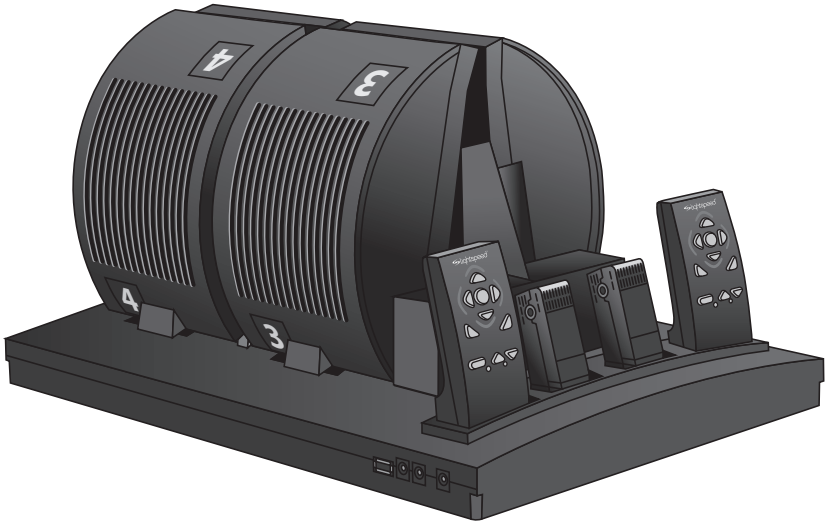


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IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use the apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding-type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
11. Only use attachments/ accessories specified by the manufacturer.
12. Use only with a 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. 
13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
14. 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.
15. When the mains plug or appliance coupler is used as the disconnect device, it shall remain readily operable.
16. Please keep the unit in a good ventilation environment.
17. **WARNING:** To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.
18. Apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing and no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, shall be placed on the apparatus.

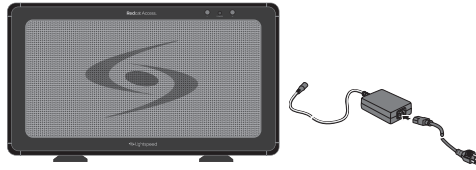
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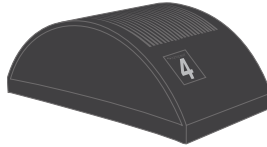
SYSTEM COMPONENTS AND UNPACKING

The standard configuration of the Flexcat will contain:

Redcat Access whole class speaker with power supply



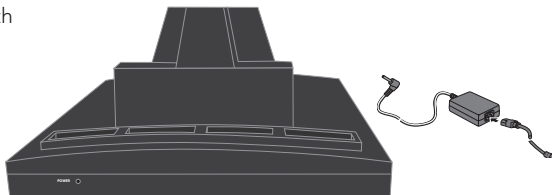
Small group speaker Pods (4-6)



Flexmike + earbud lanyard & teacher remote



Charging station with power supply



PLEASE NOTE: Redcat, speaker pods, Flexmike(s) and remote(s) are registered together at the factory and are labeled as such. Please keep all components together as a system. Moving them from one system, or room, to another will result in the need to re-register them to function.

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OPTIONAL COMPONENTS

Equipment which may be part of your Flexcat:

Additional speaker pods



Team teaching kit:
2nd Flexmike + earbud lanyard and remote



Standard Components

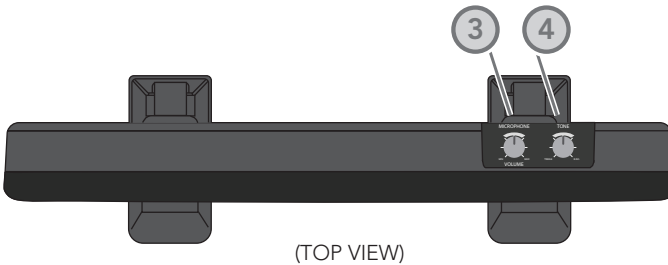
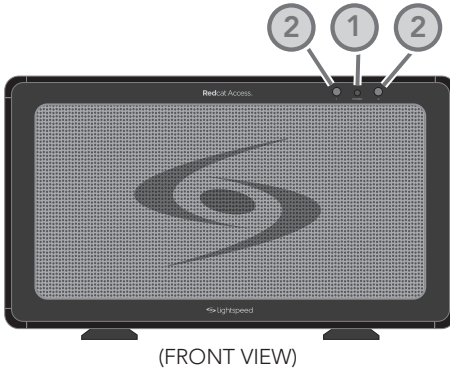
RCA	Redcat Access whole room speaker w/ power supply
FCCS	Flexcat charging station with power supply
FCP	Flexcat speaker pod with rechargeable battery pack
FCTT	Flexcat team-teaching kit (Flexmike, earbud lanyard & remote control)
FM-EBL	Flexmike pendant microphone with earbud lanyard and battery pack
FCHRC	Flexcat handheld remote control with rechargeable battery pack
EBL	Flexmike earbud lanyard
NH6V	6V NiMH rechargeable battery pack for speaker pods
NH2.4V	2.4V NiMH rechargeable battery pack for Flexmike and remote
16V-2.0-NA	16V/2.0A power supply and AC cable for RCA and FCCS

Optional Accessories

16VCC	DC charging cable for optional speaker pods #5-6
MSC3535	3.5mm-3.5mm stereo audio cable
USB-MCB	USB Type A-Micro B charging cable for Flexmike

REDCAT SPEAKER CONTROLS, CONNECTIONS AND INDICATORS

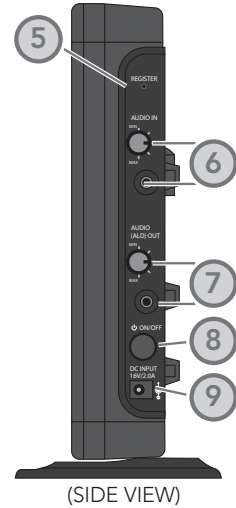
- 1. POWER ON INDICATOR:** The power light will glow blue when power is applied.
- 2. MIC 1 & MIC 2:** Mic link and registration indicators
 - a. Flashing amber indicates registration is in process.
 - b. Solid green indicates a link has been established.



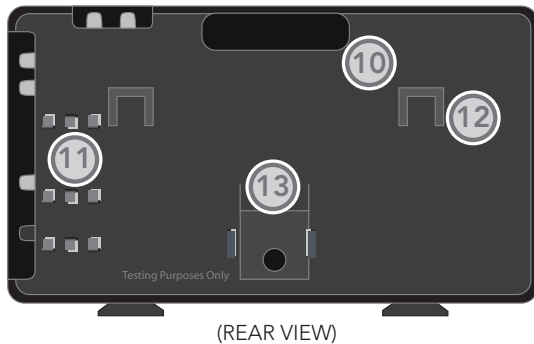
- 3. MICROPHONE VOLUME:** Controls the volume level of teacher microphone(s) and student sharing from pods.
- 4. TONE CONTROL:** Adjusts the audio tone, adding more bass or treble for a more rich or crisp sound.

