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## EN/FE

It is important to read this user manual prior to using your new product for the first time. Nous vous recommandons de lire ce manuel d'instructions avant d'utiliser votre nouveau produit pour la première fois. Es importante leer este manual antes de usar por vez primera su equipo.

requirements. Use of this device in a manner inconsistent with this manual could lead to excessive RF exposure risk condition.

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003. Cet appareil numérique de la classe B est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.

## Electrical power information

AC adapter:  
Input: 100-240 V AC 50/60 Hz  
Output: 5 V DC, 1.5 A

## Specification

Bluetooth® wireless technology:  
**Bluetooth v2.1, A2DP / AVRCP profile**  
Audio output power (10%THD) :  
2W X 2

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## Before you begin

Congratulations on purchasing your AR550 Bluetooth wireless technology stereo amplified audio system! This product can provide you hours of music enjoyment by allowing you to wirelessly stream audio content from your mobile device such as a mobile phone or tablet or computer. No longer do you need to have your mobile phone tethered to your audio system. You can roam around the house or office while texting, or gaming, or using some other functions of your mobile phone, while still listening to the great music played back through your AR550 audio system.

You can also listen to other portable audio sources such as mp3 players through the auxiliary line input.\*

\* The mobile device must support Bluetooth version 2.1 and A2DP (Advanced Audio Distribution Profile). Not all mobile devices can support multitasking such as listening to music and texting at the same time.

## Content of the box

- Main unit
- AC Adapter

## Plugging in for power

Connect the supplied power adapter to the AR550's Power Jack, and connect the other end to a convenient wall outlet.

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### AR550



## English

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE READ AND SAVE THIS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE



**WARNING: TO PREVENT FIRE OR ELECTRICAL SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS PRODUCT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.**

Some of the following information may not apply to your particular product; however, as with any electronic product, precautions should be observed during handling and use.

- Read these instructions.
- Keep these instructions.
- Heed all warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- Do not use this apparatus near water.
- Clean only with 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.

- Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.



Portable Cart Warning

- Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 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.

## ADDITIONAL SAFETY INFORMATION

- The AC adaptor supplied with this product is intended to be correctly oriented in a vertical or floor mount position.
- Do not use unauthorized chargers or power adapters. Use only product or that is listed in the user's guide.
- Apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing and no objects filled with liquids, such as vases,

- shall be placed on the apparatus.
- Always leave sufficient space around the product for ventilation. Do not place product in or on a bed, rug, in a bookcase or cabinet that may prevent air flow through vent openings.
- Do not place lighted candles, cigarettes, cigars, etc. on the product.
- Care should be taken so that objects do not fall into the product.
- Do not attempt to disassemble the cabinet. This product does not contain customer serviceable components.
- The marking information is located at the bottom panel of apparatus.
- To be completely disconnect the power input, the AC adaptor of apparatus shall be disconnected from the mains.
- AC adaptor is a disconnect device. The AC adaptor should not be obstructed OR should be easily accessed during intended use.
- The ventilation should not be impeded by covering the ventilation openings with items such as newspaper, table-cloths, curtains etc.
- No naked flame sources such as lighted candles should be placed on the apparatus.
- The use of apparatus in moderate climates.

## LED indicators

### Connection Indicators:

Status	Indicator light
Pairing mode	Fast flashing blue
Bluetooth connection made	Solid blue
Searching mode (auto-connect to the most recent connected device)	Slow flashing blue
Bluetooth Idle mode (available for connection from any previously paired device)	Slow flashing blue
Power off mode	Off
Aux in connected	Depends on the Bluetooth connection status

## Pairing

Any Bluetooth device that you wish to have streaming audio to your AR550 must first be PAIRED to the AR550. The process is simple, and in most cases the PAIRING process needs to be done only once.

