

Mackie THUMPSUBGO

Mackie ThumpSub GO 8" 400W Portable Battery-Powered Subwoofer Instruction Manual

Model: THUMPSUBGO | Brand: Mackie

1. INTRODUCTION

The Mackie ThumpSub GO is an 8-inch, 400W battery-powered portable subwoofer designed for enhanced bass performance in various mobile audio setups. Its slim and ergonomic design allows for easy transport and flexible placement options, including horizontal or vertical orientation. This subwoofer features hot-swappable batteries for extended operation and integrated Bluetooth for wireless audio streaming and system control.



Figure 1: Mackie ThumpSub GO in an outdoor setting, demonstrating its portability and powerful bass capabilities.

2. IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Please read and understand all instructions before using this product. Retain these instructions for future reference. Always follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product and in the manual.

WARNING: This product contains chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and birth defects or other reproductive harm. (California Proposition 65)

- Do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.
- Do not use this apparatus near water.
- Clean only with a dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.

3. PACKAGE CONTENTS

Your Mackie ThumpSub GO package should include the following items:

- Mackie ThumpSub GO 8" Portable Battery-Powered Subwoofer
- One (1) GB-200 Battery (provides up to 6 hours of operation)

- Power Cord for battery charging
- Quick Start Guide

An optional second GB-200 battery is sold separately to extend operation up to 12 hours.

4. SETUP

4.1 Battery Installation and Charging

The ThumpSub GO features two hot-swappable battery compartments. One GB-200 battery is included, providing up to 6 hours of continuous operation. An optional second battery can be purchased separately for extended use.



Figure 2: Hand inserting a GB-200 battery into one of the hot-swappable battery compartments on the side of the ThumpSub GO. The subwoofer supports up to two batteries for extended playtime.

To install a battery, locate the battery compartment on the side of the subwoofer. Open the cover and slide the GB-200 battery into the slot until it clicks securely into place. Close the cover. The battery status LEDs on the control panel will indicate the charge level.

4.2 Subwoofer Placement

The ThumpSub GO can be placed in various orientations to suit your setup needs:

- **Horizontal Placement:** Ideal for discreet placement or when stacking other equipment.
- **Vertical Placement:** Provides a smaller footprint, suitable for tight spaces.
- **Pole Mount:** Use the integrated pole mount to elevate a compatible full-range loudspeaker (e.g., Mackie Thump GO) above the subwoofer for a compact and powerful PA system. (SPM400 speaker pole sold separately).



Figure 3: ThumpSub GO placed horizontally in an outdoor setting.



Figure 4: ThumpSub GO placed vertically, showcasing its compact footprint.



Figure 5: A Mackie ThumpSub GO with a full-range loudspeaker mounted on top using a speaker pole, creating a complete PA system.

4.3 Wired Connections

The ThumpSub GO offers flexible wired connectivity options for mono, stereo, or zone PA systems. Use XLR cables for optimal audio quality.



Figure 6: Close-up of the ThumpSub GO back panel showing XLR input and output connections for linking with other loudspeakers.

- **Mixer to Subwoofer:** Connect the main outputs of your mixer to the XLR INPUT (A or B) on the ThumpSub GO. For a stereo setup, use both A and B inputs from your mixer's left and right outputs.
- **Subwoofer to Full-Range Loudspeakers:** Connect the XLR OUTPUT (A or B) from the ThumpSub GO to the input of your full-range loudspeakers (e.g., Mackie Thump GO). This allows the subwoofer to process the low frequencies and pass the higher frequencies to the main speakers.

4.4 Bluetooth Streaming

The ThumpSub GO supports Bluetooth for wireless audio streaming and linking with other Thump GO series speakers.



Figure 7: ThumpSub GO streaming audio wirelessly, providing Bluetooth capabilities to your entire PA system.

- **Pairing:** Press and hold the Bluetooth button on the ThumpSub GO control panel until the LED flashes. Select