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Tonfarb A12 Digital Voice Recorder User Manual

Model: A12

1. Introduction

The Tonfarb A12 Digital Voice Recorder is a versatile and compact audio recording device designed for clear sound capture in various environments. It features one-touch recording, advanced noise reduction, voice activation, and serves as an MP3 player and USB storage device. This manual provides detailed instructions for setting up, operating, and maintaining your device.



The Tonfarb A12 recorder is suitable for diverse applications including meetings, interviews, educational purposes, and music recording.

2. What's in the Box

Please check the package contents to ensure all items are present:

- Tonfarb A12 Digital Voice Recorder x 1
- 16GB TF Memory Card (pre-installed) x 1
- USB Cable x 1
- Line-in Cable x 1
- Mic Cable x 1
- User Manual x 1

3. Product Overview

Familiarize yourself with the device's buttons and ports for optimal use.



The device features a dedicated slide switch for quick recording and saving, along with intuitive navigation buttons.

3.1. Device Layout

- **Display Screen:** 1.44-inch LCD for menu navigation and status display.
- **Record/Save Switch:** Slide up to start recording, slide down to save and stop.
- **M Button:** Menu access.
- **Return Button:** Go back to the previous menu.
- **Play/Pause Button:** Start or pause playback.
- **Previous/Next Buttons:** Navigate through files or menu options.
- **Volume Up/Down (V+/-) Buttons:** Adjust playback volume.
- **A-B Repeat Button:** Mark and repeat a specific segment of audio.

- **Delete Button:** Erase selected files.
- **Built-in Microphone:** For audio input.
- **Built-in Speaker:** For audio playback.
- **USB Port:** For charging and data transfer.
- **Headphone Jack (3.5mm):** For private listening.

4. Setup

4.1. Charging the Device

Before first use, fully charge the device. Connect the supplied USB cable to the recorder's USB port and to a computer's USB port or a USB wall adapter (not included). The battery indicator on the screen will show charging status. A full charge typically takes approximately 2-3 hours.

4.2. Powering On/Off

- **To Power On:** Press and hold the Play/Pause button for a few seconds until the screen lights up.
- **To Power Off:** Press and hold the Play/Pause button for a few seconds until the screen turns off.

4.3. Setting Date and Time

Upon first use or after a factory reset, it is recommended to set the correct date and time. This ensures accurate timestamps for your recordings.

1. From the main menu, press the **M** button to enter the settings menu.
2. Use the Previous/Next buttons to navigate to 'System Settings' and press Play/Pause to select.
3. Find 'Date & Time' and adjust the year, month, day, hour, and minute using the navigation buttons. Press Play/Pause to confirm each setting.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1. Basic Recording

The Tonfarb A12 offers quick and easy recording functionality.

1. Ensure the device is powered on.
2. To start recording, slide the **Record/Save switch** on the side of the device **upwards**. The screen will display a recording indicator and timer.
3. To save the recording and stop, slide the **Record/Save switch downwards**. The file will be saved automatically.



The device supports high-quality PCM recording up to 1536kbps WAV format with noise cancellation.

5.2. Voice Activated Recording (VAR)

Voice Activated Recording (VAR) allows the device to start recording automatically when sound is detected and pause when silence occurs, conserving memory and battery.

1. From the main menu, press the**M** button to enter the settings menu.
2. Navigate to 'Record Settings' and select 'VAR Mode'.
3. Choose an activation level (e.g., 1-5, where 1 is highest sensitivity and 5 is lowest). Press Play/Pause to confirm.
4. Once VAR is enabled, start recording as usual by sliding the**Record/Save switch upwards**. The device will now only record when sound is present above the set threshold.



The voice-activated recording feature can be adjusted to five different decibel levels to suit various environments.

