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1. Introduction

1.1 Features

This guide describes how to use the Argon Audio STREAM 2 MK3 internet radio, an advanced but easy-to-use Wi-Fi connected audio system with the following modes:

- **Internet Radio** with access to over 20,000 stations, 'Listen again' broadcasts

- **Podcasts** with access to global podcasts
- **Spotify Connect** playback and control via the Spotify app

STREAM 2 MK3 also provides the following features:

- Large **2.7 inch color display** for easy control and clear information display
 - **Remote control** from an Android or iOS Smart Device, using Spotify
 - Sleep/snooze
 - Multiple languages
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1.2 Included Items

We have during production and packing carefully checked and inspected the unit. After unpacking, please check for any damage from transport. We recommend that you keep the original box and packing material for any future shipping.

In the box you will find:

- Argon Audio STREAM 2 MK3
- DC5V 1A Power Adapter
- Quick Start Guide
- RCA Connection Cable
- Remote Control



1.3 External Resources

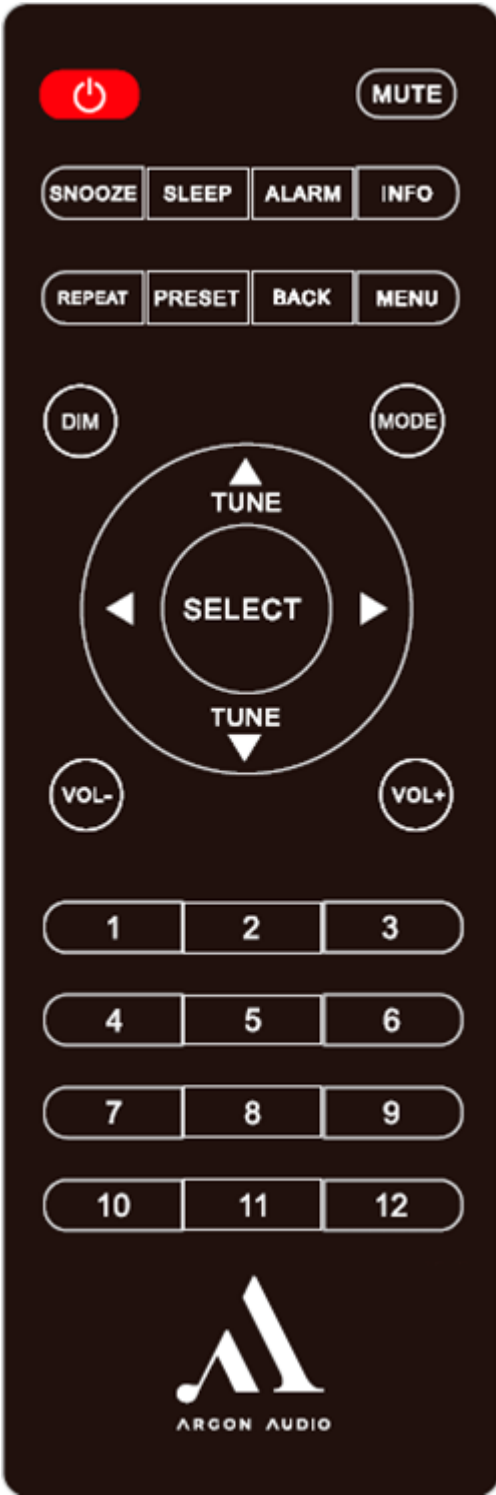
To operate STREAM 2 MK3, the following external resources are needed:

- A power source (100-240 V mains supply)
- A wireless (Wi-Fi) network
- An iOS or Android device (for using control apps or Spotify)

2. Controls, Connectors and Display

2.1 Main Controls

The STREAM 2 MK3 is fully and only controlled from the remote control. There are no operating controls on STREAM 2 MK3 itself.