### Pairing your Bluetooth wireless technology enabled products with the AR550:

1. Activate the Bluetooth wireless mode on your Bluetooth device (smartphone, Laptop, PC) and let the device enter search mode. Refer to the device user manual for more details.
2. Flip the **ON** switch on the back of the AR550 to the **ON** position.
3. Press and hold the **BT** button on top of the AR550 to enter Pairing mode. The **BT** indicator light flashes faster and an audio signal will be provided to let you know you can release the button.
4. Choose "AR AR550" from the device list on your Bluetooth device where you can complete the pairing operation. Note in some cases you may be prompted to enter a passkey. The passkey is "0000".

The *bluetooth* settings menu or *bluetooth* device list will be found in different ways for different devices depending on the brand and operating system.

5. The **BT** indicator light turns solid blue and an audio signal will be provided to let you know you're connected.

You can manually break the Bluetooth wireless connection by a press and hold of the **BT** button.

## FCC Information

**Note:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications.

However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Audiovox could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions (1) This device may not cause harmful interference and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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## RF Exposure Warning

This equipment must be installed and operated in accordance with provided instructions and the antenna(s) used for this transmitter must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons and must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. End-users and installers must be provided with antenna installation instructions and transmitter operating conditions for satisfying RF exposure compliance.

## Industry Canada

### Regulatory Information

This device complies with Industry Canada license-exempt RSS standard(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

The user is cautioned that this device should be used only as specified within this manual to meet RF exposure

## Reconnecting

In the previous section you saw how to make that first connection between your Bluetooth device and the AR550. However, since most people don't leave their mobile phone at home all the time, or perhaps the mobile phone is turned off from time to time, it will be necessary to reconnect your previously paired Bluetooth device when you wish to stream music again. There are a few different ways in which reconnections are made, and fortunately they are all very simple.

## Searching mode

When the AR550 is in SEARCHING MODE (which is indicated by a slow flashing of the **BT** indicator light), the AR550 is attempting to automatically connect to the most recently connected Bluetooth device.

When you turn on the AR550, it will search for the most recently connected Bluetooth device for 30 seconds. If the Bluetooth wireless mode on your Bluetooth device is activated, the AR550 will connect to your device automatically.

When your Bluetooth device goes out of the reception range, the AR550 will enter Searching mode and will attempt to automatically reconnect to your device when that your device comes back into range within 2 minutes. (See the Bluetooth range section on Bluetooth wireless technology range)

- Some Bluetooth devices will automatically start streaming audio when connected.
- The AR550 can store settings for up to 8 Bluetooth devices which simplifies the connection process for these devices without the need for re-pairing every time.
- The term "Bluetooth device" is used frequently in these instructions. So what is a "Bluetooth device"? The answer is simple. This would be any mobile phone or mobile tablet or netbook or computer which has at least both of the following capabilities:
  - a) Is equipped with Bluetooth wireless technology: Bluetooth version 2.1 and A2DP.
  - b) Can playback audio content such as mp3 files, etc.

## Reconnecting

However, it may be necessary to initiate the audio playback on the *Bluetooth* device. Note that the Searching mode will revert to *Bluetooth* Idle Mode (see next section) if no re-connection is made.

### Bluetooth Idle mode

If the most recently connected *Bluetooth* device can not be found during Searching Mode, then the AR550 will enter *Bluetooth* Idle mode. While in this mode, the AR550 will accept connection from any previously paired *Bluetooth* devices (up to 8 devices). Simply initiate the connection to the AR550 on your *Bluetooth* device, or press the **Q** button on the AR550 when the *Bluetooth* wireless mode on your *Bluetooth* device is activated. See your *Bluetooth* device for more information.

### Bluetooth range

The *Bluetooth* wireless technology generally can operate within a range of 33 feet or more. However results may vary based on other factors such as your *Bluetooth* device performance, room layout, wall material, weather conditions, etc. Also, note that when a mobile device goes out of range, the AR550 will enter Searching mode and will attempt to automatically reconnect to the mobile device when that mobile device comes back into range within 2 minutes. (See Searching Mode section for more information)

