AktiMate Maxi
User Guide

Congratulations on your purchase of the AktiMate Maxi active speaker system. Using speaker technology licensed from Epos Limited in the United Kingdom, these speakers have been developed and built to exacting standards. The AktiMate Maxi speaker system has a built in 60 Watt per channel amplifier overseen in development by Creek Audio's engineers, making this a very flexible and portable hi-fi system, allowing you to listen to your music whenever you like - wherever you like.

With a comprehensive 12 month warranty, your AktiMate Maxi system will provide you with years of enjoyment. Choose your source - whether it be an iPod, MP3 player, CD player, tuner, TV or any other hi-fi product, plug it in, turn up the volume and have some fun! In addition, you have the added benefits of Internet Radio, FM Radio and Wireless Streaming.

Your AktiMate Maxi active speaker system comes to you packed full of features.

Self powered active two-way loudspeakers (1 active/1 Passive) with 60 WPC power output

Concealed iPod docking station

Line in   (3.5 mm stereo jack socket)

Aux 1   (RCA connectors)

Aux 2   (RCA connectors)

USB for connection to an MP3 player (which will be charged during operation) or a memory stick

Line out (RCA connectors)

Internet radio powered by Reciva

Wireless streaming over a network via Windows Share and UPnP

Connection to internet and home network via Wi-Fi (802.11 B & G) or LAN cable

File formats currently supported - refer to www.aktimate.com/faq The list is a long one!

FM Radio

Full remote control, including iPod functions

LCD display

Firmware up-gradeable via the internet

Optional silk cloth grilles plus accessory pack containing cables, aerials, dock connectors

Detailed instructions appear throughout the User Manual for use of each of the inputs. It is best to initially set up your Maxi for optimum performance via the Settings options which are described in the following pages. However we fully appreciate the desire to unpack it, plug it in and simply start listening to music. We have therefore provided you with this basic Quick Start Option for use with an iPod, iPhone or iTouch.

QUICK START GUIDE WITH AN IPOD

Connect speakers with supplied speaker cable ensuring connection is in phase red to red/white to white

Check voltage is set to the correct voltage for your country and be sure the power switch is off

Connect mains cable to speaker, connect to wall socket and switch on rear panel power switch

AktiMate will connect and after 15 seconds go into power save mode

Come out of power save by pressing the knob on the front panel or the red power button on the remote

Select *Input* on the remote and navigate to iPod (Having pressed Input once, then press Back for full menu)

Open the iPod cover and carefully insert your iPod into the dock (note - if using an iPhone ignore the message which first appears on screen). The iPod dock accepts original adaptors – a selection is supplied with the AktiMate Maxi. However it is advisable to use the adaptor supplied with your iPod or iPhone

It will begin to play

GRILLES

You have been supplied with a pair of silk cloth grilles for placement over the woofers if desired. To fit these grilles carefully remove the speaker's black trim ring and place the pegs on the grille into the fixing holes. The grilles can be removed at any time and the trim rings re-fitted.

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POSITIONING

It is always worth remembering when positioning hi-fi speakers, that your room acoustics have a huge impact on the overall sound quality. As a consequence, there are no hard and fast rules when specifying placement, so we would always recommend that you try a few different locations to see what works best for your particular taste. As a general rule, your speakers should be equidistant from side walls and at least 15 – 30 cm (6-12 ins) from a rear wall. The ideal height is when tweeters are at eye or ear level when listening.

RUNNING IN

Although a running in period is not required, AktiMate Maxi speakers will undoubtedly improve after some use. We therefore recommend that you play between 24 and 36 hours of music before doing any critical listening. You'll be surprised at the result!

CLEANING

We wouldn't recommend the use of any commercial solvents or household cleaners. All you need to do is to wipe them over with a soft, dry cloth.
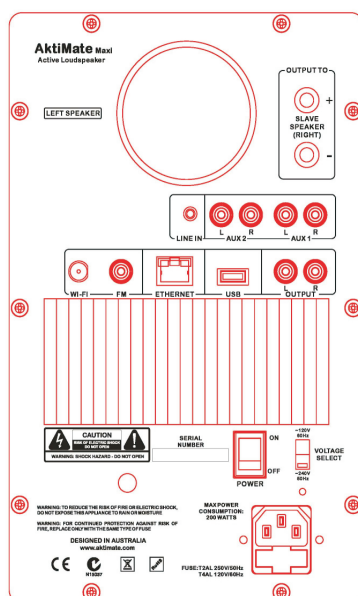
CONTROLS

The active speaker features a volume/control knob on the lower right hand side of the front of the speaker and an infrared sensor on the lower left, which also contains 3 indicator LED's – Blue when the system is on and operating, Orange when the system is in Power Save mode and Red when in Mute.

