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MUSIC PLAYER

balanced

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We are delighted that you have decided to purchase a **T+A** product. With your new **Music Player *balanced*** you have acquired a top-quality piece of equipment which has been designed and developed with the wishes of the audiophile music lover as absolute top priority.

This system represents our very best efforts at designing practical electronic equipment incorporating solid quality, user-friendly operation and a specification and performance which leaves nothing to be desired.

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We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the faith you have shown in our company by purchasing this product, and wish you many hours of enjoyment and sheer listening pleasure with your **Music Player *balanced***.

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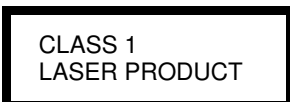
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On the inner protective housing of the CD mechanism

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About these instructions

All the controls and functions of the **Music Player *balanced*** which are frequently used are described in the first section of these operating instructions.

The second part - '**Basic settings, Installation, Using the system for the first time**' covers connections and settings which are very seldom required; they are generally required only when the machine is set up and used for the first time. Here you will also find a detailed description of the network settings required for connecting the **Music Player *balanced*** to your home network.

Symbols used in these instructions



Caution!

Text passages marked with this symbol contain important information which must be observed if the machine is to operate safely and without problems.



This symbol marks text passages which provide supplementary notes and background information; they are intended to help the user understand how to get the best out of the machine.

italic

Technical terms printed in italics are explained in detail at the end of the instructions.

Front panel controls



All the important functions of the **Music Player *balanced*** can be operated using the buttons on the front panel. Direct-acting buttons are provided for fundamental functions such as source select, station change and track select. Functions not needed so frequently are controlled using a menu which is called up using the **SRC** / **SYS** / **MODE/TONE** button.

Certain functions which are only required in exceptional circumstances (e.g. device configuration) can only be accessed using the remote control handset.

All information relating to the machine's state, the current track and the associated transmitting station are displayed on the integral screen; the essential information is displayed in enlarged form in a context-sensitive manner in the main line of the screen, and is therefore easily legible even from some distance away. The following section explains the functions of the buttons on the machine, and the information provided on the screen.



(On / Off switch)

A brief press on the **ON** button switches the unit on and off. When the machine is switched on, the indicator light above the button glows.



Caution!

The mains button is not a mains isolation switch. Even when the LED is not glowing, some parts of the machine are still connected to mains voltage.

If the machine is not to be used for a long period, we recommend that you turn it off using the mains switch located on the back panel.

If you switch off using the mains switch the current drain is 0 Watt. However, in this state the device cannot be switched on again using the remote control handset. When you wish to switch it on again, first move the mains switch to the '1' position.

If you wish to disconnect the machine completely from the mains supply, withdraw the mains plug at the wall socket.

(Phones / headphone)

Socket for stereo headphones with an impedance of at least 32 Ω.



When headphones are in use, all 'ANALOG OUT' outputs are switched off. The LINE OUT (fixed) outputs only remain switched on if the optional pre-amplifier module is installed.



The use of headphones


















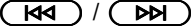

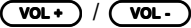

Continuous listening to programme material via earphones or head-phones at very high volume can result in permanent hearing loss. You can avoid damaging your health by not listening via headphones or ear-phones at high levels for long periods.

CD drawer

The CD drawer is located below the display. Please insert the disc with the label side facing upwards into the appropriate depression of the tray.

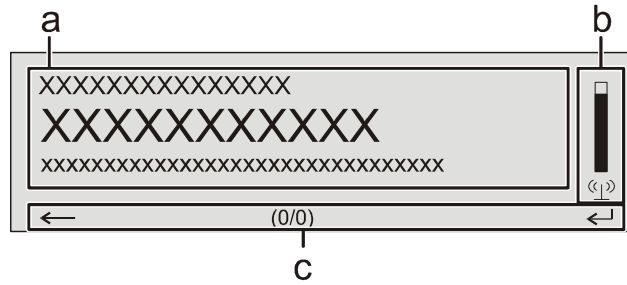


The drawer is opened and closed by pressing the **CD drawer** button.

	Selects the CD-Player function of the Music Player <i>balanced</i>
	Selects the VHF tuner of the Music Player <i>balanced</i>
	Selects the streaming client function of the Music Player <i>balanced</i>
	A brief press on this button selects the digital input you wish to use. Press the button repeatedly until the desired input is displayed on the screen.  If you wish to make the selection process easier, you can rename the sources and you can remove from the select list those sources which are not used in your system. See chapter ' System configuration menu / Source names '.
 Source menu	Opens the Setup menu for the source device just selected
 System menu	Opens the ' System configuration ' menu (for details see Chapter ' System settings ')
	Brief press: When SCL (Streaming Client) is selected as source: Switching between the USB inputs USB 1 (HDD) and USB 2 (iPod). It is only possible to switch inputs in the top menu level of the SCL (main menu). When RADIO is selected as source: Switching between 'mono' and 'stereo' Long press: Opens the tone control settings menu
	Navigation
	Back to the previous point / change button
	Confirms input / change button
	Selects the next point within a list / select button
	Selects the previous point within a list / select button
	Confirm button
	Ends playback
	Starts playback / halts playback (pause) / resumes playback after a pause
	Superimposing information Brief press: Toggle switch between display of current music track and list navigation Long press: Switches between different screen displays
	Calls up the Favourites list
	Brief press: Selects the previous / next track or piece during playback. Selects the next station in the favourite list Long press: Fast forward / rewind: searches for a particular passage. Tuner: Search
	Button for switching ON and OFF the headphone and analog outputs.
	Increase / decrease volume The volume can be increased / decreased in steps by tipping one of the volume buttons. The current volume level is displayed on the display screen. If one of the buttons is kept pressed for approx.. 2 seconds the volume increases / decreases continuously until the button is released.  Without the optional pre-amplifier module the only adjustment available is the volume of the headphones.

Display

All the **Music Player's** display elements are grouped together in a clearly arranged screen area.



The screen functions and symbols vary according to the currently active function (CD, SCL, Digital IN, Radio), and according to the type of music being played. Please see the following chapters for a detailed explanation of the screen displays.

The basic areas of the screen:

- Display field (a) shows information relating to the piece of music being played. The essential information is displayed enlarged in the main line.
- Display field (b) shows information relating to the device / network / state of reception.
- The bottom line (c) displays supplementary context-sensitive information and operating notes:

Symbol	Meaning
←	This symbol indicates that it is possible to switch to a higher menu level or select menu using the ◀ button.
↶	Indicates that the selected menu point / list point can be activated by pressing the ▶ button.
0/0	Position indicator in Select lists. The first figure indicates the current position in the list, the second figure the total number of list entries (list length).
🔇	Headphones are switched off (Muting). If the pre-amplifier module is installed, the PRE OUT and BALANCED analogue outputs are also switched off.
🔌 1 or 🔌 2	Indicates which USB socket is selected

i The **Music Receiver** provides different screen displays for the Streaming Client and the radio.

- **Large-format display:**
Enlarged display of the most important information, clearly legible even from a distance
- **Detail display:**
Small-text display showing a large number of additional information points, e.g. bit-rate etc.

A long press on the ⏻ button on the remote control handset is used to switch between the display modes.

Remote Control

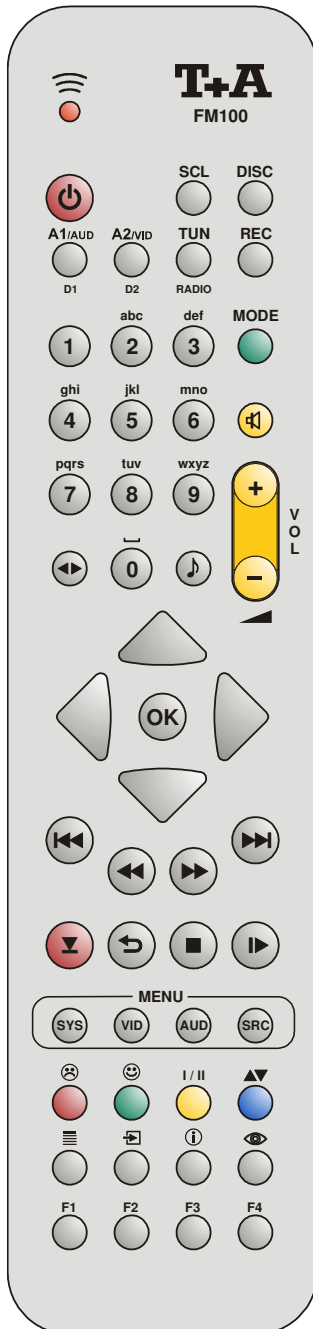
General Information

All the **Music Player *balanced's*** mechanism control functions and auxiliary functions can be operated using the remote control system.














In general terms the remote control buttons have the same function as the corresponding buttons on the **Music Player *balanced's*** front panel.














The infra-red sensor for the remote control system is located in the display area of the **Music Player *balanced***. There must be clear line-of-sight contact between the **FM 100** handset and the screen.

The following tables show the remote control buttons and their functions when operating the machine.





	Switches the Music Player <i>balanced</i> on and off
	Direct source select buttons. If the integrated amplifier is switched off, these buttons switch it on and simultaneously select the corresponding source device. Music Player <i>balanced's</i> Streaming Client function (Internet Radio, access to music server, iPod playback)
	Music Player <i>balanced's</i> CD function
	Brief press: Music Player <i>balanced's</i> Digital inputs
	A brief press on this button selects the digital input you wish to use. Press the button repeatedly until the desired input is displayed on the screen.
	Brief press: Music Player <i>balanced's</i> Radio function
	Direct alpha-numeric input, e.g. track number, fast station select, radio station. The and buttons are also used for non-standard characters. ... During text input you can switch between numeric and alpha-numeric input, and between capitals and lower case by pressing the button.
	Switching headphone sound on and off (MUTING) If the pre-amplifier module is installed, the regulated 'Analog out' outputs are also switched off.
	Reduce / increase the volume of the connected headphones (volume control rocker) If the pre-amplifier module is installed, the volume of the BALANCED and PRE-OUT outputs alters at the same time.
	In Stand-alone mode: sound settings A brief press opens a menu offering the following set-up facilities, which vary according to the selected source: Balance / Treble / Bass / Loudness / Bandwidth / Filter / Output The menu points are called up using the / buttons, and can be changed using the / buttons. (If no pre-amplifier module is installed, the tone control menu points are not displayed.)

	Tuner	CD-Player	Streaming Client
	Navigation		Navigation
	Back to previous point During alpha-numeric character input you can erase a character with the  button.		Back to previous point
	Confirms input		-Opens a folder -Starts a piece of music -Selects an Internet radio station
	Selects the previous point within a list		Selects the previous point within a list
	Selects the next point within a list		Selects the next point within a list
	Confirm buttons during input process		
	Chapter select / Track select / Search / Manual tuning		
		Selects the previous track during playback	Selects the previous piece in the playback list
	Brief press: Manual tuning Long press: Search	Rewind to search for a particular passage	Hold button pressed in for rewind
	Brief press: Manual tuning Long press: Search	Fast-forward to search for a particular passage	Hold button pressed in for fast forward
		Selects the next track during playback	Selects the next piece in the playback list
 (REPEAT)		Repeat function (see Chapter ' <i>Operating the CD player</i> ')	Repeat functions (not possible with all media) Brief press: Repeat Track, Repeat ALL, 'Normal' Long press: Mix-Mode (Shuffle) ON / OFF Brief button presses in MIX mode: Mix, Repeat Track, Repeat Mix
 (STOP)		Brief press: Halts playback Long press: Opens and closes the CD draw in STOP mode	Ends playback
 (PLAY/ PAUSE)	Select station from Favourites list	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts playback (Play function) During playback: halts (Pause) or resumes playback 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts playback (Play function) During playback: halts (Pause) or resumes playback

	Tuner	CD-Player	Streaming Client
	Opens the System Configuration menu (e.g. for adjusting screen brightness)		
	Opens the Favourites menu when the Favourites list is displayed.		Brief press: Switches to main menu (Home) Long press: Opens the network configuration menu
	Long press: Removes a favourite from the station list	Long press: Erases <i>playback program</i>	Long press: Removes a favourite from the Favourites list created on the Music Player <i>balanced</i>
	Adds a favourite to the station list	Activates playback programming Adds a <i>track</i> to the <i>playback program</i> during playback programming	Adds a favourite to the Favourites list created on the Music Player <i>balanced</i>
	Button for switching between Stereo and Mono reception The Stereo setting is constantly displayed in the screen window by a  symbol. The Mono setting is constantly displayed in the screen window by a  symbol.		the main menu is displayed: Toggle switch between inputs USB 1 and USB 2
			During character input: Switches between numeric and alpha-numeric input, and between capitals and lower case when pressed (repeatedly) In lists: Search function (Alpha search)
	Displays the Favourites list		Displays the Favourites list created on the Music Player <i>balanced</i>
	Store button for fast station select		Store button for fast station select
		Switch CD-Text ON/OFF	Toggles the display between the 'Now Playing' view and track list / station list navigation.
	Switches the Radiotext function ON/OFF		
	Switches between the <i>Digital filter</i> / Invert functions		

FD 100 bi-directional radio remote control

 The FD 100, a graphic radio remote control handset with integral colour screen, is designed to make the **Music Player *balanced*** even more convenient to operate, and is available as part of the **T+A** accessory range. The **Music Player *balanced*** is prepared for use with the FD 100. (see chapter 'FD 100 radio remote control')

 The **Music Player *balanced*** can be controlled by the **T+A** App 'TA Control' too. For further information please visit our homepage www.ta-hifi.com/app

Basic Functions of the Music Player *balanced*

System Settings (System Configuration menu)

In the System Configuration menu general device settings are adjusted. This menu is described in detail in the following chapter.

