EXPEDITION *ESCAPE*

Owner's Manual

SAMSON®

Important Safety Information

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WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE COVER (OR BACK) AS THERE ARE NO USER-SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

This lightning flash with arrowhead symbol within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of non-insulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock.

The exclamation point within an equilateral triangle is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

If you want to dispose this product, do not mix it with general household waste. There is a separate collection system for used electronic products in accordance with legislation that requires proper treatment, recovery and recycling.

Private household in the 28 member states of the EU, in Switzerland and Norway may return their used electronic products free of charge to designated collection facilities or to a retailer (if you purchase a similar new one).

For Countries not mentioned above, please contact your local authorities for a correct method of disposal.

By doing so you will ensure that your disposed product undergoes the necessary treatment, recovery and recycling and thus prevent potential negative effects on the environment and human health.

Important Safety Information

1. Read these instructions.
2. Keep these instructions.
3. Heed all warnings.
4. Follow all instructions.
5. Do not use this apparatus near water.
6. Clean only with dry cloth.
7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at the plugs, convenience receptacles, and at the point where they exit from the apparatus.
11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
12. Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
13. Unplug the apparatus during lightening storms or when unused for long periods of time.
14. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel. Service is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
15. This appliance shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing water and that no object filled with liquid such as vases shall be placed on the apparatus.
16. Caution-to prevent electrical shock, match wide blade plug wide slot fully insert.
17. Please keep a good ventilation environment around the entire unit.
18. To prevent injury, this apparatus must be securely attached to the stand in accordance with the installation instructions.
19. WARNING: The battery (battery or batteries or battery pack) shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire or the like.
20. CAUTION: Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the same or equivalent type.

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FCC Notice

1. This device complies with Part 15 of the FCC Rules.
   Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) this device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

2. THE MANUFACTURER IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY RADIO OR TV INTERFERENCE CAUSED BY UNAUTHORIZED MODIFICATIONS OR CHANGE TO THIS EQUIPMENT. SUCH MODIFICATIONS OR CHANGE COULD VOID THE USER'S AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THE EQUIPMENT.

FCC Statement

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation.

This equipment generates uses and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

RF exposure exempt:

The transmitter must not be co-located or operated in conjunction with any other antenna or transmitter. This equipment complies with the FCC RF radiation exposure limits set forth for an uncontrolled environment. This equipment should be installed and operated with a minimum distance of 20cm between the radiator and any part of your body.

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Expedition Escape battery-powered portable sound system, featuring wireless *Bluetooth*® connectivity, to stream audio from your smart phone, tablet, or computer.

Lightweight and compact, the Expedition Escape weighs less than 10lbs making it an excellent complement to any mobile speaker situation. The internal battery provides fifteen hours of audio on a full charge. The Expedition Escape can be plugged in to an outlet for continuous audio.

Whether you are looking for a sound system for use outdoors, in the classroom, for karaoke, for presentations, or performing live music, the Expedition Escape provides high quality, portable audio in a small self-powered package.

We recommend you keep the following records for reference, as well as a copy of your sales receipt.