Remote Buttons	Function/Usage
POWER	Red button top left - Standby: Turn on or back to standby mode (showing clock and date). Cancels sleep function.
MUTE	Press to mute or unmute the sound.
SNOOZE	When the alarm is on: Snooze the alarm for 5, 10, 15 or 30 minutes

Remote Buttons	Function/Usage
SLEEP	Set time interval for the STREAM 2 MK3 to turn off automatically
ALARM	Enters alarm wizard, turns off alarm (when alarm is sounding) and toggles between alarms in standby
INFO	View more information about the station or track playing. Press again to cycle through further information screens then return to the normal <i>Now playing</i> screen.
REPEAT	Press to repeat selected playlist or the specific song. Only works over Spotify Connect.
PRESET	Press to recall a preset. Hold to save the selected station as a preset.
BACK	Go back to the previous menu
MENU	Show menu for the current mode. Press again to show <i>Now playing</i> screen.
DIM	Cycle through the different dim options.
MODE	Cycle through the different modes.
TUNE/SELECT (Arrows)	Press to scroll through a menu or station list. The chosen option is highlighted in reverse text (dark characters on a white background). Press to select.
VOL+/-	Press to adjust the volume up or down.
Buttons 1-12	Presets to stores stations: Press to recall the saved station, if any. Hold to save a preset.

NOTE: Some buttons have alternate functions depending on whether they are pressed quickly or held down.

2.2 Spotify Connect Control and Playback



Use your phone, tablet or computer as a remote control for Spotify. Go to spotify.com/connect to learn how.

The Spotify Software is subject to third party licenses found here:

<https://www.spotify.com/connect/third-party-licenses>

NOTE: When you stop playback on your Spotify device, STREAM 2 MK3 will show “no media” in the display. To get back to Internet Radio or Podcasts, you need to press the **MODE** button on the STREAM 2 MK3 remote control.

2.3 Connectors

As shown below Stream 2 MK3 has connectors (from left to right) for the following:

- Power Button
- RCA/Line-out (for external amplifier)
- Optical Output for Digital Connections
- DC Power in



2.4 Screen

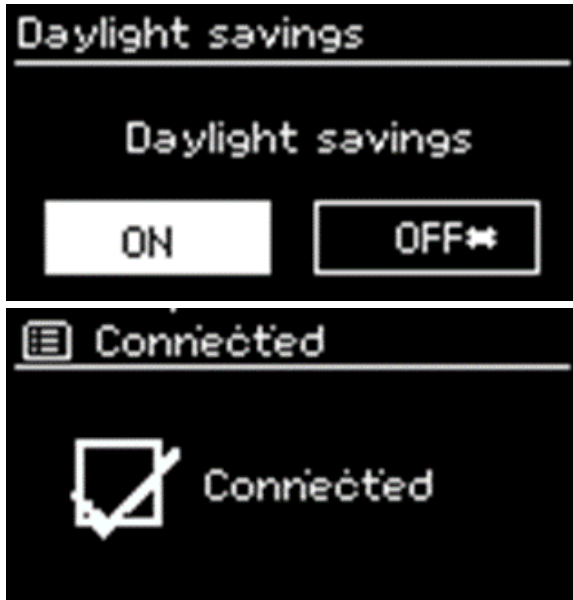
The screen shows various menus, dialogues and displays, as described below.

There are basically six types of displays:

- Standby (clock)
- Splash (mode)
- Now playing
- Dialogue
- Error/Information
- Menu

NOTE: When text is too long to fit on the screen, it is first shown truncated, then, after a few seconds, slowly scrolls so that you can read it all.

	The Standby screen shows the time, date and any active alarm times. As you cycle through the play modes using <i>Mode</i>, STREAM 2 MK3 shows a splash screen for each mode. After one second, STREAM 2 MK3 enters the selected mode and tries to start playing the last station or track that was playing in that mode. If this is not possible, STREAM 2 MK3 tries to connect to the selected source by scanning for stations, networks, or prompting for user input as appropriate.
	Now playing screens show information about the audio source and track now playing, where available.



Dialogue screens are shown to allow the user to change settings. They vary in complexity from simple Yes/No options up to the scrollable network password input screen.

As with menus, the selected item is shown with a white background.

Dialogue screens mark the current setting with an asterisk (*).