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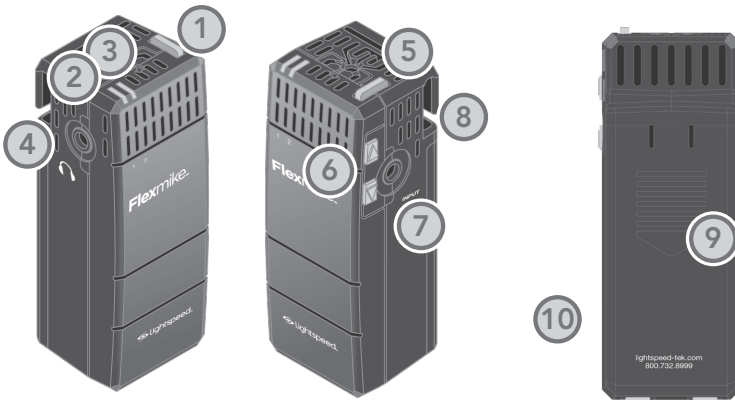
- 5. REGISTRATION:** Press this button if there is a new microphone, pod, or remote to be registered.
- 6. AUDIO INPUT JACK & VOLUME CONTROL:** 3.5mm stereo connector for connecting multimedia sources to the Redcat Access. Controls the volume level of the audio input from the connected audio source.
- 7. AUDIO OUTPUT JACK & VOLUME CONTROL:** 3.5mm stereo connector for connecting to an assisted listening device (ALD) or to a computer for recording. Controls the volume level of the audio output.
- 8. POWER BUTTON:** This button is used to turn the Redcat Access on or off. The blue front panel will glow when power is on.
- 9. POWER INPUT JACK:** Plug the power supply (16VDC/2.0A) into this jack.



- 10. CARRYING INSET:** Cutaway grip for moving or carrying the Redcat.
- 11. CABLE MANAGEMENT AND STRAIN RELIEF**
- 12. WALL MOUNTING SLOTS**
- 13. SECURITY BRACKET SLOT**



FLEXMIKE CONTROLS AND CONNECTIONS



- 1. POWER/MUTE SWITCH:** press and hold to power on, press to mute, press and hold to power off.
- 2. MIC 1 STATUS:** lighted to indicate microphone is registered as MIC 1.
 - Blue: solid = normal operation; flashing = linking in process.
 - Red: solid = muted; flashing = muted while linking in process.
- 3. MIC 2 STATUS:** lighted to indicate microphone is registered as MIC 2 (same behavior as MIC 1 status light above).
- 4. EARBUD CONNECTION:** connect the earbud for monitoring.
- 5. CHARGING/LOW BATTERY INDICATOR:** lights red when charging, green when fully charged. When in operation, turns red to indicate low battery.
- 6. MICROPHONE VOLUME UP/DOWN**
- 7. AUDIO INPUT:** connect audio source to send to whole class.
- 8. LANYARD INTERFACE:** insert the lanyard into this hook to wear the Flexmike.
- 9. BATTERY DOOR:** remove the battery door to replace the rechargeable battery pack.
- 10. REGISTRATION:** (inside battery compartment - not shown) only used when adding or replacing Flexmike.

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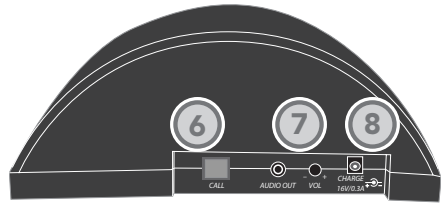
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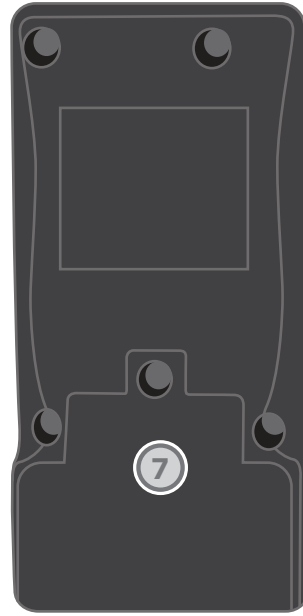
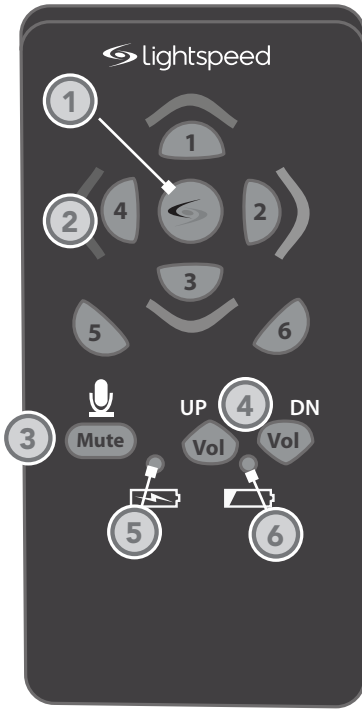
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FLEXCAT POD CONTROLS AND CONNECTIONS



- 1. CHARGING INDICATOR:** this light turns red when charging, green to indicate charging complete.
- 2. POWER/LOW BATTERY INDICATOR:** this light blinks blue when powered on, turns solid blue when ready for operation and turns red when the battery is low.
- 3. POD NUMBER STICKER:** this sticker acts as a clear visual indicator for the teacher to determine which speaker represents which group number.
- 4. LOUDSPEAKER:** the internal loudspeaker distributes the teacher's voice.
- 5. MICROPHONE:** the internal microphone that picks up the student's voice.
- 6. CALL BUTTON:** students can press this button to notify the teacher they need assistance.
- 7. AUDIO OUT:** this jack and volume adjustment connects audio from the pod to an assistive listening or recording device.
- 8. DC CHARGING/POWER INPUT:** to charge optional pods #5 and 6, plug the charging cable from the base station into this jack.

REMOTE CONTROL FUNCTIONS AND INDICATORS



- 1. CLASSROOM SPEAKER SELECTION:** press to select the Redcat speaker to address the whole class. The button turns green when selected, red when the teacher microphone is muted.
- 2. SPEAKER POD SELECTION (1-6):** press to select a specific pod. The button turns green when addressing that group, red when monitoring (listening only).
- 3. MICROPHONE MUTE (MONITOR):** press this button to mute the microphone and monitor the different groups.
- 4. EARBUD VOLUME:** these buttons turn up and down the volume of the teacher earbud, allowing you to hear the student groups at a comfortable volume level.
- 5. CHARGING INDICATOR:** this light turns red when charging and green when fully recharged.
- 6. LOW BATTERY INDICATOR:** this light turns red when battery is low.
- 7. BATTERY COMPARTMENT:** remove screw and open to replace rechargeable battery pack

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SECTION 2:**INITIAL SET-UP****1. DETERMINE SET-UP LOCATIONS****Flexcat Charging Station:**

The charging station organizes and charges the pods, microphone(s) and remote(s). It can be set up anywhere, but it is best to be near the teachers desk and highly accessible for both teachers and students.

