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1 Important safety information

General maintenance

The translation of this document is for reference only.

In the event of any inconsistency between the English version and the translated version, the English version shall prevail.

Caution

- To avoid damage or malfunction:
- Do not expose the product to excessive heat caused by heating equipment or direct sunlight.
- Do not drop the product or allow objects to fall on your player.
- Do not allow the product to be submerged in water. Do not expose headphone socket or battery compartment to water; as water entering the set may cause major damage.
- Active mobile phones in the vicinity may cause interference.
- Back up your files. Ensure that you retain the original files you have downloaded to your device. Philips is not responsible for any loss of data if the product becomes damaged or not readable / legible.
- Manage (transfer, delete, etc.) your music files only with the supplied music software to avoid problems.
- Do not use any cleaning agents containing alcohol, ammonia, benzene, or abrasives as these may harm the product.

About operating and storage temperatures

- Operate in a place where temperature is always between 0 and 35°C (32 to 95°F)
- Store in a place where temperature is always between -20 and 45°C (-4 to 113°F).
- Battery life may be shortened in low temperature conditions.

Replacement parts/accessories:

Visit www.philips.com/support to order replacement parts/accessories.

Hearing Safety



Listen at a moderate volume:

Using headphones at a high volume can impair your hearing. This product can produce sounds in decibel ranges that may cause hearing loss for a normal person, even for exposure less than a minute. The higher decibel ranges are offered for those that may have already experienced some hearing loss.

Sound can be deceiving. Over time your hearing 'comfort level' adapts to higher volumes of sound. So after prolonged listening, what sounds 'normal' can actually be loud and harmful to your hearing. To guard against this, set your volume to a safe level before your hearing adapts and leave it there.

To establish a safe volume level:

Set your volume control at a low setting. Slowly increase the sound until you can hear it comfortably and clearly, without distortion.

Listen for reasonable periods of time:

Prolonged exposure to sound, even at normally 'safe' levels, can also cause hearing loss.

Be sure to use your equipment reasonably and take appropriate breaks.

Be sure to observe the following guidelines when using your headphones.

Listen at reasonable volumes for reasonable periods of time.

Be careful not to adjust the volume as your hearing adapts.

Do not turn up the volume so high that you can't hear what's around you.

You should use caution or temporarily discontinue use in potentially hazardous situations. Do not use headphones while operating a motorized vehicle, cycling, skateboarding, etc.; it may create a traffic hazard and is illegal in many areas.

Modifications

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Recycling the product and the built-in battery

Your product is designed and manufactured with high quality materials and components, which can be recycled and reused. Never dispose of your product with other household waste. Please inform yourself about the local rules on the separate collection of electrical and electronic products and batteries. The correct disposal of these products helps prevent potentially negative consequences on the environment and human health. Please visit www.recycle.philips.com for additional information on a recycling center in your area.

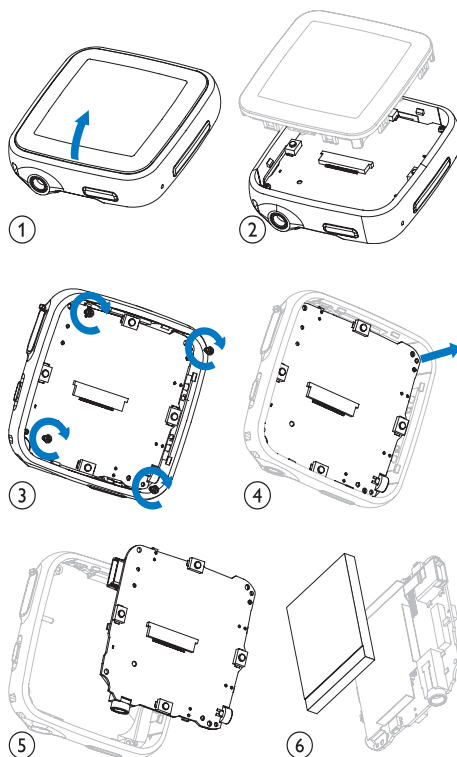
Warning

- For products with "non-exchangeable" built-in batteries: The removal of (or the attempt to remove) the battery invalidates the warranty. This procedure is only to be performed at the end of the product's life.

Your product contains a built-in rechargeable battery covered by the European Directive 2006/66/EC, which cannot be disposed of with normal household waste.



To safeguard the functionality and safety of your product, take your product to an official collection point or service center where a professional can remove or replace the battery as shown:



Please inform yourself about the local rules on separate collection of batteries. The correct disposal of batteries helps prevent potentially negative consequences on the environment and human health.

Notice for the European Union

This product complies with the radio interference requirements of the European Union.