REMOTE CONTROL

The remote handset gives you full control of your AktiMate Maxi. Several of the buttons assume control of your iPod when using that as your music source. This is clearly described in the section of this manual relating to iPod. You will find constant reference to the various controls throughout the manual. Please note that both the REPLY and MODE buttons are for use only with 'My Station' (a sub menu of My Stuff), an option available to you after you register with http://radios.reciva.com Registration information appears at the end of the manual.

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REAR PANEL

Connection to slave speaker (cable supplied)

Inputs (L to R):

3.5 mm (cable supplied), Aux 2 RCA, Aux 1 RCA

Wi-Fi, FM, Ethernet, USB,   Output: RCA
(Wi-Fi, FM aerials supplied)

Power On/Off   Voltage Selection

Mains connection (Cable supplied)

THE BASICS

Switch the system on with the power switch on the rear panel. The blue power on LED will light. After approximately 5 seconds the display will say Starting.... and approximately ten seconds the display will enter power save mode and the orange LED will light, having first shown an AktiMate welcome screen and time reading 0:00.

By pressing the knob on the speaker, or the power button on the remote handset, the AktiMate Maxi will start normal operation and the orange LED will go out. When in power save mode, power to the amplifier is switched off and the speakers are muted. The display is not affected, nor is the clock, alarm settings, wi-fi connection, etc. All sub menus have an *OFF* command which puts the system into power save mode. Note that the system will always return to the input that was selected when last listening.

Selecting an input can be done in either of two ways. Option 1 is to select and press the Input button on the remote handset until the desired input is highlighted. The system will then access that input automatically. Option 2 is to rotate the knob on the bottom right hand side of the speaker to scroll through the inputs. If an error in selection is made at any time and you wish to go back to an earlier option, use the BACK button on the remote. Note that the only time the Back button on the remote does **not** take you back to an earlier menu is when you are using your iPod and the Back button is in use as an iPod control.

The AktiMate Maxi can be put into power save mode by choosing *OFF* from the same list. This will not affect your clock and alarm functions. To take the AktiMate Maxi out of its power saving mode, press the power button on the remote handset or push the knob once. Once an input is selected and active, either turn the knob or use the VOL- or VOL+ buttons on the remote handset to achieve the desired volume level. The display will show a bar graph to indicate the volume level. This will disappear shortly after the volume is no longer varied.

MAIN MENU

Navigation is achieved by pressing the knob briefly, turning and pressing the selection, or using the remote control UP, DOWN and SELECT buttons. The desired feature is highlighted in the display. Please take the time to read through the individual instructions for each function before using your AktiMate Maxi. This will guarantee you greater enjoyment as you fully familiarise yourself with its many exciting features.

SETTINGS MENU

Highlighting SETTINGS will show the following sub headings:

Network Config – Highlighting this will show a further sub menu as below:

Scan for networks - this will find any available networks in your immediate vicinity

Select or enter Network Name (See Internet Radio section)

View Config. Shows the current network settings

Edit Config. Allows editing of current network settings

Wired/Wireless. This gives you three options – default is Auto whereby the AktiMate Maxi will detect whether it is to use a Wireless or Wired network. The other two options are Wired or Wireless if you wish to confirm your settings *although this is not necessary*.

Wi-Fi strength. This will indicate the state of your signal.

Signal Warning. This allows the user to opt for a low signal warning when using Internet Radio or Media Player

Version – The version/revision of installed software components   (Service Pack) is displayed together with the serial number and product code. To obtain the serial number and product code press the down button.

