

AM/FM MP3 CD Receiver

Operating Instructions CQ-TX5500W









• Please read these instructions carefully before using this product and keep this manual for future reference.

Safety Information

CAUTION:

THIS PRODUCT IS A CLASS I LASER PRODUCT. USE OF CONTROLS OR ADJUSTMENTS OR PER-FORMANCE OF PROCEDURES OTHER THAN THOSE SPECIFIED HEREIN MAY RESULT IN HAZ-ARDOUS RADIATION EXPOSURE. DO NOT OPEN COVERS AND DO NOT REPAIR YOURSELF. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED PERSONNEL.

Laser products:

Wave length: 780 nm Laser power: No hazardous radiation is emitted with safety protection.

WARNING:

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC Shock, do not expose this product to Rain or moisture.

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC Shock, and annoying interference, use only the included components.

WARNING:

Never remove the electron tube.

• Disassembly and modification may cause machine trouble, burn, electric shock or injury. Do not disassemble or modify the product. Otherwise, the product may be out of order, or operators concerned may be burned, electrically shocked or injured. Refer repairs to the dealer where you purchased the product.

Never repair the product by yourself.



• Do not remove or even loosen the screws on the panel.

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Special care of this unit

For connecting to other devices:

• Read the instructions for each device carefully and follow them for proper use.

For the use of a mobile phone:

• A noise may occur because of the position or direction of a mobile phone. Keep the phone away from the unit as much as possible.

Unit handling

Use the unit only in the car-mounted way.

• If you use the unit outdoors or in a pleasure boat, the unit may be out of order, or you may be electrically shocked or injured.

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Escape clauses

- Panasonic shall have no liability for any damages caused by a fire, an earthquake, an act by a third party, an accident or use of the unit under abnormal conditions resulted from user's intention, negligence, improper use, etc.
- Panasonic shall have no liability for any consequential damages whatever arising out of use of or inability to use the unit. (Ex. loss of revenue, change and disappearance of recorded information, etc.)
- The supplied guarantee card is not applicable when the unit is installed in a car that is used for commercial purpose (such as a bus, a taxi, a commercial car, etc.).

Components

Operating Instructions	
• Supplied Hardware	
Remote Control Unit	

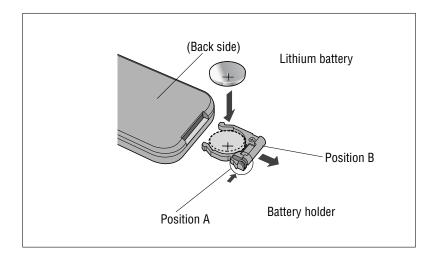
Lithium Battery (CR2025).....1
 Warranty Card.....1

Remote Control Preparation

Battery Installation

- 1. Remove the battery holder.
- Pull the holder out at position B while pushing position A as indicated. 2. Install the battery on the battery holder.
- Place the battery in the holder with its (+) side upwards as shown. 3. Insert the battery holder.

Push in the battery holder back into its original position.



Battery Notes

Remove and dispose of an old battery immediately. Battery Information:

- Battery Type: Panasonic lithium battery (CR2025) (Included)
- Battery Life: Approximately 6 months under normal use (at room temperature)

Caution: Improper use of batteries may cause overheating, an explosion or ignition, resulting in injury or a fire. Battery leakage may damage the unit.

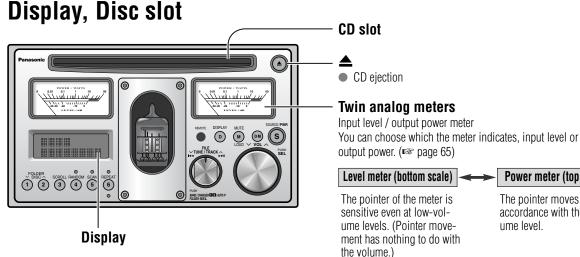
- Do not disassemble or short the battery. Do not throw a battery into a fire.
- Keep batteries away from children to avoid the risk of accidents.
- Follow local regulations when disposing of batteries.

Names and Functions

Main unit Display -MUTE, LOUD Display switching Muting Establishment of user setting mode / item selection Bass and treble emphasis at low-volume levels (Loudness) 0 0 (D-M) (s 6 **REMOTE** (Remote control FILE sensor) FOLDER DISC SCROLL RANDOM SCAN REPEAT 0 0 1 - 6Selection key Station presetting / station call (PRESET) TUNE / FILE , TRACK 🛏 🛏 Frequency / track / file selection • Folder selection (FOLDER)[1, 2] Folder selection (in the folder selection mode) Turn Setting and adjustment (in the user setting) mode) BAND, CHANGER **1 2***, AUTO•P



- Press
- Auto station search and registration
- Establishment of folder selection mode / confirmation * in future use

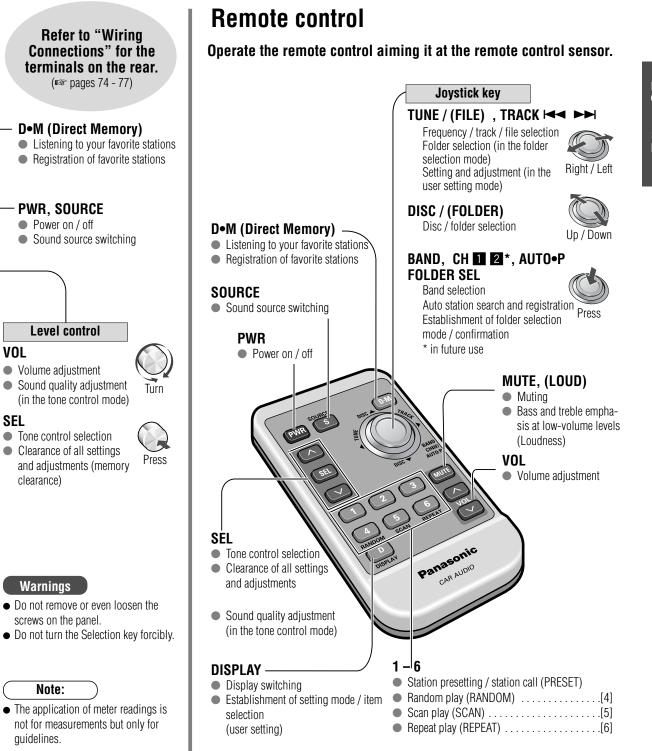


Power meter (top scale)

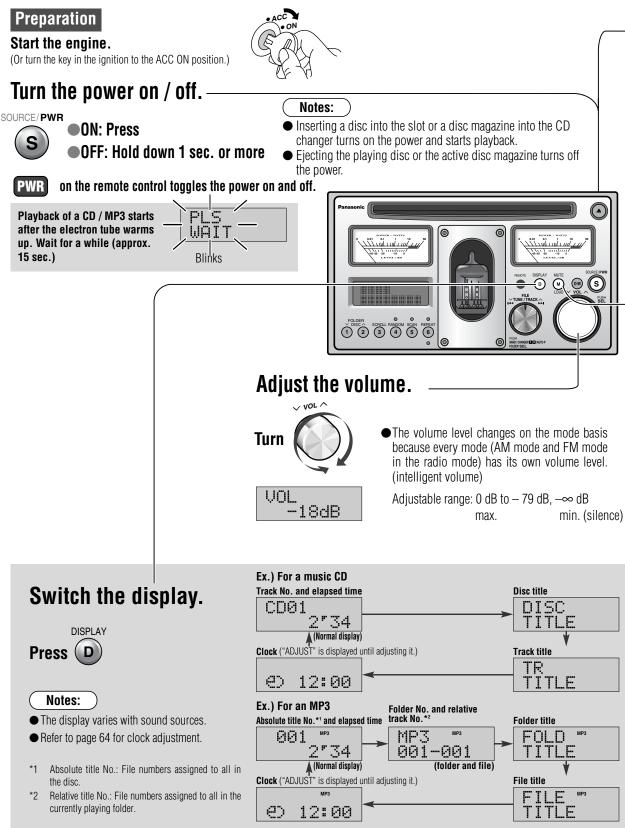
The pointer moves in accordance with the volume level.