Key considerations:

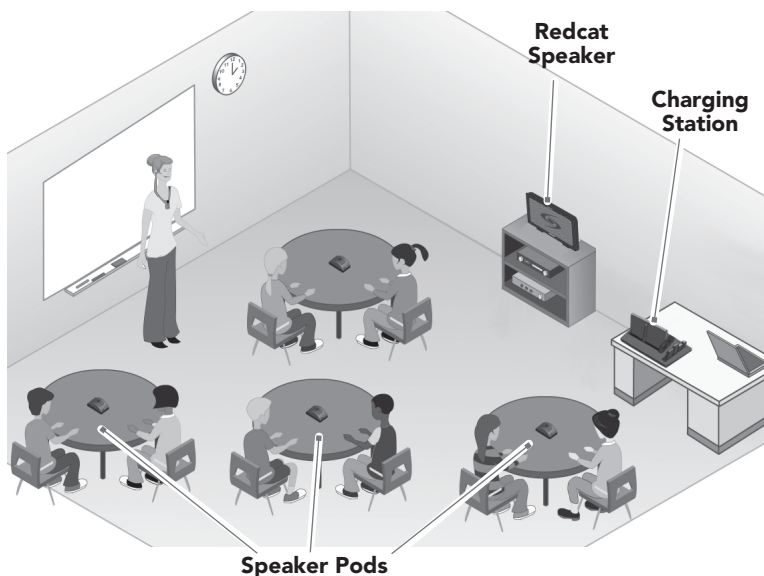
- Close proximity to AC power outlet
- Accessible for daily charging of all components

Redcat Access Speaker:

The Redcat Access whole class speaker projects and evenly distributes audio throughout the entire class. It can be set on a tabletop or mounted on a wall if desired.

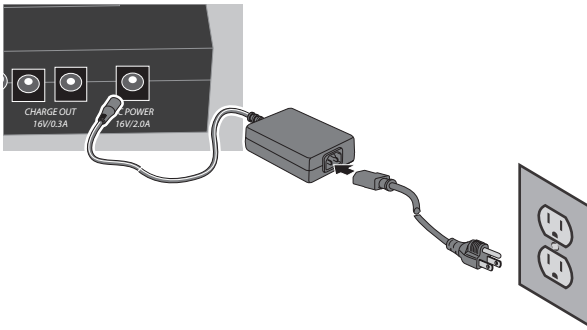
Key considerations:

- Close proximity to AC power outlet (within about 7 feet)
- Positioned on a surface about 4-6 feet high
- Centered along a side or rear wall of the classroom

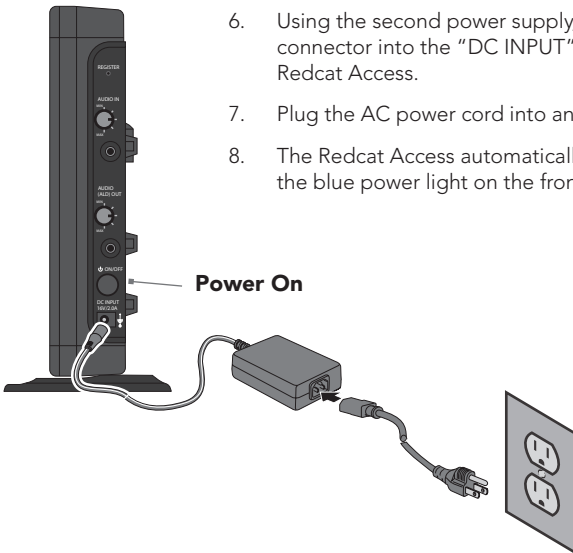


2. PLUG IN THE CHARGING STATION & REDCAT ACCESS SPEAKER

1. Locate the two 16V power supplies and power cables -- one each for the charging station and Redcat Access.
2. Connect the AC power cords into the DC power supplies.
3. Using the first power supply, insert the DC connector into the "DC POWER" jack on the charging station.
4. Plug the AC power cord into an electrical outlet.
5. The blue power light on the charging station will glow to indicate it is ready to begin charging components.

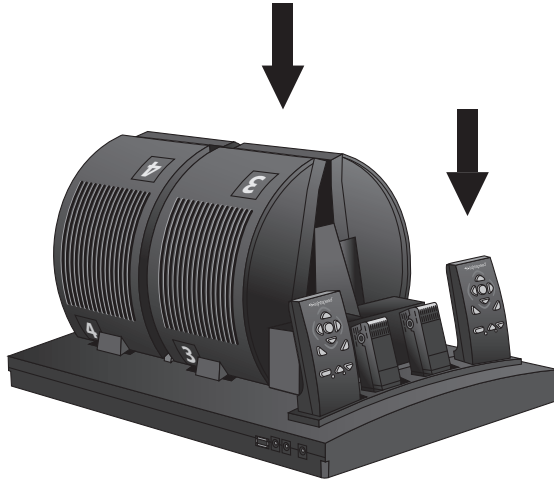


6. Using the second power supply, insert the DC connector into the "DC INPUT" jack on the Redcat Access.
7. Plug the AC power cord into an electrical outlet.
8. The Redcat Access automatically powers on and the blue power light on the front panel will glow.



3. CHARGE THE FLEXCAT COMPONENTS

Prior to full operation, all system components should be fully charged (at least 8 hours) to ensure optimum performance.



1. Insert all four pods into the charging cradle. Each pod's charging light will turn red to indicate normal charging. When fully charged, they will turn green. For systems with 5-6 pods, use the charging cables connect pods #5-6 into the charging jacks on the side of the charging station.
2. Insert the Flexmike(s)* into the appropriate smaller center slot. The blue microphone 1 or 2 light will blink for several seconds as it establishes a link, then turn solid. The charging light will turn red to indicate normal charging. When fully charged, it will turn green.
3. Insert the teacher remote(s)** into the appropriate charging slot. The charging light will turn red to indicate normal charging. When fully charged, it will turn green.

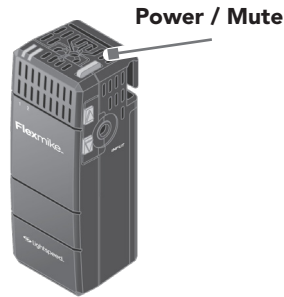
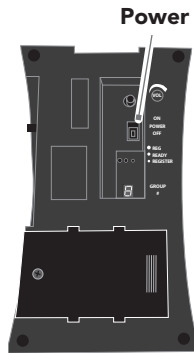
FOR SYSTEMS WITH 2 MICROPHONES AND REMOTES:

*If you have two Flexmikes, you will want to power them on to determine whether it is Microphone #1 or #2 (indicated by blue light), then place it in the appropriate charging slot.

**Check the serial number label on the back of the remote to determine whether a remote is set to Microphone #1 or #2, then place it in the appropriate charging slot.

4. POWER ON ALL COMPONENTS

- 1. REDCAT ACCESS:** this will automatically power on when plugged into power and/or when a Flexmike is powered on.
- 2. SPEAKER PODS:** locate the power switch on the bottom of all the pods. Switch to the ON position. The pod # light will light as will the blue power indicator.
- 3. FLEXMIKE:** the microphone will power on when removed from the charger. The solid red light indicates the microphone is muted. Press to un-mute the microphone, the light will turn blue.
- 4. TEACHER REMOTE:** there is no power switch on this component, it stays ready for operation.