## Warranty information

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## Español



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- Alguna de la siguiente información quizá no se aplique a su producto en particular. Sin embargo, como con cualquier producto electrónico, se deben tomar precauciones durante su manejo y uso.
- Lea estas instrucciones.
  - Conserve estas instrucciones.
  - Tome en cuenta todas las advertencias.
  - Siga todas las instrucciones.
  - No use este aparato cerca del agua.
  - Limpie solamente con un paño seco.
  - No bloquee ninguna de las aperturas de ventilación. Instale de acuerdo con las instrucciones del fabricante.
  - No instale cerca de fuentes de calor tales como radiadores, registros de calor, estufas, u otros aparatos (incluyendo amplificadores) que produzcan calor.
  - Proteja el cable de corriente de pisotones o machucos particularmente en las clavijas, receptáculos de conveniencia, y en

## Music playback

**Music playback**  
When your *Bluetooth* device is connected with the AR550, the **Q** indicator light turns solid blue. Press **Q** to play/pause music on your device.

### Adjusting volume

Reduce your device's volume for audio to 50%. Press **VOL-/VOL+** to adjust the volume on the AR550 as desired. An audio signal will be provided when the maximum or the minimum volume level is reached.

### Switching playback

After you have paired up with two or more *Bluetooth* devices with the AR550, you can switch playback between the last two connected devices.

When your *Bluetooth* device is connected with the AR550, (the **Q** indicator light turns solid blue), press the **Q** button to switch playback between the last two connected devices.

## Auxiliary source

1. To playback in auxiliary mode, connect your auxiliary source (e.g. mp3 player) to the AUX IN jack on the back of the AR550 with a 3.5mm audio in cable (not supplied).
2. The AR550 starts playing the audio signal you have connected to the AUX IN jack. Control all other playback operations from your auxiliary player.

If you have both the auxiliary player and the connected *Bluetooth* device playing, the AR550 will play the audio signal from both sources. Disconnect your *Bluetooth* device when playing in auxiliary mode.

## Troubleshooting tips

**Q: No sound or sound is very low.**  
A: Make sure the *Bluetooth* wireless connection is correct and playback has been successfully started. Make sure the volume on your *Bluetooth* device is turned up. Check that the volume of the AR550 is turned up.

**Q: My paired Bluetooth device can not reconnect to the AR550.**  
A: Delete "AR AR550" from the device list on your *Bluetooth* device. Repeat the pairing procedures to complete the pairing operation again. A re-connection may fail due to:

- The pairing information has been deleted from your *Bluetooth* device.
- You may have exceeded the allowable number of paired devices for the AR550. Only 8 *Bluetooth* devices are stored their pairing credentials have at one time. Simply follow the above instructions for Pairing to have a device paired again. However remember that the AR550 can only store credentials for 8 devices. Therefore the earliest paired device will be removed from that list of 8 to make room for the device you wish to Pair.

## IMPORANTE INSTRUCCIONES DE SEGURIDAD

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- punto donde salen del aparato.
- Use solamente accesorios/adaptamentos especificados por el fabricante.
  - Use solamente con el carro, soporte, trípode, consola, o mesa especificados por el fabricante, cuando se utiliza un carro, tenga precaución al mover la combinación de carro/aparato para evitar lesión ocasionada por volcadura.
  - Desconecte este aparato durante tormentas eléctricas o cuando no sea utilizado por largos periodos de tiempo.
  - Refiera todo el servicio a personal de servicio calificado. El servicio es requerido cuando el aparato ha sido dañado de alguna forma, tal como daño a la clavija o al cable de corriente, cuando se ha derramado líquido o han caído objetos dentro del aparato, el aparato ha sido expuesto a lluvia o humedad, no funciona normalmente, o ha sido tirado.



Advertencia sobre el Carro Portátil

- posición de montaje vertical o en el piso.
- No use cargadores o adaptadores de corriente no autorizados. Sólo utilice cargadores o adaptadores de corriente que vengan con su producto o que estén listados en la guía del usuario.
- El aparato no debe quedar expuesto a goteos o salpicaduras de líquidos, y, por lo tanto, no se deben colocar sobre el aparato objetos que contengan líquidos, como por ejemplo vasos.
- Siempre deje suficiente espacio para ventilación alrededor del producto. No ponga el producto en la cama, alfombra, librero o gabinete que pueda obstruir la corriente de aire a través de aperturas de ventilación.
- No pongan velas, cigarrillos o cigarros encendidos encima de producto.
- Tome precauciones para evitar que caigan objetos dentro del producto.
- No intente desensamblar el gabinete. Este producto no contiene componentes que requieran servicio por parte del cliente.
- La información técnica está ubicada en el panel inferior del aparato.
- Para desconectar completamente la entrada de corriente, el adaptador CA del aparato deberá desconectarse de la toma de alimentación de corriente.
- El adaptador CA es un dispositivo de desconexión. El adaptador CA no