Calling up and operating the menu

- Briefly press the **sys** button on the front panel or on the remote control handset to call up the menu.
- When you open the menu, the following Select points appear on the screen:

The screenshot shows the 'Adjustment facility' menu. On the left, there are four menu items: 'Source Names', 'Display Brightness', 'Language', and 'FD 100 pairing'. To the right, there are several input fields: 'Configuration', a numeric field with '1' and '7' and an ellipsis, a language selection field with 'Deutsch', 'English', and 'Francaise' and the text 'further languages', and a 'Start' button.

- Use the **▲** / **▼** buttons to select a point in the menu.
- If you wish to change a selected menu point, first press the **OK** button, and then use the **◀** / **▶** buttons to alter it.
- **After making the change, press the **OK** button again to accept the new setting.**
- You can press the **■** button at any time to interrupt the process; the change is then abandoned.
- Press the **sys** button again to leave the menu.

Source names menu point

At this menu point you can activate and disable external sources, and assign a plain text name to each source; this name then appears in the screen displays. When you call up this menu point using the **OK** button, a list of all the external sources of the **Music Player *balanced*** appears. Each source is followed by the assigned name, or if you have disabled the source concerned the note 'disabled'.

If you want to activate / disable a source, or change the plain text name, navigate to the appropriate line.

To activate a source, press the green button; pressing the red button disables the source.

To change the plain text name, press the **OK** button once more. Change the name as you wish, then press **OK** to confirm your choice. This action stores the settings for the source.



When you call up Source Select using **A1 / AUD** / **A2 / VID** on the remote control handset or the source button **A1 AUX** / **A2 DIS** on the front panel, any disabled sources are suppressed. This makes it easier to select sources, and we recommend that you disable any sources not in use.

Brightness menu point (screen brightness)

At this point you can adjust the brightness of the integral screen to suit your personal preference for normal use; seven levels are available.

Language menu point

In this menu point you define the language to be used for the displays on the screen of the front panel of the **Music Player *balanced***.

The language used for data transferred to the machine, e.g. from an iPod or other Internet radio station, is determined by the supplying device or the radio station; you cannot define the language on the **Music Player *balanced***.


Pair FD 100 menu point





When you call up this menu point, the **Music Player *balanced*** attempts to create a connection with the FD 100 radio remote control (see chapter 'FD 100 radio remote control').

D/A Converter Settings

A number of special settings are available for the **Music Player *balanced*'s** D/A converter; they are designed to fine-tune the characteristics of your amplifier to suit your listening preferences.

Calling up and operating the D/A converter options

Briefly press the  button on the remote control handset in order to call up the D/A converter set-up options. This action opens a set-up window in which the various options are displayed.

- Now use the  /  buttons to select a set-up option.
- In each case the displayed option can be altered using the  /  buttons.
- If no further action is taken for a period of a few seconds, the set-up window disappears again from the screen.

D/A set-up option Oversampling

The **Music Player *balanced*** can exploit two different filter types offering different tonal characters:

Oversampling 1 is a classic **FIR** filter with an extremely linear frequency response.

Oversampling 2 is a peak-optimised filter – superb in 'timing' and dynamics.

Please refer to the Chapter '**Glossary / Supplementary Information, Oversampling**' for an explanation of the different filter types.

D/A set-up option Output

At this point it is possible to toggle between normal and inverted phase in the signal.

With particular instruments or voices the human ear is certainly capable of detecting whether absolute phase is correct or not. However, absolute phase is not always correctly recorded. The problem can be corrected by pressing this button to invert the signal (i.e. turn it through 180°).

The correction is carried out at the digital level, and has absolutely no adverse effect on sound quality.

Pre amplifier functions of the Music Player *balanced*

(only possible with the optional pre-amplifier module installed)

Using the unit with active speakers or power amplifiers

The **Music Player *balanced*** can also be operated without an integrated amplifier, e.g. using directly connected active speakers or a power amplifier. For this 'stand-alone' mode the machine can be fitted with an optional pre-amplifier module. This module consists of a fully featured pre-amplifier with volume and tone controls. The following menu points relating to tone settings are only available if the pre-amplifier module is fitted.

Operation with T+A Power Plant



A **T+A Power Plant** amplifier connected to the **Music Player *balanced*** by an **E LINK** cable is automatically detected by the **Music Player *balanced*** and the pre amplifier section will automatically be bypassed. In this case volume and tone are adjusted on the Power Plant's pre-amplifier.

Tone control settings (Tone menu)

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MODE TONE

long press

When fitted with a pre-amplifier module the **Music Player *balanced*** offers a range of facilities enabling you to adjust the sound to suit your personal preferences, your listening room and the recording currently being played. All the tone control settings are grouped in the TONE menu.

Briefly press the button on the remote control handset to call up the balance and tone control functions. This action brings up a set-up window which displays the various adjustment options.

- Use the / buttons to select an adjustment option.
- The option displayed can now be changed using the / buttons.
- If no action is taken for a period of a few seconds, the set-up window disappears from the screen.

Adjustment facility					
Balance L/R	xx L	...	centered	...	xx R
Tone Control	Off	On			
Treble	- 7	...	0	...	+ 7
Bass	- 7	...	0	...	+ 7
Loudness	Off	On			
Oversampling	Oversampling 1	Oversampling 2			
Output	normal	inverted			

Balance L/R

This menu point is used to alter the balance in level between the left and right channels, e.g. to compensate for non-symmetrical loudspeaker positioning.



The balance can be adjusted in increments of 1,25 dB; the screen always displays the current value.

The primary purpose of the Balance setting in the Tone menu is to compensate for inadequacies in the audio mix of the recording currently being played.

Tone Control

This menu point can be used to disable (by-pass) the **Music Receiver's** tone controls.

To switch off the tone controls, select the "OFF" setting. When the tone controls are switched off, any adjustments you make to the following menu points "BASS" and "TREBLE" have no effect.

Bass / Treble (tone settings)

These two menu points can be used to alter the high-frequency (treble) and low-frequency (bass) settings when required.



The primary purpose of the settings in the Tone menu is to compensate for inadequacies in the audio mix of the recording currently being played.

Loudness

The **Music Receiver** is equipped with an automatic level-dependent volume control system (**LOUDNESS**), designed to compensate for the frequency-dependent sensitivity of the ear at very low volume, caused by the physiology of the human auditory system.

This set-up option switches the level-dependent volume control on and off.

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Operating the Tuner

RADIO

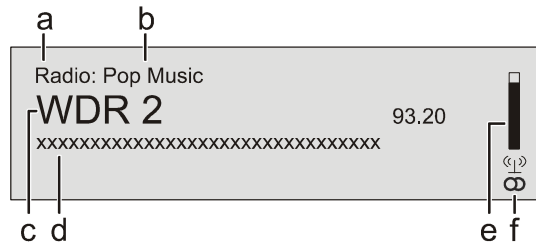
First press the **RADIO** button to select the integral tuner as the source.

When you select a station, the integral screen initially shows the reception frequency or the *RDS* station name.

Front panel display

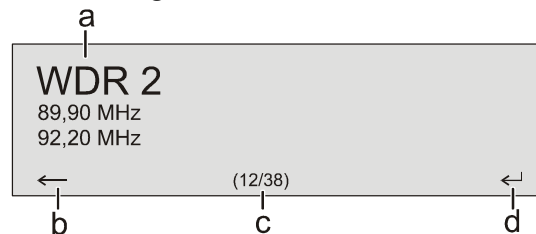
The screen on the front panel displays all information in a clear form.

Field strength display:



- When you are listening to a radio station in Tuner mode, the message **'Radio'** appears in the top line of the screen.
- Here the music type or style is displayed, e.g. Pop Music. This information is only displayed if the transmitting station broadcasts it as part of the *RDS* system. If you are listening to a station which does not support the *RDS* system, or only supports it in part, these information fields remain empty.
- The frequency and / or the station name is displayed in enlarged form. If a station name is displayed, its frequency is shown at the end of the line.
- These lines display information which is broadcast by the station (e.g. Radiotext).
- The *field strength* $\langle \text{¶} \rangle$ and therefore the reception quality to be expected from the set transmitting station can be assessed from the field strength.
- Display of Stereo **'Ⓢ'** / Mono **'●'**

Selecting a station using the Favourites list:



- The selected station is displayed in enlarged form, and can be called up using the **▶** / **▸** / **OK** button.
- Press the **◀** button to return to the station previously selected.
- Position display in the Favourites list.
- Press the **▶** / **▸** / **OK** button to select the station displayed in enlarged form.

Station Search

Holding one of the **◀◀** / **▶▶** buttons pressed in initiates a station search in the upward or downward direction. The station search stops automatically at the next station.

Favourites List and Presets





In addition to manual tuning and searching, the tuner of the **Music Player** *balanced* also features a **Favourites list** and **Presets**, which provide a fast, convenient method of managing your preferred stations and calling them up at any time.

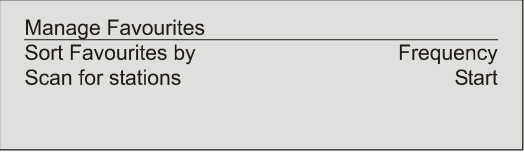
You can edit the Favourites list to suit your preferences (see section **'Adding stations to the Favourites list / Erasing stations from the Favourites list'**).

It is also possible to store the stations under a station number (Preset), and then to call it up directly by entering the station number. Presets are particularly useful if you wish to call up stations when the screen is not in sight (e.g. from an adjacent room), or via the domestic control system.


The Favourites List

Creating the Favourites list

When you have called up the Favourites list by pressing the  button, you can press the  button to call up the Favourites menu, from which the following points can be selected using the  /  buttons:






Manage Favourites
Sort Favourites by Frequency
Scan for stations Start

Select the menu point '**Scan for stations**' and initiate the station search with the  button. The screen displays the message '**Auto Store active**', and the **Music Player** *balanced* now automatically stores up to sixty receivable stations in the Favourites list.

Sort function



The Favourites list can be sorted according to various criteria; these are selected in the menu point '**Sort Favourites by**':

Frequency / Station name / Program ID






Now use the  /  buttons to select the desired sort criterion, and confirm your choice by pressing the  button.

Selecting radio stations from the Favourites list


- Call up the Favourites list with the  button, select a stored station from the Favourites list using the  /  buttons, and confirm your choice with the  /  button.

- You can also select stations directly, without calling up the Favourites list as described above, by briefly pressing the  /  buttons.

Adding stations to the Favourites list



First set the desired station manually (by briefly pressing the  /  buttons) or using a search (holding the  /  buttons pressed in). As soon as the station is audible, you can add it to your Favourites list by pressing the  button.

Erasing stations from the Favourites list

Open the Favourites list. Select the station you wish to erase from the list, hold the red  button pressed in for a few seconds: the station is now removed from the Favourites list. After the erasure the tuner automatically switches to the next station in the Favourites list.


Presets



Calling up a Preset

At any time you can quickly call up a station stored as a Preset by entering its Preset number using the **F100 / FM100's** numeric buttons  to .

Storing a Preset

- Select a station, either using the  /  buttons, or from the Favourites list.

- Call up the Store Preset function by pressing the  button.


- An input window now appears in which you can enter a number using the numeric buttons ( to ). The Preset is stored when you press a numeric button. The front panel screen briefly displays the message '**Preset Stored at**' to confirm this.

RDS functions

If the station being received is broadcasting relevant RDS data, the following information will be displayed on the screen:


- Station name
- Radiotext
- Programm type (genre)

Mono / Stereo

You can toggle the tuner of the **Music Player** *balanced* between stereo and mono reception by briefly pressing the  button. The reception mode is shown on the screen by the following symbols:



'●' (Mono) or '◉' (Stereo):

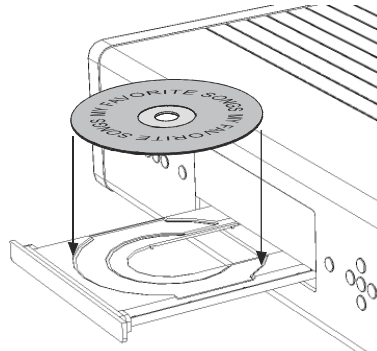
If the station you wish to listen to is very weak or very distant, and can only be picked up with severe background noise, you should always switch to MONO mode as this reduces the unwanted hiss significantly.



 When you store the station in the Favourites list, the settings you enter for this station are also stored, and are automatically restored the next time you call up the station.

Operating the CD player

Inserting a CD


- Open the CD drawer ( on the front panel /  FB100 / FM100)
- Place the disc **centrally** in the appropriate depression in the drawer, **with the side to be played facing down**.