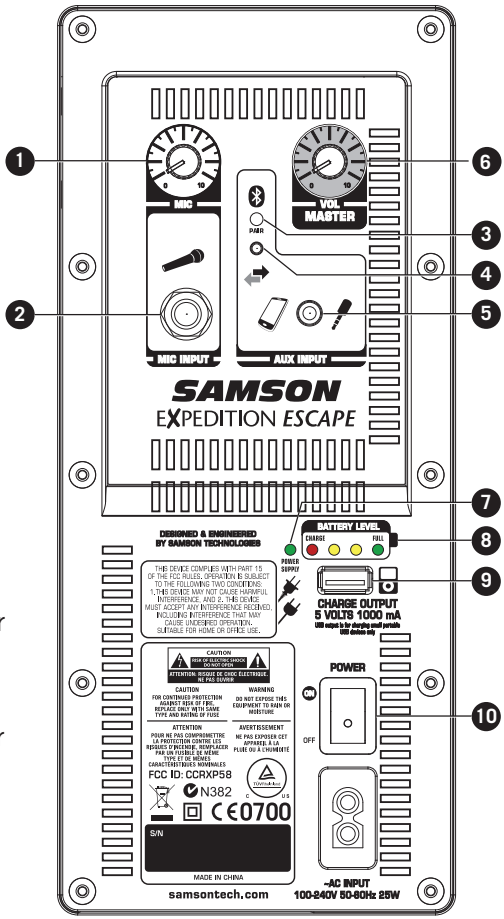
Serial number: _____

Date of purchase: _____

Dealer name: _____

With proper care and maintenance, your Expedition Escape will operate trouble-free for many years. Should your speaker ever require servicing, a Return Authorization (RA) number must be obtained before shipping your unit to Samson. Without this number, the unit will not be accepted. Please call Samson at 1-800-3SAMSON (1-800-372-6766) for an RA number prior to shipping your unit. Please retain the original packing materials and, if possible, return the unit in its original carton. If your Expedition Escape was purchased outside of the United States, contact your local distributor for warranty details and service information.

Rear Panel Features



1. **MIC Volume -** Used to control the level of the microphone input.

2. **MIC INPUT -** Use this ¼" input to connect a microphone.

3. **Pairing Indicator -** Displays the *Bluetooth* status of the Expedition Escape system.

4. **Pairing Button -** Press this button to enable discoverable mode to pair with a *Bluetooth* audio device.

5. **AUX INPUT -** Connect a line level device using a 3.5mm audio cable.

6. **MASTER VOL -** Used to control the overall level of the speaker system.

7. **POWER SUPPLY Indicator -** Lights green when the speaker system in plugged into an AC outlet.

8. **Battery Level Indicators -** Displays the status of the battery charge level.

9. **USB CHARGE OUTPUT -** Supplies 5 volts of power to charge a small portable USB device like an MP3 player or smart phone.

10. **Power -** Switches on the main power.

11. **AC INPUT -** Connect the supplied power cord here.

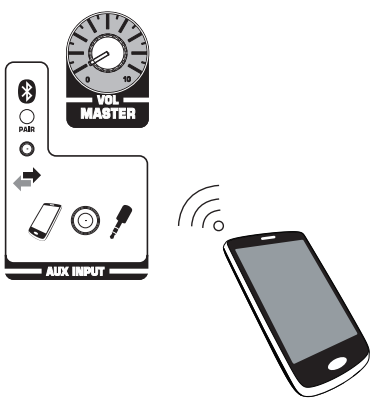
Quick Start

Using a microphone

- Set the Expedition Escape's power switch to the **OFF** position, and fully turn the volumes controls counterclockwise to **0**.
- If an outlet is available, connect the included power cord to the **AC INPUT** of the speaker, and plug it in.
- Connect a microphone using a ¼" cable to the **MIC INPUT**.
- Switch on the Expedition Escape power.
- While speaking into the microphone, slowly raise the channel **MIC** until you have reached the desired level.