2 Your new SPARK

Use SPARK to

- play audio files
- view pictures
- listen to FM radio
- make recordings

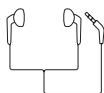
What's in the box

Check that you have received the following items:

Player



Earphones



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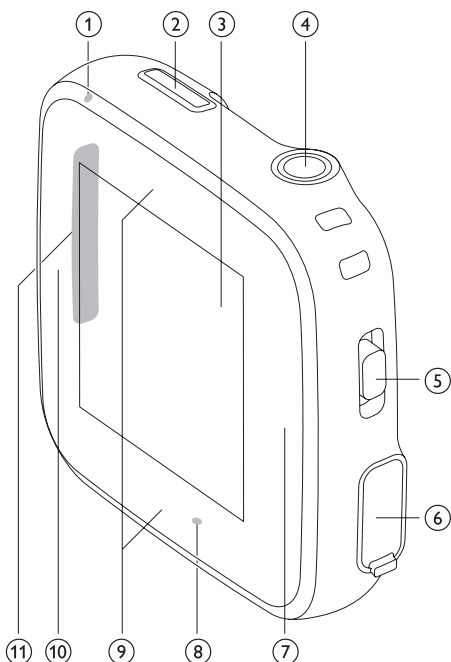


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3 Getting started

Overview of the controls and connections



①	MIC	microphone
②	OPTIONS	access menu related options
③		display
④		headphone jack
⑤		turn SPARK on / off
		lock / unlock all keys (except volume)
⑥		mini USB connector
⑦		play/pause / record confirm selection go to the next screen
⑧	RESET	reset

⑨	▲ / ▼	press: navigate back/forward / scroll up/down press and hold: rewind/fast forward / scroll up/down quickly
⑩	↶	press: go to the previous screen press and hold: return to the root menu
⑪	- VOL +	press: increase/decrease the volume press and hold: increase/decrease the volume quickly



Caution

- Listening to loud sounds for longer than a moment can be harmful to the listener.

You can set the volume level of SPARK to limit the maximum volume output.

- 1 From the main menu, select **[Settings] > [Sound settings] > [Volume limit]**.
- 2 Press the **- / +** volume controls to adjust the level.
- 3 Press **▶** to confirm.
↳ When you set a volume limit, SPARK can no longer exceed the set volume, even if you press the volume **+** button.

To enable maximum volume again:

- 1 Select **[Settings] > [Sound settings] > [Volume limit]**.
- 2 Set the volume limit to maximum.
- 3 Press **▶** to confirm.

Overview of the main menu

Menu	Mode	To
	Music	play digital audio tracks
	Pictures	view pictures
	FM radio	listen to FM radio
	Recording	create or listen to recordings
	Folder view	view files in folders
	Personalize	personalize the look of SPARK
	Settings	customize the settings of SPARK
	Now playing	show the current play screen

Connect and charge

SPARK has a built-in battery that can be charged through the USB port of a computer (USB cable included).

Note

- When you connect SPARK to a computer, you are briefly prompted to select:
- **[Charge & transfer]** or **[Charge & play]**.
- SPARK automatically applies **[Charge & transfer]**, if no new selection is made.

Connect SPARK to a computer

- 1 Connect the USB plug of the supplied USB cable to a spare USB port on your computer.
- 2 Connect the small USB plug of the USB cable to the small USB jack on SPARK.
- 3 Turn on your computer.
↳ SPARK charges.

Install Philips Songbird for the first time

When you connect SPARK to the PC for the first time, a pop-up window appears:

- 1 Select **Install Philips Songbird**.
- 2 Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Note

- The installation requires you to agree to the license terms.

If the pop-up window is not displayed automatically:

- 1 Select **My Computer** (Windows XP / Windows 2000) / **Computer** (Windows Vista / Windows 7).
- 2 Right click on the **Philips GoGear** SPARK icon.
- 3 Select **Install Philips Songbird (Setup.exe)**.
- 4 Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Note

- The installation requires you to agree to the license terms.

Install the Philips Songbird software again (after the first installation)

Important!

The Philips Songbird software installer is preloaded to SPARK.

To free memory capacity for your media content on SPARK, the installer file is automatically deleted during the first installation process.

If you want to install the software any time after the first installation, follow these instructions:

- 1 Connect SPARK to the computer.
- 2 Ensure that the computer is connected to the Internet, and then open Windows Explorer.
- 3 In Windows Explorer, right click on SPARK, and then select the option to install **Philips Songbird**.
 - ↳ The computer downloads the installer file from the Internet.
- 4 Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the installation.

Battery level indication

The display indicates the approximate levels of the battery status as follows:

				
100%	75%	50%	25%	0%

- ↳ A flashing battery screen indicates that the battery is low. The player saves all settings and switches off within 60 seconds.



Note

- Rechargeable batteries have a limited number of charge cycles. Battery life and number of charge cycles vary by use and settings.
- The charging animation stops and the  icon is displayed when the charging process is completed.



Tip

- You can conserve battery power and increase the play time of SPARK if you go to *** > [Display Settings] > [Screen off timer]** and ensure that the shortest timer setting is selected.