- Close the CD drawer ( on the front panel /  FB100 / FM100)


When you close the drawer, the machine immediately reads the CD's 'Table of Contents'; the screen displays the message **'Reading'**. During this period all button-presses are ignored.

The screen then displays the total number of tracks on the CD in the drawer, e.g.: **'13 Tracks 60:27'**.

It is also shows the current mode of operation, e.g. .



Playing a CD

Press the  button on the front panel or on the F100 / FM100 remote control handset to begin the playback process.



Playback starts, and the screen shows the mode of operation () and the number of the track currently being played: **'Track 1'**.


The CD stops after the final track, and the screen again displays the total number of CD tracks and the overall running time.


Variations


If you press the  /  button after placing the CD in the machine, the drawer closes and playback starts with the first track.

The open drawer also closes if you enter the number of a track using the remote control handset.

You can interrupt playback at any time by pressing the  button. During the interruption the screen displays the  symbol.

Press the  button again to resume playback.



Briefly pressing the  button during playback causes the player to skip to the start of the next track.

Briefly pressing the  button during playback causes the machine to skip back to the start of the preceding track.


A brief press on the  button concludes playback.

A long press on the  button opens the CD drawer.

Track Select During playback

Briefly press the  or  button repeatedly until the number of the track you want to hear appears on the integral screen.

Releasing the button interrupts playback briefly, and after this the desired track is played.

 You can also enter the number of the desired track directly using the numeric buttons on the remote control handset.


Playback mode



Repeat

The CD player in the **Music Player** *balanced* features various playback modes. During playback the current playback mode is shown on the screen.


Brief press:

Repeatedly pressing the  button causes the machine to cycle through different playback modes.


'Repeat All' / 'Repeat Program'	The tracks of the CD or a <i>playback program</i> are continuously repeated in the preset sequence .
'Repeat Track'	The track of the CD or a <i>playback program</i> which has just been played is continuously repeated.
'Normal' / 'Program'	Normal playback of the whole disc, or normal program playback.

Mix mode

Long press:

Holding the  button pressed in switches the machine to Mix mode. A second long press ends Mix mode.

'Mix' / 'Mix Program'	The tracks of the CD or of a <i>playback program</i> are played in a random sequence .
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In Mix mode the Repeat function can be called up with a brief press of the  button.

'Repeat Mix' / 'Rpt Mix Program'	The tracks of the CD or of a <i>playback program</i> are continuously repeated in a random sequence .
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Fast Search

- Fast forward search (hold the  button pressed in)
- Fast reverse search (hold the  button pressed in)

Holding the button pressed in for a long period increases the rate (speed) of search. During the search process the screen displays the current track running time.

Playback Program

Creating a *Playback Program*


Explanation:

A playback program consists of up to thirty tracks of a CD stored in any order you like. This can be useful, for example, when you are preparing a cassette recording. A playback program can only be created for the CD currently in the disc drawer of the **Music Player** *balanced*. The program remains stored until it is erased again, or until the CD drawer is opened.




Operation:


When you place the CD in the drawer, the screen displays the total number of tracks on the disc, e.g.: '**13 Tracks 60:27**'.





- Activating playback programming mode.

Press the  button

The screen displays the message '**Add Track 1 to Program**' and '**0 Tracks / 0:00 Program time**'.

- Repeatedly press the  or  button briefly until the number of the desired track appears on the screen after '**Track**'.
- Now store the track in the playback program by briefly pressing the  button.

The screen shows the number of *tracks* and the total playing time of the playback program. Select all the remaining tracks of the program in the same manner, and store them by briefly pressing the  button.

 It is also possible to enter the track directly using the numeric buttons, instead of using the  /  buttons. After you enter the number, press the  button briefly to store the track, as described above.

If you store thirty tracks, the screen displays the message '**Program full**'.


The playback programming process is concluded when all the desired tracks have been stored.

- End the playback programming process.



Hold the  button pressed in for about one second

Playing a playback program

The playback program can now be played.

- Start the playback process.  button

Playback starts with the first track of the playback program. The screen displays the message '**Program**' while a playback program is playing.


The  and  buttons select the previous or next track, but only within the playback program.

Erasing a playback program

Briefly pressing  button in **STOP** mode opens the CD drawer, and thereby erases the playback program.

A playback program can also be erased without opening the CD drawer:

- Erase the playback program.

Hold the  button pressed in again for about one second

The playback program is now erased.

Operating the Streaming Client

General Information on the Streaming Client

The **T+A Music Player *balanced*** includes what is known as a 'Streaming Client'. This is a new class of playback devices for media content, providing a means of playing music which is stored on a vast variety of sources. These sources may be an iPod or a USB hard disc connected directly to the **Music Player *balanced***, but they may also be thousands of miles away (e.g. Internet radio station). The Streaming Client can access such remote sources via a home network and the Internet.

i The network configuration is explained in the Chapter '**Network Con-figuration**'.

The **Music Player *balanced***'s Streaming Client can access the following sources:

Local sources (direct connection)	Remote sources (via home network or Internet)
USB memory sticks and USB hard discs	Internet radio
iPod	NAS server (with UPnP-AV server) PC (with UPnP-AV server)

The media content formats which the **Music Player *balanced*** can reproduce are very wide-ranging, and extend from compressed formats such as MP3, WMA, AAC and OGG Vorbis to high-quality non-compressed data formats such as FLAC and WAV, which are thoroughly audiophile in nature. A full listing of all possible data and playlist formats is included in the Specification, which you will find in the Appendix to these instructions.

Since virtually no read or data errors occur when electronic memory media are accessed, the potential reproduction quality is even higher than that of CD. The quality level may even exceed that of SACD and DVD-Audio.

The **Music Player *balanced*** can also play back high-resolution audio formats (FLAC and WAV up to 192kHz / 32bit). High-resolution audio files can be played back from a USB hard disc connected to the unit, or via a network connection. However, if you wish to use a network for 192/32 reproduction, a cable network must be used since a WLAN network is not generally sufficient for the high data rates (see also the note in the chapter entitled '**Network configuration**').

The music from the iPod is read out digitally, and converted into the analogue music signal by the high-quality internal **T+A** D/A converters. This technique produces the best possible quality of reproduction from an iPod.

i Digital audio output is supported by the following iPod models:

iPod nano (all models) **iPod classic** (all models)
iPod touch (all models) **iPhone** (all models)
iPod 5G

Earlier models of iPod only generate analogue audio output, and are not supported.







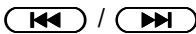









Select Lists

The music content to be played is chosen from Select Lists. These lists are operated using the navigation buttons (cursor buttons) which you will find on the remote control handset and on the front panel. All content can be accessed via the main menu. Internet Radio in particular offers a huge number of stations, which can result in long searches or periods of navigation. We therefore recommend that you store your preferred stations in a **Favourites List**, as this makes them easy and fast to access, with no protracted searching. It is also possible to store Internet radio stations as **Presets**, just as you do with normal radio; they can then be called up directly just by entering a number.

The media content can be listed according to various criteria - Internet radio stations e.g. by country of origin, genre or alphabetical, music from media servers e.g. by artiste, album, track, genre, etc.

i The exact form of the displayed list and the preparation of the content also depend to a large extent on the capabilities of the server, i.e. the full facilities of the **Music Player *balanced*** cannot be exploited with all servers or media. You may therefore find that in many cases not all the functions described in these instructions can be used.

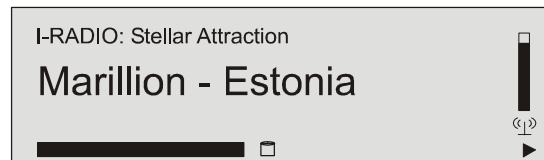
The following table shows the buttons on the remote control handset and the front panel, and their basic function when operating the Streaming Client:

	Selects the Streaming Client as listening source.
	Brief press: Switches to the main list (Home function) Long press: Opens the Configuration menu
	Selects the menu point within a list
	Opens a folder , starts a piece of music or playlist
	Back to the next higher menu point
	Plays the selected track or folder During input operations: confirms the input
	Selects the previous or next piece in the playback list. Hold button pressed in for fast forward and rewind search.
	Hold button pressed in for fast forward and rewind search.
	Ends playback (STOP)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts playback (PLAY function) Halts playback (PAUSE) or mute and resume, if available
	Long press: Removes a favourite from the Favourites list created on the Music Player <i>balanced</i>
	Adds a favourite to the Favourites list created on the Music Player <i>balanced</i> . If no memory space is available, the screen displays the message 'Favorite List Full'.
	Displays the Favourites list created on the Music Player <i>balanced</i> .
	<i>Preset store button</i>
 (not possible with all media)	<p>Repeated brief presses cycle through the repeat functions:</p> <p>→ Rpt Trk, →Rpt All, →Normal</p> <p>Rpt Trk The current piece is repeated Rpt All All pieces in the current folder / the current playlist are repeated Normal Repeat function switched off</p> <p>Long press: Switches Mix mode (Shuffle) ON and OFF Subsequent brief button presses will cycle through the Mix Repeat operating modes: → Mix, → Rpt Trk, → Rpt Mix In Mix mode the pieces are played in a random order.</p>
	<p>During character input operations: Toggle switch: when pressed repeatedly this button toggles between numeric and alpha-numeric input, and between capitals and lower case</p> <p>While navigating through lists: Calls up the Search function (Alpha search)</p>














Screen

All information relating to machine status, the current music track and navigation in lists is displayed on the **Music Player** *balanced*'s graphic screen. The display is context-sensitive, and varies in part according to the capabilities and facilities of the service to which you are currently listening.

The essential information is displayed in enlarged form in the main line of the screen. Supplementary information is shown above and below it in smaller lettering, or by symbols. The table below shows and explains the symbols employed.



The screen can display the following symbols:

	Making connection (Wait / Busy) The rotating symbol indicates that the Music Player <i>balanced</i> is processing a command, or is making the connection to a service. These processes may take a little while, depending on the speed and current load of the network. During this period the Music Player <i>balanced</i> may be muted, and may not respond to commands. If this should happen, please wait until the symbol disappears.
	Indicates a playable music track or a playback list (Playlist)
	Indicates a folder , concealing further folders or lists.
	Indicates that the listen source is connected by cable LAN.
	Indicates that the listen source is connected by wireless WLAN.
	Indicates that the Music Player <i>balanced</i> is playing a station or a music track
	Pause indicator
	Buffer display (full indicator, memory indicator) and (if supported by the source) indication of bit-rate of the stream. The higher the bit rate, the better the audio quality will be.
	Time display: elapsed playback time. This display is not available for all services.
	Indicates that it is possible to shift back by one level or selection using the  button.
0 / 0	Position indicator in a list, or when entering an address
	Indicates that it is possible to confirm the entry or selection with the  button
ABC 123 abc	or or Character input mode indicator

Access to Media Content via the Main Menu (Home Menu)

Main Menu (Home-Menu)

When you call up the Streaming Client by pressing the **SCL** button, the front panel screen displays a list containing the devices connected to the system, or accessible via the network, together with the Favourites folder, e.g.:

- USB / iPod *1)
- Internet Radio
- UPnP-AV Server (Media server) in the local network *2)
- Favorites



- i** *1) Only the selected USB input is displayed. Use the **MODE** button on the front panel / **1/11** button on the remote control to switch between the USB inputs.
- i** *2) To play back media files that are stored on PC's or NAS storage devices on your home network, a UPnP-AV server software must be installed on these devices to make the media content accessible through the network.

Selecting and Playing Media Content

You can now select a device or a service using the **▲** / **▼** buttons. The selected list point is shown enlarged, and can be called up by pressing the **OK** / **▶** button.

The content of the device is displayed in the form of a list. The individual list entries are followed either by a folder symbol (**□**) or a note symbol (**♪**).

You can now again move to the individual list points using the **▲** / **▼** buttons, and open them with the **OK** / **▶** button.

If the list entry you open is a folder, the screen displays the contents of the folder: you can now navigate further within the new folder.

If the entry is followed by a note symbol, this indicates that the content is playable (pieces of music, playlists, radio station etc.). If you open an entry of this type, its content will be played.

- i** The lists and music tracks you can see when you select a device vary according to the machine and the transferred data.

Alpha-Search (Letter Search Function)

When you are navigating through lists you can call up the Music Player's letter search function at any time by briefly pressing the **▲▼** button. The screen now displays the message 'Search _'. While this is on the screen, enter up to five letters or numerals using the remote control handset; the letters assigned to the numeric buttons are printed below the buttons. To obtain a particular letter, press the appropriate button repeatedly until the correct letter appears on the screen. Before entering the next character you have to wait until the cursor is displayed again. After pressing the **v** button or after a brief delay with no further input the Music Player moves to the first entry in the list which starts with the characters you entered.


- i** If the text searched for is not found the best matching result will be shown. You can abort the search using the **--** button.

Accessing Media Content using the Favourites List

The Favourites List

The Favourites list can be used to store your preferred Internet radio stations and the paths to your preferred music tracks. At any subsequent time you can then very quickly access these stations and tracks using the 'Favorites' entry in the Home Menu.







Adding Favourites to the List

If you are currently enjoying a particular Internet radio station, simply press the green  button on the F100 / FM100 handset: this adds the station to the Favourites list.






