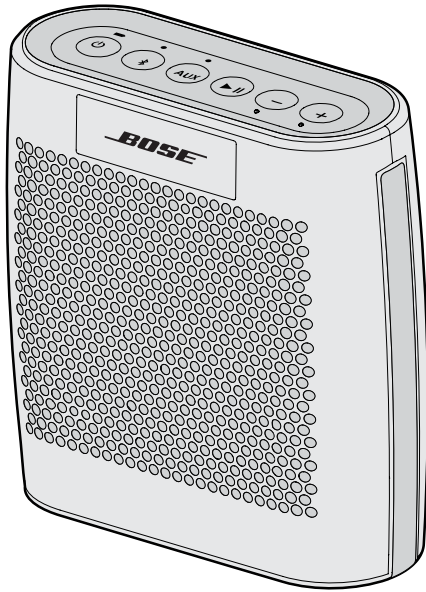


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**SoundLink<sup>®</sup> Color**  
**Bluetooth<sup>®</sup> speaker**

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Owner's Guide

# Important Safety Instructions

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## Important Safety Instructions

**Please take the time to carefully read and follow these Important Safety Instructions and keep for future reference.**



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle alerts the user to the presence of uninsulated, dangerous voltage within the system enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock.



The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle alerts the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance instructions in this owner's guide.

### WARNINGS

- To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this product to rain or moisture.
- Do not expose this apparatus to dripping or splashing, and do not place objects filled with liquids such as vases, on or near the apparatus. As with any electronic products, use care not to spill liquids into any part of the system. Exposure to liquids may create a failure and/or fire hazard.
- Do not place naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, on or near the product.



This product contains magnetic material. Contact your physician if you have questions on whether this might affect the operation of your implantable medical device.



Contains small parts which may be a choking hazard. Not suitable for children under age 3.

### CAUTION

- Do not make unauthorized alterations to the product; doing so may compromise safety, regulatory compliance, system performance, and may void the warranty

### NOTES

- The product label is located on the bottom of the product.
- Where the mains plug or appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, such disconnect device shall remain readily operable.
- The power supply must be used indoors. It is neither designed nor tested for use outdoors, in recreation vehicles, or on boats.
- This product is intended to be used only with the power supply provided.
- The product shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire or the like.
- In the event of a battery leaking, do not allow the liquid to come in contact with the skin or eyes. If contact has been made, wash the affected area with copious amounts of water and seek medical advice.



Bose Corporation hereby declares that this product is in compliance with the essential requirements and other relevant provisions of Directive 1999/5/EC and all other applicable EU directive requirements. The complete declaration of conformity can be found at: [www.Bose.com/compliance](http://www.Bose.com/compliance)

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with a dry cloth.
7. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
8. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
9. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
10. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in a 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.

# Important Safety Instructions

## Information about products that generate electrical noise

### NOTE

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the 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, this 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, you are 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 to an outlet on a different circuit than the one to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Bose Corporation could void the user's authority to operate this 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.

### In Canada

This Class B digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003, CAN ICES-3 (B) / NMB-3 (B)

This device complies with FCC and Industry Canada RF radiation exposure limits set forth for general population. It must not be co-located or be operating in conjunction with any other antennas or transmitters.

This device complies with Industry Canada licence-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.

Output power: 8.99 mW (9.54 dBm) @ 2.48 GHz

### Please complete and retain for your records:

The serial number and model number are located on the bottom of the speaker.

Serial number \_\_\_\_\_

Model number \_\_\_\_\_

Purchase date \_\_\_\_\_

We suggest you keep your receipt with this owner's guide.



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# Introduction

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## Thank you

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Thank you for purchasing the Bose® SoundLink® Color *Bluetooth*® speaker. Enjoy music wirelessly from your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or other *Bluetooth* device anywhere you choose.

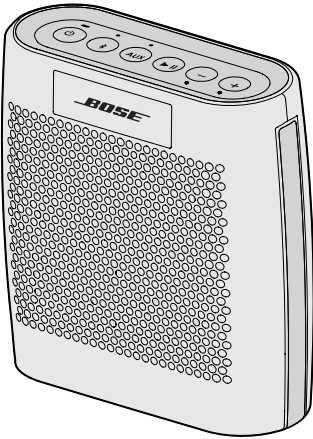
### Features

- *Bluetooth* technology eliminates the need to physically connect your *Bluetooth* enabled device.
- Rechargeable battery provides hours of Bose® performance.
- AUX connector lets you connect any music source to your speaker.
- Pair up to eight *Bluetooth* devices.
- Easy grab-and-go mobility.