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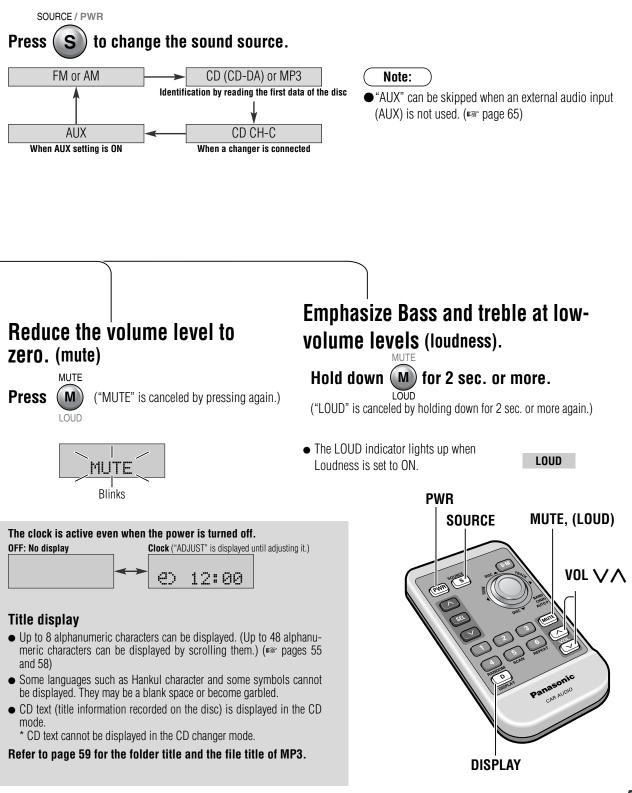


Power/Basic Operation

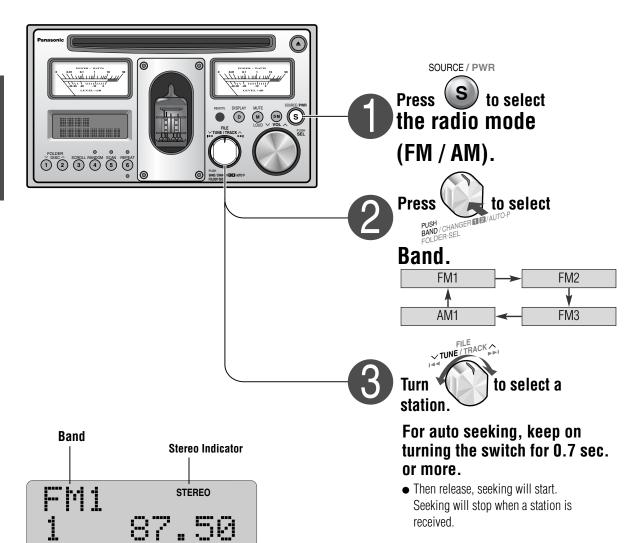


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Select a sound source.



Radio



Notes:

Preset number

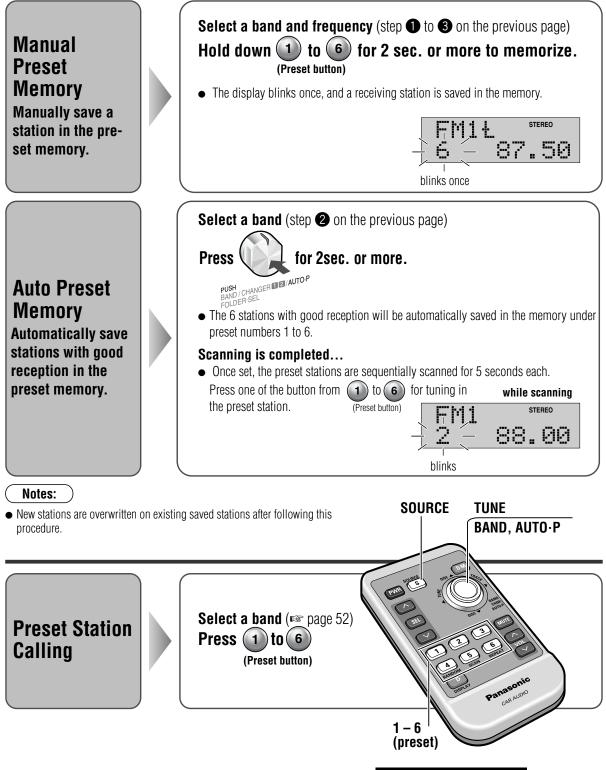
• The stereo indicator lights during reception of an FM stereo broadcast.

Frequency

• This indicator does not support AM stereo broadcast.