In principle you can also add pieces from a NAS server or a USB hard disc to your Favourites list, but we only recommend this if the content of the relevant storage medium is available at all times (e.g. permanently connected USB hard disc).

Calling up Favourites


Open the Favourites list using the  button, then select an entry from the list using the  /  buttons. Start the track or the station by pressing the  /  /  button.

Erasing Favourites

Entries are removed from the Favourites list by first selecting the entry to be erased using the  /  buttons, and then holding the red  button on the F100 / FM100 handset pressed in for several seconds.



Caution!




Erase the paths to files on USB hard discs or UPnP-AV servers from the Favourites list using the  button before you erase or move files.



Using Presets

Preset function



You can store Internet radio stations as **Presets** using the process familiar from FM radio. These stations can subsequently be called up directly using the numeric buttons on the F100 / FM100 remote control handset.

Storing a Preset

First select an Internet radio station (e.g. using the Home menu / Internet radio). When you hear the station, press the  button followed by a number  to . The station is now stored under this number.

It is possible to store a total of ten Presets under the numbers  to .

Calling up a Preset

Briefly press one of the numeric buttons  to . The associated Preset is now called up, and after a brief delay you will hear it.



Presets are particularly useful when the front panel screen is not in view, but you wish to call up stations (e.g. when operating the system from an adjacent room, or when operating it via a domestic control system).

Adding Internet Radio Stations

The lists of Internet radio stations displayed by the **Music Player *balanced*** are very complete and comprehensive, but since new stations are constantly being added you may find that one of your favourite stations is not (yet) included in the Select lists.

In this case you can add the stations using the vTuner service (see also the Chapter '**vTuner Premium Service**'). The station added can then be accessed from the **Music Player *balanced***'s main menu under the Internet Radio / Added Stations point.

The Music Player *balanced* as D/A Converter

General Information on D/A Converter Operation

The **T+A Music Player *balanced*** can be used as a high-quality D/A converter for other devices such as satellite receiver, digital radio etc. which are fitted with poor-quality converters or no converter at all. The **Music Player *balanced*** features five digital inputs on the back panel to allow this usage.

- ① You can connect devices with electrical co-axial or optical light-pipe output to the digital inputs of the **Music Player *balanced***. At the optical inputs Digi 4 and Digi 5 the **Music Player *balanced*** accepts digital stereo signals conforming to the S/P-DIF norm, with sampling rates of 32 to 96 kHz. At the co-ax inputs Digi 1 to Digi 3 the range of sampling rates is from 32 to 192 kHz.

D/A Converter Operation

Selecting a D/A Converter Source

Select the **Music Player *balanced*** as listening source on your amplifier.

Now repeatedly press the **DIG** button on the front panel, or press the **D1**/**D2** button on the remote control handset, to select the digital input to which you have already connected the source device which is to be played.

As soon as the source device delivers digital music data, the **Music Player *balanced*** automatically adjusts itself to the format and sampling rate of the signal, and you will hear the music.

Screen Display

- ① During D/A converter operations the **Music Player *balanced***'s integral screen displays the characteristics of the digital input signal.

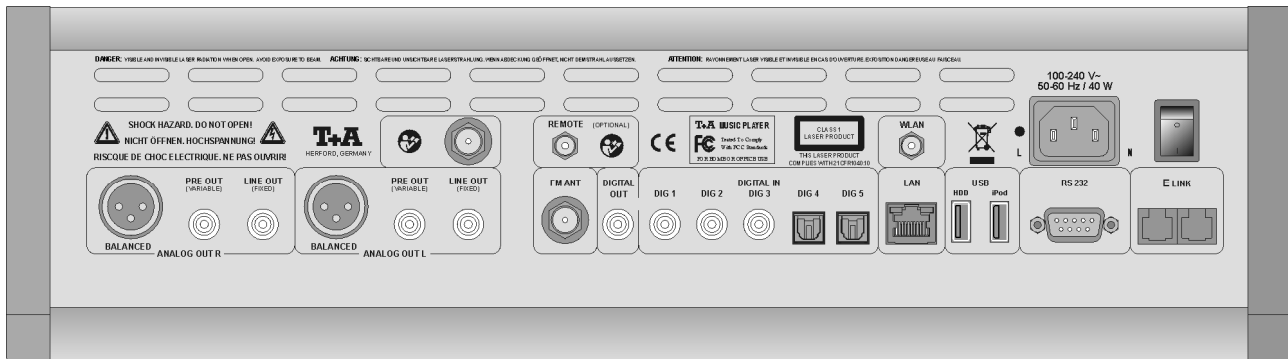
Installation

Using the system for the first time

Safety notes

This section describes all those matters which are of fundamental importance when setting up and first using the equipment. This information is not relevant in daily use, but you should nevertheless read and note it before using the equipment for the first time.

Back panel connections



ANALOG OUT

BALANCED

Symmetrical analogue output with fixed or variable level.

If you are not using the pre-amplifier module, a pre-amplifier or integrated amplifier with its own volume control can be connected to the unit (fixed level output). It is possible to connect equipment such as active loudspeakers or output stages without their own volume control (see chapter '**Pre-amplifier functions of the Music Player *balanced***') if you install the optional pre-amplifier module.

PRE OUT

Unsymmetrical analogue output with fixed or variable level.

If you are not using the pre-amplifier module, a pre-amplifier or integrated amplifier with its own volume control can be connected to the unit (fixed level output). It is possible to connect equipment such as active loudspeakers or output stages without their own volume control (see chapter '**Pre-amplifier functions of the Music Player *balanced***') if you install the optional pre-amplifier module.

LINE OUT

Fixed-level analogue output for connecting the **Music Player *balanced*** to an amplifier with its own volume control.



Space for input sockets of optional add-on modules (applies only to particular model variants).

FM ANT (antenna input)

This FM antenna input can be connected to a normal 75 Ω FM home antenna or to TV/FM cable networks.

DIGITAL OUT

Digital co-axial output for connection to an external digital/analogue converter with an co-axial cable.



It is not always possible to produce a digital version for all media, as in some cases the original contains copy protection measures which prevent this.

DIGITAL IN

Inputs for digital source devices with optical or coaxial digital audio output.

WLAN

Input socket for WLAN antenna



Automatic Activation of the WLAN Module

After powering on the **Music Player *balanced*** detects if it is connected to a wired LAN Network. If no wired LAN connection is found, the **Music Player *balanced*** will automatically activate ist WLAN module and it will try to get access to your WLAN network.



Attention!

When WLAN shall be used, the LAN socket must be left unconnected.

LAN	<p>Socket for connection to a wired LAN (Ethernet) home network.</p> <p>i If a LAN cable is connected this will have priority over wireless WLAN networks. The WLAN module of the Music Player <i>balanced</i> will automatically be disabled.</p>
USB HDD (1)	<p>Socket for USB memory sticks and external hard discs</p> <p>The storage device must be formatted with a FAT16 or FAT32 filesystem.</p> <p>The USB device (example 2,5 inch HDD) can be supplied with power from the Music Player <i>balanced</i> via the USB socket provided the power consumption of the USB device conforms to the USB standard.</p>
USB iPod (2)	<p>Socket for iPods (use the original lead supplied with the iPod for this)</p>
RS 232	<p>Interface for firmware upgrades</p> <p>i This interface can also be used for control of the Music Player <i>balanced</i> – for example in combination with a CRESTRON or AMX home automation system.</p> <p>To enable device control via the RS232 interface, the Music Player <i>balanced</i> must be equipped with a special firmware. A description of the control interface and the control protocol can be found in the download section of the T+A website (http://www.taelektroakustik.de).</p>
E LINK	<p>Control input / output for T+A E LINK – systems:</p> <p>Both sockets are equivalent – one is used as input, the other one serves as output towards other E LINK devices.</p>
Remote	<p>Socket for the aerial of the integral radio remote control module, for communicating with the optional T+A FD 100 radio remote control handset.</p> <p>i If you intend to use the machine without the FD 100, then this socket can be left unused.</p>
Mains switch	<p>The primary mains switch is used to isolate the machine completely from the mains supply.</p> <p>To operate the amplifier the primary mains switch must be moved to the '1' position.</p>
Mains input	<p>The mains cable is plugged into this socket.</p> <p>For correct connections refer to the sections 'Installation and wiring' and 'Safety notes'.</p>

Installation and wiring

Carefully unpack the **Music Player** *balanced* and store the original packing materials carefully. The carton and packing are specially designed for this unit and will be needed again if you wish to move the equipment at any time.

Please be sure to read the safety notes in these instructions.

If the unit gets very cold (e. g. when being transported), condensation may form inside it. Please do not switch it on until it has had plenty of time to warm up to room temperature, so that any condensation evaporates completely.

Before placing the unit on a sensitive surface, please check the compatibility of the lacquer and the unit's feet at a non-visible point.

The unit should be placed on a rigid, level base. When placing the unit on resonance absorbers or de-coupling components make sure that they do not compromise the stability of the unit.

The quality and characteristics of the base on which your high-quality Hi-Fi equipment stands define the limits of sound quality which can be achieved. The base surface should be as heavy, rigid, hard and level as possible.

The receiver should be set up in a dry, well-ventilated site, out of direct sunlight and away from radiators.

The unit must not be located close to heat-producing objects or devices, or anything which is heat-sensitive or highly inflammable.

When installing the unit on a shelf or in a cupboard it is essential to provide an adequate flow of cooling air, to ensure that the heat produced by the unit is dissipated effectively. Any heat build-up will shorten the life of the unit and could be a source of danger. Be sure to leave at least 10 cm free space above the unit for ventilation. If the system components are to be stacked then the amplifier must be the top unit. Do not place any object on the top cover.

Mains and loudspeaker cables, and also remote control leads must be kept as far away as possible from signal leads and antenna cables. Never run them over or under the unit.

A complete connection diagram is shown in '**Appendix A**'.



Notes on connections:

- Be sure to push all plugs firmly into their sockets. Loose connections can cause hum and other unwanted noises.
- When you connect the input sockets of the amplifier to the output sockets on the source devices always connect like to like, i. e. '**R**' to '**R**' and '**L**' to '**L**'. If you fail to heed this then the stereo channels will be reversed.
- To achieve maximum possible interference rejection the mains plug should be connected to the mains socket in such a way that phase is connected to the mains socket contact marked with a dot (●). The phase of the mains socket can be determined using a special meter. If you are not sure about this, please ask your specialist dealer.

We recommend the use of the **T+A 'POWER LINE'** ready-to-use mains lead in conjunction with the '**POWER BAR**' mains distribution panel, which is fitted with a phase indicator as standard.

When you have completed the wiring of the system please set the volume control to a very low level before switching the system on.

The screen on the **Music Player** *balanced* should now light up, and the unit should respond to the controls.

If you encounter problems when setting up and using the amplifier for the first time please remember that the cause is often simple, and equally simple to eliminate. Please refer to the section of these instructions entitled '**Trouble shooting**'.

Loudspeaker and signal cables

Loudspeaker cables and signal cables (inter-connects) have a significant influence on the overall reproduction quality of your sound system, and their importance should not be under-estimated. For this reason **T+A** recommends the use of high-quality cables and connectors.

Our accessory range includes a series of excellent cables and connectors whose properties are carefully matched to our speakers and electronic units, and which harmonise outstandingly well with them.

For difficult and cramped situations the **T+A** range also includes special-length cables and special-purpose connectors (e. g. right-angled versions) which can be used to solve almost any problem concerning connections and system location.

Mains cables and mains filters

The mains power supply provides the energy which your sound system equipment needs, but it also tends to carry interference from remote devices such as radio and computer systems.

Our accessory range includes the specially shielded '**POWER FOUR**' mains cable, ready-to-use '**POWER LINE**' mains cable with integrated shell-type filters and the '**POWER BAR**' mains filter distribution board which prevent electro-magnetic interference from entering your Hi-Fi system. The reproduction quality of our systems can often be further improved by using these items.

If you have any questions regarding cabling please refer to your specialist **T+A** dealer who will gladly give you comprehensive expert advice without obligation. We would also be happy to send you our comprehensive information pack on this subject.


Safety notes

All the components in this device fulfil the currently valid German and European safety norms and standards.

We ensure that our products are of consistently high quality, and meet all specifications, by checking all materials rigorously for quality, using meticulous production methods and subjecting each unit to a fully automatic computer-controlled final inspection.

For your own safety please consider it essential to read these operating instructions right through, and observe in particular the notes regarding setting up, operation and safety.