Upgrade Firmware – This enables the user to upgrade to the latest software version. When upgrading, we would always recommend that this be done by use of your Ethernet connection if possible in preference to your wi-fi connection. On first purchasing your Maxi it is a good idea to check at that time if an upgrade has been released since the time your particular pair was manufactured. If it has, then it is a good idea to install it. Once selected, the AktiMate Maxi will check if a new version of software is available and downloads from the Reciva portal are appropriate. Please wait while the update is in progress – it could take several minutes. The display will show *Checking for Updates* followed by *Downloading*. After a short time you will see the message *Writing Data - do not unplug*. Once finished, your AktiMate Maxi will switch off, then switch on again. Note that you may need to reset the clock after this process.

Language – Selecting this menu allows the user to change the menu language from English to an alternate selection.

Factory Reset – This will reset the user defined settings and features (i.e. station database will be erased and factory defaults will be restored)

Register – Selecting this option gets the register key for the AktiMate Maxi. See section on registration as it will provide you with more possibilities.

Set Time/Date – See separate section headed SETTING THE CLOCK

Backlight – Once selected display will show the settings available for the display backlight. Rotate knob to your desired option and press SELECT. Default is 31 (brightest) for Active and Inactive. If you would prefer the display to be at a lower level when you are not accessing the Menu, then you can decrease the inactive setting. The default setting for Power Save mode is 1.

FM – This allows you to select region. If your country is not listed by name select Rest of World.

UPnP – Default setting is AktiMate Maxi. This will show on your network. If you wish to rename the Maxi, it can be done in this screen.

SETTING THE TIME/DATE

If you plan to use either the internet radio or media player features in the AktiMate Maxi, it is necessary that you access one of these options **before** attempting to set the clock. The reason is that when either of these options is selected for the first time, the AktiMate Maxi will scan the network and choose the time setting of the selected device. In Media Settings it will choose the time and date set on your computer, in internet radio it will choose the time and date of the station it is receiving.

Thereafter if necessary, you can go to Clock Settings and set your normal time. This only needs to be done when first powering up your AktiMate unless you switch the system off completely. Provided you keep the Maxi in power saving mode rather than off when not in use, the time will always be correct. If you power off completely by using the switch on the rear panel, then you will have to go through the process again when switching on. It is however a quick and easy process.

Settings can be accessed by using either the remote handset or the knob on the front of the speaker - or a combination of both. To set the time, press the knob and rotate until the onscreen menu shows SETTINGS. Scroll to Set Time and Date. The display will then show *SET TIME* with the hours highlighted. Rotate the knob to adjust the hours setting. Press SELECT on the remote or press the knob once . Once this is correct, the Minutes option will then be highlighted. Rotate the knob to the correct time and press SELECT on the remote or press the knob once.

The display will now show *SET DATE*. Adjust the day, month and year by using the SELECT and BACK controls or rotate and press the knob to move between fields. Pressing BACK when the day is highlighted will index the display back to the set time display. Press SELECT with the year highlighted to store the new time display. To escape from this menu press BACK until the full menu option is displayed.

SETTING THE ALARM

Choose *ALARM CLOCK* from main menu. Press the SELECT button (Remember if you make an error, press the BACK button to return to the previous screen). Highlight *SET ALARMS* and press SELECT on the remote or press the knob once.
 It will show the following menu
- *DISABLE ALL*
- *1 OFF*
- *2 OFF*
- *3 OFF*
- *4 OFF*
- *5 OFF*

Highlight any alarm option and press SELECT.

Highlight any alarm option and press SELECT. The display will show *SET ALARM* with the hours highlighted. Turn the knob and adjust as required. Once the time is correct press SELECT. Adjust the minutes in the same way as the hours and when correct press SELECT.

The display will now show the following options:

· *ONCE*
· *EVERY DAY*
· *WEEKLY*
· *WEEKDAYS*
· *WEEKENDS*

Note that highlighting either *ONCE* or *WEEKLY* will show the days of the week to be selected. Adjust as desired.

Once the selection has been made, the display will show the wake up option of any of the sources or buzzer. It is preferable **never** to use either Internet Radio or Media Player for an alarm source in the event that you have a low network signal. Highlight the required alarm sound and press SELECT. The display will then show *ALARM SET*. The Maxi will switch on from power save mode at the desired time with the desired music/buzzer. When in power save mode it will continue to display the alarm set time. Don't forget – if you have chosen iPod as the wake-up source, be sure it is in the dock! It will come on with the most recent music selection.