Error/Information screens give specific messages for a few seconds, then change automatically to another screen.

STREAM 2 MK3 has basically three types of menu. Use the **Select** control to step through and select options. A scroll bar on the right of the screen shows if there are further options above or below those visible.

Each mode has a **Mode menu**, with options specific to that mode.

For example, the FM mode menu has just two options:

Scan setting and **Audio setting**.

In addition, each mode menu has two final options:

System settings > and **Main menu >**.

The '>' indicates options leading to further menus.

The **System settings menu** allows access to system settings and information such as network, time, language and software update. Menus with more options than will fit on one screen have a scroll bar to the right.

The **Main menu** allows access to all modes plus sleep and timer functions.

Some menus, for example the System settings menu, have several submenus.

3. Getting Started

Although the STREAM 2 MK3 is sophisticated, getting started is simple. To play Internet radio or Spotify Connect, all you need is a power source (a 100-240V mains supply).

For Internet-connected modes such as Internet radio or Spotify Connect, you also need an internet connection.

To set up the STREAM 2 MK3:

1. Place STREAM 2 MK3 on a suitable shelf or table.
 2. Connect the power adaptor between STREAM 2 MK3 and the main supply.
 3. The setup wizard starts.
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3.1 Setup Wizard

When STREAM 2 MK3 is started for the first time, it runs through a setup wizard to configure settings for date/time and network. Once this has finished, the system is ready to use in most modes.

Note: To change these settings later, select *Menu* > **System settings** >. To run the setup wizard again, select *Menu* > **System settings** > **Setup wizard**.



Select **Yes** to start the setup wizard.

If you choose **No**, the next screen asks if you would like to run the wizard next time STREAM 2 MK3 is started. The system then starts without configuring time/date and network settings and enters the Main Menu.

NOTE: If power is removed while the wizard is in progress, the wizard will run again next time STREAM 2 MK3 is started.

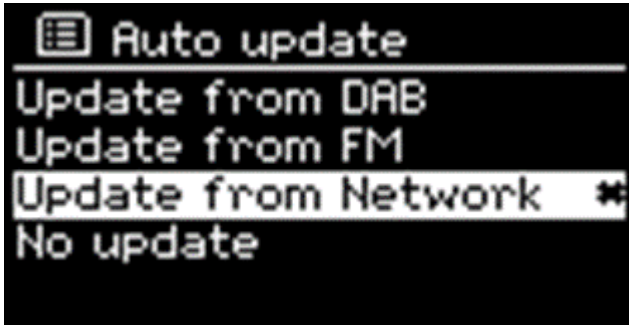
3.1.1 12/24-hour Display

To change between 12 and 24 hour display, select **Set 12/24 hour** and then select your preference.

3.1.2 Auto-Update (Time)

Auto-update works with data sent over the Internet.

Network uses a time signal sent from the Airable radio when in any network-connected mode.



1. Select **Update from Network** or **No update**.
2. If you are updating from the network, set your time zone.
3. If your country uses daylight saving, the automatically updated time from the network may be wrong by one hour. When daylight savings are in effect (during the winter), turn on the **Daylight savings** option to rectify this.



STREAM 2 MK3 will auto-update from the selected source when time information is available.

Manual Setup

If you set "**No update**", the wizard now prompts you to set the time and date manually.

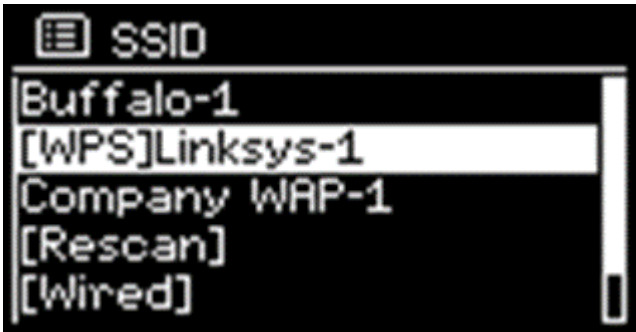
The date and time are displayed as *dd-mm-yyyy* and *hh:mm AM/PM* with the first value, *dd*, active (flashing).