***NOTE:* If not using the MIC input, turn the volume control all the way down to keep out any unwanted noise.**

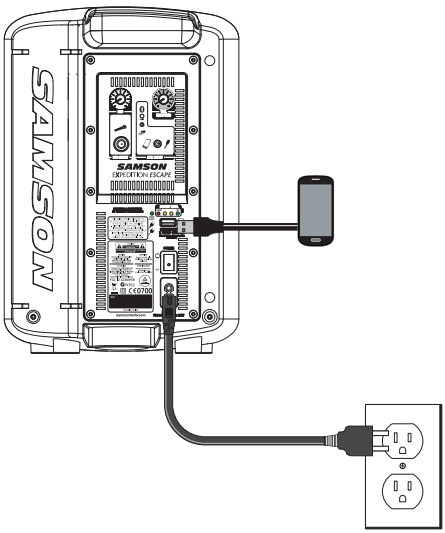
Pairing with a Bluetooth® device



- Turn all MASTER VOLUME control all down counterclockwise to **0**.
- With the Expedition Escape and your *Bluetooth* device powered on; press the PAIR button on the rear panel of the Expedition Escape speaker to make the speaker discoverable. The *Bluetooth* indicator will slowly flash blue.
- In the settings of your *Bluetooth* device, set it to “discover” available devices.
- From the *Bluetooth* device list, select the "Samson Escape" device.
- If your device asks for a passkey, enter digits 0000 (four zeros) and press OK. Some devices may also ask you to accept the connection.
- As the Expedition Escape is connecting to your device, the *Bluetooth* indicator will quickly flash blue.
- The Expedition Escape speaker indicates that pairing is complete when the indicator turns steady blue. You can now stream audio from your device to the Expedition Escape speakers.
- With the volume control on your *Bluetooth* device turned up, play some music, and slowly raise the Expedition Escape channel **MASTER VOL** control until you have reached the desired level.

Charging the Battery

The Expedition Escape has an internal, rechargeable battery capable of 20 hours of continuous audio on a full charge. Even though the system may have some charge when first taken out of the box, we recommend fully charging your Expedition Escape before first using the system.



To charge the battery for the first time:

- Set the power switch to the “OFF” position.
- Connect the Expedition Escape to an AC power outlet using the included power adapter.
- Keep the system plugged in until the Battery indicator changes to green, indicating the battery is fully charged.

The Expedition Escape utilizes a sealed lead-acid gel cell battery. When not in use, the battery will slowly self-discharge. If you are planning not to use the Expedition Escape for a long period of time, it is advised to fully charge the unit before storing. It is also important to charge the unit every six months when not used. This will ensure a healthy battery and extend its life. If the battery is left with a very low charge for an extended period of time, it is possible to recharge the battery to working condition, but the charge time can take over 24 hours.

If you find that the operation time of the Expedition Escape becomes noticeably decreased, even after fully charging, the battery should be replaced. Contact Samson customer service or your local distributor for a replacement battery.

Speaker Placement

The Expedition Escape provides three different placement options for your specific situation.

For maximum sound coverage the Expedition Escape can be used with a standard 1⅜" speaker stand. The speaker should be raised above the heads of the listening audience. Take care when placing the speaker on a stand, to ensure that it is on a level, steady surface and will not tip over.

When using the speaker on the floor, or when the speaker is below the listener, the Expedition Escape features a monitor angle position to project the sound up, towards the audience.

For smaller settings, the speaker can be placed vertically on a table or desk.

Take care when placing the Expedition Escape in direct sunlight for long periods of time, as this may discolor or damage the unit.

Do not place the speaker on wet surfaces, as it can cause malfunction. If you notice condensation on the unit, dry the speaker before using or storing.

Avoiding Feedback

Feedback is the annoying howling and squealing that can heard when the microphone picks up sound from the speaker. The sound is then re-amplified back through the speaker again, creating a feedback loop. Follow these steps to minimize the likelihood of feedback:

- Avoid pointing the microphone directly at the speaker. In general it is recommended that the microphone be positioned behind the speaker enclosure. This uses the directional characteristics of the speaker and microphone to your advantage.
- Keep the microphone as far from the speaker as possible. This will help achieve isolation between the speaker and the microphone, and allow you to increase the output of the Expedition Escape.
- Position the microphone as close to the sound source as possible. This will enable the microphone to pick up more direct sound, and allow you to reduce the microphone input gain control.
- Reduce the overall level of the speaker.

Specifications

Amplifier

Mic Input	¼"
Aux Input	⅛"
LEVEL Controls	Mic, Master

Speakers

Drivers	6" Woofer + 1" HF Driver
Built-in Battery	6V / 4AH, Rechargeable & Sealed
Operation	Approx. 20 hours
Battery Charging	Approx. 8 hours for a Single charge
Construction	Polypropylene, internally ribbed
Grill	Perforated Steel Grill, powder coated
Mounting	Integral 1 ⅜" Pole Mount Receptacle
Dimensions	8.75" x 8.25" x 12.7" 222mm x 210mm 323 mm
Weight	10.5 lb 4.6 kg

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