## Unpacking

Check the carton for the Bose® SoundLink® Color *Bluetooth* speaker, AC power supply, and power supply cord (USB). Be sure to save all packing materials. They provide the safest means for any necessary shipping or transporting.

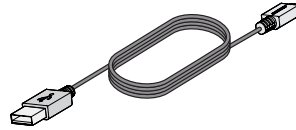
If any part of the product appears to be damaged, do not attempt to use it. Contact your authorized Bose dealer immediately or call Bose Customer Service. For contact information, visit: [owners.Bose.com](http://owners.Bose.com)



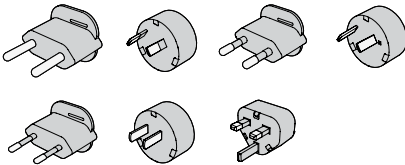
SoundLink® Color speaker



AC power supply



Power supply cord (USB)



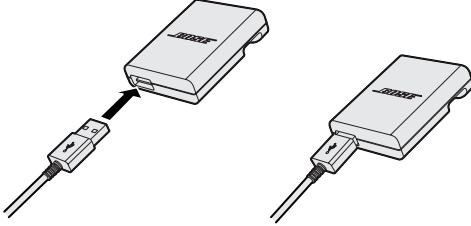
Adapters (Included only in certain regions)

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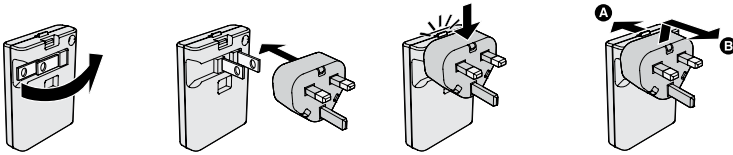
## Connecting to AC power

Before using your speaker, connect it to power and charge the battery. Allow 3 hours for a full charge. You can use the speaker while it is charging.

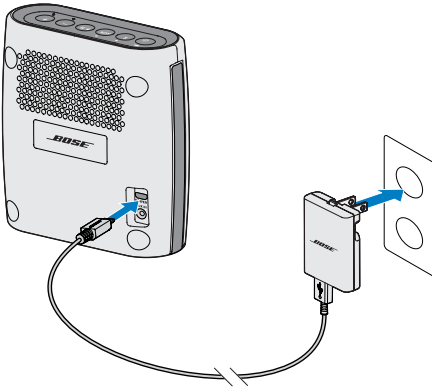
1. Plug the small end of the power supply cord into the **POWER** connector on the back of the speaker.
2. Plug the large end of the power supply cord into the connector on the AC power supply.



3. Extend the power supply prongs. If needed, snap on the adapter for your region. To remove an adapter, press back on the release tab (A) and lift the adapter up and off (B).



4. Plug the power supply into an AC (mains) power outlet. The battery indicator glows amber.







**Note:** You can also charge the speaker by connecting the power supply cord to a powered USB port on your computer. For fastest charging time, use the USB power supply cord provided by Bose.





## Selecting a language for the voice prompts

The speaker features voice prompts to guide you through the pairing and connecting processes. The voice prompts also indicate the battery charge level and the name of the currently connected device.

The first time you use your speaker, you will need to select a language:

1. Press  to turn on the speaker.
2. Press  or  to move through the list of language options:  
English, Spanish, French, German, Mandarin, Japanese, Italian, Portuguese, Dutch, Russian, Polish
3. When you hear your language, press and hold  to select.



### Turning voice prompts off

If you prefer not to hear voice prompts, press and hold  and  at the same time until you hear a tone.

Repeat to turn voice prompts back on.

### Changing the language

To change the selected language:

1. Press and hold  and  at the same time. You will hear a tone.
2. Then repeat steps 2 and 3, above.

# Operation

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## Pairing the first mobile device to the speaker

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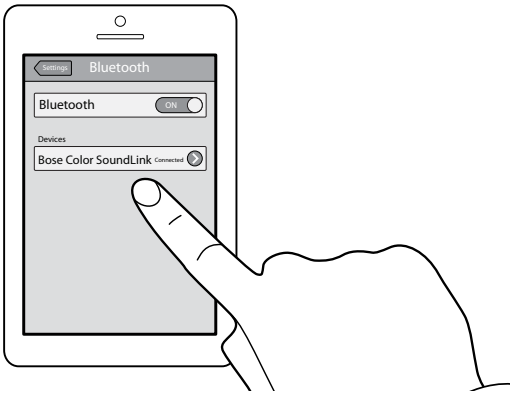
After you select a language, the SoundLink® Color speaker will be ready to pair with your mobile device.

The *Bluetooth* indicator blinks blue, and the voice prompt says, “Ready to pair”.