Installation	The unit must be set up in such a way that none of the connections can be touched directly (especially by children). Be sure to observe the notes and information in the section ' Installation and Wiring '.
Power supply	The mains power supply to which the unit is connected must be grounded properly and must meet the current regulations. The power supply required for this unit is printed on the mains supply socket. The unit must never be connected to a power supply which does not meet these specifications. If the unit is not to be used for a long period disconnect it from the mains supply at the wall socket.
Mains leads / Mains plug	Mains leads must be deployed in such a way that there is no danger of damage to them (e. g. through persons treading on them or from furniture). Take particular care with plugs, distribution panels and connections at the device. Unplugging the mains plug will disconnect the device from the mains for service and repair. Please make sure that the mains plug is easily accessible.
Enclosure openings	Liquid or particles must never be allowed to get inside the unit through the ventilation slots. Mains voltage is present inside the unit, and any electric shock could cause serious injury or death. Never exert undue force on mains connectors. Protect the unit from drips and splashes of water; never place flower vases or fluid containers on the unit.
Supervision of device operation	Like any other electrical appliance this device should never be used without proper supervision. Take care to keep the unit out of the reach of small children.
Service, Damage	The case should only be opened by a qualified specialist technician. Repairs and fuse replacements should be entrusted to an authorised T+A specialist workshop. With the exception of the connections and measures described in these instructions, no work of any kind may be carried out on the device by unqualified persons. If the unit is damaged, or if you suspect that it is not functioning correctly, immediately disconnect the mains plug at the wall socket, and ask an authorised T+A specialist workshop to check it.
Over voltage	The unit may be damaged by excess voltage in the power supply, the <i>mains circuit</i> or in aerial systems, as may occur during thunderstorms (lightning strikes) or due to static discharges. Special power supply units and excess voltage protectors such as the T+A 'Power Bar' mains distribution panel offer some degree of protection from damage to equipment due to the hazards described above. However, if you require absolute security from damage due to excess voltage, the only solution is to disconnect the unit from the mains power supply and any aerial systems. To avoid the risk of damage by overvoltages we recommend to disconnect all cables from this device and your HiFi system during thunderstorms. All mains power supply and aerial systems to which the unit is connected must meet all applicable safety regulations and must be installed by an approved electrical installer.

 Many insurance companies offer lightning damage insurance for electrical equipment as part of their household insurance service.

Approved usage

This device is designed exclusively for reproducing sound and/or pictures in the domestic environment. It is to be used in a dry indoor room which meets all the recommendations stated in these instructions.

Where the equipment is to be used for other purposes, especially in the medical field or any field in which safety is an issue, it is essential to establish the unit's suitability for this purpose with the manufacturer, and to obtain prior written approval for this usage.

T+A equipment which includes a radio or television receiving section must be operated within the stipulations laid down by the Post Office and the Telecommunications authorities in the country in which it is used.

This unit may only be used to receive or reproduce those transmissions which are intended for public reception. The reception or reproduction of other transmissions (e. g. police radio or mobile radio broadcasts) is prohibited.

Approval and conformity with EC directives

In its original condition the unit meets all currently valid European regulations. It is approved for use as stipulated within the EC.

By attaching the CE symbol to the unit **T+A** declares its conformity with the EC directives **89/336/EEC**, amended by **91/263/EEC**, amended by **93/68/EEC**, and also **73/23/EEC**, amended by **93/68/EEC** and the national laws based on those directives.

The original, unaltered factory serial number must be present on the outside of the unit and must be clearly legible! The serial number is a constituent part of our conformity declaration and therefore of the approval for operation of the device.

The serial numbers on the unit and in the original **T+A** documentation supplied with it (in particular the inspection and guarantee certificates), must not be removed or modified, and must correspond.

Infringing any of these conditions invalidates **T+A** conformity and approval, and the unit may not be operated within the EC. Improper use of the equipment makes the user liable to penalty under current EC and national laws.

Any modifications or repairs to the unit, or any other intervention by a workshop or other third party not authorised by **T+A**, invalidates the approval and operational permit for the equipment.

Only genuine **T+A** accessories may be connected to the unit, or such auxiliary devices which are themselves approved and fulfil all currently valid legal requirements.

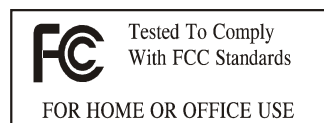
When used in conjunction with auxiliary devices or as part of a system this unit may only be used for the purposes stated in the section '**Approved usage**'.

Disposing of this product



The only permissible method of disposing of this product is to take it to your local collection centre for electrical waste.

FCC Information to the user



(for use in the United States of America only)

Class B digital device – instructions:

Note: 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.

Network Configuration

General Information

The **Music Player *balanced*** can be operated in wired LAN networks (*Ethernet LAN* or *Powerline LAN*) or in wireless networks (*WLAN*).

If you wish to use your **Music Player *balanced*** in your home network, you must first enter the necessary network settings on the **Music Player *balanced***. This includes entering the network parameters such as the IP address etc. both for wired and wireless operation. If you wish to use a wireless connection, a number of additional settings for the WLAN network also have to be entered.

Please refer to the Chapter '**Glossary / Additional Information**' and '**Network Terms**' for additional explanations of terminology relating to network technology.

i **In the following sections we assume that a working home network** (cable network or WLAN network) **with router and (DSL) Internet access is present.** If you are unclear about some aspect of installing, setting up and configuring your network, please address your queries to your network administrator or a network specialist.

i **High-resolution audio files via network**
The **Music Player *balanced*** can also play back high-resolution up to 192 kHz / 24-bit audio formats in the FLAC and WAV formats. A WLAN connection is not generally sufficient to handle the large quantities of data. If you wish to play back high-resolution audio files via a network connection, please use a cable network exclusively.

Compatible hardware and UPnP servers

The marketplace offers a vast number of routers, NAS devices and USB hard discs made by a very wide range of manufacturers. **T+A** equipment is generally compatible with other makes of machine which bear the UPnP label. A list of devices which **T+A** has checked for compatibility can be found on the Internet at: http://www.taelektroakustik.de/hardware/comp_lan_hw.pdf.

Network Configuration Menu

All network settings are entered in the Network Configuration menu. This menu will vary slightly in appearance depending on the type of your network, i.e. whether you have a wired (LAN) or wireless (WLAN) network.

If in the Network Configuration Menu the entry 'Network IF Mode' is set to 'auto', the **Music Player *balanced*** will check automatically if a LAN connection to a network is present. If a LAN connection is found, the machine will assume that this is to be used, and displays the network configuration menu for LAN networks.

If no LAN network is connected, the **Music Player *balanced*** activates its WLAN module and displays the WLAN configuration menu when you call up the configuration menu. The menu for a WLAN network includes a number of additional menu points. The following sections explain how to use the menu, and the meaning of the individual menu points.

i The Network IF Mode 'auto' is the default factory setting. In case of problems in combination with your hardware this automatic function can be switched to a fixed operation mode, e.g. only LAN.

Opening the Network Configuration Menu

Operating the Menu, Changing and Storing IP Addresses

Closing the Menu

Interrupting the Menu without Storing the Settings

First select the **Music Player *balanced*'s** Streaming Client function by pressing the **SCL** button.

Open the configuration menu with a long press on the **SRC** button on the F100 / FM100 remote control handset. You should now see the configuration menu on the front panel screen.

Use the **▲** / **▼** buttons in the menu to select the network parameter to be changed, and activate the entry with the **OK** button.

You can now change the setting using the following buttons, depending on the type of setting:

◀ / **▶** button for simple selection (ON / OFF)

Numeric buttons **0** to **9** for entering IP addresses

Alpha-numeric input for entering text

When the setting process is complete, or when you have entered the complete address, press the **OK** button to confirm your action.

Alpha-numeric entry

At certain points, e.g. for entering server names or passwords, it is necessary to input series of characters (strings). At such points you can enter letters, numbers and special characters by repeatedly pressing the numeric buttons on the F100 / FM100 remote control handset, as when writing SMS news. The assignment of letters to the buttons is printed below the buttons. Special characters can be accessed using the **0** and **1** buttons:

0	0 + - * / ^ = { } () [] < >
1	. , ? ! : ; ' \ " ' _ @ \$ % & # ~

Use the blue **▲▼** button for toggling between numbers, capitals and lower-case letters. The bottom line of the screen shows which input mode is currently selected.

i At certain points (e.g. DNS server name) it is possible to enter both an alpha-numeric string and an IP address. At these points an IP address should be entered like a string (with separating dots as special characters). In this case an automatic check for valid address ranges (0 ... 255) is not carried out.

Once you have correctly set all the parameters, select the menu point **'Save and Restart'**, then press the **OK** button. This action causes the **Music Player *balanced*** to accept the settings, and the machine restarts with the new network settings. After the restart you should see the available network media sources (Internet radio, UPnP-AV server, etc.) displayed in the main menu.

At any time you can leave the network configuration menu without making any changes to the network settings: this is done by pressing the **■** button, which takes you to the menu point **'Exit without saving'**. Pressing the **OK** button at this juncture interrupts and closes the menu.

The Configuration for a Wired Ethernet LAN or Power-Line LAN connection

Setting the Parameters for a Wired Network

- Connect the **Music Player *balanced*** to an operational network or Power-Line modem using the LAN socket on the back panel.
- Switch the **Music Player *balanced*** on, and select the Streaming Client function by pressing the **SCL** button.
- Call up the Configuration menu as described above. You should now see the menu reproduced below, displaying the network parameters. In the title line the message 'LAN' should appear, indicating that the machine is connected to a wired LAN. If you see 'WLAN' at this point instead, please check your network connection, and ensure that the network is switched on and operational.
- You can now select the individual menu points and adjust them to match your network conditions. The illustration below shows the possible button inputs after each menu point.

Network Parameter (LAN)		Possible entries
MAC	00:0e:9b:cc:a4:35	none
→ DHCP	Off	◀ / ▶
Device IP	192.168.0.10	(0 ... 9)
IP mask	255.255.255.0	(0 ... 9)
Gateway IP	192.168.0.1	(0 ... 9)
DNS 1	192.168.0.1	(0 ... 9, A ... Z)
DNS 2	0.0.0.0	(0 ... 9, A ... Z)
Proxy	XXX	◀ / ▶
Proxy IP	192.168.0.1	(0 ... 9, A ... Z)
Proxy port	8080	(0 ... 9)
Device Name	TA Music Player	(0 ... 9, A ... Z)
Network IF Mode	Auto	◀ / ▶
Save and restart	Apply	OK
Exit without saving	Apply	OK

- ◀ / ▶: Switching ON / OFF
 (0...9): Numeric input, separating dots are automatically generated; input limited to valid addresses
 (0...9, A...Z): Alpha-numeric input and special characters.
 IP - separating dots must be entered as special characters.

i The parameters illustrated above are only typical values. Addresses and settings may require different values for your network.

Menu Point	Description
MAC	The MAC address is a hardware address which uniquely identifies your machine. The address displayed is determined by the manufacturer, and cannot be altered.
DHCP state	<p>ON If your network includes a DHCP server, please select the ON setting at this point. In this mode an IP address is automatically assigned to the Music Player <i>balanced</i> by the router. The screen shows only the MAC address and the message DHCP state ON. In this case the address input fields shown in the illustration do not appear in the menu.</p> <p>OFF If your network does not include a DHCP server, please select the OFF setting. In this mode you must configure the following network settings manually. Please ask your network administrator for the addresses to be entered for your network.</p>
Device IP	IP address of the Music Player <i>balanced</i>
IP mask	Network mask
Gateway IP	IP address of the router
DNS 1	Name / IP of the name server (optional)
DNS 2	Alternative name server (optional)
Proxy state	ON if a proxy server is present, otherwise OFF
Proxy IP	Address of the proxy server
Proxy port	Port number of the proxy server
Device Name	Name of the device which appears in the network
Network IF Mode	Network setting: only WLAN, only LAN or automatic setting
Save and Restart	Stores the network parameters, and restarts the Music Player <i>balanced</i> with the new settings.
Exit without saving	Closes the menu: data already entered is discarded.

The Configuration for a WLAN connection

Setting the Parameters for a Radio Network

- Connect the WLAN aerial (supplied) to the **Music Player *balanced*'s** WLAN aerial socket, and ensure that no cable is attached to the **Music Player *balanced*'s** LAN socket.
- Switch the **Music Player *balanced*** on, and select the Streaming Client function by pressing the **(SCL)** button.
- Now call up the Configuration menu as described above: with a long press on the **(SRC)** button. You should now see the menu reproduced below, displaying the network parameters.

Network Parameter (WLAN)		
MAC	00:0e:9b:cc:a4:35	
→ WLAN configuration	start	none
DHCP	Off	◀ / ▶
Device IP	192.168.0.10	(0 ... 9)
IP mask	255.255.255.0	(0 ... 9)
Gateway IP	192.168.0.1	(0 ... 9)
DNS 1	192.168.0.1	(0 ... 9, A ... Z)
DNS 2	0.0.0.0	(0 ... 9, A ... Z)
Proxy	XXX	◀ / ▶
Proxy IP	192.168.0.1	(0 ... 9, A ... Z)
Proxy port	8080	(0 ... 9)
Device Name	TA Music Player	(0 ... 9, A ... Z)
Network IF Mode	Auto	◀ / ▶
Save and restart	Apply	OK
Exit without saving	Apply	OK

Searching for and Selecting the Network

First select the menu point **'WLAN configuration start'**, and activate it by pressing the **(OK)** button.

A menu appears showing these points:

- Rescan - initiates new search for accessible radio networks
- Set manually - adding a WLAN manually

After a brief delay the networks present in the vicinity are listed on the screen.

List of WLANs
→ Rescan
Set manually
XXXXX (name of network)
(1/3)

You can use the 'Rescan' function to start a new search for networks present in the vicinity.

Please select one of the networks located, and activate it by pressing the **(OK)** button.