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- El adaptador CA suministrado con este producto está diseñado para ser orientado correctamente en una

## Warranty information

### 12 Month Limited Warranty Applies to AR Audio Systems

AUDIOVOX ACCESSORIES CORP. (the Company) warrants to the original retail purchaser of this product that should this product or any part thereof, under normal use and conditions, be proven defective in material or workmanship within 12 months from the date of original purchase, such defect(s) will be repaired or replaced with reconditioned product (at the Company's option) without charge for parts and repair labor.

To obtain repair or replacement within the terms of this Warranty, the product is to be delivered with proof of warranty coverage (e.g. dated bill of sale), specification of defect(s), transportation prepaid, to the Company at the address shown below.

This Warranty does not extend to the elimination of externally generated static or noise, to correction of antenna problems, loss/interruptions of broadcast or internet service, to costs incurred for installation, removal or reinstallation of product, to corruptions caused by computer viruses, spyware or other malware, to loss of media, files, data or content, or to damage to tapes, discs, removable memory devices or cards, speakers, accessories, computers, computer peripherals, other media

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**Recommendations before returning your product for a warranty claim:**

- Properly pack your unit. Include any remotes, memory cards, cables, etc. which were originally provided with the product. However DO NOT return any removable batteries, even if batteries were included with the original purchase. We recommend using the original carton and packing materials. Ship to the address shown below.
- Note that product will be returned with factory default settings. Consumer will be responsible to restore any personal preference settings.

## Información FCC

y encendiendo el equipo, se le pide al usuario que intente corregir la interferencia siguiendo una o varias de las siguientes medidas.

- Reoriente o reubique la antena receptora
- Aumente la separación entre el equipo y el receptor
- Conecte el equipo a una toma corriente diferente al que conecta el receptor
- Consulte al distribuidor o a un técnico especializado en radio / TV para solicitar ayuda

Los cambios o modificaciones que no sean expresamente aprobados por Audiovox podrían invalidar la autoridad del usuario para hacer funcionar el aparato. Este aparato obedece las especificaciones de la Parte 15 de las regulaciones FCC. Las funciones están sujetas a las siguientes condiciones: 1) Este aparato no puede causar interferencias dañinas, y 2) este aparato puede recibir cualquier interferencia, incluyendo aquellas que puedan causar funciones no deseadas.

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### Advertencia de Exposición RF

Este equipo debe ser instalado y operado de conformidad con las instrucciones suministradas y la(s) antena(s) usada(s) para el transmisor debe(n) instalarse para disponer de una distancia de separación de al menos

20 cm. de todas las personas y no debe estar, ubicada u operando en conjunto con alguna otra antena o transmisor. Se debe proporcionar a los usuarios finales e instaladores instrucciones de instalación de antena y condiciones de operación del transmisor para satisfacer el cumplimiento con la exposición a RF.

### Información regulatoria de la industria del Canadá

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Se previene al usuario que este dispositivo deberá usarse solamente conforme se especifica en este manual

para cumplir con los requerimientos de exposición a RF. Usar este dispositivo de una manera inconsistente con este manual podría conducir a condiciones de exposición a RF excesivas.

Este aparato digital clase B cumple con la norma del Canadá ICES-003.

**Información de energía eléctrica**  
Adaptador CA: 100-240 V CA 50/60 Hz  
Salida: 5 V CD, 1.5 A

**Especificación**  
Tecnología *Bluetooth*® inalámbrica: Perfil *Bluetooth* v2.1, A2DP / AVRCP  
Potencia de salida de audio (10%THD): 2W X 2

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