



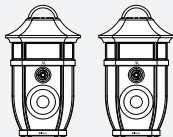
AR[®] portable wireless speaker **quick start guide**

Welcome

Congratulations on your purchase of this Acoustic Research Elite Series speaker, the ultimate in stereo-capable wireless sound and multi-mode lighting. This speaker offers two setup options:



Single-Speaker setup for one Elite speaker



Stereo setup for two Elite speakers

This guide takes you through the steps for either setup option.

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Unpack

Make sure the following items came in this package.

- Wireless speaker
- AC power adapter
- 3.5mm Aux in cable

Charge the Speaker

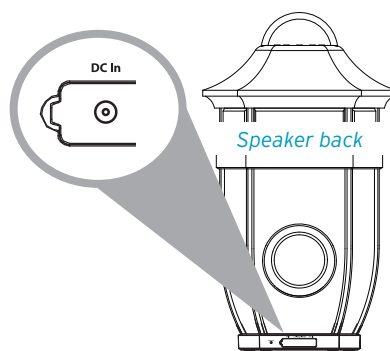
The speaker's built-in rechargeable battery comes from the factory with a charge, so you can start using the speaker as soon as you get it out of the box. For best performance, however, we recommend you charge the speaker fully before using it.

To charge the speaker: Plug the included AC cable into the **DC In** jack on the back of the speaker.

Plug the other end of the adapter into a power outlet.

The **Battery** indicator next to the **DC In** jack is red while the speaker is charging. It turns green when the speaker is fully charged.

Note: You can use the speaker while it's charging.

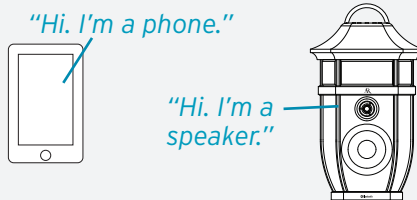


Getting to know Bluetooth

Bluetooth wireless is a quick and easy way to connect a smartphone to a speaker or a headset. There are basically two steps to making Bluetooth work.

PAIRING:

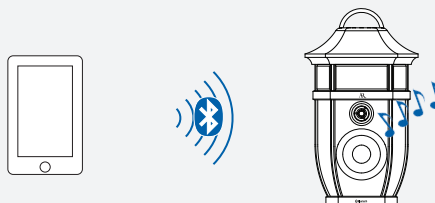
The two devices get to know each other.



CONNECTING:

The two devices do something together (like play music).

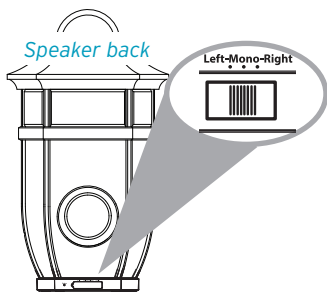
This guide takes you through the steps to get started.



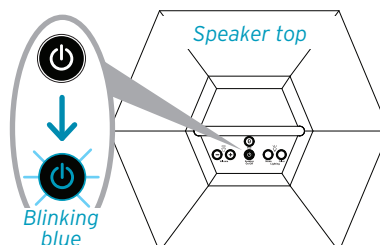


Single-Speaker Setup

- 1 Set the **Left-Mono-Right** switch to **Mono**.

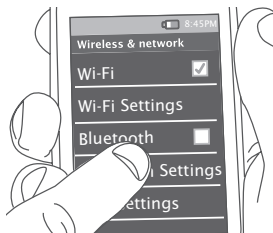


- 2 Press the **⏻ (Speaker On/Off)** button on the top of the speaker to turn it on.



The **⏻** button on the top of the speaker starts blinking blue, and the speaker says "Pairing."

- 3 Enable Bluetooth on your device (if it isn't already on).

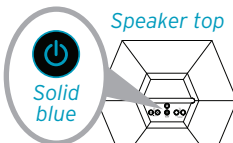


Notes:

Make sure the **⏻** button on the top of the speaker is blinking blue. (If it isn't, press and hold the **⌘ (Pair)** button on the top of the speaker until the speaker gives an audio signal.)

If you've previously paired a different Bluetooth device with this speaker, the speaker will automatically attempt to reconnect to that device when you switch the speaker on. If you want to pair to a new device, press and hold the **⌘** button on the speaker until the speaker gives an audio signal.

- 4 Select **AR Saratoga** from the list of Bluetooth devices available.



Notes: If you don't see **AR Saratoga** in the list of Bluetooth devices on your phone, choose "Scan" from your phone's Bluetooth menu.

The process of enabling Bluetooth and connecting varies from device to device. See your device's owners manual for more information and specific instructions.

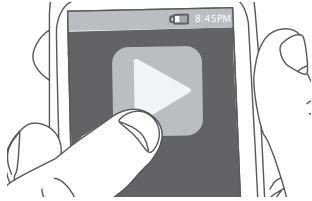
The speaker says "Connected" when it's finished connecting to your smartphone. The **⏻** button on the top of the speaker turns solid blue.

