



FM/AM Compact Disc Player CDC-X237

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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INSTRUCCIONES DE MANEJO

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MODE D'EMPLOI

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COMPACT
disc
DIGITAL AUDIO

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Owner's Record

For your convenience, record the serial number (you will find them on the bottom side of your set) in the space provided below. Please refer to them when you contact your AIWA dealer in case of difficulty.

Model No. CDC-X237

Serial No. _____

PRECAUTIONS

- Use only in a 12-volt DC negative-ground electrical system.
- Disconnect the vehicle's negative battery terminal while mounting and connecting the unit.
- When replacing the fuse, be sure to use one with an identical amperage rating. Using a fuse with a higher amperage rating may cause serious damage to the unit.
- Do NOT attempt to disassemble the unit. Laser beams from the optical pickup are dangerous to the eyes.
- Make sure that pins or other foreign objects do not get inside the unit; they may cause malfunctions, or create safety hazards such as electrical shock or laser beam exposure.
- When your vehicle has been parked in direct sunlight resulting in a considerable rise in the temperature inside, allow the unit to cool off before operating it.
- Keep the volume at a level at which you can hear outside warning sounds (horns, sirens, etc.).

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.

CAUTION

Modifications or adjustments to this product, which are not expressly approved by the manufacturer, may void the user's right or authority to operate this product.

In addition to ordinary CDs, CD-Rs or CD-RWs can be read by this unit. However, NEVER use a CD-R or CD-RW that contains no data or data in the wrong format, such as MP3 or other computer files.

For installation and connections, refer to the separate "INSTALLATION AND CONNECTIONS."

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Note

Some buttons are assigned two or more functions. For detailed descriptions, refer to the related pages.

CD Notes

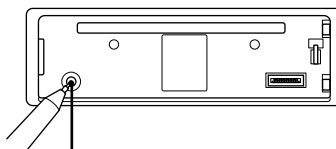
- Playing a defective or dusty CD can cause dropouts in sound.
- Hold CDs as illustrated.
- Do NOT touch the unlabeled side.
- Do NOT attach any seal, label or data protection sheet to either side of CD.
- Do NOT expose a CD to direct sunlight or excessive heat.
- Wipe a dirty CD from the center outward with a cleaning cloth.
Never use solvents such as benzene or alcohol.
- This unit cannot play 3-inch (8 cm) CDs.
- NEVER insert a 3-inch CD contained in the adapter or any irregularly shaped CD.
The unit may not be able to eject it, resulting in a malfunction.



Resetting the unit

Before operating the unit for the first time or after replacing the car battery, you must reset the unit. Press the reset button with a pointed object such as a pencil.

Front panel detached



Reset button

Note

Pressing the reset button will erase the clock and some memorized functions.

DEMO (Demonstration) mode

The unit has an extra display (DEMO) mode which demonstrates the illumination modes of the unit. The unit switches to DEMO mode automatically if you turn the unit on and leave it as it is for 5 seconds after all the connections have been completed.

To cancel DEMO mode

- 1 During DEMO mode, press and hold **Jog dial (PUSH-SOURCE)** until "ILL" appears on the display.
- 2 Press + or - to select "DE."
- 3 Turn **Jog dial** to select "0."

To resume DEMO mode, select "1" in step 3. (See the illustration on page 2.)

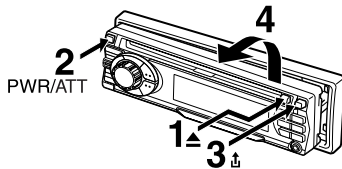
THEFT PROTECTION

Take the front panel with you when leaving the car, and keep it in the supplied carrying case.

Detaching the front panel

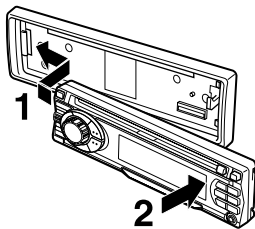
Before detaching the front panel, remove the CD to prevent possible damage to the unit.