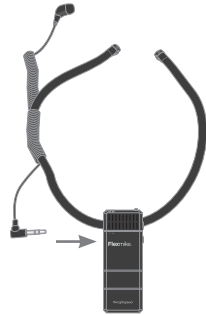
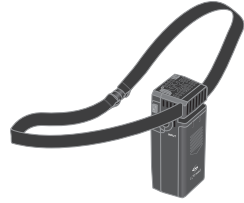
5. ENSURE ALL COMPONENTS ARE READY

- 1. SPEAKER PODS:** the blue power light on top of the pod will turn solid after a few seconds to indicate it is ready for operation.
- 2. FLEXMIKE:** the Teacher 1 or Teacher 2 light will turn solid blue to indicate it is ready for operation.
- 3. TEACHER REMOTE:** press a pod # button to test. If the button lights, the remote is ready.

6. SET UP THE FLEXMIKE + EARBUD

Initial Setup

- Locate the earbud lanyard
 - Hang the Flexmike on the lanyard opposite the magnetic clasp.
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- Plug the earbud into the headphone connection on the Flexmike.
 - NOTE: if you prefer to wear the earbud in your left ear:
 - Turn the lanyard around so the earbud goes up to your left ear.
 - Route the plug around the back side of the microphone to plug into the headphone jack.



Wearing the Flexmike + Earbud Lanyard

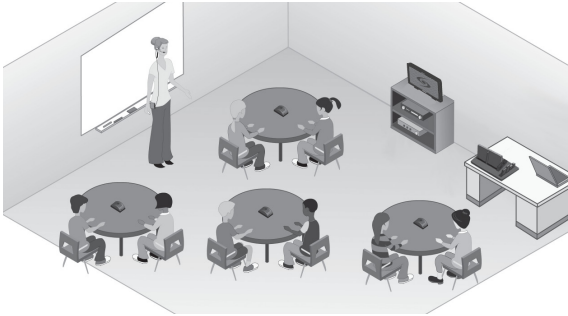
- The earbud can be worn in either ear depending on how the lanyard is connected to the Flexmike.
- Place the lanyard and microphone around your neck, connecting the magnetic clasps behind your neck.
- Insert the earbud into your ear
- If the earbud cable does not seem long enough to comfortably fit your ear, unwind it 2-3 coils.



7. DETERMINE PLACEMENT LOCATION OF THE SPEAKER PODS

The pods should be placed in the middle of student groups or learning stations as follows:

- Placed on a stable, flat surface
- Within 3-6 feet of all students in that group
- Top surface of the speaker should be clear with nothing set on top to ensure optimum sound quality and microphone pickup.



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8. SETTING SYSTEM VOLUME LEVELS

To allow for maximum flexibility the Flexmike, pods and Redcat Access speaker all have independent volume controls. By default, all devices are set to the center position, which is optimal in most cases.

To set the proper volume for your classroom, place the microphone around your neck and take the following steps:

Flexmike Volume (Redcat Access and Pod speakers)

To adjust, use the up/down buttons on the Flexmike.

1. Select an individual pod and begin speaking in a normal voice.
2. The volume should be at a level that the kids seated around the pod can clearly hear, but not so loud that other nearby groups could hear.
3. Press the center button to turn on the Redcat Access Speaker and speak in a normal voice.
4. The volume should be at a level that the kids can clearly hear from the other side of the room. You should just barely be able to hear your own voice.



Volume up/down

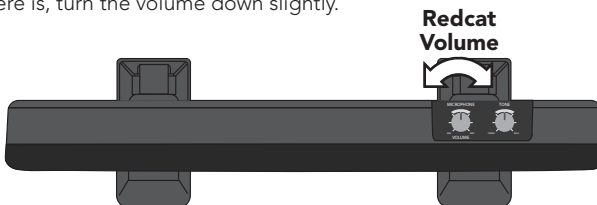
NOTE: at proper volume levels, there should not be any “feedback” or squealing from the speaker outside of 2-3 feet. If there is, turn the Flexmike volume down slightly.

Pod Sharing Volume

To adjust, use the Microphone Volume control on the Redcat Access.

5. Press and hold the pod #1 button to activate the pod #1 sharing function (the center and #1 button should both be lighted).
6. With the teacher’s Flexmike muted, begin speaking into pod #1 from a distance of 18-24”.
7. The volume should be at a level that the kids can clearly hear from the other side of the room. You should just barely be able to hear your own voice (it helps to have another person in the room to verify).
8. Adjust the volume on the Redcat Access up/down slightly as needed.

NOTE: check the pod sharing volume level at the pod nearest the Redcat Access to verify there is no “feedback” or squealing from the speaker. If there is, turn the volume down slightly.

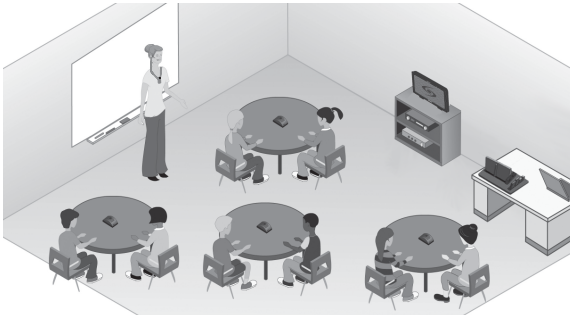


SECTION 3:

DAILY OPERATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Remove the pods from the charger and place them on the group tables.

- The speaker pods will stay powered on while charging when the switch is left in the on position.
- Note the location of the pod numbers.



2. Remove the Flexmike from the charger and put on.

- The microphone will default to the Mute position, the microphone status light will turn to red.
- Place the microphone around your neck and insert the earbud.
- Press the power/mute button. The microphone status light will turn blue, indicating the microphone is active.



**Power /
Mute**




3. Remove the remote and begin instruction. Use the remote to:

- Address the whole class
- Instruct small groups
- Redirect small groups
- Monitor (listen only) small groups
- Activate student group sharing
- Adjust earbud volume



DAILY OPERATION CON'T

Using the remote:

Function	Command	Description
Whole Class Instruction	Press center button 	Activates Redcat Access speaker to distribute teachers voice to the entire class.
Small Group Instruction	Press #1-6	Activates a 2-way audio connection to a small group. The teacher can address and listen to that group simultaneously.
Small Group Monitoring	Press MUTE, then #1-6	Mutes the teacher microphone while listening in on group conversations. The pod # button will turn red.
Student Group Sharing	Press and hold #1-6	Allows one student group to address the whole class. Both the center and pod # buttons will light.
Disconnect	Press activated pod # again	Disconnects the transmission and turns any audio off. The pod # button will go dark.
Teacher earbud volume	Press Vol UP/DOWN arrows.	Turns the volume to the teacher's earbud up or down. There is an audible tone in the ear when pressing.

4. Pod call button:

- Each of the pods is equipped with a call button students can press when they need assistance.
- When the button is pressed, a tone sounds in the teacher earbud.
- The corresponding pod # will blink on the remote, alerting the teacher which group needs assistance.
- The light will continue to blink until the teacher selects that pod.
- To clear multiple blinking lights: press center button twice (connect and disconnect from whole class mode).

