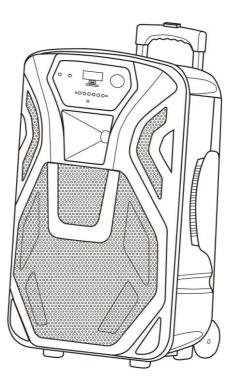
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# **BUSKER-U**

Portable PA Units

Order ref: BUSKER-12U (178.966UK) BUSKER-15U (178.968UK)

User Manual



VERSION 2.0



Caution: Please read this manual carefully before operating Damage caused by misuse is not covered by the warranty



## Introduction

Thank you for choosing a Busker-U portable PA unit. This versatile portable PA unit is packed with features in a compact, manageable enclosure and is suitable for a wide array of applications ranging from public address for presentations to outdoor karaoke.

### **Package Contents**

Please check the contents to ensure that the product has been received in good condition. If you find any accessory is missing or the product has arrived with any problems, please contact your retailer at once.

• Busker-U portable PA unit

- IEC power lead(s)
- 2 x UHF handheld microphones

This product contains no user-serviceable parts so make no attempt to try to fix or modify this item yourself as this will invalidate the warranty. We recommend you keep the original package and proof of purchase for any possible replacement or returned demand.

#### Warning

To prevent the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this appliance to rain or moisture. To prevent electric shock do not remove the cover. No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

#### Safety

Prior to connecting mains, check the supply voltage is correct and the IEC mains lead is OK. Avoid ingress of water or particles into the enclosure.

If the internal IEC fuse blows, refer the unit to qualified service personnel If the UHF microphones are to be unused for a long period of time, remove the batteries and store for later use.

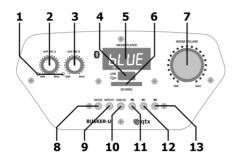
#### Placement

Keep the unit out of direct sunlight and away from heat sources. Place the unit in an upright position during use and storage. Keep the unit away from moisture or dusty environments.

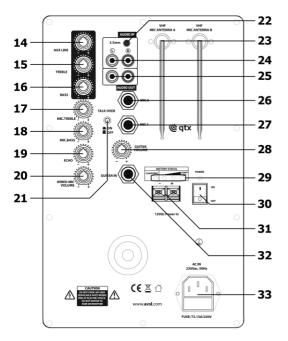
#### Cleaning

Use a soft cloth with a neutral detergent to clean the cabinet, panel and controls. To avoid damage, do not use solvents to clean this equipment.

# Front Panel



- 1 UHF microphone indicators
- 2 UHF Mic A volume
- 3 UHF Mic B volume
- 4 USB port
- 5 LED display
- 6 SD/MMC card slot
- 7 USB/SD/FM/Bluetooth volume
- 8 Media player Mode select
- 9 Playback Repeat mode select
- 10 USB/SD memory device select
- 11 Previous track (hold seek reverse)
- 12 Play/Pause
- 13 Next track (hold seek forward)



## **Rear Panel**

- 14 Aux line Volume control
- 15 Aux/Media Treble EQ control
- 16 Aux/Media Bass EQ control
- 17 Mic Treble EQ control
- 18 Mic Bass EQ control
- 19 Microphone Echo level control
- 20 Wired mics Volume control
- 21 Microphone talk-over select
- 22 Line input stereo 3.5mm jack
- 23 UHF microphone antennas
- 24 Line input L+R RCA
- 25 Line output L+R RCA
- 26 Microphone 2 input jack
- 27 Microphone 1 input jack
- 28 Guitar Volume control
- 29 Battery charge status LEDs
- 30 Power on/off switch
- 31 D.C. power input terminals
- 32 Guitar input jack
- 33 IEC mains inlet & fuse

#### Powering up

Your new Busker-U portable PA unit may arrive with you with the internal battery charged.

Before connecting to the mains, turn down all volume controls and switch the unit on (30) and check to see if the power LED above the switch is lit. If not, you will need to charge the battery before use away from mains power.

Connect the Busker-U unit to the mains using the appropriate IEC power lead supplied (33).

When not in use but connected to the mains, if the POWER switch is in the OFF position, the internal battery will be re-charged from the mains supply, indicated by the battery status LEDs (29) which indicate when the unit is charging and the level of charge in the battery.

