

## SteelSeries 61686

# SteelSeries Arctis Nova 3P Wireless Gaming Headset User Manual

Model: 61686

## INTRODUCTION

The SteelSeries Arctis Nova 3P Wireless Multi-Platform Gaming Headset offers an immersive audio experience with versatile connectivity and advanced features. Designed for comfort and durability, this headset provides high-fidelity sound and clear communication across multiple platforms including PS5, PS4, PC, Switch, and mobile devices.

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## SETUP & CONNECTIVITY

The Arctis Nova 3P Wireless headset offers flexible connectivity options for various devices.

### 2.4GHz Wireless Connection (via USB-C Dongle)

For optimal audio quality and low latency, use the included USB-C dongle. Simply plug the dongle into your PlayStation, PC, Switch, or other compatible device with a USB-C port. The headset will automatically connect to the dongle, providing a stable 2.4GHz wireless connection.



Image: The compact USB-C dongle provides high-speed 2.4GHz wireless audio, compatible with various platforms.

## Bluetooth 5.3 Connection

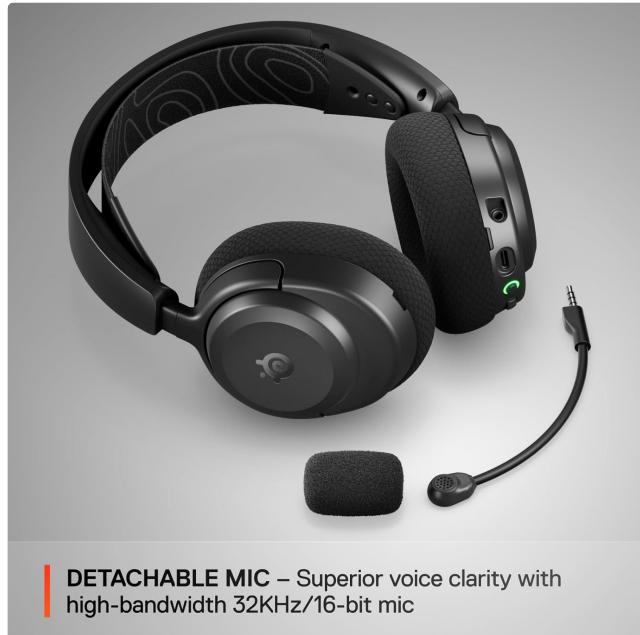
For mobile devices or other Bluetooth-enabled platforms, the headset supports Bluetooth 5.3. To switch to Bluetooth mode, simply tap the power button once. The headset will quickly connect to previously paired devices. This feature, known as Quick-Switch Wireless, allows for seamless transitions between 2.4GHz and Bluetooth audio.

Even when using the 2.4GHz wireless mode, if your phone is paired via Bluetooth, the headset will remain in standby mode for your phone. This allows you to receive phone calls through the headset even while gaming, and the audio presets from the app will automatically apply to your Bluetooth connection.

## CONTROLS & INDICATORS

All primary controls are conveniently located on the left earcup.

- **Microphone Mute Button:** A large, easily accessible button to mute/unmute your microphone.
- **Volume Roller:** Adjusts the headset's volume.
  - Click once: Pause/unpause media.
  - Click twice: Go to the next song.
  - Click three times: Go back to the previous song.
  - Hold down: Change to chat mix volume.
- **Power Button:** Hold to turn the headset on/off.
  - LED Indicator: Blinks green during power-on. Once on, it will blink green (high battery), orange (medium battery), or red (low battery) depending on the remaining charge.



**DETACHABLE MIC** – Superior voice clarity with high-bandwidth 32KHz/16-bit mic

Image: The left earcup features intuitive controls including a microphone mute button, volume roller, and power button with an LED indicator.

## COMFORT & DESIGN

The Arctis Nova 3P Wireless is engineered for extended gaming sessions with superior comfort and robust durability.