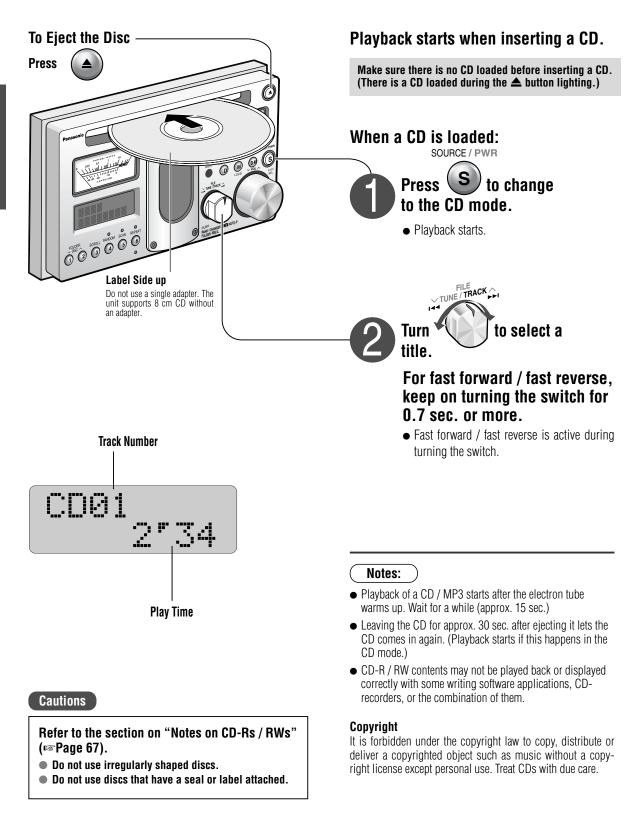
Station Preset

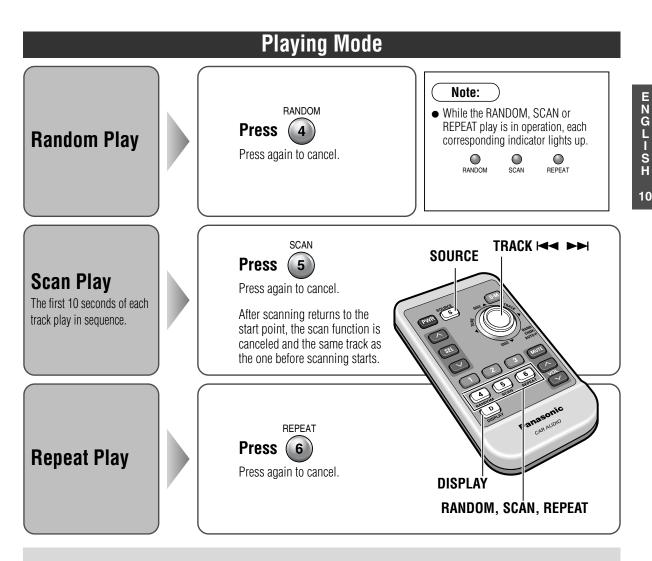
Up to 6 stations can be stored in each of the FM1, FM2, FM3 and AM band selections.

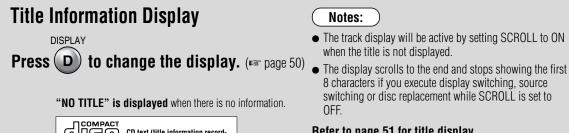


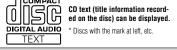
CD Player

If a disc contains both CD-DA and MP3 data, only first-recorded data is played. (It may take time until playback starts because all data is checked.)









Title Scrolling SCROLL

Press (3)

Notes:

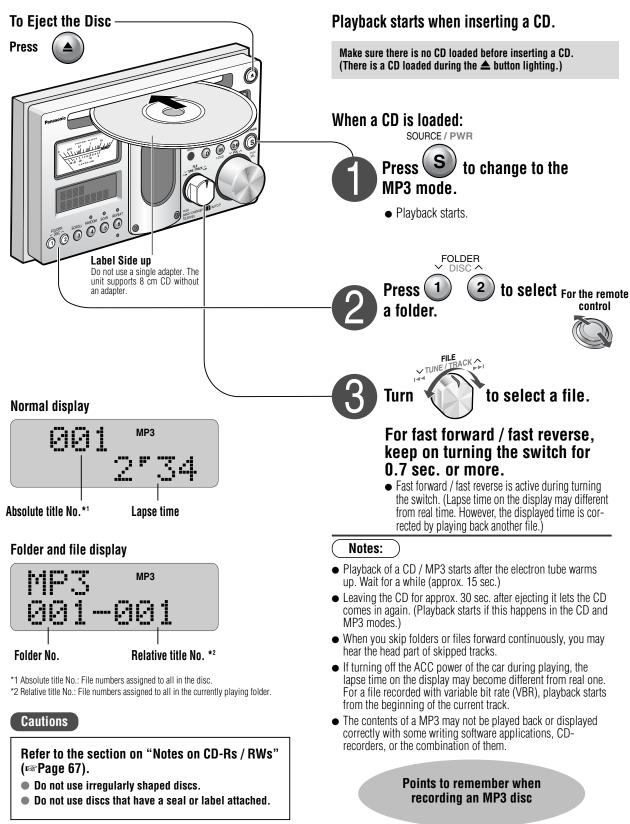
- The track display will be active by setting SCROLL to ON when the title is not displayed.
- 8 characters if you execute display switching, source switching or disc replacement while SCROLL is set to

Refer to page 51 for title display.

on the main unit. ("SCROLL" is canceled by pressing again.)

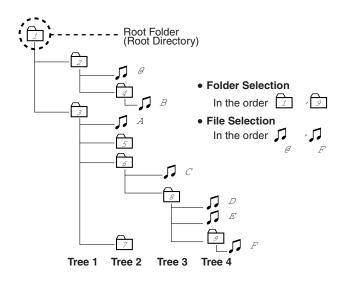
MP3 Player

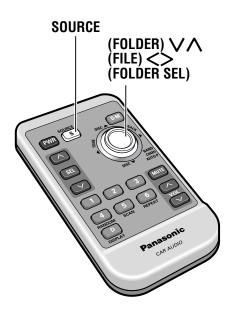
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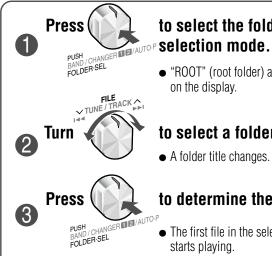
Folder Selection Order / MP3 file playback order (Example)

- This unit counts the number of folders irrespective of the presence or absence of MP3 file.
- If the selected folder does not contain any MP3 files, the nearest MP3 files in the order of playback will be played.
- Playback order may be different from other MP3 players even if the same disc is used.
- "ROOT" appears when displaying the root folder's folder name.





Quick search for your favorite folder (folder selection)



to select the folder

• "ROOT" (root folder) appears on the display.

to select a folder.

• A folder title changes.

to determine the folder.

• The first file in the selected folder starts playing.

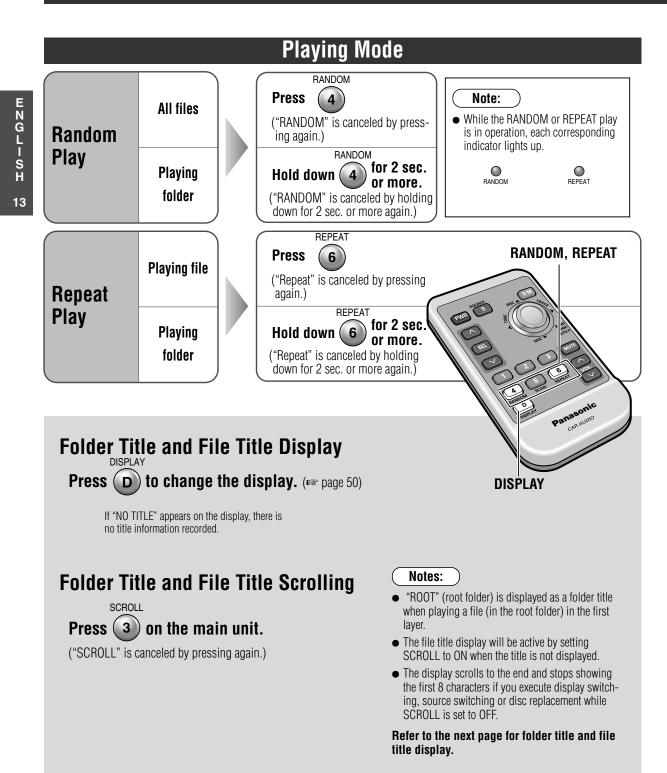
Notes:

• If no operation is performed for approx. 20 sec., the unit goes back to the normal mode. DISPLAY

If you would like to interrupt (or go back to the normal mode), press D

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MP3 Player (continued)



Points to remember when recording an MP3 disc

This player allows you to play MP3 files recorded on CD-ROMs, CD-Rs (Recordable) and CD-RWs (Rewritable).