5. Return the components to the charging station for nightly recharging:

- For convenience, we recommend leaving the pods powered on. They are designed to charge normally in the ON position.
- Place all components in their respective charging slots:
 - Pods: insert with charging contacts facing down.
 - Flexmike(s): use corresponding mic 1 or 2 center charging slot.
 - Remote(s): use corresponding mic 1 or 2 outside charging slot.
- Charging lights will light - red = charging; green = fully charged.
- The units will fully charge overnight.

NOTE: the blue link lights on the Flexmike(s) and pods will stay on to indicate the microphone number (1 or 2) and that they are ready for operation.

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ADDITIONAL OPERATION INFORMATION

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Determining optimum placement of the pods

- Pods should be placed in the approximate center of the group
- They can be placed on the center of a table or on the floor where the students are sitting.
- The microphone is designed to pick up students in a 360 degree radius, so it also operates best when in the middle of a group.

Managing equipment and charging

- Leave all components in the on position.
 - When you place them on the charger, they will charge as normal.
 - When you remove them from the charger to start the day, they will be fully charged and ready for operation.
- Assign students to manage the charging of the group speakers.
 - Have one assigned student remove it from the charger to start the day and place it back on the charger at the end of the day.

Determining proper volume levels

- This system is not designed to make the teachers voice louder, but to distribute it appropriately so it is heard clearly by the selected group of students or the whole class.
- The pods are designed to be used independently, so turning the volume up too loud can result in bleed-over to another group.
- Typical volume levels at a group speaker are about half of the maximum setting – approximately 12:00 on the dial.
- It should be loud enough that students in the desired group hear you as though you were speaking directly to them at a distance of 3 feet.
- The Redcat Access speaker should also be at a level that is not loud, but clear throughout the whole room. Typically 12:00 on the Redcat Access 'Microphone Volume' control is appropriate.

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Student group sharing

- To activate this mode, press and hold the desired pod # for about 2 seconds. When activated, the center button will flash and turn solid and the pod # will also be lighted.
- To select another group to share with the class, simply press and hold the next desired pod # button until the center button blinks.
- For optimum voice pickup, students will likely need to lean in toward the group speaker to within about 24".
- Volume level is adjusted using the Redcat Access "Microphone Volume" control. Level is optimum at the center point, but can be adjusted as needed. NOTE: if you turn that volume up or down, you will likely need to turn the volume on the Flexmike down or up to compensate.
- To avoid feedback between the pod and Redcat Access speaker, the nearest pod should be more than 6 feet away from the Redcat Access.

If your system is equipped with team-teaching

- Make sure to use the corresponding Flexmike and remote for microphone 1 and 2, indicated as follows:
 - Flexmike: microphone 1 or 2 light is on
 - Remote: microphone 1 or 2 sticker on the back of remote (above barcode)

USING OPTIONAL PODS #5-6

Flexcat can operate with up to 6 speaker pods! The additional pods can be purchased together with the main system or can be added later.

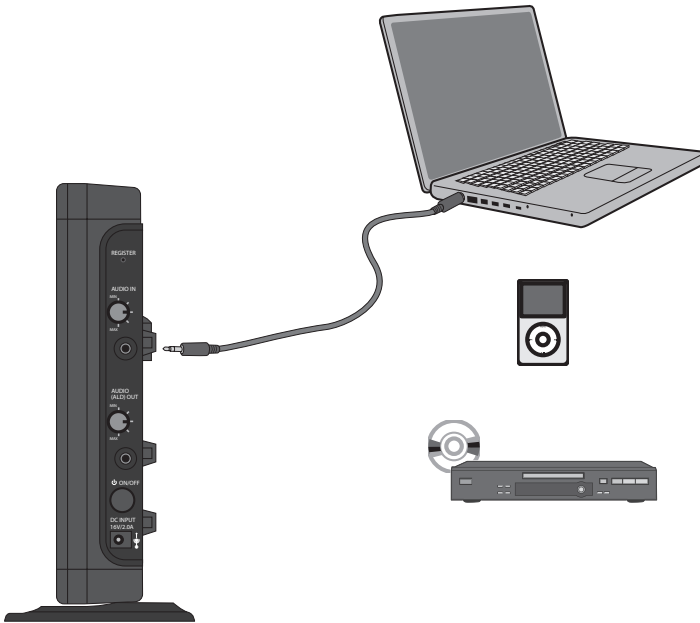
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- If speakers #5-6 are purchased together with the original system, they will already be paired together and operate just as speakers #1-4 do.
- To select the speakers, simply press the #5-6 buttons on the remote. (See Section 3 for daily operation instructions).
- If the speakers were purchased at a separate time from the rest of the system, they will need to be linked to the Redcat speaker. Please refer to the Registration guide provided with the additional pods or on the Lightspeed website.

2. Charging

- Pods #5-6 charge via cable connected to the base station.
- Connect the included charging cable(s) to the CHARGING OUTPUT jack(s) on the base station.
- Connect the other end of the jack to the CHARGE input jack on the pod.
- The charging light on the pod will turn RED to indicate charging. It will turn GREEN to indicate the unit is fully charged.

MULTIMEDIA AUDIO INTEGRATION



The Redcat speaker has one audio input connection with volume control for connecting to classroom multimedia audio sources (computer, MP3, tablet, smart phone, DVD, etc.). When connected, that audio source is amplified and distributed to the whole classroom from the Redcat speaker.

1. **Connect an audio cable** from your computer (or other device) into the audio input connection on the Redcat Access speaker.
2. **Play the audio file** on the computer.
3. **Adjust the audio input volume on the Redcat Access** as needed (generally 12:00 is an appropriate nominal level).
4. **Fine-tune audio levels** using the volume on the computer (or other audio source) as needed.

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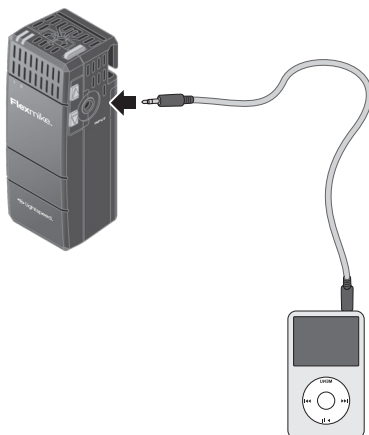
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5. Quick connection + multimedia sharing with individual student groups

- For a fast, temporary connection to a portable audio device like an (MP3, tablet, smart phone, etc.) connect the audio device into the audio input on the Flexmike.
- Connecting to the Flexmike also allows the teacher to share that audio with specific groups.
- Play the audio file on the audio device, adjusting the volume as needed.
- Select pod # 1-6 on the teacher remote to direct that audio to a specific group. Press the center button to share with the whole class.

NOTE: the internal Flexmike microphone will be deactivated when plugged in to an audio source.

TIP: if you have a team-teaching system (2 Flexmikes and 2 remotes) you can send audio to one group (using Teacher 2 Flexmike) while talking to another group (make sure to use the corresponding Teacher 2 remote to direct the multimedia).