Entering the Password (for encoded networks)

WLAN configuration	
→ Passphrase
Save WLAN settings	Apply
(1/2)	

If your network is encoded, the window illustrated above now appears. Please enter the network password and confirm the entry by pressing **(OK)**. Now select the point 'Save WLAN settings' and confirm with **(OK)**.



If a WEP code is used, the password must be entered as a hexadecimal code (0 - 9, A - F).

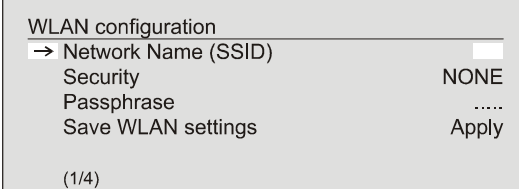
Please enter the settings for the remaining network parameters as described earlier in the section entitled **'Setting the Parameters for a Wired Network'**.

Storing Network Settings and Restarting

Finally select the menu point 'Save and Restart', and press the **(OK)** button; this action accepts the settings, and restarts the **Music Player *balanced*** with the new settings.

**Special case:
Manual Network Entry**

The **Music Player *balanced*** automatically searches for accessible radio networks, and lists them when you call up the menu point 'WLAN Configuration'. However, the **Music Player *balanced*** can only locate networks which broadcast their SSID network identity. For security reasons many radio networks do not transmit the SSID (if you are not sure about this, ask your network administrator). In such cases the network cannot be found and displayed automatically, i.e. it must be set up manually. This is the purpose of the menu point 'Set Manually'. If you select this menu point, you will see the input window reproduced below; you can enter the parameters for your network at this point.



The screenshot shows a menu titled 'WLAN configuration'. The first item is '→ Network Name (SSID)' with a text input field to its right. Below it are 'Security' (set to 'NONE'), 'Passphrase' (set to '.....'), and 'Save WLAN settings' (set to 'Apply'). At the bottom left of the menu is '(1/4)'.

After successfully entering all the data, please select the point 'Save WLAN Settings', and confirm by pressing the **OK** button. Your **Music Player *balanced*** now accepts the data you have entered relating to the WLAN network, and moves on to the subordinate menu in which you can set the remaining network parameters, as described earlier in the section entitled '**Setting the Parameters for a Wired Network**'.

You can now leave the Configuration menu by selecting the menu point 'Save and restart'.

The vTuner Premium Service

The list of radio stations displayed by your **Music Player *balanced*** is prepared by an Internet Service Provider, and transferred to your machine by data transfer. You can expand and edit the 'Favourite Groups' and 'Added Stations' list to suit your preferences via the Internet portal of your service provider, using the main menu point 'Internet Radio'. This is the procedure:

Open your Internet browser and call up the following web address:
<http://ta.vtuner.com>

The first time you register you should enter the MAC address (ID#) of your **Music Player *balanced***, the MAC address provides unique identification of your machine. The MAC address can be found in the Configuration menu (hold the **SRC** button pressed in, during Streaming Client operation), and consists of six pairs of characters, e.g.: 00:0e:9b:cc:a4:35. You do not need to enter the separating colons when you enter this data. MAC addresses are in hexadecimal format, i.e. the address consists only of the letters a to f, and the numbers 0 to 9.

Confirm your entry.

The screenshot shows the vTuner website interface. At the top, there are language selection options and a 'My Preferences :: Help' link. The main header features the vTuner logo and a navigation menu with 'Logout', 'STATUS', '9754 Stations Available', '9649 Podcasts', and 'New Stations'. Below this is a large image of a radio tuner. The main content area is divided into sections: 'My Favourite Groups' (currently showing 'Trance'), 'My Added Stations' (listing 'Stellar Attraction' from Great Britain, Rock (Progressive Rock) genre, MP3 stream), and 'Add Another Station'. There is a search bar with 'Stations' and 'Podcasts' filters. Below the search bar are navigation links for 'Browse by Format, Location or Language', 'Browse Stations by Format', 'Browse Stations by Location', 'Browse Stations by Language', 'Browse Podcasts by Format', and 'Browse Podcasts by Location'. A large list of categories follows, including Music (Adult Contemporary, Alternative, Ambient, Big Band, Bluegrass, Blues, Celtic, Christian Contemporary, Christian Rock, Classic Rock, Classical, College, Country, Dance, Electronics, Folk, Gospel, Hard Rock, Hip Hop, Holiday, Jazz, Latin Hits, New Age, Oldies, Public, R&B, Reggae, Rock, Show Tunes, Smooth Jazz, Soft Rock, Soundtracks, Top 40, Variety, World, World Asia, World Europe, World Hawaiian, World India, World Middle East, World Native American, World Tropical), and Talk (Business News, Comedy, Government, News, News Talk, News Updates, Radio Drama, Religious, Scanner, Sports, Talk, Weather).

You must register with vTuner in order to be able to use the service; you can register via your e-Mail address and a password. Please follow the instructions stated by the service provider.

Now you can select radio stations from the comprehensive inventory provided by vTuner, and store them in lists. The lists are transferred to your **Music Player *balanced*** automatically via your Internet connection. Shortly after you have edited lists on the vTuner page, or stored new stations, you will find that they are available on your **Music Player *balanced***.

i Notes regarding Internet Radio:

- Not all stations are always accessible
 - Not all stations transmit 24 hours
 - Stations are no longer accessible
 - Capacity exhausted
- Transmission breaks off
 - (Internet) network problems
 - Server capacity exhausted

Setting up new Internet Radio Stations

On the vTuner Internet site you can also set up new stations which are not (yet) included in the Select lists. This is accomplished by registering with vTuner and logging on. Click on the point 'My Added Stations'. An input mask appears in which you can enter the data for your station. After a brief period you will be able to access the newly set-up station via the menu system of your **Music Player** *balanced*. You will find the station under Internet Radio / Added Stations.

Finding a Station URL



You require the URL (Internet address) of any radio station you wish to set up on the vTuner service. You will generally find the URL on the station's website. Another method of finding the URL is to search for it using an Internet searching service such as Shoutcast (www.shoutcast.com). Once you have found your station, click on the 'Tune In' switch: this will normally open your media player, and the station should play. In most cases you can set Media Player to display the 'Streaming Properties'. For example, using the popular Winamp Player, simply right-click on the entry for the currently playing station in the player's Playlist window. A menu now opens, and clicking on the point 'View File Info' opens an information box which displays the streaming properties including the URL.

Trouble shooting

Many problems have a simple cause and a correspondingly simple solution. The following section describes a few difficulties you may encounter, and the measures you need to take to cure them. If you find it impossible to solve a problem with the help of these notes please disconnect the unit from the mains and ask your authorised **T+A** specialist dealer for advice.

Machine does not switch on (blue LED does not light up).

Cause 1:
Mains lead not plugged in correctly.

Remedy:
Check connection, push connector in firmly.

Cause 2:
Mains switch on the back panel not switched on.

Remedy:
Switch the mains switch on.

Machine responds correctly to manual operation of the buttons, but can not be controlled by IR remote control.

Cause 1:
Incorrectly inserted batteries or flat batteries in the remote control handset.

Remedy:
Re-install batteries correctly or fit new ones.

Cause 2:
The remote control transmitter has no direct line-of-sight with the '**E**' **Music Player** *balanced* / **CD Player**.

Remedy:
Make sure that the remote control transmitter has direct line-of-sight contact with the receiver - note that glass doors can interrupt the connection.
Maximum range between transmitter and receiver: approx. 8 metres.
Be sure to position the receiver where it is not subjected to direct sunlight or very bright artificial light. Fluorescent tubes and energy-saving lamps are powerful sources of interference.

Cause 3:
The **Music Player** *balanced* 's **E** LINK socket is not connected to the amplifier's **E** LINK socket.

Remedy:
Check that the units are connected correctly. Push all plugs in firmly.

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Whistling or whispering noises from the speakers.

Cause:

The antenna lead is routed too close to a mains, remote control or audio signal cable.

Remedy:

Move the leads so that they are spaced well apart. Use the domestic (loft or outside) antenna or a cable connection.

The RDS station name does not appear in the display.

Cause 1:

The station is not broadcasting **RDS** information.

Cause 2:

Reception is poor, interference is severe, or the *field strength* (signal strength) is low.

Remedy:

Select only those stations which can be received with a strong signal: hiss-free and without interference.

The unit can be operated normally, but very few stations or none at all can be picked up.

Cause:

The antenna system or antenna cable is faulty.

Remedy:

Check the antenna lead for good contact at the antenna socket (at the wall) and in the back of the tuner. As a test, try using the system with a trailing antenna. If you can now receive stations reasonably well, we recommend that you call out an expert antenna technician to check your antenna system.

CD player

The screen displays the message 'No Disc' when you close the CD drawer.

Cause 1:
CD not inserted correctly.

Remedy:
Place CD centrally in the drawer, printed face up.

Cause 2:
CD dirty.

Remedy:
Clean disc and insert again.

Cause 3:
CD damaged in the Table of Contents (*TOC*) area.

Remedy:
No remedy; the CD is unusable.

Cause 4:
The CD player has become very cold (e. g. in transit) and condensation has formed on the laser sensor optics.

Remedy:
Allow the unit to warm up for about an hour in a warm, well ventilated location.

CD playback stops or 'jumps'.

Cause 1:
CD damaged or dirty.

Remedy:
Clean CD. A damaged CD cannot be repaired!

Cause 2:
The CD uses a copy protection system which does not conform to the CD-Audio standard (Red Book Standard)

Remedy:
Take back the CD to the dealer and ask for a proper CD according to the general CD standard.

Loud humming noise from the loudspeakers.

Cause:
Poor contact between the Cinch plugs and sockets, or a faulty Cinch cable.

Remedy:
Please check all connections and cables thoroughly.

Streaming Client

The streaming client can not connect to a network.

On the display the indication 'SCL Connecting...' is displayed.

Cause 1 (cable LAN):

Network cable not properly connected

Remedy:

Connect network cable, check connection to router

Cause 2 (wireless LAN):

WLAN antenna not connected or placed in a location with bad reception quality

Remedy:

Connect WLAN antenna properly and find a location with good reception quality.

Set the transmission power output of your WLAN router to maximum.

Try to establish a network connection first in a location close to the WLAN router. If this succeeded try to connect to WLAN from a more remote location. Experiment with antenna position and try to find a location with better reception quality.

Cause 3 (wireless LAN):

WLAN reception quality bad (low field strength). Possibly too much attenuated by walls/ceilings on the transmission path.

Remedy:

Optimize location of receiver and transmitter antennas.

Alternative:

If transmission problems persist a so called 'Power Line' network might be good alternative to establish a good and stable network connection.

The best, safest and most secure network however will always be a cable LAN network.

Cause 4:

Network parameters not properly configured.

Remedy:

Configure the network parameters correctly (see chapter '**Network configuration**').

Cause 5 (operation without network connection):

For proper operation the **Music Player** *balanced* needs at least one properly connected network device. This can be a LAN or WLAN network or a USB storage device.

Remedy:

If the **Music Player** *balanced* shall be operated without network (LAN / WLAN) please connect at least a USB stick.

The message

'Track not found' is displayed

Cause:

The music file on the storage device or on the music server was deleted or the internet radio station is not available at the moment.

Remedy:

Choose an other music title or radio station. If the station or title is not available any more it should be deleted from the Favourites List (if stored there).

The message

'Format Error' is displayed

Cause:

The title is stored / the radio station is transmitting in a format that can not be decoded by the **Music Player** *balanced*.

Remedy:

Choose an other title or station.

The message

'network problems – restarting' is displayed

Cause:

Network problems in your home network or on the internet occurred; the connection was interrupted.

Remedy:

When encountering a network problem or interruption the **Music Player** *balanced* will re-start the network communication. After re-start please choose a music title or internet radio station and start playback.

Transmission interruptions occur when listening to internet radio stations.

Cause 1:
The capacity of the internet radio station's server is at its limit.
Remedy:
Choose a different station.

Cause 2:
Network problems occurred.
Remedy:
Check your network (see above).

Some internet radio stations can not be received

Cause:
The internet radio station has been switched off, it transmits only at certain hours of the day or it has changed its internet address.
Remedy:
Try to get information from the website of the station regarding transmission hours and internet address (URL).
Try to establish a connection to the station at a later time.

Bad sound quality at certain internet radio stations

Cause:
The station transmits with a low audio bandwidth (low bitrate).
Remedy:
Use stations transmitting at least at 128 kBit/s. This is the lowest recommended bitrate for adequate sound quality. For good sound quality we recommend high bitrates like 320 kBit/s

USB Storage device is not recognised

Cause 1:
The storage device (especially USB hard discs without separate power supply) draws more electrical current from the USB interface than is permitted by the USB standard.
Remedy:
Only use USB storage devices that conform to the USB standard or use storage devices with own power supplies.

Cause 2:
The storage device is not formatted with an appropriate file system.
Remedy:
The **Music Player *balanced*** accepts storage devices with FAT16 or FAT32 file systems.
Note:
For big music archives we recommend to use a NAS (network attached storage) device with a UPnP-AV server to which the **Music Player *balanced*** will connect via your home network.