What is MP3

MP3, short for MPEG Audio Layer-3, is a standard for compressing digital video data adopted for video CDs and similar media. It is one of the audio compression systems covered by MPEG's (Motion Picture Experts Group) digital audio compression standards. What it does is reduce the number of bytes in a song without detracting from the sound quality by eliminating big sound waves within the sound range that is imperceptible to the human ear. This compression allows you to reduce the contents of a conventional music CD by a factor of around 10. This means that you can record the contents of 10 music CDs on a single CD-R or CD-RW. (The figures refer to data recorded on a 650 MB CD-R or CD-RW at a fixed bit rate of 128 kbps and a sampling frequency of 44.1 kHz.)

Converting (encoding) audio data to an MP3 file

- It is recommended to set the bit rate to "128 kbps or more" and "Fixed".
- Bit rate 8 kbps of MPEG-2 and sampling frequency 16 kHz of MPEG-2 can not be reproduced.
- If set to VBR (Variable Bit Rate), the file playing time may not be displayed correctly, and the bit rate value on the AUDIO indicator may flicker.
- The playback sound quality differs depending on the encoding software and the bit rate. For details refer to the user manual of your encoding software.

Recording MP3 files on a CD-R / RW

- Do not record files other than MP3s or unnecessary folders on a disc. If many folders or files other than MP3s are recorded on a disc, it may take up to 150 seconds before playback starts, and you may have difficulties using fast forward and fast reverse.
- Use ISO 9660 file system (Extension of the ISO 9660 file systems are included.) APPLE HFS file system is not supported. If they do not conform to ISO 9660 file system, the file may not play normally, or the file or folder names may not be displayed correctly.
- Make sure to add the ".mp3" extension to each MP3 file name. A file with a different file name extension or none at all will not play.
- Although Multi session recording is supported, the use of Disc-at-Once is recommended. Make sure to close the session when you finished recording on a disc.
- ID3Tag character information is not displayed. A file in which character information was recorded by use of ID3Tag 2.0 or later version may not be reproduced normally. For example, the file playing time may not be displayed correctly.
- Packet writing software is not supported.
- A playlist function is not supported. Record files and folders in the order in which you want them to be played. Some writing software lets you specify the recording order by adding a prefix in the range of "01" "99", etc. to the file name. For details refer to the user manual of your writing software.

Note: You may encounter trouble in playing MP3s or displaying the information of MP3 files recorded with certain writing softwares or CD recorders (CD-R / RW drives).

Supported file systems and file names

Supported file system	Displayable folder names and file names
ISO 9660 Level 1	Name files and folders in accordance with the standard of each file system. Refer to the instructions of writing software for details.
ISO 9660 Level 2	• This player can display file names of up to 31 letters in scroll mode.
Apple Extension to ISO 9660	 ASCII character set and special characters in each language can be displayed. Undisplayable characters and symbols will be converted into an asterisk (*).
Romeo	ASCII character set: ASCII character set consisting of A to Z, a to z, digits 0 to 9, and the following symbols: (space) ! " $\#$ % & '() * +,/:; < = >? @ [\]^_``{1}
Joliet*	* Up to 15 letters can be displayed when scrolling in the Joliet system.

Maximum number of files / folders

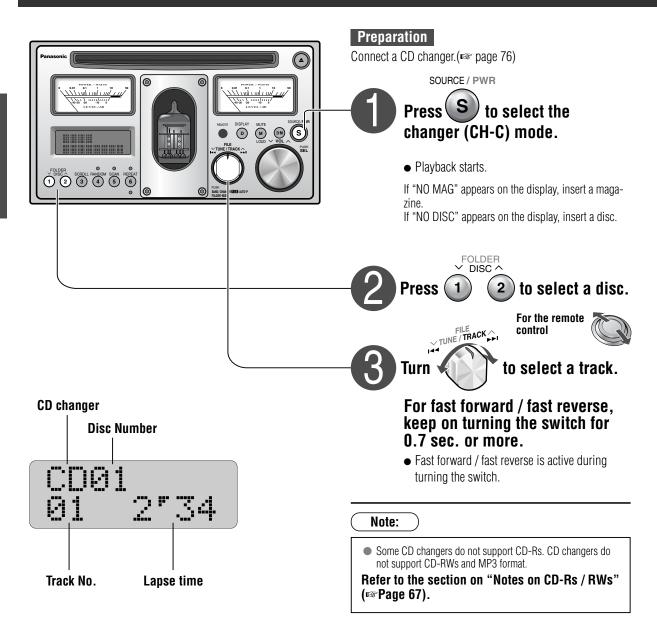
- Maximum number of trees: 8
- Maximum number of files / folders:
 254 (files + folders. Root folder is not included.)
- Notes:
- "ERROR4" appears on the display when a file cannot be played back.
- MP3 encode software and writing software are not supplied to this model.

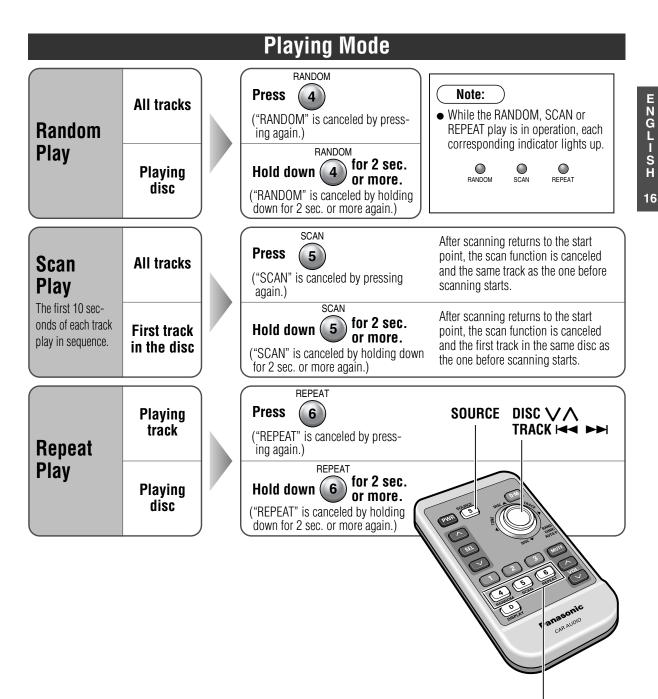
• If the total of files and folders exceeds 254, successful playback may not be performed.

Copyright

It is prohibited by copyright laws to copy, distribute and deliver copyrighted materials such as music without the approval of copyright holder except enjoying yourself personally.