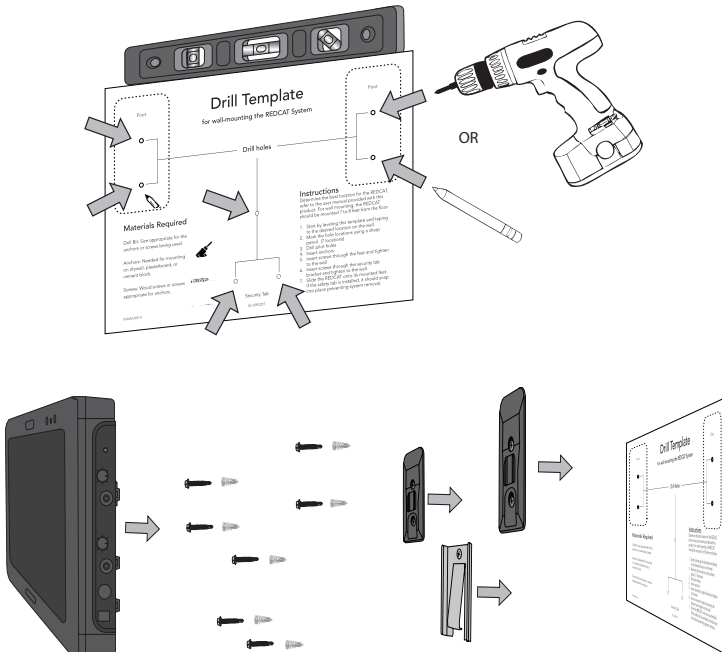
WALL-MOUNTING REDCAT ACCESS

The Redcat Access speaker projects and evenly distributes audio throughout the entire class. The following are key considerations to choose the optimum wall-mounting location:

- Close proximity to AC power outlet (within about 7 feet)
- Centered along a side or rear wall of the classroom
- Positioned on the wall about 6-8 feet high
- AVOID: mounting in corners or any area near to where the teacher usually instructs.

To mount the Redcat on the wall:

1. Level template and tape to wall
2. Mark position of drill holes on wall
3. Drill pilot holes
4. Insert anchors
5. Remove feet from Redcat Access and place over anchors
6. Insert and secure screws through the Redcat Access feet into the anchors
7. If using optional security bracket, mount using the provided screws and anchors
8. Slide the Redcat Access onto the wall mounted feet



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SECTION 5:

MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING

REGISTRATION OF REPLACEMENT OR ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT

In order for all system components to operate and communicate with one another, they must be registered to the Redcat Access speaker. When purchased as a complete system, major components (Flexmikes, remotes, and pods) will be pre-registered and ready for use, so there is no need to manually register anything.

In the event a component needs to be replaced or an additional component is added down the road, it will need to be registered. Please refer to the Registration Guide provided with the new components or on the Lightspeed website.

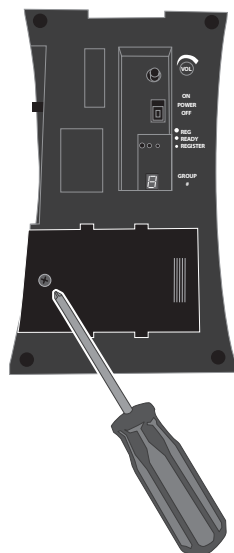
BATTERY REPLACEMENT

Overview of batteries

The pods, Flexmike and remote contain rechargeable battery packs that require daily charging. The battery packs are covered under warranty for 1-year but have a useful life of about 2+ years before they should be replaced. The battery packs must be purchased directly from Lightspeed, but can easily be installed by the user.

Replacement of battery pack in speaker pod

1. Use a screwdriver to remove the screw and slide the battery door open.
2. Slide the battery pack out and disconnect the cable.
3. Take the new battery pack, connect the cable and insert the battery pack into the compartment.
4. Slide the cover back on and tighten the screw to secure the door.
5. Place the pod in the charging station to fully charge the new battery pack.
6. The charging light will turn red. It will turn green when fully charged (up to 10 hours).



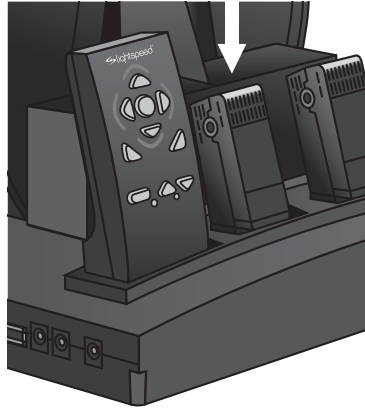
BATTERY REPLACEMENT CONT'D

Replacement of battery pack in Flexmike.

1. Slide the battery door open.
2. Disconnect the cable and slide the battery pack out.
3. Take the new battery pack, connect the cable as shown and insert the battery pack into the compartment.
4. Slide the cover back on and snap into place.



5. Place the Flexmike in the charging station to fully charge the new battery pack.
6. The charging light will turn red. It will turn green when fully charged (up to 10 hours).



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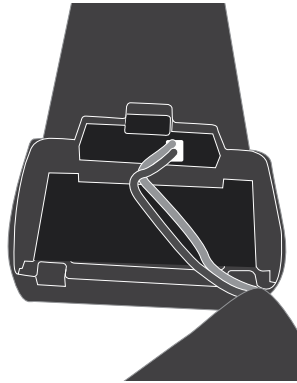
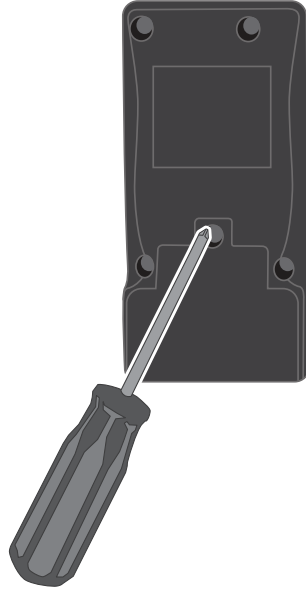
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BATTERY REPLACEMENT CONT'D

Replacement of battery pack in remote

1. Use a screwdriver to remove the screw and slide the battery door open.
2. Disconnect the cable and slide the battery pack out.
3. Take the new battery pack, connect the cable as shown and insert the battery pack into the compartment.
4. Slide the cover back on and tighten the screw to secure the door.
5. Place the remote in the charging station to fully charge the new battery pack.
6. The charging light will turn red. It will turn green when fully charged (up to 10 hours).



TROUBLESHOOTING

Note: Many problems are directly related to low battery power. Please run through the “Battery Check” items first. For remaining troubleshooting, use known good, fully-charged batteries.

PROBLEM: low battery condition.

SOLUTION: check the batteries and ensure proper charging.

- Confirm batteries are properly charged each night. Full charging can take up to 10 hours.
- When placing a component in a charger, ensure the red charging light turns on. The green charging light will turn on when a full charge is reached.
- Regardless of battery life, the red light will turn on for 20-30 minutes to check status. When battery is full, the light will turn green at some time after that.
- Fully charged batteries will operate properly throughout a full school day for a period of at least 1-2 years. If the batteries are older, they may need to be replaced.

PROBLEM: No audio from a speaker pod when selected.

SOLUTION: follow these steps to isolate and eliminate the problem.