Problems occur with high-resolution audio formats (HD audio) (FLAC and WAV 96/24).

Cause:
The **Music Player *balanced*** is receiving audio data via a WLAN connection. WLAN connections do not provide reliable quality, and in most cases are not adequate for HD audio.
Remedy:
If you want to play back HD audio formats via a network connection, please use a LAN cable network.

iPod

The iPod is not recharged.

Cause:
An iPod connected to the USB socket is only charged if the **Music Player *balanced*** is switched on, and if the iPod is selected as listening source.
Remedy:
To recharge the iPod, please switch the **Music Player *balanced*** on and select the iPod as listening source.

Glossary / Supplementary Information

CD

Compact Discs (CD) are digital data media which need to be handled carefully. These are the basic rules:

- The surface of a CD should only ever be cleaned with a soft dry cloth. Never wipe it in a circular motion, i. e. along the tracks.
- Never use petrol, paint thinners, disc cleaners or similar materials on compact discs.
- CDs must be handled carefully in order to avoid serious damage to the surface. Severely scratched surfaces, writing on the disc or applying self-adhesive labels may result in the CD player being unable to read the data.
- CDs should not be heated or bent. This means that they should be stored in a position and attitude which meet these requirements.

Oversampling

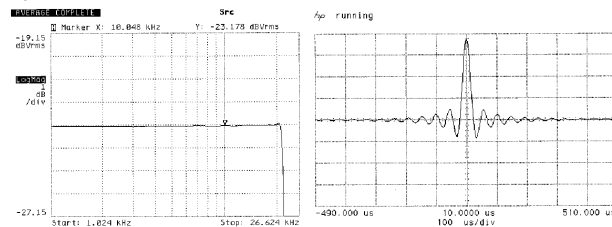
Digital audio signals are stored with a certain sampling rate of for example 44.1 kHz - i. e. for each second of music 44.100 sampled values are available for each channel. In the **Music Player *balanced*** the digital audio signals are converted (upsampled) to a much higher sample rate (352,8 or 384 kHz) before they are converted to analog signals by the D/A converter. This process delivers a very much better, more finely graduated signal to the converter, which can then be converted with correspondingly higher precision.

For the upsampling of the digital audio signals different algorithms are implemented in the **Music Player *balanced***. You can choose between these algorithms during music playback.

The different algorithms are described in more detail below.

Oversampling 1 (Standard FIR filter)

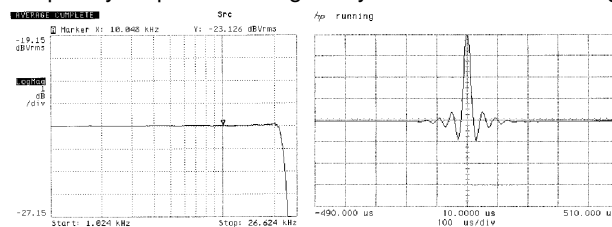
The long FIR filter is the standard oversampling process in digital technology, offering extremely linear phase response, very high damping, linear phase characteristics and constant group delays. The disadvantage is the pre- and post-echoes which are added to the signal. These „time domain errors“ tend to affect the music signal's dynamics, precision and naturalness, and reduce spatial orientation.




Frequency response and transient characteristics of the long FIR filter

Oversampling 2 (Impulse optimised filter)

By shortening the filter length (lower number of filtercoefficients) the time domain errors are reduced resulting in a better impuls response (less filter „ringing“) Acoustically such a shorter filter will have a slightly less accurate frequency response but higher dynamics and better imaging.



Frequency response and transient characteristics of the short FIR filter

E LINK	Control interface for remote control of T+A systems. The CD player / Music Player <i>balanced</i> receives the infra-red remote control signals and passes them on to the power amplifier and to the source devices.
Field strength	<p>The electrical field strength is a measurement of the level (strength) of the radio signal supplied by the antenna. In general terms, the higher the field strength of the tuned station, the better the reception quality. Signal field strength is determined primarily by the following factors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Distance from radio transmitter 2. Obstacles (mountains etc.) between transmitter and receiver 3. Transmitter output power 4. Quality and direction of the receiver antenna system. <p>Point 4 is of crucial importance here. It is impossible to obtain good reception with a poor aerial system.</p> <p>Your specialist T+A dealer will be glad to advise you on the subject of installing or improving your aerial system, taking your specific local reception conditions into account.</p>
FLAT	<p>In FLAT mode the signals pass along the shortest possible signal paths within the unit. All sub-assemblies which are not absolutely essential (e. g. the tone controls) are by-passed by means of high-quality gold-contact relays in this mode. The frequency response and phase response of the unit are absolutely linear in this mode of operation. This means that the FLAT setting provides the most faithful reproduction and the highest possible quality, and it should always be selected if the tone controls are in the centre position in any case.</p>
FM = Frequency Modulation	<p>All FM radio transmitters use the 'FM' method of modulation. This technology provides maximum possible sound quality and interference suppression.</p>
Cable Network	<p>When the Music Player <i>balanced</i>'s tuner was being developed the requirements of the European cable network were given high priority. The tuner copes very well with excessive signal levels, and its high selectivity avoids many of the problems involved with cable operation, without any reduction in reproduction quality.</p>
MIX	<p>In MIX-Mode (Shuffle) the titles of a CD or the titles of a program are played back in a random order.</p>
Muting = Hiss suppression	<p>The Music Player <i>balanced</i> features automatic hiss suppression which cuts out the annoying hissing sound between radio stations, and suppresses very weak stations which cannot be received with reasonable quality.</p>
Preset = station memory	<p>The Music Player <i>balanced</i> can store all the settings for stations, any of which can be recalled simply by pressing a button.</p>
RDS = Radio Data System	<p>Many radio stations broadcast supplementary digital information simultaneously with the programme. The Music Player <i>balanced</i> is equipped with an RDS decoder, and displays the station name of RDS transmitters in plain text on its alpha-numeric screen. This is a great advantage when searching for particular stations.</p>
	
SINGLE CD	<p>A Single CD' is a CD with smaller diameter and a shorter play time. The Music Player <i>balanced</i> can play back CD singles. Please insert these discs into the depression at the center of the disc tray.</p>

Standby	The Music Player <i>balanced</i> can be switched on from the Standby state from the remote control handset.
Seek threshold	The seek threshold is the minimum field strength value at which the automatic station search process halts. It is set at a level which ignores very weak transmitters.
TOC	The TABLE OF CONTENT of a CD is located at the inner diameter of the disc and contains important information about the structure of the disc. If the TOC-section of a CD is damaged or covered by fingerprints etc. the CD can not be played back properly.


NETWORK TERMINOLOGY

General information

The Switch ensures that the individual components within a network are connected correctly. This is only possible if it can identify each device within the network unambiguously; this is the reason why every component is assigned a form of "house number" (IP address). The IP address consists of four number blocks each containing three digits separated by dots (e.g. 192.168.1.1).

Each of the individual number blocks may contain values between 1 and 254 (the values 0 and 255 are reserved for certain special functions, and should therefore not be used). However, if the network is to operate reliably, the network owner should only select addresses designed for home network use - i.e.: the first two number blocks should always be 192.168.xxx.xxx; the third block can be selected without restriction within the above limits (but should be the same for all devices on the network), and the fourth block must distinguish each device uniquely (e.g.: **Music Player** *balanced* 192.168.001.001, NAS: 192.186.001.002, PC: 192.168.001.003, ...).

If this local network is to include Internet music sources (Internet radio) as well as physical devices, then the **T+A Music Player** *balanced* must have access to the Internet. This facility is provided by a device such as a router with connection to the DSL network. This router is also a constituent part of the network, and is assigned its own IP address. The **T+A Music Player** *balanced* must also be informed of the address of the router (Gateway) to enable it to gain access to the outside world.

 Please ensure that the first three blocks of the Device IP, Gateway IP and DNS 1 share the same address space (e.g. 192.168.0.xxx). The fourth block assigns a unique address (house number) to the components in the local network. This number must not be present more than once in the local network.
The Device IP mask should always be assigned the address 255.255.255.0.

DNS

The Domain Name System (DNS) is one of the most important services on the Internet. Its primary task is to convert "Internet addresses", such as www.taelektroakustik.de, into the associated IP address. In most home networks the router carries out the DNS function.

If you decide to configure your network manually (without DHCP), then simply enter the address of your router as the DNS address when configuring the network.

Ethernet-LAN

Wired network. Interference-free network technology, with the drawback of having to deploy a network cable.

Gateway

The computer or router in your network which is responsible for managing data traffic between your home network and the outside world (i.e. the Internet).

Client

Network device which obtains data from the network, decodes it and converts it into, for example, analogue music signals which can then be reproduced via an amplifier and loudspeakers. Streaming Clients also contain functions for displaying media content, and for navigating on the Internet or servers.

DHCP

DHCP is an abbreviation of **D**ynamic **H**ost **C**onfiguration **P**rotocol. The primary purpose of DHCP is to enable Clients to obtain your network configuration automatically from a server or router.

IP-Adresse

Network address. Each device in the network requires an IP address at which it can be accessed, and by which it is unambiguously identifiable. No individual network address may be present more than once. This is important if you are entering network addresses manually. If the addresses in your network are assigned by DHCP, you do not need to worry about IP addresses at all, as the DHCP server manages the addresses automatically without your intervention.

NAS (Network Attached Storage)	Network storage facility. This is generally a very large-capacity (> 200 GB) storage device to which other devices have access. If the NAS server includes a UPnP-AV server service, then the Music Player <i>balanced</i> has access to media files stored on the NAS, and can play them back.
Powerline-LAN	In a Power-Line LAN data is transferred via the existing mains power cabling. Devices known as “Power-Line modems” are required at the transmitting and receiving end. In most cases Power-Line offers relatively problem-free data transfer with adequate data rates for audio streaming. We recommend Power-Line modems with bit rates of 85 or 200 Mbit/s.
Proxy server	A Proxy or Proxy server is a computer in the network which is capable of carrying out data transfers faster and more efficiently, and can increase security through the use of access control mechanisms. Most home networks do not include a proxy server. In this case there is no need to enter a Proxy address when configuring the Music Player <i>balanced</i> network.
Router	Central network device which creates and manages the connections between the network devices. In most networks the router also assumes the function of Gateway to the outside world.
Server	Network device which provides data and services for other devices in the network. For example, a UPnP-AV server typically stores audio / video data, and makes it available to other devices (the Streaming Clients). Many UPnP-AV servers also offer functions such as cataloguing, and easy identification of media content using criteria such as artiste, album name, genre, etc.
UPnP-AV	<p>Network protocol that makes media files available on the home network.</p> <p>On PCs and NAS storage devices a UPnP-AV server software must be installed to enable the Music Player <i>balanced</i> to access media files stored on these devices.</p> <p>Examples for UPnP-AV server software compatible with the Music Player <i>balanced</i>.</p> <p><u>Windows:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twonky Media Server http://www.twonkyvision.de/ • Windows Media Player 11 http://www.microsoft.com/windows/windowsmedia/de/default.aspx <p><u>Linux:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mediatomb http://mediatomb.cc/ • GmediaServer http://www.gnu.org/software/gmediaserver/
WLAN (also W-LAN, Wireless LAN)	Radio network. The network is connected by means of radio waves operating in the 2.4 GHz frequency band. Radio networks are easy to install as no cables have to be deployed, but they are often problematic and unreliable - especially when the transmission distances are substantial. Power-Line networks, which can also be installed without separate cabling, are a better choice in many situations. In every case the deployment of a network cable is the most reliable and problem-free technology for data transfer.
Compatible hardware and UPnP servers	The marketplace offers a vast number of routers, NAS devices and USB hard discs made by a very wide range of manufacturers. T+A equipment is generally compatible with other makes of machine which bear the UPnP label. A list of devices which T+A has checked for compatibility can be found on the Internet at: http://www.taelektroakustik.de/hardware/comp_lan_hw.pdf .

Maintenance

Changing the batteries:

To open the battery compartment disconnect the latch by pressing in, then lift the cover out. Remove the old cells and fit two new dry cells of the **LR 03 (MICRO)** type in the battery compartment, taking care to fit them with correct polarity. Please remember that **all the cells must be replaced** at the same time.



Caution!

Batteries should not be exposed to excessive heat like sunshine, fire or the like.



Disposing of exhausted batteries:

Exhausted batteries must never be thrown into the household waste! They should be returned to the battery vendor (specialist dealer) or your local toxic waste collection point, so that they can be recycled or disposed in a proper way. Most local authorities provide collection centres for such waste, and some provide pick-up vehicles for old batteries.

Care of the unit:

Always disconnect the unit from the mains supply before cleaning it.
The surfaces of the case should be wiped clean with a soft, dry cloth only.
Never use solvent-based or abrasive cleaners!
Before switching the unit on again, check that there are no short-circuits at the connections, and that all cables are plugged in correctly.

Software update

Software update generally:

Software updates keep your **Music Player *balanced*** up-to-date. They bring new optimisations like faster operation and new features which were not available at the time the device was produced.



It may occur that after a software update some of your user defined settings like network parameters or favourite stations are lost and have to be restored after the update.