1. On your mobile device, make sure *Bluetooth* is on.  
(The *Bluetooth* menu is usually found in the Settings menu.)
2. Select **Bose Color SoundLink** from the device list.


The *Bluetooth* indicator glows solid white and the voice prompt says, “<Device> connected”.

**Note:** Some devices may require a passcode. Enter 0000 if prompted.



## Pairing another mobile device

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1. With the speaker and the mobile device both on, press and hold  until the *Bluetooth* indicator blinks blue and the voice prompt says, “Ready to pair another device”.
2. On your mobile device, make sure *Bluetooth* is on.  
(The *Bluetooth* menu is usually found in the Settings menu.)
3. Select **Bose Color SoundLink** from the device list.

The *Bluetooth* indicator glows solid white and the voice prompt says, “<Device> connected”.

**Note:** Some devices may require a passcode. Enter 0000 if prompted.

**Note:** The speaker’s memory can hold up to eight paired devices.  
See “Speaker Memory” on page 11 for more details.

## Playing music

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Once your mobile device is connected, start a music app on your mobile device and play music. You can play, pause, track forward track backward, and adjust the volume using either the speaker controls or the device controls.

## Connecting a previously paired mobile device

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Turn on the speaker and the device. Press  on the speaker.

The *Bluetooth* indicator on the speaker blinks white.



When the speaker and *Bluetooth* device have successfully connected, the *Bluetooth* indicator glows solid white and the voice prompt says, “<Device> connected”.

## Speaker Memory


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The speaker can hold up to eight paired devices in its memory. If you pair a ninth device, the least frequently-used device will be deleted from the speaker’s memory and the new device will be added.

When you turn on the speaker, it will connect with the most recently connected device.

- Press  to hear which device is currently connected.
- Press  again (within 3 seconds) to connect to the next paired device.

## Clearing the speaker memory

To clear the speaker memory of all devices, press and hold  for about 10 seconds, until the voice prompt says, “*Bluetooth device list cleared.*”






All *Bluetooth* devices are cleared and the speaker is ready to pair.

# Operation

## Speaker controls




The control buttons are located on the top of the speaker.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press to turn speaker on/off.</li><li>• Press to check the battery charge state.</li></ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Press and hold to get ready to pair with another device.</li><li>• Press to hear which <i>Bluetooth</i> device is connected;</li><li>• Press again (within 3 seconds) to connect with the next paired device.</li><li>• Press to select the <i>Bluetooth</i> source.</li></ul>
	Press to select the AUX source.
	Press once to Play/Pause   Press twice to track forward   Press three times to track backward.
	Volume down/Volume up

## System status indicators


The system status indicators are located on the top of the speaker, above the corresponding buttons.

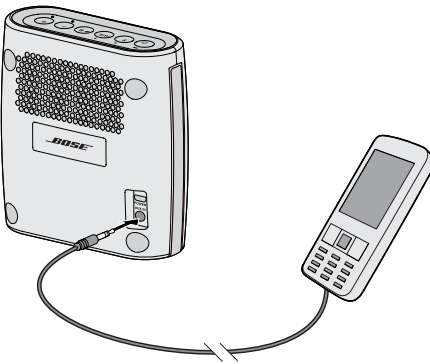
	<b>While charging:</b> Green: <i>Fully charged</i>   Amber: <i>Charging</i>   Red blinking: <i>Charging error</i>
	<b>While playing:</b> Green: <i>High charge</i>   Amber: <i>Medium charge</i>   Red blinking: <i>Low charge</i>
	Blue blinking: <i>Ready to pair</i>   White blinking: <i>Connecting</i>   White solid: <i>Connected</i>
	White when AUX is the selected source.

## Connecting an AUX device:

You can use your Bose® SoundLink® Color speaker with any device that features headphone or audio output, such as a portable digital music player. This feature requires using a stereo audio cable with a 3.5 mm plug on each end to connect the audio output of your device to the AUX input on the speaker. This type of cable is available for purchase at electronics stores

To use the AUX connector:

1. Plug the cable from the audio device into the **AUX IN** connector on the back of the speaker.
2. Turn on the speaker.
3. Press  to select the AUX source.
4. Adjust the volume on the connected device to near maximum, then use the speaker volume buttons to adjust the volume level.



# Operation

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## Operating on battery power

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Battery performance varies with the content played and loudness at which it is played. In typical use, the speaker battery lasts up to 6 hours.

### Checking the battery

Each time you turn the speaker on, the voice prompt will indicate the battery charge level.