- When the pod # button is selected on remote, ensure it turns green.
 - If it does not turn green, this indicates the pod or other component is either not on or not properly registered.
 - If the button turns red, this indicates the microphone is muted. Press the mute button on the remote.
- Ensure speaker pod is on and ready for use as indicated by a solid blue power light.
 - Power the unit on by sliding the switch on the bottom of the pod.
 - Try turning the speaker off, then on again and wait up to 30 seconds for it to properly link.
- Ensure the group speaker volume is set to a nominal level. If it is turned all the way down, there will be no audio.
- Ensure the Flexmike is on and ready for use as indicated by a steady blue status light (#1 or #2).
 - If the microphone status light is blinking that indicates the Flexmike is not linked up to the Redcat Access. Ensure the Redcat is plugged in to power.
 - If the microphone status light is red, that indicates the Flexmike is muted. Press the mute button on the remote or Flexmike to unmute.
- Ensure the proper teacher remote is being used.
 - If there are 2 microphones with the Flexcat system, each Flexmike must be paired together with a specific remote, marked Teacher 1 or Teacher 2.
 - Check with microphone status indicator light (1 or 2) is on. Ensure you are using the corresponding remote, marked Teacher 1 or Teacher 2 on the serial number label on the back.

TROUBLESHOOTING CONT'D

- Ensure teacher remote is working properly.
 - Press the center “Whole Class” button. The should be lighted green.
 - If it doesn’t light, make sure the Redcat Access is plugged into power and the blue power light is on.
 - Ensure there is a corresponding green 1 or 2 ready light on the Redcat Access.
 - Ensure the batteries are fully charged. If the red battery low light is on, it can experience intermittent operation.

PROBLEM: Remote does not light or activate a speaker pod(s).

SOLUTION:

- Ensure the batteries have a charge. They should be charged nightly.
 - If the red low battery light is on, it can experience intermittent operation.
- Try pressing the center “Whole Class” button. It should be lighted green.
 - If this button lights, the remote has a battery charge and is properly linked up. The problem is likely with the pod or pods that do not activate, refer to the “No audio from speaker pod” troubleshooting section.
 - If this button doesn’t light, make sure the Redcat Access is plugged into power.
 - Check to see that there is a corresponding green 1 or 2 ready light on the Redcat Access.
 - Check to see that the Flexmike is powered on and linked, as indicated by a solid blue light. If that light does not go solid blue, try powering the Flexmike and Redcat Access off, then on again.
 - If the microphone still does not link up (turn solid blue), it may need to be re-registered to the Redcat Access. Please refer to the Flexcat registration guide on the Lightspeed website.
 - If there is a second remote, check to see if that operates correctly.

PROBLEM: Feedback or squealing from pod speaker

SOLUTION:

- Make sure the teacher’s Flexmike is 2 feet or more away from the pod. Operation at very close distance can cause feedback.
- Try turning the volume down on the bottom of the pod. Typical volume levels should be around the mid-point (12:00 on the dial).
- Make sure the teacher’s Flexmike is 2 feet or more away from the pod. Operation at very close distance can cause feedback.
- Turn the volume on the Flexmike down 1-2 clicks.

TROUBLESHOOTING CONT'D

PROBLEM: Feedback or squealing from Redcat speaker

SOLUTION:

- Make sure the teacher's Flexmike is 2-3 feet or more away from the Redcat. Operation at very close distance can cause feedback.
- Make sure the nearest pod operating in student sharing mode is at least 6 feet away from the Redcat. Operation at very close distance can cause feedback.
- Mute the teacher's Flexmike. If the feedback or squealing persists, the feedback is being caused by a pod that is in student sharing mode.
 - If the feedback or squealing goes away, the feedback is being caused by that Flexmike, likely due to the volume level being too high. Press the volume down button on the Flexmike 1-2 clicks.
 - If the feedback or squealing persists, the feedback is being caused by a pod that is in student sharing mode. Turn the "Microphone Volume" on the Redcat speaker down slightly. (NOTE: you may need to press the UP volume on the Flexmike up 1-2 clicks to compensate).

PROBLEM: Cannot hear students in monitor mode

SOLUTION:

- Ensure the desired pod is selected as indicated by a green or red light on the pod # button on the remote.
- Make sure the earbud volume is turned up loud enough to hear by pressing the Vol UP button on the remote (Vol button on left).
- Make sure the earbud is fully plugged in to the headphone jack on the Flexmike.
- Select another pod to see if you are able to hear audio from that pod. If you hear audio, the issue is with one specific pod.
- Turn the power of the problematic pod off, wait several seconds, then on again. Let the pod link back up again as indicated by a solid blue light, then try selecting that pod again.

PROBLEM: Student sharing volume is too loud or too quiet

SOLUTION:

- This is designed to work with a student speaking within about 18-24" of the pod microphone. If the volume is too quiet from a further distance, the student should move the pod closer.
- To adjust the student sharing volume, turn the "Microphone Volume" on the Redcat up or down. NOTE: this may cause you to adjust the volume on the Flexmike up or down to compensate.

SECTION 6:

WARRANTY, SAFETY & SPECIFICATIONS

THREE-YEAR LIMITED WARRANTY

Lightspeed's Flexcat Group Audio System is covered under warranty against malfunction due to defects in materials and workmanship for a period of THREE (3) YEARS, beginning at the date of the purchase invoice. If such malfunction occurs, the product will be repaired or replaced (at Lightspeed's option) without charge during the warranty period.

Lightspeed's Warranty Exchange Program applies to Flexcat systems and components within the warranty period indicated below. If any system component has an issue that requires service, a refurbished replacement will immediately be sent to the customer to minimize downtime. Customers will receive the exchange product(s) or component(s) within 2-3 days. A prepaid return label will be included with exchanged products so original malfunctioning equipment can be returned to Lightspeed. Any exchanged equipment will remain covered under the original three (3) year warranty.

1. Warranty on Flexcat speaker pods, charging station and handheld remote components is THREE (3) YEARS.
2. Warranty on Redcat Access and Flexmike components is FIVE (5) YEARS.
3. Warranty on earbud lanyard, Lightspeed NiMH rechargeable battery packs and other cables and minor accessories is one (1) year.
4. Prepaid shipping label provided by Lightspeed for warranty repairs within the United States. Customers outside the U.S. should refer to the Lightspeed website (www.lightspeed-tek.com) for warranty repair instructions.
5. Warranty does not extend to finish, appearance items, or malfunctions due to abuse or operation other than specified conditions, nor does it extend to incidental or consequential damages. Repair by other than Lightspeed or its authorized service agencies will void this warranty. Information on authorized service agencies is available from Lightspeed Technologies, Inc.

Our Service Department (800.732.8999, 5 a.m. – 5 p.m., PST) will handle all your repair/replacement needs.

SAFETY WARNINGS AND CERTIFICATIONS



CAUTION
RISK OF ELECTRICAL SHOCK
DO NOT OPEN



THIS PRODUCT MUST BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE APPLICABLE INSTALLATION CODE BY A PERSON FAMILIAR WITH THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF THE PRODUCT AND THE HAZARDS INVOLVED.



