge/playback) |
| Dimensions (D x W x H) | 7.13" x 11.93" x 11.61" |
| Weight | 7.14 Pounds |
| UPC | 659680642170 |

WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

The ION Audio Tailgater Tough comes with a limited warranty. For detailed warranty information, please refer to the warranty card included in your product packaging or visit the official ION Audio website. For technical support, troubleshooting assistance, or to inquire about replacement parts, please contact ION Audio customer service through their official support channels.

You can find more information and support resources at: www.ionaudio.com