When the alarm goes off, the default setting is YES to switch on the Maxi. This is required when the buzzer is selected. When the buzzer sounds, by pressing the SELECT button, the alarm is switched off and the Maxi remains on. This requires you to have the remote handset nearby! Remember, it will select the most recently played device. If you choose any other music source as your alarm other than the buzzer, you will not need to switch the alarm off. There is a further option when the alarm goes off via the buzzer. You can choose not to leave the Maxi on. However to do this you must take the remote and select the UP button before pressing SELECT. The Maxi will then return to the power save mode.

If a music source was selected as the alarm, the Maxi will still continue to display the alarm screen. To exit this screen when required simply press SELECT for all options **other than if playing the iPod**. If your iPod was the chosen alarm source and you wish to exit the alarm screen, you need to be aware that the SELECT button has two functions - one being an iPod control function. Therefore to exit the alarm screen when playing your iPod, select the INPUT button before pressing SELECT. The music source will continue to play but the screen will now display the source/input and you have full control of the Maxi.

SLEEP TIMER

Highlight *SLEEP TIMER* and press SELECT. The menu will display *SLEEP TIMEOUT*. Rotate the menu knob to adjust to your desired setting and press SELECT. At the end of the selected period, the Maxi will go into power save mode and the music will stop playing.

iPod CONTROL

To use an iPod in the Maxi lightly press on the rear of the panel on the top to open the docking area. Several sample inserts are supplied with your Maxi but if one of these is not suitable for your particular version, it is preferable that you use the insert supplied with your iPod or iPhone. The insert is not essential, however if not using one please take care when inserting or removing the iPod as damage could occur to the PCB under the dock through rough handling. Note – if using an iPhone, it is preferable that you select Flight mode. Remember if you do this your phone will not ring - however it will avoid any interference whilst listening to music.

If iPod is not selected as the music source, when inserted in the docking area, the iPod will still be charging even if it appears to be off. This is not always the case with the iPhone however. When the battery is low in an iPhone it will need to be charged in its normal fashion – and not from the AktiMate Maxi.

To select, choose *iPod* from the Input Menu. When iPod is displayed in the screen, the remote handset is still controlling the AktiMate Maxi - not the iPod. The Back button takes you to an earlier AktiMate menu. To ensure the handset fully controls the iPod functions, press and hold the SELECT button when *iPod* is showing on the display. The screen will then read *MENU MODE*. This means you now have greater control of the iPod with the remote handset.

UP and DOWN do not function with your iPod in this mode. Skip- and Skip+ go back and forward only in the track you are listening to. By pressing BACK and reverting to an iPod menu screen, the knob no longer controls the volume but instead scrolls through the selected iPod menu. Volume is controlled only by the Vol - and Vol + on your remote. Scroll to your selection, press the knob and your selection begins to play. The BACK button on the remote takes you to an earlier iPod menu. To go back to iPod and regain remote control of all functions of your Maxi, press and hold SELECT. You will see the on screen display revert to *iPod -* and not *iPod MENU MODE.* Volume can now be controlled once more by either the knob or the remote.

When MUTE is pressed the red LED lights and the music stops. When pressed again the music re-commences – however it will have continued whilst muted so will resume at a later part of the selection. It will resume at the level it was playing prior to muting.

If you put your AktiMate Maxi into power save mode and then resume at a later time, if the iPod was playing it will commence playing once more at the point it ceased. It will come on from power save mode at a lower level.

To exit iPod as a source, press BACK or UP to take you back to the main menu.

INTERNET RADIO

Before you can use your internet radio, you will need the following:

- · A broadband internet connection
- · A wireless access point connected to your broadband internet, preferably via router
- · If your wireless access network is configured to use WEP or WPA data encryption, then you will need to know the WEP or WPA code in order to get the internet radio to communicate with the network.

If you have a 'limited download' internet connection contract, be aware that constant use of your internet radio could cause you to exceed the free download availability. Check with your ISP if in any doubt.