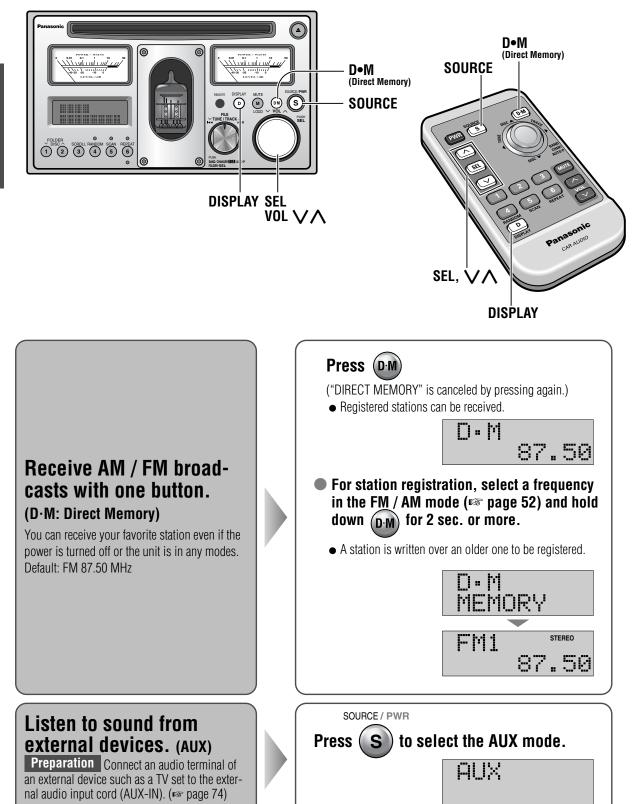
CD Changer





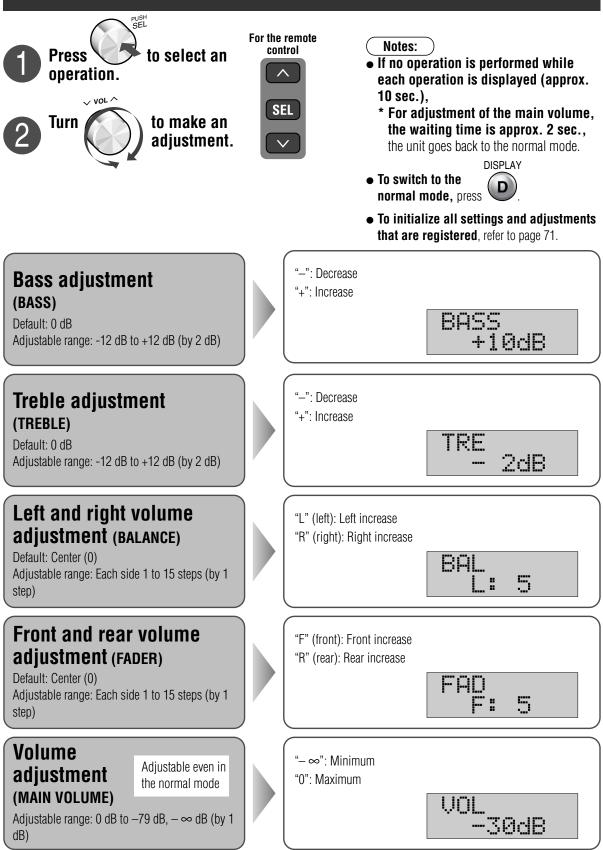
RANDOM, SCAN, REPEAT

Useful Functions

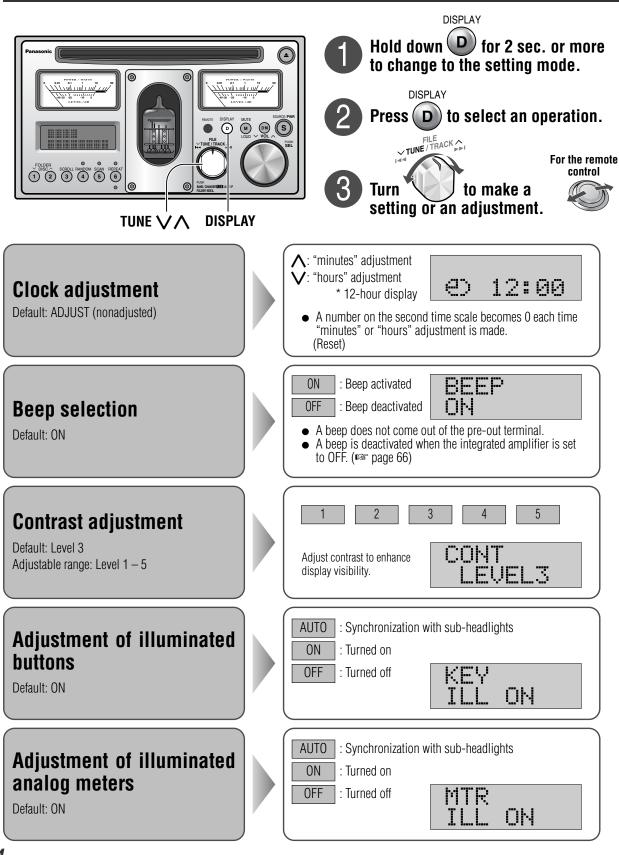


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Sound Controls

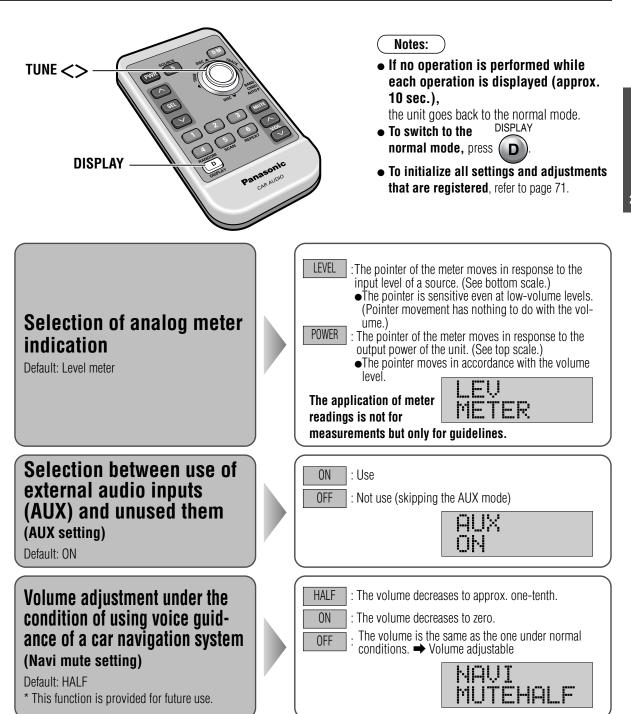


User Settings

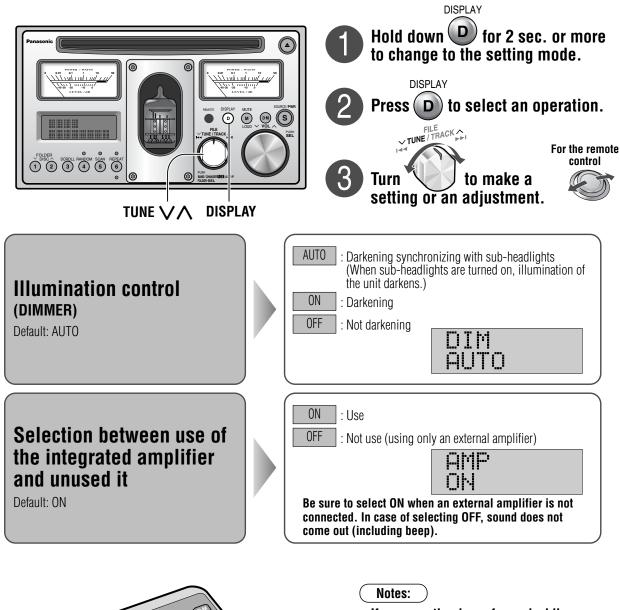


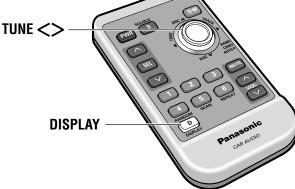
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User Settings (continued)





 If no operation is performed while each operation is displayed (approx. 10 sec.),

the unit goes back to the normal mode.