- 1 Press **▲** to remove the CD.
- 2 Press and hold **PWR/ATT** until the unit turns off.
- 3 Press **⏏**. (Hold the panel with one hand to prevent accidentally dropping it.)
- 4 Remove the panel.



Attaching the front panel

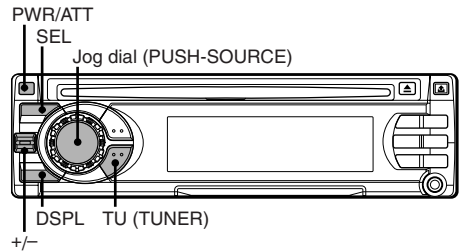
- 1 Engage the left side of the front panel to the left catch on the unit.
- 2 Push the panel forward until it locks. Be sure not to press any buttons while you are attaching the panel.



Note

Do not touch the connector on the reverse side of the front panel. This could cause a poor or faulty connection.

BASIC OPERATION, AUDIO AND CLOCK ADJUSTMENT



Turning the unit on/off

- Press **PWR/ATT** to turn on the unit. The unit also turns on when you insert a CD.
- Press and hold **PWR/ATT** until the unit turns off.

Note

Most operations described in this manual require the unit to be turned on before starting the operation, unless explicitly stated otherwise.

Changing the source mode

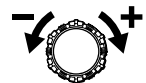
- 1 Press **Jog dial (PUSH-SOURCE)**. Pressing **Jog dial (PUSH-SOURCE)** cycles through source modes in the following order:

TUNER (FM1/FM2/FM3/AM1/AM2) → CD* → AUX

* "CD" does not appear in the display when there is no CD in the unit.

Adjusting the volume

- 1 Turn **Jog dial**. VOLUME indicator appears.



Muting the sound

- 1 Press **PWR/ATT** briefly. ATT indicator flashes.

To restore volume, briefly press **PWR/ATT** again.

Adjusting sound

You can select the following modes for adjusting sound depending on the music you listen to: BASS (low frequencies), TRE (high frequencies), BAL (left/right), FAD (front/ rear) and H-BASS (high bass).

- 1 Press **SEL** repeatedly to select the mode to be adjusted.
Pressing **SEL** cycles through the modes. The selected mode's indicator appears.
- 2 Turn **Jog dial** to increase/decrease the level or to select on/off for the selected mode.

Note

Adjust the level or select on/off within 5 seconds, or the selected mode will return to previous state.

Aligning the source levels

(Source Level Adjuster)

Volume may vary each time you change the source mode. In this case, you can align each source mode's volume to almost the same level.

- 1 Press **Jog dial (PUSH-SOURCE)** or **TU (TUNER)** repeatedly to select the desired mode.
- 2 Press **DSPL** while pressing **SEL**.
"LA 0" appears on the display.
- 3 Turn **Jog dial** to adjust the level.

Note

Adjust the level within 5 seconds, or the selected mode will be canceled.

Restoring the factory settings

- 1 Turn off the unit.
- 2 Press and hold **DSPL** until "LA --" appears on the display.

Note

You can restore the factory settings only for VOL, BASS, TRE, BAL, FAD, and H-BASS, and aligned source volume levels.

Setting the beep tone

- 1 Turn off the unit.
- 2 Press and hold **SEL** until "bEEP" appears on the display.
- 3 Turn **Jog dial** to select on (level indicators appear) or off (level indicators disappear).
- 4 Press **SEL**.

Setting the clock

- 1 Press and hold **DSPL** until the clock indicator flashes on the display.
- 2 Press + (to set hour) or – (to set minute), and then turn **Jog dial**.
- 3 Press **DSPL**.

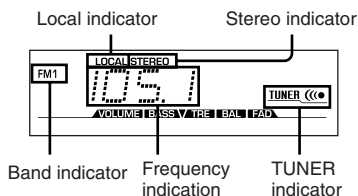
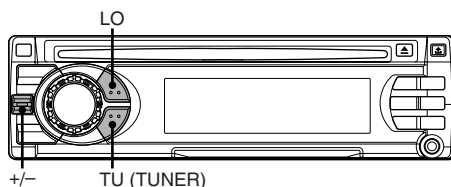
Displaying the clock

- 1 Press **DSPL**.
- To return to the former display, press **DSPL** again.