- **Lightweight Construction:** Weighing only 260g, the headset minimizes pressure for long-lasting comfort.
- **Dual-Hinge Design:** Provides rugged endurance and allows the earcups to lay flat for easy transport or resting around your neck.
- **Adjustable Headband:** Features a super comfortable ski-goggle type band that distributes pressure evenly across your head. It can be adjusted to five different heights for a personalized fit.
- **AirWeave Memory Foam Earcups:** Made from breathable AirWeave memory foam, these earcups prevent heat buildup and provide excellent comfort. They are also removable and replaceable with new AirWeave or vegan leather cushions (available separately from SteelSeries).



**RUGGED AND LIGHTWEIGHT** – 260g/0.57 lbs with durable dual-hinge design

Image: The headset's lightweight and rugged dual-hinge design ensures comfort during long gaming sessions.



Image: The headset features a comfortable headband and earcups designed for extended wear.

## AUDIO QUALITY

Experience superior sound with the Arctis Nova 3P Wireless headset.

- Neodymium Magnetic Drivers:** Custom-designed high-fidelity audio drivers deliver clear highs, pinpoint mids, and deep bass, creating a rich and detailed soundscape.
- Game Audio Presets:** Access over 200 game audio presets via the Arctis Companion App, precisely honed for popular games like Fortnite, Call of Duty, Minecraft, and GTA V, allowing you to hear crucial in-game sounds like footsteps more clearly.
- Spatial Audio Support:** Fully compatible with Tempest 3D Audio for PlayStation 5 and Microsoft Spatial Audio for both Xbox and PC, providing an immersive audio experience.



Image: Custom-designed Neodymium Magnetic Drivers provide high-fidelity audio for an immersive soundscape.

## MICROPHONE

Communicate clearly with the advanced ClearCast Microphone.

- **Detachable Design:** The ClearCast Microphone is completely detachable, connecting to the headset via a 3.5mm jack.
- **High-Bandwidth Audio:** Supports 32KHz/16Bit audio, offering 2X the bandwidth and clarity compared to other microphones.



Image: The headset features a detachable ClearCast Microphone for superior voice clarity.

## BATTERY LIFE & CHARGING

Enjoy extended playtime with efficient battery management.

- **Long Battery Life:** A full charge provides up to 40 hours of continuous use.
- **Optimized Fast Charge:** Get 9 hours of playtime from just 15 minutes of charging via the USB-C port.

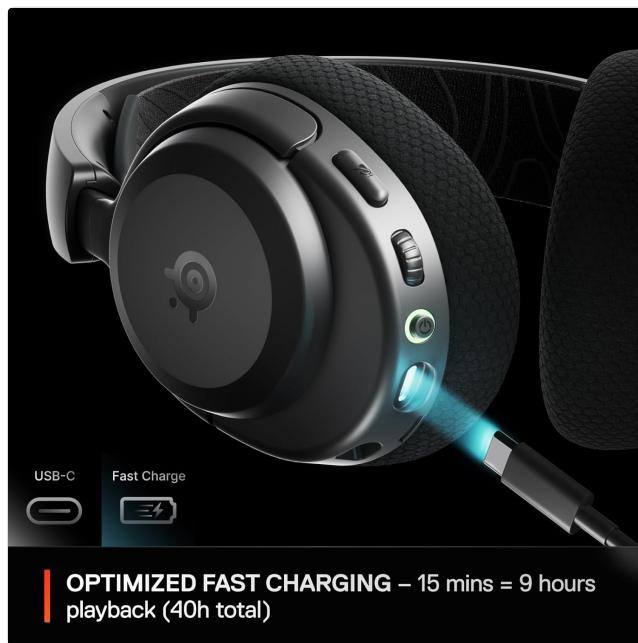


Image: The headset supports optimized fast charging via its USB-C port, providing hours of use from a short charge.