The internet radio should work anywhere within 30 metres of the wireless access point, providing your connection is a good one with good speed. If you experience difficulties please first refer to the troubleshooting guide on the AktiMate website. If you continue to experience difficulties check with your ISP.

The internet radio will also operate via a local area network (LAN) connection by using the Ethernet connector on the back of the unit. If using this option you will **not** need a WEP or WPA code.

OPERATING THE INTERNET RADIO FOR THE FIRST TIME

Having selected *INTERNET RADIO* from the Input Menu by using either the INPUT button on the remote handset or by turning and pressing the knob, the radio will commence scanning for the available networks. When this is complete, a list of networks within reach of the radio will be displayed. Highlight your own network point access name and press SELECT on the remote or press the knob on the front of the Maxi once. Only if the network has security applied to it, it will request the security code. Press SELECT on the remote or press the knob once to access the security key menu. This means that the network is using one of the available encryption systems – Wired Equivalent Privacy (WEP) or Wi-Fi Protected Access (WPA). You are required to enter the correct WEP or WPA code to get it to communicate with your network. If you do not know the code, you need to check with the person who set up the network.

VALID FORMATS

ASCII password (length = 5 or 13)
The following characters are valid:

- · Numbers 0 to 9
- · Letters a to z
- · Letters A to Z

Hex key (length = 10 or 26)
The following characters are valid:

- · Numbers 0 to 9
- · Letters A to F

After 3 seconds the display will go into the code entry mode.

In order to enter the code, rotate the knob to select each character of the code. When the character appears in the centre of the screen, press the knob once. Then rotate the knob to find the next character and so on. Please note that WEP and WPA codes are case sensitive so they must be entered exactly. If an error is made, press the back arrow key on the display. After the final character is entered, press the END character followed by the SELECT button.

Once a network connection has been made, the radio will have a valid IP address allocated. This can be viewed using the SETTINGS, Network Config, view Config. The selection and setting of an access point need only be made the first time the radio is used in a specific environment. If the radio fails to connect to the previous network on power up, the user is prompted to select the network from the list displayed.

Your internet radio will now be able to connect to the network. If the Maxi fails to connect to the selected network, you will be prompted to try again. Check that you have entered the correct WEP/WPA key.

CHOOSING A RADIO STATION TO LISTEN TO

Select *INTERNET RADIO* from the menu. The screen will show *LOCATION, GENRE* or *SEARCH* together with 12 preset stations. If these have not been set, it will show numbers.

The list of available stations and sub menus are provided and determined by the Reciva Internet Radio portal. The list is updated at the following times.
· On power up
· When a stream is selected
· Every 24 hours

Turn the knob or use the UP/DOWN buttons on the handset to choose from *LOCATION* or *GENRE* or one of your preset stations. Location enables you to choose from the radio stations provided by any country which you choose from a list. Genre enables you to choose radio stations according to their content – e.g. Classic, Sport, Rock, News etc.   If you know the name of a particular station you wish to find, press SEARCH and enter the station name.

LOCATION

Use the UP/DOWN buttons or press and turn the knob until the display shows the region you want (all countries will be displayed). Press the knob once or the SELECT button on the remote handset to choose the country. A list of stations in that country then appears. Use the UP/DOWN buttons or rotate the knob until the display shows the station you want. Press the knob or the SELECT button and wait until the radio connects to that station.

GENRE

To select by genre, use the UP/Down buttons or turn the knob until the display shows the type of content you want and then either press the knob or choose SELECT from the remote handset.

NOTE: Some radio stations do not broadcast for 24 hours each day, and some stations are not always on line. Some stations have on demand content (that is, it provides the option of listening to programmes which have already been broadcast).

Listening to your internet radio can be interrupted by temporary loss of connection or weak signal strength. Should this occur the radio will restart its search when connection is restored. This is a network problem and **not** a problem within the Aktimate Maxi. If this happens frequently check the FAQ section of the AktiMate website or check with your ISP.

STATIONS WHICH ENABLE YOU TO CHOOSE WHAT YOU LISTEN TO

Some radio stations can provide a number of options associated with their station; for example some stations enable you to listen to programmes that have already been broadcast. When you select a radio station that has this facility, the station does not start playing immediately, but instead the display shows *LIVE* or *ON DEMAND*.