The battery indicator also displays the battery level:

Green: ..... High charge level (70% or more of full charge)

Amber: ..... Medium charge level (20% to 70% of full charge)

Red: ..... Low charge level (less than 20% of full charge)

### Charging the battery

The battery status indicator on the speaker blinks red when the battery needs charging. You can use the speaker while charging.

To charge the battery, connect the speaker to AC power. See “Connecting to AC power” on page 8.

The speaker emits a tone to confirm the power connection. Recommended charging time is three hours to fully charge the battery. The battery status indicator indicates charging status. See “System status indicators” on page 12.

### Battery protection mode

When the speaker is unplugged and unused for more than 24 days, it enters battery protection mode to preserve battery power. To reactivate the speaker, connect it to AC power.

## Tips on placing the speaker

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When using your Bose® SoundLink® Color speaker indoors, the sound quality can vary depending on where the speaker is placed in a room.

When using your speaker outdoors, you should expect the sound quality to change as you move farther away from the speaker.

Keep the following guidelines in mind when placing your speaker:

- The speaker's *Bluetooth* range is 33 feet (10 m). If you move the device farther away from the speaker, sound quality will be affected and the device may disconnect from the speaker.
- For optimal sound, the front of the speaker, which has the Bose® logo on the grille, should face the user.
- Do not place the speaker in small areas that are enclosed on all sides except the front, as this will adversely affect sound quality.
- Do not place the speaker on wet or dirty surfaces.

## Troubleshooting

Problem	What to do
Speaker does not turn on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure both ends of the power supply cable are firmly connected.</li> <li>• Make sure the power supply is connected to a live AC (mains) outlet.</li> <li>• Charge the battery.</li> </ul>
Speaker does not connect with mobile device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your speaker may be connected to another mobile device. Press  to hear which device is connected. Press again (within 3 seconds) to connect to the next paired device.</li> <li>• Your mobile device may be connected to another <i>Bluetooth</i> speaker or headset. Make sure that <b>Bose Color SoundLink</b> is selected in the <i>Bluetooth</i> device list.</li> <li>• Clear the speaker's memory: Press and hold  for about 10 seconds, until the voice prompt says, "Bluetooth device list cleared".</li> <li>• Remove the speaker from the <i>Bluetooth</i> list on your mobile device. Then try pairing the speaker to the mobile device again.</li> <li>• Refer to your mobile device's user's guide to learn how it pairs/connects with devices.</li> </ul>
No sound or poor sound quality from a <i>Bluetooth</i> device	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure you have a music app open and a track playing on your mobile device.</li> <li>• Make sure the volume is turned up on the speaker and on your mobile device.</li> <li>• Move the mobile device closer to the speaker, and away from any interference or obstructions.</li> <li>• Try a different music app or a different track.</li> </ul>
No audio from the AUX source	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make sure your connected device is on and playing.</li> <li>• Press the AUX button and check that the AUX source indicator is on.</li> <li>• Make sure the 3.5 mm plug is fully inserted into the speaker, and fully inserted into the source device.</li> <li>• Make sure the speaker is not muted and the speaker volume is up.</li> <li>• Increase the volume level on the AUX device.</li> <li>• Try using a different AUX cable.</li> </ul>

# Care and Maintenance

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## Replacing the battery

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The battery should be replaced when:

- The battery status indicator remains yellow after ten hours of charging.
- The length of battery life noticeably decreases.

Only use Bose authorized batteries. For replacement batteries, visit [owners.bose.com](https://www.owners.bose.com) for Bose contact information in your country or region.

## Cleaning

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To clean the exterior surface of your product, you can wipe it using a soft, dry cloth.

- Do not use solvents, chemicals, or sprays.
- Do not allow liquids to spill or objects to drop into any openings.

## Contacting Customer Service

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For questions about the Bose® SoundLink® Color speaker, contact your local Bose dealer. To contact Bose directly, visit: [owners.bose.com](https://www.owners.bose.com)

## Limited Warranty

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Your Bose® SoundLink® Color speaker is covered by a limited warranty. Details of the limited warranty are provided on the product registration card that is included in the carton. Please refer to the card for instructions on how to register. Failure to register will not affect your limited warranty rights.



## Technical Information

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### Temperature range

32°-113°F (0°-45°C)

### Operating time

Up to 6 hours

### Bluetooth range

33 feet (10 m)

### Power supply rating

Input: 100 - 240V , 50/60Hz, 180mA

Output: 5VDC, 1.0A Max

### Input power rating

Input: 5VDC, 1.0A Max

### Dimensions

5.3" H x 5" W x 2.1" D (13.5 cm x 12.7 cm x 5.4 cm)

### Weight

1.16 lb (0.53 kg)



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