- To switch to the DISPLAY normal mode, press D. for 2sec. or more.
- To initialize all settings and adjustments that are registered, refer to page 71.

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Notes on CD / CD Media (CD-ROM, CD-R, CD-RW)

If you use commercial CDs, they must have either of these labels shown at right.



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How to hold the disc

- Do not touch the underside of the disc.
- Do not scratch on the disc.
- Do not bend disc.
- When not in use, keep disc in the case.

Do not use irregularly shaped discs.

Do not leave discs in the following places:

- Direct sunlight
- Near car heaters
- Dirty, dusty and damp areas
- Seats and dashboards

Disc cleaning

Use a dry, soft cloth to wipe from the center outward.

Caution on new discs

A new disc may have rough edges on its inner and outer perimeter. These may cause malfunction. Remove the rough edges using a pencil, etc.

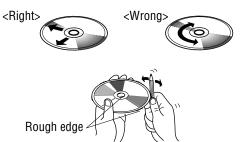
Do not attach any seals or labels to your discs.

Do not write on the disc label in a heavy pen or ballpoint pen.





Do not use irregularly shaped discs.



Notes on CD-Rs / RWs

- You may have trouble playing back some CD-R / RW discs recorded on CD recorders (CD-R / RW drives), either due to their recording characteristics or dirt, fingerprints, scratches, etc. on the disc surface.
- CD-R / RW discs are less resistant to high temperatures and high humidity than ordinary music CDs. Leaving them inside a car for extended periods may damage and make playback impossible.
- Some CD-R / RWs cannot be played back successfully thanks to incompatibility among writing software, a CD recorder (CD-R / RW drive) and the discs.
- This player cannot play the CD-R / RW discs if the session is not closed.
- This player cannot play the CD-R / RW discs which contains other than CD-DA or MP3 data (Video CD, etc.).
- Be sure to observe the instructions of CD-R / RW disc for handling it.

Maintenance

Your product is designed and manufactured to ensure the minimum of maintenance. Use a soft cloth for routine exterior cleaning. Never use benzine, thinner, or other solvents.



Troubleshooting

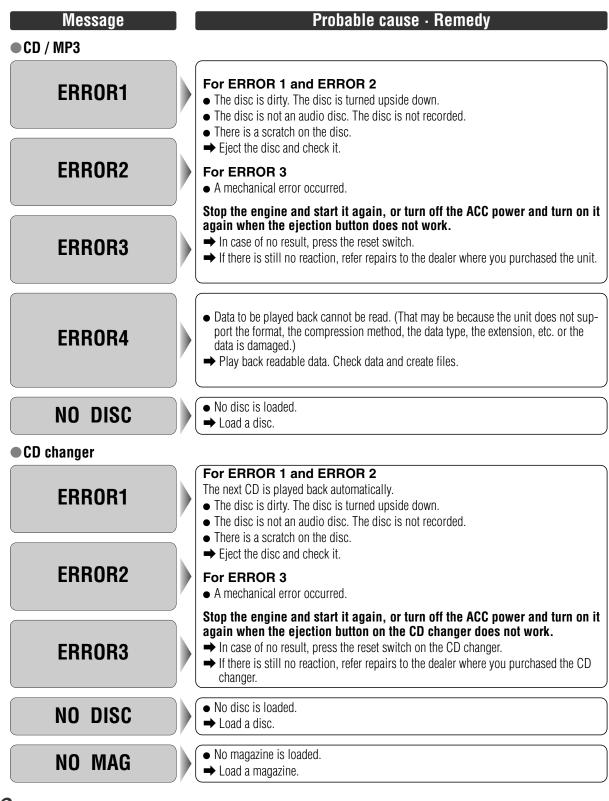
Symptom Power and general		Probable cause · Remedy
No power to the unit		 Start the engine. (Or turn the key in the ignition to the ACC ON position.) Verify each connection. A fuse in the unit or connected devices blows. → Refer the replacement of the fuse to the dealer where you purchased the unit.
No sound		 Playback of a CD / MP3 starts after the electron tube warms up. Wait for a while (approx. 15 sec.) Turn up the volume. "MUTE" stays ON. → Select OFF. The integrated amplifier is set to OFF. → Select ON if an external amplifier is not connected. Dew condensation occurred. → Leave the unit for a while and try again. Verify each connection. If the navi mute cord is not connected, use a cap (or vinyl tape) to insulate it.
Noise		• Keep your mobile phone or other devices that seem to cause noise away from the unit.
Radio		
High level of noise is included in FM stereo and mono broadcasting.		 Check whether the antenna is fully extended. (Or verify the connection of the auto antenna control cord.) A radio wave from the station is weak. → Try another station.
Sound quality and user s	etti	ngs
No sound coming from any one of the front, rear, right and left speakers		Adjust the sound balance of front, rear, right and left speakers.Verify each connection.
Stereo sound reversed between right and left speakers		• Verify the connection of the speaker cords.
No beep		 "BEEP" is set to OFF. → Select ON. The integrated amplifier is set to OFF. → Select ON if an external amplifier is not connected.

Troubleshooting

Symptom CD and MP3	Probable cause - Remedy
No sound when inserting a disc (no playback) Disc ejected automati- cally	 Insert a disc correctly. Insert a music disc. Enter a folder title / a file title using specified the number and type of characters that comply with the specifications. Be sure to put the extension, ".MP3", to a MP3 file. CD-R / RW contents may not be displayed correctly with used writing software, drive or the combination of them.
Poor sound quality (skip- ping)	 Clean the disc. Verify the installation. The installation angle should be less than 30 degrees. Secure the unit to avoid shaking. Sound quality varies with used encoder software, transfer bit rate and other factors. Refer to the instructions for the encoder software.
Incorrect CD text dis- played	Clean the disc.
No sound when inserting a disc (lapse time dis- played)	 The electron tube is damaged. → Refer the replacement of the electron tube to the dealer where you purchased the unit. The first track in a mixed-mode CD was played back. (Mixed-mode CD is a CD that has data other than music in the first track and music data in the second and later tracks in one session.) → Play back the music data in the second and later tracks.
Incorrect folder title and file title displayed	 Enter a folder title / a file title using specified the number and type of characters that comply with the specifications. A folder title or a file title may not be displayed correctly with used writing software, drive or the combination of them.
Difference between lapse time displayed and real one	 Fast forward or fast reverse was activated during playback, or you turned off the ACC power. → Try another file to correct the lapse time displayed. The lapse time of a MP3 file that is recorded at variable bit rate (VBR) may be displayed incorrectly.
Much time to start play- back	 Playback of a CD / MP3 starts after the electron tube warms up. Wait for a while (approx. 15 sec.) The hierarchy of folders and files on the disc is deep. Do not record files other than MP3 type and unnecessary folders because it may take time to check the files.
Playback in an incorrect order	 The files are not recorded in your favorite order. There is a writing software application in which you can arrange files by putting numbers such as "01" to "99" on the top of the files.
Remote control	
Pressing buttons does not work.	 Check the battery positioning. The battery is going to be dead. → Change the battery. Aim the remote control at the Remote control sensor when operating it.