Select and then turn the knob or use the UP/DOWN buttons to choose your option. Press the knob or SELECT button on the remote.

If you choose **Live** then the radio plays the current output from the station as normal. If you choose **On Demand** then more screens are displayed where you can choose what you want to listen to. What is displayed will depend on the station you have chosen.

When you choose **On Demand** the display shows the names of the programmes. Use the UP/DOWN buttons on the remote handset or turn the knob to choose the program you want and then either press the knob or choose SELECT.

Once you have chosen the programme, it will start playing or it may show a list of days for you to choose from. Use the knob or UP/DOWN buttons to make your selection.

After you have chosen the day, you may be able to choose the Start Time. Set the Start Time using the UP/DOWN buttons or the knob and press the knob or SELECT button. Programmes which allow you to choose the time also allow you to fast forward and rewind to the part you want while the radio is playing.

RETURNING TO THE MENU WHILE A STATION IS PLAYING
The radio station's name will always be displayed while it is playing. You can return to the Maxi's menu selection at any time by either pressing the SELECT or the BACK button. This will take you back to the Station Menu.

STORING STATIONS
It is possible to save your favourite internet stations by assigning them preset numbers. To do this when listening to the station, you simply press a number button from 1 to 9 on the remote handset and hold it. After a short while the station will be stored and the display will show *ASSIGNED TO PRESET n* (n being the number you have chosen). The first 12 presets will be shown by station name on the display in the Location, Genre menu.

To access your stored stations, simply go to Internet Radio and once connected you will see the first 12 stored stations listed. Simply scroll down to your selection and SELECT. As there are so many internet stations available, and the numbers grow each week, it is a good idea to store your favourites, as scanning some countries' available stations can take some considerable time.

In total 39 internet radio stations can be stored as presets. To store from 10 to 39, when listening to the station press STORE and the preset number – e.g. preset 13 would be +10 followed by 3. To store preset 34 you would press STORE followed by +10 three times followed by 4.

To recall from preset 13 onwards, you will need to keep the listings in a separate place as they are not displayed by station name as only the first 12 appear in this format. To access them you press RECALL and the preset number.

MY STUFF
You must have registered with Reciva to take advantage of this function. You can manage *MY STUFF* by logging into the Reciva webpage http://radios.reciva.com. My Stuff provides access to personalised features.

MY STATIONS - equivalent to My Favourites - a seemingly unlimited list of favourite stations which you can add from the Reciva database for quick access. Click the *ADD TO MY STATIONS* link which is shown for every station and press REPLY button on the remote handset.

Stations can be deleted from your lists by highlighting the station and pressing REPLY on the remote control.

There are several other options available from the Reciva site - by visiting http://radios.reciva.com you will find a wide choice of organising the contents of My Stuff including the creation of sub-folders and dragging a dropping streams/stations into those folders.

FM RADIO

Be sure that you have connected the FM aerial supplied with your AktiMate Maxi loudspeakers.

It is important to understand that buildings made of concrete, steel or aluminium siding will hinder reception. Household appliances, CD players, microwave ovens and many other electrical devices can affect reception or inject noise. If you experience this, we would suggest that if possible you move the AktiMate Maxi to a different location. If possible plug Your AktiMate Maxi into an electrical outlet which is not shared with any other device.

From the SETTINGS menu, select *FM TUNER* and your location. You only need to do this once, thereafter select *FM* from the main menu. Remember if your country is not specifically listed, then choose *REST OF WORLD.*

After selecting the FM input, search available FM stations by using the Skip + and Skip - or press and hold the knob. Pressing and holding the knob will search only forward and will select the next strong station. Returning to FM at any time will default to the last station listed to.

You can store up to 39 FM stations in the same way as you store an internet station. To play a stored station, press RECALL on your remote handset and the station preset. None of the presets are listed on the display by name. You will need to remember these.

RDS

RDS (Radio Data System) transmits text data with the audio broadcast. Not all FM stations utilise this feature so do not be alarmed if it is not always present. Similarly if the signal is weak, RDS text may appear scrambled or it may appear and disappear. If this occurs you can experiment with the position of the FM antenna.