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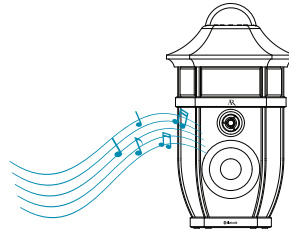


Single-Speaker Setup

- 5 Start playing music on your Bluetooth device.



The speaker starts streaming your music wirelessly.



Note: Make sure your Bluetooth device is set to at least 75% volume.

To control the volume, press the **+** and **-** buttons on the top of the speaker, or use the volume controls on your Bluetooth device.

How to turn audio responses on and off

This speaker gives you audio responses for common commands—like when you are starting to pairing with a Bluetooth device or have just finished connecting.

Turn off all audio responses: Make sure the speaker is on. Press and hold the **Volume +** and **-** simultaneously for 5 seconds.

If you want to turn the speaker's audio responses back on, simply repeat the steps for turning them off (press and hold **Volume +** and **-** for 5 seconds).

Bluetooth Wireless Connection Tips

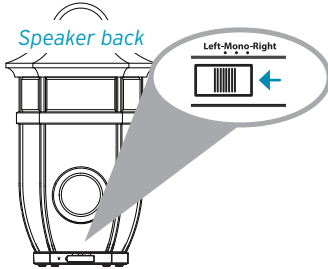
- Make sure the Bluetooth capability of your device is turned on.
- Make sure there's nothing plugged into the speaker's **Aux In** jack when you're trying to use Bluetooth.
- The Bluetooth wireless connection works up to a range of roughly 33 feet (10 meters). This range may vary, however, based on other factors, such as room layout, wall material, obstacles, your device's Bluetooth performance, etc. If you're having problems connecting to the speaker, move closer to it.
- If your device asks you for a password to connect, use "0000".



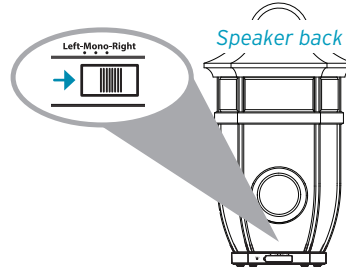
Stereo Setup

If you have two speakers...

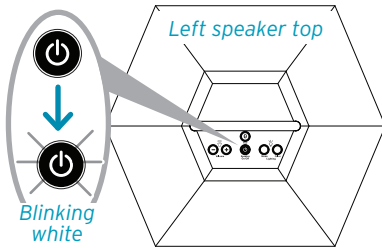
- 1** Set the **Left-Mono-Right** switch on one speaker to **Left**.



- Set the **Left-Mono-Right** switch on the other speaker to **Right**.

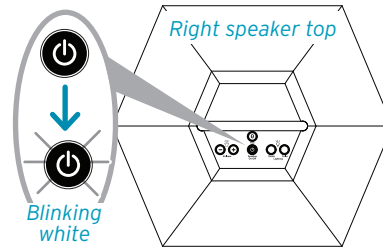


- 2** Press the **Speaker On/Off** button on the top of the left speaker to turn it on.



The **Speaker On/Off** button on the top of the left speaker blinks white slowly.

- Press the **Speaker On/Off** button on the top of the right speaker to turn it on.



The **Speaker On/Off** button on the top of the right speaker blinks slowly.

- 3** Wait for the speakers to announce "Left connected" and "Right connected."



The **Speaker On/Off** button on the right speaker turns solid white (it keeps blinking on the left speaker).

This means the two speakers are linked for stereo and ready to pair with your Bluetooth device.



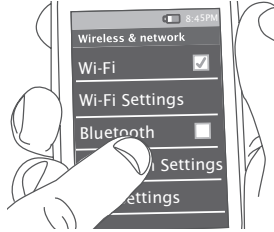
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




Stereo Setup

If you have two speakers...

- 4** Enable Bluetooth on your device (if it isn't already on).




Make sure the  button on the top of the left speaker is blinking white. (If it isn't, press and hold the  (Pair) button on the top of the left speaker until the speaker gives an audio signal.)

Note: If you've previously paired a different Bluetooth device with this speaker, the speaker will automatically attempt to reconnect to that device when you switch the speaker on. If you want to pair to a new device, press and hold the  button on the speaker until the speaker gives an audio signal.

- 5** Select **AR Saratoga Stereo** from the list of Bluetooth devices available.



The left speaker says "Connected" when it's finished connecting to your smartphone. The  button on the top of the speaker turns solid white.