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Error Messages



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No trouble in this case

Dew condensation

When you play back a disc in a rainy day or right after turning on the heater, playback may not function correctly
because of dew condensation on the optical lens of the CD player or on the disc. In such a case, eject the disc and wait
for approx. an hour to let dew evaporate spontaneously.

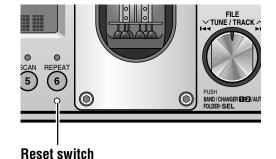
For no reaction by any buttons

Press the reset switch using a break-proof pin.

• The power is turned off and the unit restarts immediately. (Registered settings and adjustments are not cleared.)

For no reaction by the reset switch

Refer repairs to the dealer where you purchased the unit.



Initialization of all settings and adjustments that are registered (memory clearance)



- for 5 sec. or
- 2 Press (

(1) to execute initialization.

 The message appears to make sure of memory clearance.



• Registered settings and adjustments are cleared and the power is turned off. (The settings return to the factory default.)

To avoid initializing the settings and adjustments, press other buttons to cancel it.

In case a problem may arise

Turn off the power immediately. Disconnect the power cable after making sure there is no smoke and the unit does not become hot. Refer repairs to the dealer where you purchased the unit. Never repair the unit by yourself.

Preparation

\land Warning

No disassembly, no repair, no modification



Do not disassemble, repair or modify the unit. Do not connect the sheathpeeled cord to the power of other devices. Failure to heed the instructions may cause a fire, an electrically shock or a trouble.

Check the supplied items against the table

If there is a difference between them, please inform the dealer where you purchased the unit.

Wiring

Item	Qty.
Power cord	1

Installation

Item	
Special type tapping screw with washer (5¢ x 8 mm)	4
Special type dished tapping screw (5¢ x 8 mm)	8

Installation Flow

 \blacksquare Disconnect the cable from the negative \ominus battery terminal (see caution on the right)

First complete the electrical connections. and then check them for correctness.

(INSP page 74-77)

• Please carefully read the operating and installation instructions of the respective equipment before connecting it to this unit. Please connect the power lead (red) after all other connections are made.



3 Install (🖙 page 73)

4 After installation reconnect the negative \ominus battery terminal.

We strongly recommended that you wear gloves for installation work to protect yourself from injuries.

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\land Caution

Expert engineers for wiring and installation



Wiring and installation require expertise and experiences.

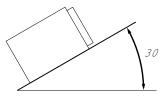
Refer wiring and installation to the dealer where you purchased the unit to ensure safetv.

Installation dimensions and angle

• The unit cannot be installed in some car types (due to the shape and dimensions of a dashboard), and the unit may interfere with a gearshift lever or other objects in some car types. Ask the dealer for further information.

Consult the dealer if space for an audio system is not designed for 2-DIN (180 (W) mm x 100 (H) mm).

 Install the unit at 30 degrees or less with respect to a horizontal axis.



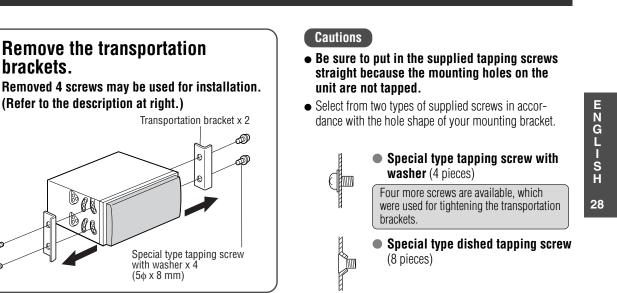
Caution: Do not disconnect the battery terminals of a car with trip or navigational computer since all user settings stored in memory will be lost. Instead take extra care with installing the unit to prevent shorts.

Installation

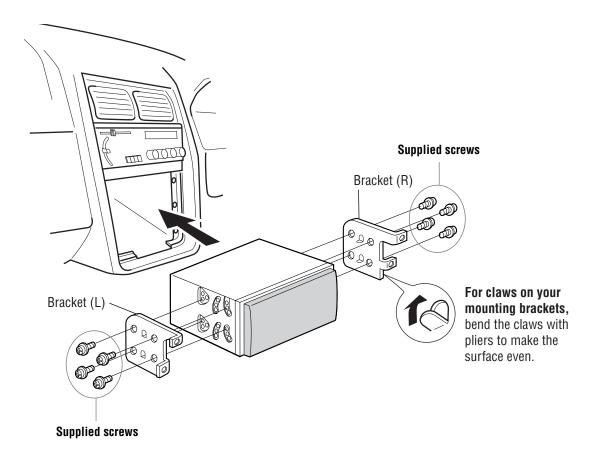
brackets.

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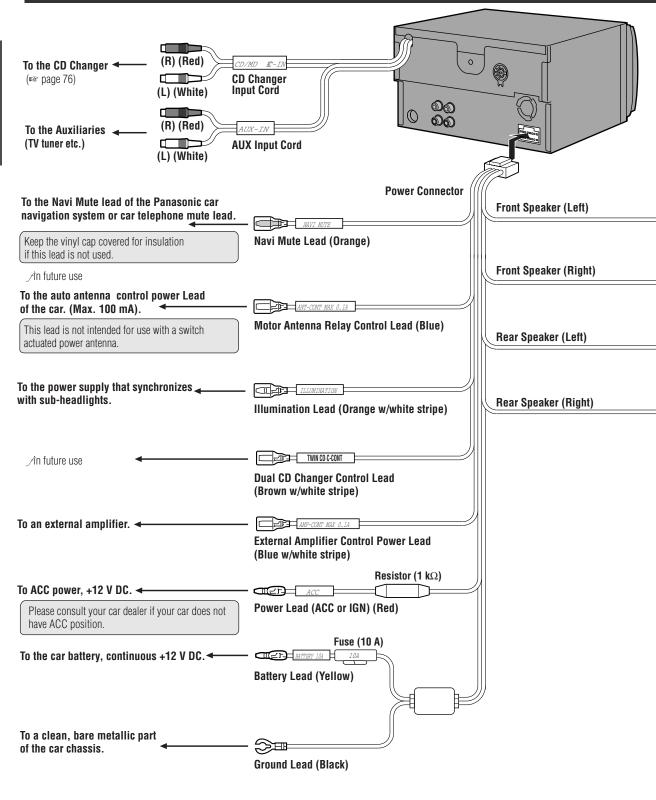


The shape and securing method of the bracket to be used vary with car manufacturers and car models. Ask the dealer for further information.