You may otherwise opt to connect the DC input at the rear (31) to an external 12Vdc supply (e.g. car battery) or use the internal battery if charged.

When powered up, the TREBLE, BASS, MIC. TREBLE & MIC. BASS controls (15, 16, 17, 18) should remain pointing vertically (i.e. 12 o'clock position). Turn up the AUX LINE control (14) part way and switch TALKOVER (21) off.

Your Busker-U unit should now be ready to operate.

#### **UHF Wireless Microphones**

Extend the 2 UHF antennas (23) at the rear of the unit. Insert batteries into the handheld microphones by carefully unscrewing the base of each and connecting the "+" and "-" terminals of the batteries to the corresponding contacts inside the mic body, taking care to observe the correct polarity. Turn the UHF MIC controls (2, 3) up part way for checking.

Switch on each wireless mic in turn – the signal indicator LEDs (1) on the front of the unit should light as a result. If the LED on the transmitter lights dimly, change the battery. Gradually increase the UHF VOL controls, testing each mic for output through the speaker.

Take care not to incur "feedback" (howling or screeching sound through the speaker) by keeping the microphone a sensible distance from the speaker and pointing away from the speaker so that it doesn't *hear* the speaker output.

Turning the ECHO control (19) clockwise adds an echo function for singing or special effects.

The tone of the wireless and wired mics can be adjusted using the MIC. TREBLE & MIC. BASS controls (17, 18). Cut the treble or bass response by turning the relevant control anti-clockwise or boost it by turning clockwise.

When not in use, switch the wireless microphones off and remove batteries if not being used for long periods.

#### **External Inputs**

In addition to the Busker-U's own UHF microphones, two 6.3mm jack inputs (20, 21) are provided to connect external wired or wireless microphones, which are both governed by the WIRED MIC VOL control (16). If required, the music level can be automatically muted when speaking into a microphone by switching in the TALKOVER feature on (25)

A further 6.3mm jack input is provided for an electric or electro-acoustic guitar (22)

Also, twin RCA and 3.5mm stereo jack input are provided for line input sources such as a CD player or smart phone. These are both independent of the media player.

Adjacent to the twin RCA input is a twin RCA line output carrying the overall main mix. This can be fed on to further active speakers or portable PA units via a twin RCA lead.

#### Internal media player

Each Busker-U portable PA unit has an internal media player for digital audio playback from USB or SD/MMC media, FM tuner or via Bluetooth.

Press 'Mode' (9) to select the function you require - USB, SD, FM radio (89-107) or Bluetooth. **U5b** – Use this mode for both USB and SD/MMC cards FM Radio – (the last chosen frequency will appear) **bLUE** – Use this mode for Bluetooth<sup>™</sup> selection

#### Playback from USB Device or SD/MMC Card

Inserting a USB memory device into the USB connector or SD/MMC card into the SD/MMC card slot will automatically load up and begin playback of mp3 or wma audio tracks stored on the media.

If playback does not start, press the Play/Pause button (12) or remove the memory device and check that the stored files are the correct compressed audio format before re-connecting.

PLAY/PAUSE (12) will alternately play or pause the selected track

PREVIOUS TRACK (11) will step backwards through tracks Holding the PREVIOUS TRACK button will reverse seek through the current track

NEXT TRACK (13) will step forwards through tracks Holding the NEXT TRACK button will forward seek through the current track

USB/SD will toggle between USB or SD/MMC card media playback

REPEAT will select between repeating DnE track or ALL tracks

#### **FM Tuner**

In FM tuner mode, the station frequency (in MHz) will be displayed. For initial setup, press PLAY/PAUSE to begin the auto-tuning process.

The tuner will seek through all frequencies for strong signal reception (i.e. radio stations) These will be stored into memory as **PD I**, **PD2**, **PD3**, **PD4**... etc.

Stored stations can then be selected using the PREVIOUS or NEXT buttons Note: Pressing PLAY/PAUSE during auto-tune will allow manual tuning via PREVIOUS/NEXT

#### **Bluetooth™ Connection**

Select **'bLUE**' using the mode button (9). The Bluetooth<sup>TM</sup> symbol will be flashing if it is NOT paired with an audio device.