Adjust each value with the **Select** control. As each value is set, the next value becomes active and flashes.

3.1.3 Network

STREAM 2 MK3 is compatible with all common network protocols and encryption methods.

To connect STREAM 2 MK3 to your network, you need a Wi-Fi wireless router, together with the password key (if set).



Select WLAN region/country > Wi-Fi network (SSID), and then select a network from the list.

If the network is open (non-encrypted), STREAM 2 MK3 connects without any further ado; see *Completion* below.

Standard Encrypted Network



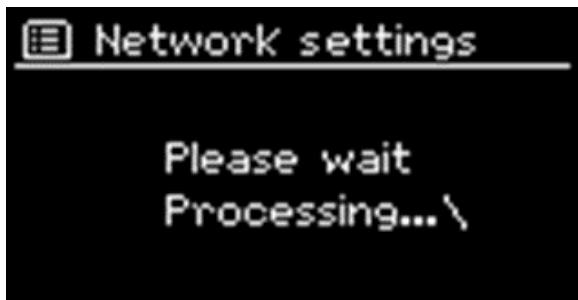
To enter the network's key (password), use the *Select* control to move the cursor through the characters and select.

As each character is selected, the key is built up near the top of the display.

There are three options accessible by turning *Select* back before the first characters (0123...)

– **Backspace**, **OK** and **Cancel**.

Completion



STREAM 2 MK3 tries to connect to the selected network. If connecting fails, STREAM 2 MK3 returns to a previous screen to try again. If the network connection is lost, STREAM 2 MK3 automatically tries to reconnect.

4. Setup

4.1 Equalizer

Several preset EQ modes are available; including a user-defined setting. To adjust the EQ, select *Menu* > **System settings** > **Equalizer** or press the eq-button.



You can then choose from a variety of preset modes or create your own, with custom bass, treble and loudness settings.

4.2 Streaming Audio Quality

- Low Quality
- Normal Quality
- High Quality

Select the required level of audio quality for the available streaming services. The actual bit rate for each level depends on the service being used. The currently set quality level is indicated with an asterisk.

4.3 Network

STREAM 2 MK3 remembers the last four wireless networks it has connected to, and automatically tries to connect to whichever one of them it can find.

You can see the list of registered networks through *Menu* > **System settings** > **Network** > **Network profile** >. From here you can delete unwanted networks by turning and pressing *Select* then confirming delete **Yes**.

There are also other options for viewing and manually altering network settings from *Menu* > **System settings** > **Network**. Users experienced with networking may find these options useful for diagnosing and fixing network problems.

4.4 Language

The default language is English. To change, select *Menu* > **System settings** > **Language** > then select your preferred language. Please restart the radio after changing languages.

4.5 Factory Reset

A factory reset resets all user settings to default values, so time/date, network configuration and presets are lost. However, the radio's current software version is maintained.

To perform a factory reset, select *Menu* > **System settings** > **Factory reset Proceed** > **Yes**.

4.6 Software Update

From time to time, Argon Audio may make software upgrades available with bug fixes and/or additional features. You can either check manually, or set STREAM 2 MK3 to check periodically automatically (this is the default). If STREAM 2 MK3 detects that newer software is available, it asks if you want to go ahead with an update. If you agree, the new software is then downloaded and installed. After a software upgrade, all user settings are maintained.

CAUTION: Before starting a software upgrade, ensure that STREAM 2 MK3 is plugged into a stable mains power connection. Disconnecting power during a software update may permanently damage the unit.

To turn automatic checking on or off, select Auto-check setting.

4.7 Setup Wizard

This allows you to run the *Setup Wizard* at any time. The wizard guides you through the essential settings in the following order:

1. Date/Time – Set format
2. Auto update – select clock update source or No Update
3. Set Time/Date (this step is only needed if the 'No Update' option is selected in Auto update)
4. Network wizard automatically runs

Once you are connected to a network the wizard is completed.