Automatic software update:

If the **Music Player *balanced*** is connected to the internet it will periodically check if a new software version is available. In case a new version is found, your MusicReceiver will inform you on its display at the time it is switched OFF.

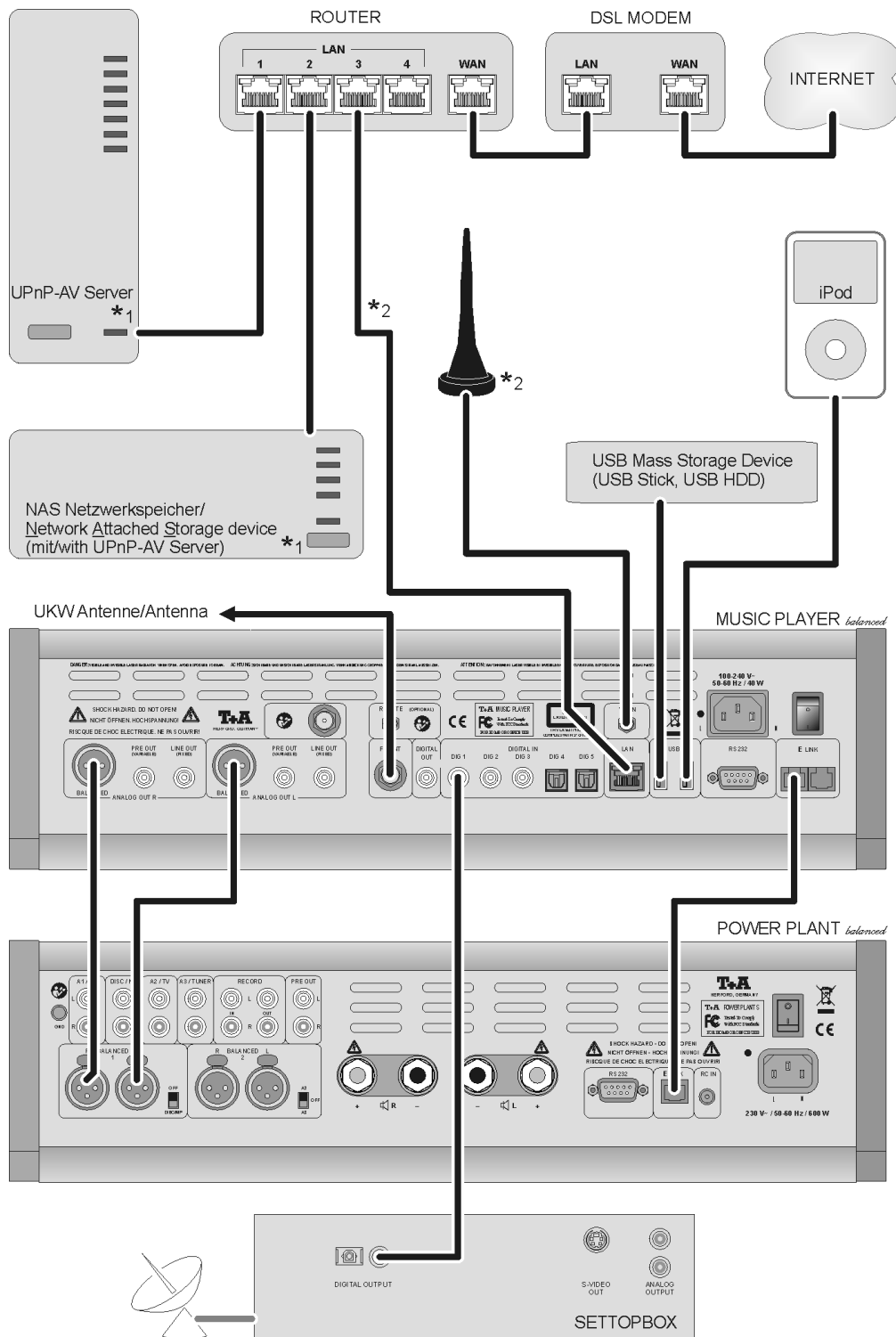
If this happens you have three choices which can be selected by the ◀ and ▶ buttons. A press on the OK button will execute your selection.

- ① "Yes" ->The update will be downloaded from the internet and installed. The MusicReceiver will switch OFF automatically after the update is complete.
- ② "Later" ->The update information will be automatically displayed again after a while giving you the possibility to carry out the update at a later time.
- ③ "No" ->This software update is ignored and not installed. You will be asked again when the next software version is available.

Anhang Appendix

Anhang / Appendix A

Anschluss-Schema / Wiring diagram



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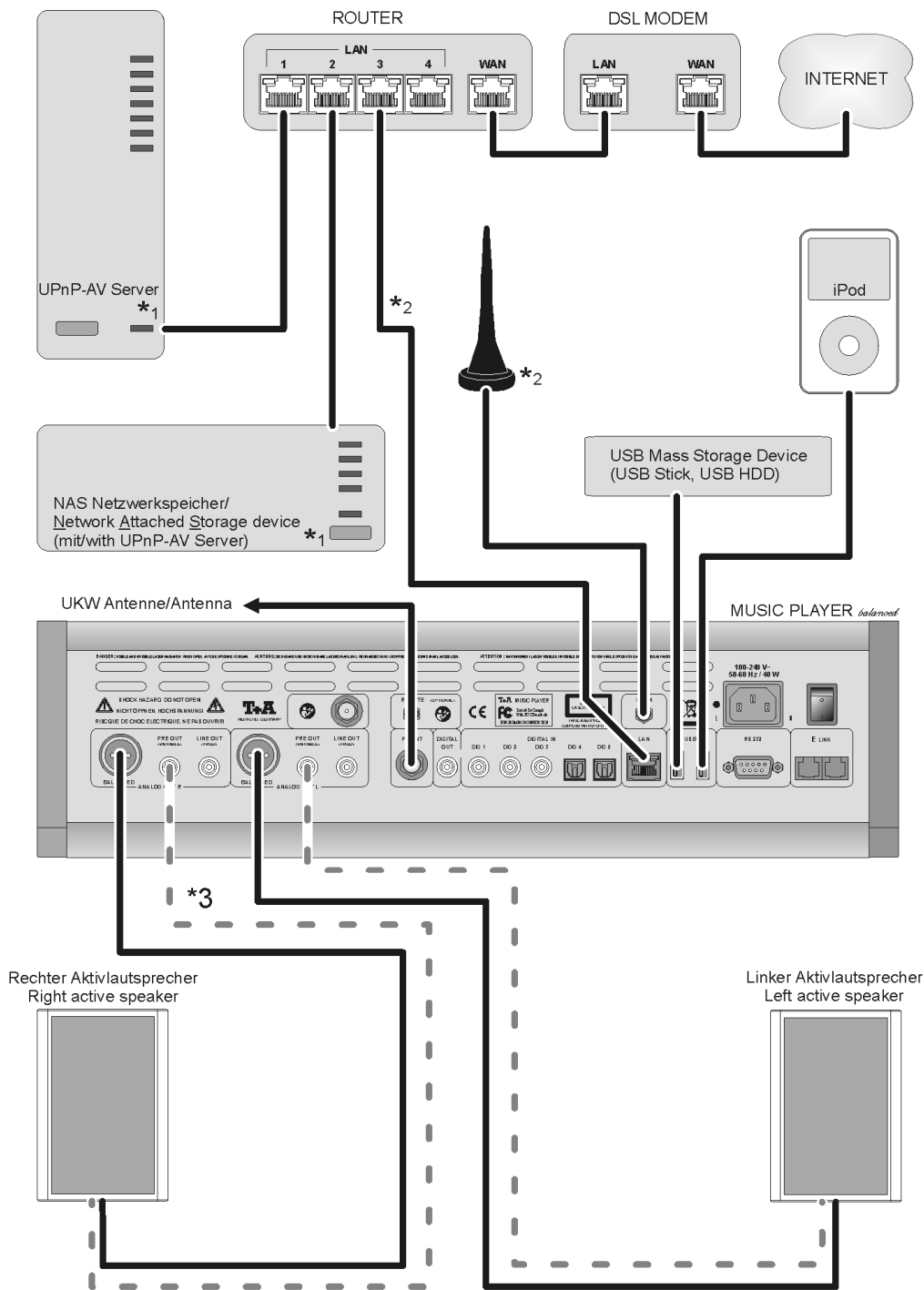
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For the use of internet radio a DSL access to the internet is needed.

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- *3 Active loudspeakers / output stages can be connected to the machine using either the asymmetrical Cinch/RCA (PRE OUT) outputs or the symmetrical XLR outputs (BALANCED). These items can only be used if the pre-amplifier module is installed, since this unit controls the output level.

Anhang / Appendix B

Technische Daten / Specification

CD-Player	CD/DA, CD-R, CD-RW, CD-Text	
Audio Formate Streaming Client	MP3, WMA, AAC, FLAC, OGG-Vorbis, FLAC (192 / 32 über LAN) und WAV (192 / 32 über LAN) mit Gaplesswiedergabe (sofern vom Server unterstützt), AIFF, ALAC	MP3, WMA, AAC, FLAC, OGG-Vorbis, FLAC (192 / 32 over LAN) and WAV (192 / 32 over LAN) gapless playback (where supported by server), AIFF, ALAC
Unterstützte Medienserver / Supported Mediaserver	UPnP 1.1, UPnP-AV and DLNA compatible servers, Microsoft Windows Media Connect Server (WMDRM10), vTuner Internet Radio Service, DLNA compatible servers	
Standards	DLNA, UPnP, MS-DRM 10, Designed to play Plays for sure guidelines	
Ausstattung / Features	Web server(remote PC Web browser control) vTuner,Internet Radio Station database (automatische Updates über das Internet)	Web server (remote PC Web browser control) vTuner,Internet Radio Station database (automatic updates over Internet)
Schnittstellen / Interfaces	USB 2.0 für Harddisk, iPod mit Steuerung und Anzeige, LAN, WLAN, RS 232 Update u. Steuerschnittstelle	USB 2.0 for Harddisc, iPod, LAN, WLAN, RS 232 update and control interface
Radio	FM Radio 87,5 – 108 MHz, Empfindlichkeit 2 µV, Übersprechdämpfung > 40dB, Übersteuerungsfestigkeit >125 dBµV, RDS System, Senderlisten, Stationsspeicher	FM Radio 87,5 – 108 MHz, sensitivity 2 µV, cross talk damping > 40dB, overload margin >125 dBµV, RDS System, station lists, stored stations (presets)
D/A Wandler / D/A converter	32-bit Sigma Delta, 8-fach Oversampling, Doppel-Mono	
Analogfilter / Analog filter	Phasenlineares Besselfilter 3. Ordnung 100 kHz	
Frequenzgang / Frequency response	2 Hz - 20 kHz 2 Hz - 22 kHz 2 Hz - 40 kHz 2 Hz - 80 kHz	44.1 kSps 48.0 kSps 96.0 kSps 192.0 kSps
Klirrfaktor / Total harm. distortion	< 0.001 %	
Geräuschspannungsabstand / Signal : noise ratio, A-weighted:	109 dB	
Kanaltrennung 1 kHz / 10 kHz / Channel separation 1 kHz / 10 kHz:	106 dB	
Ausgänge analog		
Asymmetrisch (Cinch) / asymmetric (RCA)	2,5 V _{eff} / 22 Ohm fest. Mit VV-Modul 0...2,5 V _{eff} variabel	2,5 V _{eff} / 22 Ohm fixed. With pre module 0...2,5 V _{eff} variable
Symmetrisch (XLR) / symmetric (XLR)	5,0 V _{eff} / 22 Ohm fest. Mit VV-Modul 0...5,0 V _{eff} variabel	5,0 V _{eff} / 22 Ohm fixed. With pre module 0...5,0 V _{eff} variable
Kopfhörer / headphones	> 32 Ohm	
Ausgang digital / output digital	1 x coax, IEC 60958 (CDDA/LPCM)	
Eingang digital / input digital	SP/DIF (16 - 24 Bit): 3 x coax (192 kHz), 2 x TOS-Link (96 kHz), 2 x USB für iPod und Harddisk	SP/DIF (16 - 24 Bit): 3 x coax (192 kHz), 2 x TOS-Link (96 kHz), 2 x USB für iPod and Harddrive
Netzanschluss / Power requirement	100 - 240 V, 50 - 60 Hz	
Leistungsaufnahme / Power consumption:	max.	40 W
	Standby	1 W
Zum Lieferumfang gehören / Standard accessories:	Systemfernbedienung FM 100, Netzkabel, E LINK-Kabel, Cinchkabel, , 2x WLAN Antenne, Wurfantenne, Betriebsanleitung.	Remote Control FM 100, Mains cable, E LINK cable, RCA cable, 2x WLAN aerial, FM aerial, user manual.
Steuerschnittstelle / Control interface:	RS232 für Update und Steuerung (spez. Software-Version erforderlich)	RS 232 for firmware update and external control (special Software required)
Optionales Zubehör / optional accessory	Bi-direktionale Fernbedienung FD100 , Vorverstärkermodul VVM zur Lautstärke- und Klangregelung	Bidirectional remote control FD100 , volume- and tone control- pre-module VVM .

Technisch begründete Änderungen vorbehalten. / We reserve the right to alter specifications.

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