## MOBILE APP CONTROL (ARCTIS COMPANION APP)

Unlock full audio control and customization with the Arctis Companion App, available on mobile devices.

- **Real-time Audio Presets:** Change audio presets in real-time without leaving your game.
- **Microphone Customization:** Adjust microphone volume and sidetone.
- **Volume Limiter:** Toggle on/off for hearing protection.
- **Battery Status:** Monitor the current battery percentage of your headset.
- **Separate Presets:** Set different audio presets for 2.4GHz and Bluetooth modes, which will automatically switch when you change connections.

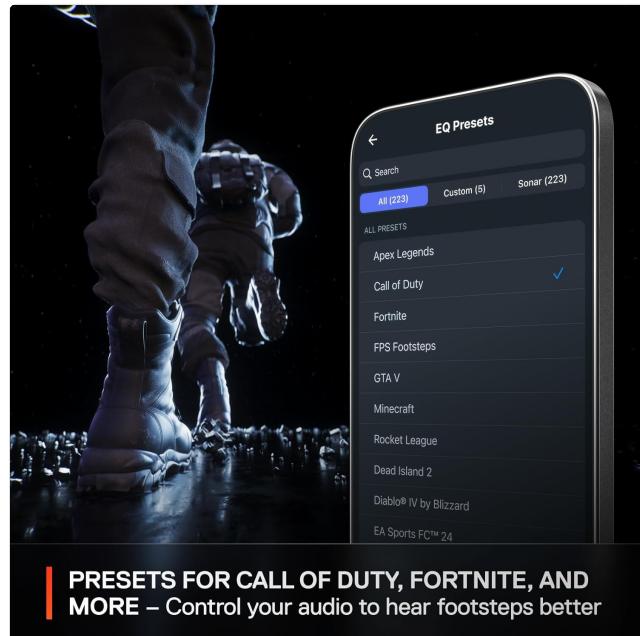


Image: The Arctis Companion App allows users to select from a wide range of EQ presets for various games and audio types.

## SPECIFICATIONS

Feature	Detail
Connectivity Technology	Wireless (2.4GHz via USB-C Dongle, Bluetooth 5.3)
Model Number	61686
Item Weight	1.05 pounds (approx. 476g)
Product Dimensions	3.58 x 6.89 x 7.32 inches
Batteries	1 Lithium Ion battery (included)
Manufacturer	SteelSeries
UPC	810052988429

## TROUBLESHOOTING

If you encounter any issues with your SteelSeries Arctis Nova 3P Wireless headset, please refer to the following common solutions:

- **No Audio/Connection Issues:**
  - Ensure the headset is powered on and fully charged.
  - Verify the USB-C dongle is securely plugged into your device.
  - For Bluetooth, ensure Bluetooth is enabled on your device and the headset is paired. Try unpairing and re-

pairing.

- Check the headset's power button LED for battery status.
- Restart both the headset and your connected device.

- **Microphone Not Working:**

- Ensure the microphone is securely plugged into the headset.
- Check if the microphone mute button on the earcup is disengaged (not muted).
- Verify microphone input settings on your connected device (PC, console, mobile).
- Ensure the microphone is not removed in the Arctis Companion App settings.

- **Poor Audio Quality:**

- Ensure you are within range of the USB-C dongle or Bluetooth device.
- Check for interference from other wireless devices.
- Adjust EQ settings in the Arctis Companion App or your device's sound settings.

For more detailed troubleshooting or persistent issues, please visit the official SteelSeries support website.

## WARRANTY & SUPPORT

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SteelSeries products are built with quality and durability in mind. Your SteelSeries Arctis Nova 3P Wireless headset comes with a manufacturer's warranty. Please refer to the included Product Information Guide for specific warranty terms and conditions in your region.

For technical support, driver downloads, FAQs, and additional product information, please visit the official SteelSeries support website:

[SteelSeries Support](#)

You can also visit the [SteelSeries Store on Amazon](#) for more products and information.

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