Left speaker

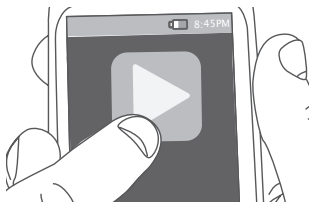


Solid white

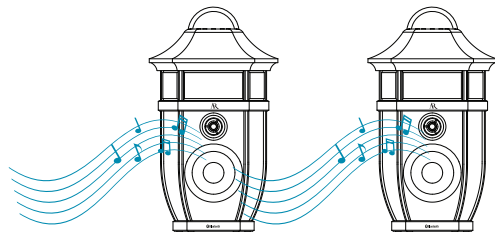
If you don't see **AR Saratoga Stereo** in the list of Bluetooth devices on your phone, choose "Scan" from your phone's Bluetooth menu.

Note: The process of enabling Bluetooth and connecting varies from device to device. See your device's owners manual for more information and specific instructions.

- 6** Start playing music on your Bluetooth device.



The speakers start streaming your music wirelessly, in True Stereo.





Note: Make sure your Bluetooth device is set to at least 75% volume.

To control the volume, press the **+** and **-** buttons on the back of the left speaker, or use the volume controls on your Bluetooth device.

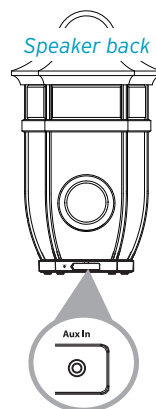
Using the Aux In input

Use the audio cable included with this speaker to connect the audio output from your device to the **Aux In** audio input on the speaker's back panel (you might need to open the rubber flap protecting the jack). The speaker automatically switches to the **Aux In** audio.

If you're using a single speaker, the  button turns white you're using the **Aux In** input. If you're using two, the  button turns blue, and the stereo link with the other speaker is turned off while you're using the **Aux In** input.

IMPORTANT: The **Aux In** input plays your music on one speaker only. For two-speaker stereo, you must use Bluetooth with two speakers linked for stereo playback.

To listen to Bluetooth audio again, unplug the cable from the speaker's **Aux In** jack.



Using Multi-Mode Lighting

The **Lighting Mode** and **Color** buttons give you control over this speaker's built-in multi-mode lighting. You can use the lighting whether the speaker's on or off.

When the speaker's off...

Press the **Mode** button to turn white light on or off.

When the speaker's on...

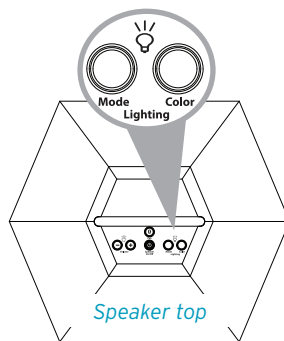
Press the **Mode** button to cycle through the multiple lighting modes:

Solid on gives you a solid light of your color choice—just press the **Color** button to see the options.

Breathe mode slowly fades up and down light in your color choice (press **Color** to see the options).

Dance mode and **Party mode** make the lights follow the beat of your music and cycle through the colors.

Press the **Color** button to cycle through the 8 available colors for Solid on and Breathe modes.



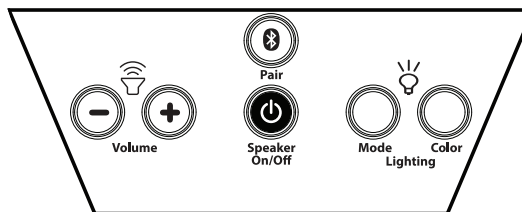
Tour of the Elite Series wireless speaker

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Volume - and **+** buttons increase or decrease the volume of the speaker's audio.

Pair button initiates pairing with a Bluetooth device.

Speaker On/Off button turns the speaker on and off. It also shows the connection status of each speaker.



If you're using the Single-Speaker Setup:

Solid blue means the speaker is connected via Bluetooth.

Fast blinking blue means the speaker is ready to pair via Bluetooth.

Slow blinking blue means the speaker is reconnecting via Bluetooth.

Solid white means an audio cable is plugged into the Aux In jack.

If you're using the Stereo Setup (2 Speakers):

Solid white means the right speaker is linked for stereo sound.

Slow blinking white means the two speakers are trying to link for stereo sound.

Fast blinking white (left speaker only) means this speaker is ready to pair via Bluetooth.

Solid blue means an audio cable is plugged into the Aux In jack.

Lighting buttons control the speaker's multi-mode lighting.

When the speaker's off...

The **Mode** button turns a white light on or off.

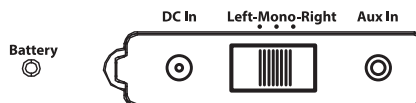
When the speaker's on...

The **Mode** button cycles through the multiple lighting modes: Solid on, Breathe mode, Dance mode, Party mode, and Off.

The **Color** button cycles through the 8 available colors for Solid on and Breathe modes.

Back

Battery light shows the charging status of the speaker's rechargeable battery: red when charging, green when fully charged.



DC In jack connects to the AC adapter provided to power the speaker.

Left-Mono-Right switch lets you set up two speakers as a stereo pair (Left and Right). Otherwise, this switch should be set to **Mono**.

Aux In jack lets you connect directly to the speaker to listen to an audio source.