4.8 Info

Shows details of the current system including:

- **SW Version:** Software version number
 - **Radio ID:** Unique code used to identify this particular radio device
 - **Friendly name:** (The name by which the radio is identified on a network).
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4.9 Backlight

You can adjust the backlight of the radio to your liking, with settings for when the radio is on and in operation (Operation Mode) and when the radio is off (Standby Mode).

For *Standby Mode*, you can also adjust Timeout, meaning the time it will take before the LED display will dim to the selected Standby Level.

5. Internet Radio / Podcast Mode

STREAM 2 MK3 can play thousands of radio stations and podcasts from around the world through a broadband Internet connection.



When you select Internet radio mode, STREAM 2 MK3 contacts the Internet radio portal to get a list of stations, organized into different categories like Country, Popular and Genre. Once you select a station, STREAM 2 MK3 connects directly to that station.

To enter Internet Radio mode, either press *Mode* until the display shows *Internet Radio* or select *Menu > Main menu > Internet Radio*.



5.1 Last Listened

Presents a list of (up to) the last ten Internet Radio stations that have been selected.

5.2 Station List

The Station list is organized into various categories and search facilities:

- <Local area> - dependent on radio device's location, for example: Denmark
 - Search
 - Location
 - Popular
 - Discover
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5.2.1 <Local area> - dependent on radio device's location, for example: Denmark

Presents a sub-menu for local area stations. The names and types of categories are dependent on local network information, for example a radio located in Denmark would have a main title 'Denmark' and display local stations, DR stations, Genres and/or stations from a specific city. Choose the required category and either a further list of sub-categories is shown, or (if there are no further sub-categories) the available stations for the chosen category are listed.

5.2.2 Search

You can also search through Internet broadcasts for stations or podcasts with particular keywords in their title.

To search, select *Menu* > **Search**. Enter a keyword by selecting characters in turn, then OK. The search entry screens are similar in operation to the Wi-Fi passphrase entry screen.

5.2.3 Location

To select an Internet broadcast from a particular location, select *Menu* > **Location** >.



Select a continent from the menu and a list of countries available is presented, select a country and the available internet radio stations are presented. Choose a radio station from the list to tune to that station.

5.2.4 Popular

Presents a list of the most popular internet radio stations from around the world.

5.2.5 Discover

Allows you to select from a list of stations defined by either their origin (Country), Genre (style of music) or language. Navigate through the category options, once you have made your selection a screen confirms your selected category and the number of stations within that category. To see the list, select the option showing the number of available stations.

5.3 Now Playing Information

While the stream is playing, the screen shows its name and description. If artist and track information is available, this is also shown. To view further information, press *Info*.

Each time you press *Info*, another set of information is displayed, cycling through the following details:

- Slogan (default; where available)
 - Language/Location
 - Codec and Sampling Rate
 - Playback Buffer
 - Today's Date
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5.4 Presets

Presets are stored in the radio and cannot be accessed from other radios. To store an Internet radio preset, press and hold **Preset** until the display shows the *Save preset* screen. Select one of the presets to save the currently playing station. Up to 40 presets are possible.

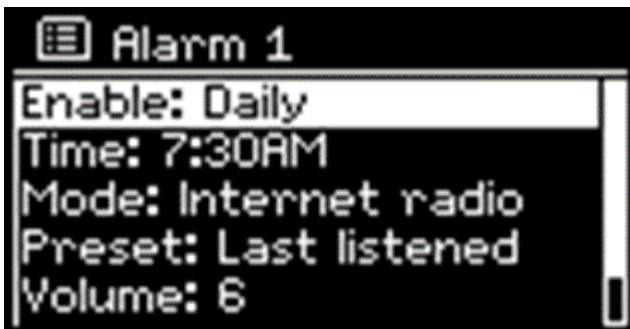
To select a preset, press **Preset** briefly, then select one of the listed preset stations. When a preset station is playing, it shows ★ (★1, ★2 etc.) in the bottom of the screen.

6. Alarms and Sleep

As well as a clock/calendar, there are two versatile wake-up alarms with snooze facility, and a sleep function to turn the system off after a set period. Each alarm can be set to start in a particular mode.