RADIO OPERATION

Tuning in to a station

(Seek/Manual Tuning)



- 1 Press **TU (TUNER)** repeatedly to select the desired band (FM1, FM2, FM3, AM1, or AM2).
- 2* Press + (to move to higher frequencies) or – (to move to lower frequencies) to tune in to a station.
"STEREO" appears on the display when an FM station is broadcasting in stereo, and receiving conditions are good.

***Seek Tuning and Manual Tuning**

- Press and hold + or – until seek Tuning starts.
The unit locates a station automatically (Seek Tuning).
- Press + or – repeatedly to search for a desired station while increasing or decreasing the frequency step by step (Manual Tuning).

To stop **Seek Tuning**, press + or – again.

Monaural mode

When signals become weak, or FM reception becomes poor, the unit automatically switches to Monaural mode to reduce noise.

Local mode

Local mode allows you to tune in only to strong stations during Seek Tuning.

- 1 Press **LO** before you start seek tuning.

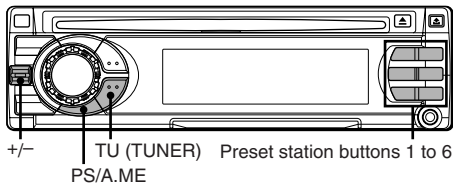
"LOCAL" appears on the display.

To return to Distant mode, press **LO** again.

"LOCAL" disappears and the unit tunes in to all receivable stations.

Using preset stations

You must preset stations before you can tune in a station using preset station number buttons.



Presetting stations automatically

(Auto Memory)

- 1 Press **TU (TUNER)** repeatedly to select the desired band (FM1, FM2, FM3, AM1, or AM2).
- 2 Press and hold **PS/A.ME** until automatic presetting starts.

The unit automatically stores up to 6 stations for each band.

After completion of automatic presetting, the unit tunes in to the station stored on preset station button 1.

To cancel automatic presetting, press **PS/A.ME** again.

Checking the preset stations (Preset Scan)

- 1 Press **PS/A.ME** briefly.

Each preset station will be tuned in for 5 seconds in order.

To cancel **Preset Scan**, press **PS/A.ME** again or any preset station button.

Presetting stations manually

(Manual Memory)

- 1 Press **TU (TUNER)** repeatedly to select the desired band (FM1, FM2, FM3, AM1, or AM2).
- 2 Press + or - to tune in to a desired station (see "Tuning in to a station" as well for another tuning method).
- 3 Press and hold the desired preset station button until the unit beeps.

Note

A newly preset station replaces the station on the same band that was previously stored on that preset station button.

Tuning in to a preset station

- 1 Press **TU (TUNER)** repeatedly to select the desired band (FM1, FM2, FM3, AM1 or AM2).
- 2 Press the preset station button on which the desired station is stored.

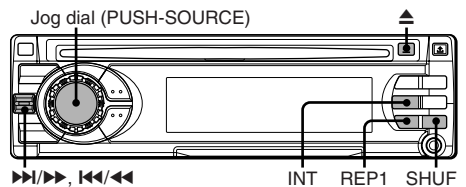
Active tuning reception control (ATRC)

The unit automatically suppresses FM noise caused by vehicle movement, and maintains sound quality.

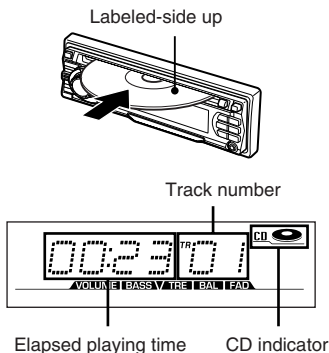
CD PLAYER OPERATION

Playing a CD

You can play CDs, CD-Rs and CD-RWs using the procedure described below.