The lightning flash with arrowhead symbol inside an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of non insulated "hazardous voltage" within the product's enclosure, which may be of sufficient magnitude to induce a risk of electric shock to persons.



The exclamation mark inside an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instruction in the literature accompanying this product.



USE A LIGHTSPEED SUPPLIED BATTERY ONLY

CERTIFICATIONS



This product is listed to UL standards and requirements for electrical safety by Underwriters Laboratories Inc.



This product conforms with the essential requirements of the following European Union Directives: 2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) and 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive (LVD).



Lightspeed Technologies launched a formal product recycle program in Europe that complies with the European Union Directive 2002/96/EC on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment ("WEEE Directive"). Please visit our website at www.Lightspeed-tek.com for more information.



This product is manufactured using lead-free processes and is free of other materials harmful to the environment. It conforms to the most stringent new European guidelines for consumer products (RoHS).

PRÉCAUTIONS DE SÉCURITÉ ET CERTIFICATIONS



ATTENTION

RISQUE D'ÉLECTROCUTION
NE PAS OUVRIR



CONFORMÉMENT AUX NORMES D'INSTALLATION APPLICABLES, CE PRODUIT DOIT ÊTRE INSTALLÉ PAR UNE PERSONNE FAMILIARISÉE AVEC LA CONCEPTION ET LE FONCTIONNEMENT DU PRODUIT ET CONSCIENTE DES RISQUE ENCOURUS.



L'éclair flèche dans un triangle équilatéral avertit l'utilisateur de la présence d'une "tension dangereuse" non isolée à l'intérieur de l'appareil, qui peut être d'une ampleur suffisante pour constituer un risque d'électrocution.



Le point d'exclamation contenu dans un triangle équilatéral avertit l'utilisateur de la présence d'importantes instructions d'exploitation et de maintenance dans la documentation qui accompagne ce produit.



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CERTIFICATIONS



Ce produit est certifié conforme aux normes et aux exigences UL en matière de sécurité électrique par Underwriters Laboratories Inc.



Ce produit est conforme aux principales exigences des directives de l'Union Européenne suivantes : 2004/108/EC Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) and 2006/95/EC Low Voltage Directive (LVD).



Lightspeed Technologies a lancé un programme de recyclage de produits en Europe conformément à la directive de l'Union Européenne 2002/96/CE relative aux déchets d'équipements électriques et électroniques (directive « DEEE »). Veuillez visiter notre page Web www.Lightspeed-tek.com pour plus de renseignements.



Ce produit est fabriqué en utilisant des processus sans plomb ni aucune autre matière nuisible à l'environnement. Il est conforme aux nouvelles règles européennes les plus strictes en matière de biens de consommation (RoHS).

SAFETY WARNINGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

FCC Notice to user

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.

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, 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 (that is, the antenna for radio or television that is receiving the interference).
- Reorient or relocate and increase the separation between the telecommunications equipment and receiving antenna.
- Connect the telecommunications equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiving antenna is connected.

FCC RF Radiation Exposure Statement

For body worn operation, the portable part (Flexmike) has been tested and meets FCC RF exposure guidelines.

This device must not be co-located or operating in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Notice to Canada User

English

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.

French

Le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Industrie Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes :

- (1) l'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage, et
- (2) l'utilisateur de l'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement

RF Radiation Exposure Statement

English

Your mobile device is a radio transmitter and receiver. It is designed not to exceed the limits for exposure to radio waves (radio frequency electromagnetic fields) recommended by international guidelines. The guidelines were developed by Health Canada and include a substantial safety margin designed to assure the safety of all persons, regardless of age and health.

French

Votre appareil mobile est un émetteur-récepteur radio. Il est conçu pour ne pas dépasser les limites d'exposition aux ondes radio (champs électromagnétiques de fréquence radio) recommandées par les directives internationales. Les lignes directrices ont été élaborées par Santé Canada et comprennent une marge de sécurité importante destinée à assurer la sécurité de toutes les personnes, indépendamment de l'âge et de la santé.

SAFETY WARNINGS AND CERTIFICATIONS

NOTICE FOR USB

NOTE: Lightspeed is not responsible for any changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance. Such modifications could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

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, 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.

SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS

SPEAKER PODS (1-6)

Battery power:	6V NiMH battery pack
Battery life:	10+ hours (fully charged)
Power output:	5 Watts per speaker
Integrated Speaker:	2" balanced mode radiator (BMR)
Integrated microphone:	Omni-directional electret
Audio output:	3.5mm with volume control
Battery charging:	2 contacts for cradle charging + 16V/0.3A DC input
Wireless communication:	Access Technology (1.9 GHz)
Wireless range (from Redcat Access):	up to 200 ft (60 m); up to 100 ft (30 m) with walls
Dimensions (L x W x H):	8.5" x 5" x 3.5" (216 x 127 x 89mm)
Weight (with battery pack):	1.4 lbs (0.64 kg)

REDCAT ACCESS SPEAKER

Power output:	20W
Acoustic frequency response:	120 Hz - 13 kHz
DC power Input:	16V / 2.0A
Total harmonic distortion	<1% @ 10W
Wireless communication:	Access Technology (1.9 GHz + RF4CE)
Tone control:	1 bass/treble control
Audio input:	3.5mm stereo w/ volume control
Audio output:	3.5mm stereo w/ volume control
Integrated speaker:	Exciter technology, flat-panel speaker
Audio Link indicators:	2 indicators for Flexmike 1 and 2
Device Registration:	Push button for pod(s), Flexmike(s), and remote(s)
Dimensions (W x H x D):	16" x 9" x 1.75" (406 x 241 x 45mm)
Weight:	2.9 lbs (1.3 kg)

SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS CONT'D

FLEXMIKE (1-2):

Description:	Pendant-style microphone
Earbud lanyard:	magnetic clasp with integrated earbud
Wireless communication:	Access Technology (1.9 GHz)
Audio distortion:	<1%
Integrated microphone:	Uni-directional electret
Earbud output:	3.5mm
Audio input:	3.5mm
Volume control:	+/- 6 dB
Battery power:	2.5V NiMH battery pack
Battery life:	8 hours (fully charged)
Charging:	2 contacts for cradle charging
USB connection:	type Micro-B for charging and audio
Power:	on/off switch
Registration:	push button for registration with Redcat Access
Dimensions (L x W x H):	2.9" x 1.1" x 1.0" (74 x 28 x 25mm)
Weight:	1.8 oz (51 g)

HANDHELD REMOTE (1-2)

Battery Power:	2.5V NiMH battery pack
Cradle charging:	2 contacts for cradle charging
Wireless communication:	Access Technology (RF4CE)
Controls:	Pod selection 1-6; whole class speaker selection; microphone mute; earbud volume
Registration:	push button and LED for registration with Redcat Access
Dimensions (L x W x H):	4.25" x 2.0" x 1.0" (108 x 51 x 25mm)
Weight:	3.4 oz (98 g)

CHARGING STATION

DC power input:	16V / 2.0A
Cradle charging:	4 speaker pods; 2 Flexmikes; 2 remotes
DC charging ports:	2 additional speaker pods with cable
USB charging:	5V USB charging output



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