MEDIA PLAYER

The Media Player allows you to access audio files stored on your PC and play them via your AktiMate Maxi. The only requirement is that they are part of the same network. This can be done wirelessly or via your LAN connection.

When first accessing Media Player via the input selection on your Maxi you will see a sub menu as follows: UPnP Servers, Windows Shares, Local Media, Playback Mode and Queue.

You must configure your AktiMate Maxi in one of two ways – Shared Media (UPnP - Universal Plug and Play) or Shared folders (CIFS). Without doubt the UPnP method is the easier of the two **AND MOST CERTAINLY THE ONE WE RECOMMEND!**

SHARED MEDIA (UPnP)

Media sharing uses **Windows Media Player 11** and above as a media server. If you do not have this, it can be downloaded for free from Microsoft's website www.microsoft.com There are many alternate options such as Tversity or Asset UPnP for example.

The Share Media mode does not require any special setup in the AktiMate Maxi, however **your computer** needs to be configured to allow AktiMate Maxi access to the media. The Microsoft website carries easy to follow instructions if you are in any way confused. You will only have to do it once by following these simple steps:

Verify that you PC is connected to the same network as your AktiMate Maxi. Open your media player.

To add new media files to the library, first click the Library tab followed by Add to Library. If the folder list is not shown, click Advanced Options. Next click Add and select the folders you wish to add. Click OK when finished. Click OK once more to close the Add to Library page. Your Media Player must be configured to allow sharing.

OPERATING SHARED MEDIA AFTER SET UP

Select *MEDIA PLAYER* from the AktiMate Maxi menu. Select *UPnP.* The AktiMate Maxi will scan for all available computers. If no computers are found, the display will show *NO PC's FOUND.* You will need to check your setting in your Media Player 11 settings. If in doubt check the Help file in your media player options.

Once the computer is located by the AktiMate Maxi, highlight the required option and press SELECT on the remote or push the knob once.

Choose from the various media categories shown – e.g. *PLAYLISTS* etc.

The screen will then display a number of options which will enable you to play from selected albums, artists and so on which reflects the way you have configured your media player on your PC.

The Media Player cannot playback protected music files that use Apple's proprietary coding. Songs or albums purchased through iTunes use this format.

WINDOWS SHARES (CIFS)

In order to configure the AktiMate Maxi to play back music on shared network computers please follow these instructions. More information can be found on www.microsoft.com

- Press the Start button on your computer
- Select All Programs
- Select Accessories
- Select Windows Explorer
- Locate the folder you wish to share
- Right click the folder and click Sharing and Security

Do one of the following

- If the share this folder on the network check box is available, select the box and click OK
- If the Share this folder on the network is not available, your computer is not on a network. If you would like to set up a home or small office network, click the Network Setup Wizard link and follow the instructions to turn on file sharing. Once the sharing is enabled start this procedure once more.

OPERATING SHARED FOLDERS (CIFS) AFTER SET UP

Press the Input button on the remote handset and select *MEDIA PLAYER* followed by *WINDOWS SHARES*.
AktiMate Maxi will search for all available PC's. SELECT the correct one.

Select a folder and a file to play within the folder.

ONCE CONFIGURED

LISTENING TO A SINGLE TRACK

Turn the knob until *BY ARTIST* is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob until the required artist is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob until the required album is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob until the required track is displayed and press SELECT. The track will begin playing.

LISTENING TO A COMPLETE SHARED ALBUM

Turn the knob until *BY ARTIST* is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob until the required artist is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob until the required album is displayed and press SELECT. Add to Queue will be displayed. Press SELECT and the album will begin to play.

QUEUING UP ALBUMS FOR PLAYBACK LATER

Highlight the required album and press SELECT. Turn the knob until *ADD TO QUEUE* is displayed. Press SELECT and *TRACKS ADDED TO QUEUE* will be displayed.

CONTROLLING PLAYBACK

Use the STOP button to stop playback. Alternatively use the Play/Pause button to pause a currently playing track or to restart a paused track. Use the SKIP- button to start playback of the previous track or the SKIP+ button to play the next track in the queue.

BROWSING THE LIST OF TRACKS CURRENTLY QUEUED FOR PLAYBACK

Press the Browse button on the handset. The currently playing track name will be displayed. Turn the knob to see all tracks queued for playback. If you want to jump ahead, press the SELECT button when the particular track is displayed.