Scan for Bluetooth<sup>™</sup> devices on your phone or other Bluetooth enabled audio player and check for a device called 'Busker-pa'. Select this device and opt to connect your Bluetooth device, which should then state that it is connected to "Busker-pa" for audio output.

The Bluetooth<sup>™</sup> symbol on the Busker-U unit should stop flashing to confirm the connection.

Play audio from your Bluetooth<sup>™</sup> device and check for output through the Busker unit.

If there is no output, check if there is more than one device within range called "Busker-pa"

In the eventuality that more than one device is called "Busker-pa", try each device in turn until the Busker-U is found. Check also that the volume level is turned up on the sending device.

Once audio is playing through the Busker-U from Bluetooth, adjust the MEDIA volume control (7) to the required volume.

Bluetooth on the Busker-U can only pair to a single device at any one time and should be operable over a range of 5 to 8 metres.

The tone of the media player and RCA or 3.5mm line inputs can be adjusted using the TREBLE and BASS controls (15, 16). Cut the treble or bass response by turning the relevant control anti-clockwise or boost it by turning clockwise.

# Specifications

| Model                           | BUSKER-12U                                   | BUSKER-15U        |
|---------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| Power supply                    | 230Vac, 50Hz (IEC)                           |                   |
| Output power                    | 80W  | 100W              |
| Frequency response              | 50Hz - 16kHz                                 | 50Hz - 16kHz      |
| SPL @ 1W/1m                     | 94dB   | 96dB              |
| Main driver                     | 300mmØ (12")                                 | 380mmØ (15")      |
| Impedance: loudspeaker          | 4 Ohms                                       |                   |
| HF driver: type                 | Compression driver                           |                   |
| Wireless microphone frequencies | 863.8MHz + 864.8MHz                          |                   |
| Battery life                    | Up to 6 hours                                |                   |
| Recharge time                   | 8 hours                                      |                   |
| Battery type                    | 7Ah rechargeable sealed lead-acid            |                   |
| Controls: front panel           | UHF mic volume A + B, Media volume,          |                   |
|                                 | Media transport controls                     |                   |
| Controls: rear panel            | Guitar volume, Echo, Wired mic volume,       |                   |
|                                 | Bass, Treble, Mic Bass, Mic Treble, Aux Line |                   |
| Inputs                          | 2 wired mic (jack), instrument (jack), aux   |                   |
|                                 | (RCA & 3.5mm)                                |                   |
| Line output                     | RCA  |                   |
| Bluetooth version               | 2.1  |                   |
| Dimensions                      | 590 x 375 x 325mm                            | 720 x 470 x 450mm |
| Weight                          | 12.0kg                                       | 14.5kg            |

## Troubleshooting

| No output and no LEDs lit          | Check POWER switch is on                                     |  |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
|                                    | Check battery is not drained fully                           |  |
|                                    | Check mains lead is connected                                |  |
|                                    | Check mains or D.C. fuse hasn't blown                        |  |
| Power LED lit but no UHF<br>output | Check 9V batteries in wireless transmitters                  |  |
|                                    | Check wireless transmitters are switched on                  |  |
|                                    | Check that handheld transmitters are not switched to MUTE    |  |
|                                    | Check UHF VOLUME is not turned down                          |  |
|                                    | Check RF A and RF B LEDs for radio signal                    |  |
| Music level cutting out            | Check TALKOVER is not switched on (will mute on mic. signal) |  |
| Power LED lit but no               | Check USB/SD/MMC has mp3 or wma audio file format            |  |
| media player output                | Check MEDIA VOLUME is not turned down                        |  |
| No Bluetooth output                | Check volume output level on sending device                  |  |
|                                    | Check sending device is connected to the receiver correctly  |  |
| No sound from external             | Check leads are OK and connected properly                    |  |
| inputs                             | Check AUX LINE, GUITAR or MIC VOL controls are turned up     |  |



**Disposal:** The "Crossed Wheelie Bin" symbol on the product means that the product is classed as Electrical or Electronic equipment and should not be disposed with other household or commercial waste at the end of its useful life. The goods must be disposed of according to your local council guidelines.

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