Electrical Connections

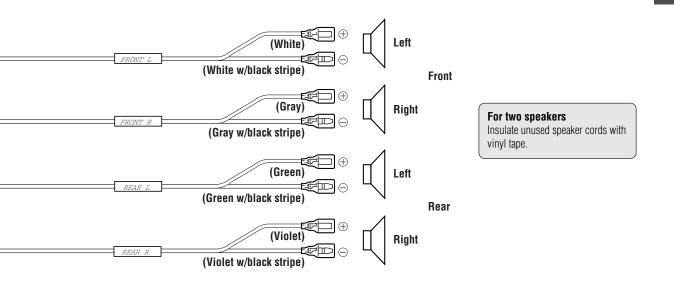
Wiring Diagram

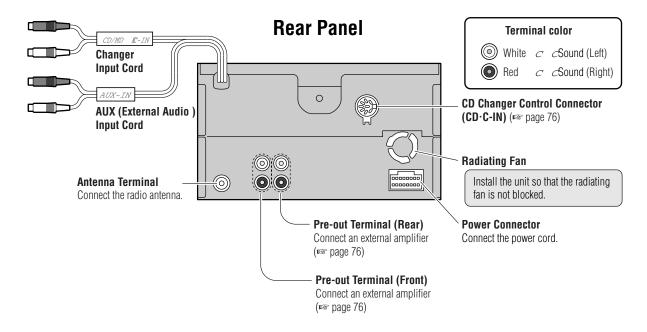


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Be sure to connect the power cord connector after completion of all other connections for prevention of shortings.



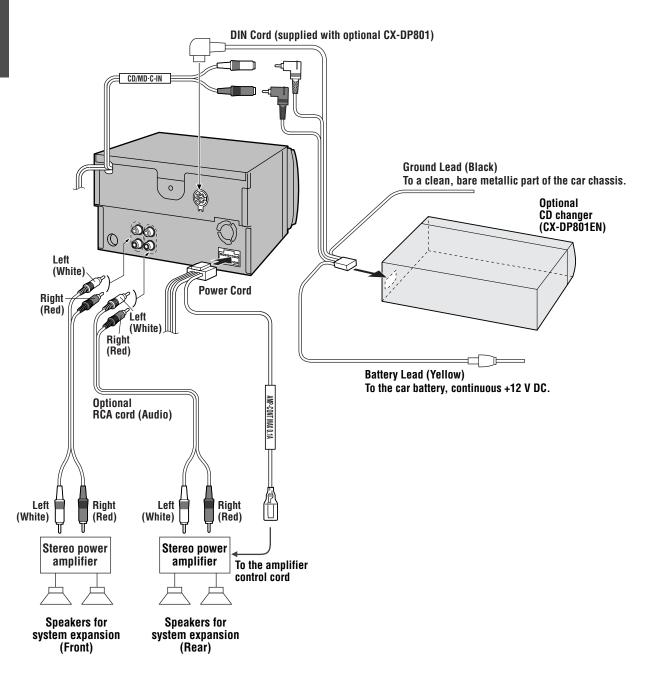


Wiring Connection

Connection of changer and external amplifier

Refer to the operating instructions for each connecting device in conjunction with this book.

Ex.) CD changer (CX-DP801EN)



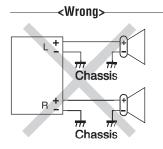
Speaker Connections

Caution: Please follow the instructions given below. Failure to do so will cause damage to the unit and speakers.

<**Right>**(White)

R + (Gray) (Gray w/black stripe)

- Use ungrounded speaker only.
- The maximum speaker output should be 50 W or more. (If used with the optional power amplifier, the speaker output should be higher than the maximum amplifier output.)
- The speaker impedance should be 4 8 Ω .
- This unit uses the BTCL circuit, so each speaker should be connected separately using parallel vinyl insulated cords.
- The speaker cords and the power amplifier unit should be kept away (about 30 cm apart) from the antenna and antenna extension cord.



- Never connect the speaker cord to the body of the car.
- Do not use a 3-wire type speaker system having a common earth lead.
- Do not connect more than one speaker to one set of speaker leads.

Fuse

Use fuses of the same specified rating (10 A). Using different substitutes or fuses with higher ratings, or connecting the unit directly without a fuse, could cause fire or damage to the unit.

If the replacement fuse fails, contact your nearest authorized Panasonic Service Center.

After – Sales Service

Warranty period: One year from the date of purchase

Repair request

Follow the remedies on the Troubleshooting pages. If the trouble cannot be solved, turn off the power and refer repairs to the dealer where you purchased the unit.

• Within the warranty period

The dealer where you purchased the unit will repair it as specified in the warranty card. Please take the unit to the dealer along with the warranty card.

• After the warranty period Repair is available on a chargeable basis.

Holding period of functional parts for repair

We will hold the functional parts (which are indispensable to maintain its original performance) for 6 years after suspension of producing the unit.

For repair or handling To the dealer where you purchased the unit

> For inquiries To "Customer Center"

Customer Center

Tel: (02)2633-0878

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Specifications

General

Power supply	: 12 VDC (11 V – 16 V), test voltage 14.4 V, negative ground
Current consumption	: 8.5 A (nominal output in the CD mode)
Power output	: 16 W x 4 ch. (1 kHz, 1 %, 4 Ω)
Maximum power output	: 45 W x 4 ch.
Compatible speaker impedance	: 4Ω
Audio input impedance	: 10 k Ω (AUX IN)
Audio input sensitivity	2 Vrms (AUX IN)
Pre-out output voltage	4.0 Vrms (in the CD mode)
Pre-out output impedance	: 600 Ω
Dimensions	: 178 (W) x 100 (H) x 160 (D) mm
Weight	: 2.3 kg
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FM tuner	

FM tuner

Frequency range	: 87.5 – 108 MHz	
Usable sensitivity	: 12 dBf (S/N 30 dB)	
Signal to noise ratio	: 70 dB (mono)	
Stereo separation	: 40 dB	
Effective selectivity	: 75 dB (±400 kHz)	

AM tuner

Frequency range : 531 – 1,602 kHz Usable sensitivity : 25 dB/µV (S/N 20 dB) Image interference ratio : 65 dB

CD player

Channel	:	2
Decoding	:	16-bit linear
Frequency response	:	5 Hz – 20 kHz
Signal to noise ratio	:	93 dB (IHF, A)
Wow and flutter	:	Below measurable limits
MP3 decoder	:	MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3 / MPEG-2 Audio Layer 3 LSF
 Bit rate 		MPEG-1 : 32 kbps – 256 kbps, VBR
		MPEG-2 : 16 kbps – 160 kbps, VBR
 Sampling frequency 		MPEG-1 : 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz

Note: Specifications and design are subject to modification without notice due to improvements.

MPEG-2 : 22.05 kHz, 24 kHz

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