5.3. Playback

1. From the main menu, navigate to 'Recordings' or 'Music' to browse files.
2. Use the Previous/Next buttons to select the desired file.
3. Press the **Play/Pause** button to start playback. Press again to pause.
4. Use the **Volume Up/Down (V+/-)** buttons to adjust the volume.
5. During playback, press the **A-B Repeat** button once to mark the start point (A), and press it again to mark the end point (B). The device will loop playback between A and B. Press A-B Repeat a third time to cancel.

5.4. File Management and Transfer

- **Deleting Files:** In the file list, select a file and press the**Delete** button. Confirm deletion when prompted.
- **Connecting to PC:** Connect the recorder to your computer using the USB cable. The device will appear as a removable disk. You can then drag and drop files to and from the recorder.
- **File Segmentation:** This feature allows you to automatically split long recordings into smaller, more manageable

files. Access this setting in the 'Record Settings' menu.

5.5. Advanced Features



The Tonfarb A12 offers multiple functions including A-B repeat, password protection, variable speed playback, and timed recording.

- **Password Protection:** Set a password to protect your recordings from unauthorized access. This option is typically found in 'System Settings'.
- **Timed Recording:** Schedule the device to start and stop recording at specific times. Configure this in 'Record Settings'.
- **MP3 Player Function:** The device can play MP3 music files. Transfer MP3 files to the 'Music' folder on the device via USB.
- **Noise Reduction:** The device features automatic noise reduction. Ensure this setting is enabled in 'Record Settings' for clearer audio.

6. Maintenance

- **Cleaning:** Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the device. Do not use liquid cleaners or solvents.
- **Battery Care:** To prolong battery life, avoid fully discharging the battery frequently. Charge the device regularly, even if not in use for extended periods.
- **Storage:** Store the device in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures.
- **Data Backup:** Regularly back up important recordings to your computer to prevent data loss.

7. Troubleshooting

If you encounter issues with your Tonfarb A12 Digital Voice Recorder, please refer to the following common problems and solutions:

Problem	Possible Solution
Device will not power on.	Ensure the battery is charged. Connect to a power source and try again. If the issue persists, perform a reset (if available, check for a small reset pinhole).
Poor recording quality.	Check microphone placement. Ensure noise reduction is enabled in settings. Avoid recording in excessively noisy environments.
Cannot transfer files to computer.	Ensure the USB cable is securely connected. Try a different USB port or cable. Verify the device is recognized as a removable disk on your computer.
Voice Activated Recording (VAR) not working.	Check VAR sensitivity settings. Adjust to a lower level (higher sensitivity) if the environment is quiet. Ensure VAR mode is enabled.
Short battery life.	Ensure the device is fully charged before use. Reduce screen brightness. Disable unnecessary features like continuous backlight.

8. Specifications



The Tonfarb A12 features 16GB of memory, providing up to 1150 hours of audio storage and 48 hours of continuous recording.

- **Model Number:** A12
- **Brand:** Tonfarb
- **Memory Storage Capacity:** 16 GB (built-in TF card)
- **Digital Recording Time:** Up to 48 hours (continuous)
- **Recording Formats:** MP3 Audio, WAV (up to 1536kbps PCM)
- **Screen Size:** 1.44 inches
- **Microphone Form Factor:** Built-In
- **Hardware Interface:** USB 2.0
- **Headphones Jack:** 3.5 millimeters
- **Product Dimensions:** 0.47"D x 1.45"W x 4"H
- **Compatible Devices:** Personal Computer
- **Battery:** 1 Nonstandard Battery (included)

9. Warranty and Support

9.1. Warranty Information

The Tonfarb A12 Digital Voice Recorder comes with a**2-year warranty** from the date of purchase. This warranty covers manufacturing defects and malfunctions under normal use. It does not cover damage caused by misuse, accidents, unauthorized repairs, or normal wear and tear.

9.2. Customer Support

For technical assistance, troubleshooting not covered in this manual, or warranty claims, please contact Tonfarb customer support. Refer to the contact information provided on the product packaging or the official Tonfarb website.

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