- 1 Insert a CD.
CD indicator appears on the display.
CD play starts.
If a CD is already inserted, press **Jog dial (PUSH-SOURCE)** repeatedly to select CD play mode.
In normal play, when the last track finishes, the unit returns to the first track and continues to play.



Note

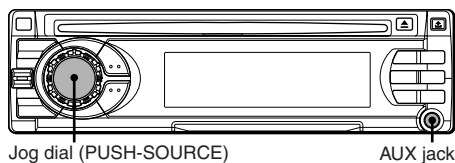
During Shuffle Play, pressing **⏮** allows you to skip only to the beginning of the current track, not to the previous track.

AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT

Listening to a cassette/MD/MP3 portable player or other equipment

You can listen to equipment connected to the unit. Refer to the operating instructions for the corresponding equipment for more detailed information.

Be sure to remove inserted CDs to prevent possible damage to the unit before connecting the equipment.



- 1 Connect a cassette/MD/MP3 portable player or other equipment to the unit's AUX jack (3.5 mm dia.).
- 2 Press **Jog dial (PUSH-SOURCE)** repeatedly until "AUX" appears on the display.
During AUX mode, the clock display appears.

To	Press
Eject a CD	▲
Skip to the next track	▶▶/▶▶
Go back to the beginning of the current track Each extra press skips backward one extra track	◀◀/◀◀
Locate a specific point in a track	Press and hold ◀◀/◀◀ or ▶▶/▶▶ until you find the point.

Note

- When you play a CD that is already inserted, CD play starts at the point where it stopped the previous time. A newly inserted CD starts from the first track.
- A CD-R or CD-RW may take some time to start playing back, but this is not a malfunction.
- If a CD-R or CD-RW with no data is inserted, "E03" will appear in the display. The unit cannot play such discs.

Intro Play

You can locate a desired track by monitoring the first 10 seconds of all the tracks on a CD.

- 1 Press **INT** during CD play.
"INTRO" appears on the display.
- 2 Press **INT** again when the desired track is played.
The unit returns to normal CD play.

One track Repeat Play

You can play a track repeatedly.

- 1 Press **REP1** during CD play.
"REP1" appears on the display.

To cancel **One track Repeat Play**, press **REP1** again.

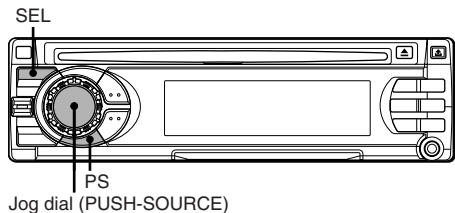
Shuffle Play

You can play all the tracks in random order.

- 1 Press **SHUF** during CD play.
"SHUF" appears on the display.

To cancel **Shuffle Play**, press **SHUF** again.

OTHER FUNCTIONS



Changing the key illumination color

You can choose blue or red as the key illumination color.

- 1 Press and hold **Jog dial (PUSH-SOURCE)** until "ILL" appears on the display.
- 2 Turn **Jog dial** to select "1 (for blue)" or "2 (for red)."

Setting the dimmer of the display

- 1 Press and hold **SEL** until "D" appears in the display.
- 2 Turn **Jog dial** to select "0 (bright)" or "1 (dimmed)."

Displaying the VU level indicator

- 1 Turn off the unit.
- 2 Press and hold **PS** until "VU" appears in the display.
- 3 Turn **Jog dial** to selection (level indicators appear) or off (level indicators disappear).
- 4 Press **PS**.

TROUBLESHOOTING

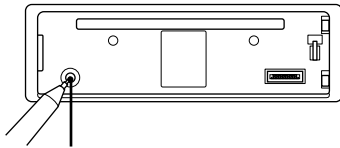
Error code

In the following cases the corresponding error code indication appears. Follow the suggestions below to solve such problems.

E03 Focus error. Check that the CD is loaded properly (right side up, etc.), and the CD contains valid data.

Reset button

If a CD does not operate properly, press the reset button with a pointed object such as a pencil, etc. Note that all your settings will be erased if this button is pressed.