REMOVING TRACKS FROM THE QUEUE

Press the Browse button on the remote handset and the currently playing track will be displayed. Turn the knob to find the track you wish to remove from the list. Press and hold the STOP button and the display will say *DELETE TRACK*? Turn the knob to highlight *YES* or *NO*. If yes is selected the display will read *REMOVED FROM QUEUE*. To remove all tracks, keep pressing BACK until the Media Player menu item is selected. Press SELECT and then rotate the knob to select *CLEAR QUEUE* and press SELECT.

PLAYING TRACKS IN RANDOM ORDER

Select the individual tracks as described previously. Navigate to the MEDIA PLAYER menu item using the SELECT and BACK buttons. Turn the knob until *PLAYBACK MODE* is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob until Shuffle is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob to Select *YES/NO* to confirm shuffle mode should be enabled.

PLAYING TRACKS IN QUEUE REPEATEDLY

Select the individual tracks as described previously. Navigate to the Media Player menu item using the SELECT and BACK buttons. Turn the knob until *PLAYBACK MODE* is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob until Repeat is displayed and press SELECT. Turn the knob to Select *YES/NO* to confirm shuffle mode should be enabled.

LOCAL MEDIA

When accessing local media from the Media Player sub menu, this permits the use of a USB or MP3 device connected via the USB port on the rear panel of the maxi. The screen will display the device for selection. All folders on the device will be displayed on screen in accordance with the way you have stored the music.

Selection can be by playing all or particular artists, albums etc.

AUX 1 AND AUX 2

Any hi-fi device can be connected via these two inputs (i.e. CD Player). Selection is via the Input Menu.

Line In

This 3.5 connection from the AktiMate Maxi direct to your PC enables you to play directly from your iTunes or any other stored music on your computer.

REGISTERING YOUR AKTIMATE MAXI

Register your AktiMate Maxi with Reciva by visiting http://radios.reciva.com Doing this will provide you with access to many Reciva options and will also ensure that you are able to easily upgrade your AktiMate Maxi when new updates to the software become available from Reciva.

Navigate to the SETTINGS Menu and Select Register. You will obtain a registration key which is necessary once you enter the Reciva site.

AKTIMATE WEB SITE

In addition to the trouble-shooting menu which appears on the last page of this user guide, the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) tab on the website is constantly updated as information comes to hand. Please read through this if you have any questions.

In addition we would encourage all users to read the Trouble-Shooting area on the website, particularly in regard to any internet radio or streaming problems.

If you can't find the answers to your questions then email info@epoz.com.au

TROUBLESHOOTING

If the front panel blue power LED does not light .....check the following:

Is the AC power cord firmly plugged in to the rear panel and wall socket?

Is the power switch on rear panel set to ON (0 is off/1 is on)?

Is the Voltage selector on the rear panel on the correct setting for the mains supply?

If no sound or low level sound can be heard .....check the following:

Is the master speaker turned-on?

Is the volume control turned-down or muted?

If using an iPod, is it seated in the dock correctly and is it playing?

Is the source component connected and is it playing?

If there is sound from only one speaker .....check the following:

Is the speaker cable properly connected from the master to the slave (left to right)?

Remove the cable and re-connect.

Unable to access main menu:

Press the Input button once followed by the Back button

When streaming Maxi shows NO PC FOUND:

Check the setting within your media player on your PC to ensure Sharing has been checked

WARRANTY

Your AktiMate Maxi has a 12 month parts and labour warranty from the date of purchase.

Please keep your receipt to verify purchase date - it is not necessary to separately register the information.

Your warranty does not cover any damage caused by misuse, neglect, abuse or problems caused by power surges or lightning strikes.

Any unauthorised modification voids the warranty.

It is your responsibility to get your AktiMate Maxi back to the point of purchase for service. If no fault is found and the problem you have experienced is found to be elsewhere, you will be liable for any costs incurred, including return freight.

Warranty outside Australia is the responsibility of the International Distributor. All warranty claims must be referred to your dealer/distributor. This does not affect your legal rights.

International distributor details can be found on the AktiMate website www.aktimate.com

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