6.1 Alarms

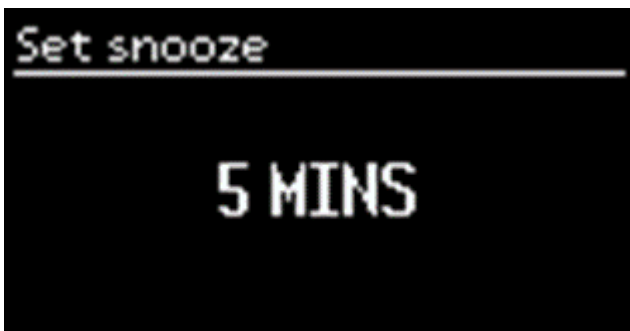
To set or change an alarm, either press: **Alarm** or select *Menu* > **Main menu** > **Alarms**.



Select the alarm number (1 or 2) then configure the following parameters:

- **Enable:** on/off > **Frequency:** Daily, Once, Weekends or Weekdays,
- **Time**
- **Mode:** Buzzer, Internet radio
- **Preset:** Last listened or 1-40,
- **Volume:** 0 – max.

To activate the new settings, scroll down and select **Save**. The screen shows active alarms with an icon at the bottom left.



At the set time, the alarm will sound. To temporarily silence it, press **Snooze**. You can change the snooze period with the *Select* control if you like. The radio returns to standby for the set period, with the silenced alarm icon flashing.

6.2 Sleep

To set the sleep timer, select *Menu* > **Main menu** > **Sleep** then choose from **Sleep OFF**, **15 MINS**, **30 MINS**, **45 MINS** or **60 MINS**.

Once you select a sleep period, the system returns to the main menu. Press *Menu* to return to the *Now playing* screen.

7. Inactive Standby

STREAM 2 MK3 comes with an automatic standby function. If the product is not operated for a set amount of hours, it can automatically go into standby. This applies also if the product is playing music.

To activate or change this feature, do the following:

1. Choose "Menu"
2. Go to "System settings"
3. Scroll down to "inactive standby" and press select
4. Choose your preferred setting and press select

8. Troubleshooting and Error Messages

8.1 Error Messages

Message	Description	Example
Failed to connect	Correct key entered, but router rejects request	MAC filtering enabled on router
Format error	Cannot recognise file format - independent of network	Received .wma, but found that the stream wasn't WMA when trying to decode
Network error	Problem past router - incorrect data being received from network	Data obtained from server is unreadable.
Network not ready	Problem with connection to router	Router switched off

Message	Description	Example
Network timeout	Problem past router - no response being received from network	Streaming IR station and suddenly station becomes unavailable
Update failed	Software upgrade failed	

8.2 Troubleshooting

Problem	Cause	Solutions
PRODUCT: the product turn off by itself	Automatic inactive standby function activated	See: Inactive Standby
Cannot connect to network	Network down	Check that network is working between a computer and the router
	Router restricts access to listed MAC addresses	Obtain the STREAM 2 MK3 MAC address from Menu > System settings > Network > View settings and add to router list.
	Insufficient Wi-Fi signal strength	Check distance to router; see if a computer can connect to the network in this location
	Unknown encryption method	Change encryption method on router. STREAM 2 MK3 supports WEP, WPA and WPA2
	Unusual network configuration	Setup network manually through Menu > System settings > Network > Manual settings
	Firewall preventing access	Check the following ports are open on the router: UDP and TCP ports 80 and 123; DNS port 53.
Cannot connect to Internet	Internet connection down	Check that Internet is working for a computer connected to the same network

Problem	Cause	Solutions
	Firewall preventing access	Check the following ports are open: UDP and TCP ports 80 and 123; DNS port 53.
		Some Internet radio stations may require additional ports to be opened.
Cannot play particular Internet radio station	Station not broadcasting, overloaded or insufficient bandwidth.	Try other stations; try listening on computer via Internet radio portal website; try later.
	Station broadcasting using unknown codec.	
	Link out of date.	

9. Color



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