Reset button

MAINTENANCE

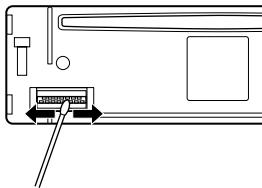
Cleaning the front panel

Wipe the surface with a soft, dry cloth. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners.

Cleaning the connector

The connector needs to be cleaned occasionally. Wipe the surface of the connector with a cotton swab slightly moistened with alcohol.

Back of the front panel



SPECIFICATIONS

RADIO SECTION

(FM)

Frequency Range: 87.5 MHz – 108 MHz

Usable Sensitivity: 12.7 dBf

50 dB Quieting Sensitivity: 17.2 dBf

IF Rejection: 100 dB

Frequency Response: 30 Hz – 15,000 Hz

S/N Ratio: 70 dB

Stereo Separation: 35 dB at 1 kHz

Alternate Channel Selectivity: 90 dB

Capture Ratio: 3 dB

(AM)

Frequency Range: 530 kHz – 1,710 kHz

Usable Sensitivity: 30 μ V (30 dB)

CD SECTION

Frequency Response: 17 Hz – 20 kHz +0/-3 dB

Dynamic Range: More than 85 dB

Channel Separation: More than 60 dB

S/N Ratio: More than 90 dB

Wow/Flutter: Unmeasurable

AUDIO SECTION

Max. Power Output: 45 W \times 4 channels

AUX input

Input sensitivity (load impedance) AUX: 300 mV (10 k Ω)

GENERAL

Power-Supply Voltage: 14.4 V (11 to 16 V allowable), DC, negative ground

Load Impedance: 4 Ω

Tone Control:

Bass \pm 10 dB at 100 Hz, Treble \pm 10 dB at 10 kHz

Preamp Output Voltage (load impedance): 2.2 V (10 k Ω)

Installed size: 182 (W) \times 53 (H) \times 155 (D) mm

(7 1/4 (W) \times 2 1/8 (H) \times 6 1/8 (D) inches)

Supplied Accessory: Carrying case (1)

- Specifications and external appearance are subject to change without notice due to product improvement.



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AIWA Strategic Accounts Partnership Inc. ("AIWA") warrants to the original consumer purchaser that this product is free of defects in material and workmanship at the time of purchase.

WARRANTY PERIODS

During the applicable LABOR warranty period, AIWA will pay labor and service charges for the repair of defects or, at its option, will replace a defective product with a new or remanufactured equivalent product. During the applicable PARTS warranty period, AIWA will supply at no charge new or rebuilt replacement parts in exchange for defective parts. However, after the LABOR warranty period, all labor and service charges are your responsibility. Replacement parts are warranted for the remainder of the original PARTS warranty period.

The LABOR and PARTS warranty periods for your product are listed below. **All warranty periods commence with the purchase date.**

Car Audio

LABOR
1 Year

PARTS
1 Year

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To obtain warranty performance, you must take the product, or deliver the product freight prepaid, to an AIWA Authorized Service Center. If shipped, the product must be packaged so that it is protected from possible shipping damage. You must pick up the product when warranty performance is completed or, if you choose, and the product was received by the Service Center during the LABOR warranty period, the repaired product will be returned to you freight prepaid. You must present to the Service Center, or include with your shipment, a dealer's bill of sale, or other original evidence, showing the date and place of purchase and describing the product purchased. Be sure to include your return address and daytime telephone number where you can be reached should the need arise.

WHAT THE WARRANTY DOES NOT COVER

This warranty does not cover (1) products purchased outside of the U.S.A.; (2) product set-up, adjustment of controls, repair of antenna systems outside the unit; (3) removal or reinstallation, batteries, carrying case, AC adapters and other accessories packaged with the product; (4) defects occurring after purchase due to repair or service other than by an AIWA Authorized Service Center, product modification, accident, misuse, abuse, or negligence; or (5) reception problems caused by signal conditions, or cable or antenna systems outside the unit. This warranty will not apply if the serial number of the unit has been altered or removed.

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