Software loaded on the SPARK

SPARK comes with the following software:

- **Philips Songbird** (helps you update the firmware of SPARK and transfer your media files).

Files loaded on the SPARK

The following files are loaded on SPARK:

- User Manual
- Frequently Asked Questions

4 Update SPARK

SPARK is controlled by an internal program called firmware. Newer versions of the firmware may have been released after you have purchased SPARK.

The software program called **Philips Songbird** can use your computer to check for firmware updates that are available on the Internet. Install **Philips Songbird** on your computer (see chapter **Install software**) and follow the instructions to update (see chapter **Manually verify / update the firmware**).



Note

- Your music files are not affected by a firmware update.

Manually verify / update the firmware

- 1 Ensure that your computer is connected to the Internet.
- 2 Connect SPARK to the computer (see section **Connect and charge** for instructions).
- 3 On your computer, click **Start > Programs > Philips > Philips Songbird** to launch the Philips Songbird application.
- 4 Select **Tools > Updates**
 - ↳ **Philips Songbird** checks for updates and installs new firmware from the Internet, if available.
- 5 Follow the on-screen instructions to update the firmware of SPARK.
- 6 Wait until the update is completed, then disconnect SPARK from the computer.
 - ↳ SPARK restarts after the firmware is updated and is ready for use again.

5 Turn SPARK on and off

- 1 To toggle between modes on and off, slide and hold  for approximately 2 seconds.

Automatic shut-down

SPARK has an automatic shut-down feature that can save battery power.

After 10 minutes in idle mode (no music plays, no button is pressed), SPARK turns off.

- 1 Slide and hold  for approximately 2 seconds to turn SPARK on again.

Lock the keys

SPARK has a lock switch to prevent accidental operation.

- 1 To lock the buttons when you play, move the slider to position .
 - ↳ All buttons except the volume keys are locked and the display shows a lock icon.
- 2 To unlock the buttons again, move the slider to the center position.

6 Philips Songbird

SPARK comes with the Philips Songbird software.

The Philips Songbird software helps you to:

- purchase new media (music and videos) online
- create a media library
- manage your media library
- play music and videos
- sync your media with the SPARK

When Philips Songbird is launched for the first time, choose from the following options to import media files into the Songbird media library:

- Import an existing iTunes library.
- Scan for media files in specific directories. (You can select to watch a folder, so that the files that are added or deleted there are automatically added or deleted in the Songbird media library.)

Build a media library

Use one or more of the following options to build a media library with Songbird:

Rip a CD

By default, the Philips Songbird software installs the following add-ons that are needed to rip a CD:

- CD Rip Support
- Gracenote Metadata Lookup Provider

Set up the CD rip options

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 Select **Tools > Options...**
- 3 Select the **CD Rip** tab, and then choose your CD rip options.
- 4 Click on **OK** to confirm.

Import media files from a directory

The following steps show how you can import media (music and video) files that are stored elsewhere on your computer or computer network:

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 On the Songbird toolbar, click **File**, then select **Import Media...**
- 3 Select your media (music and video) files, then click **OK**.
 - ↳ The media files that you added are listed in the media library.



Tip

- If you select a folder that contains music or video files, the software scans the folder and adds all the music or video files it contains to the media library (duplicate titles are ignored).

Import media from iTunes

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 Select **Tools > Options...**
- 3 On the Songbird toolbar, select the **Media Importer** tab, then **iTunes Import/Export**.
- 4 Verify your library location and options.
- 5 Select **Import Library**.
 - ↳ The software imports the iTunes library into Songbird.

Export media to iTunes

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 Select **Tools > Options...**
- 3 On the Songbird toolbar, select the **Media Importer** tab, then **iTunes Import/Export**.
- 4 Verify your library location and options.
- 5 Select **Export Library**.
 - ➔ The software exports the library from Songbird to iTunes.

Get content from online sources

You can purchase content from online sources such as the following:

- 7-digital

Check the specifications of your SPARK to see what services are available to you.

Import recordings from SPARK

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 On the Songbird toolbar, click **File**, then select **Import Media...**
- 3 Select your recordings on SPARK, then click **OK**.
 - ➔ The selected recordings are listed in the media library.

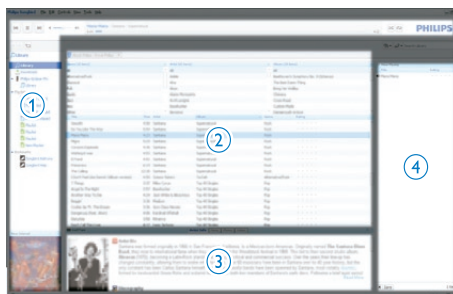


Tip

- If you select a folder that contains recordings, the software scans the folder and adds all the recordings it contains to the library (duplicate titles are ignored).

Browse your media library

The Songbird media library is structured as follows:



- ① Player Pane (this is where the SPARK is displayed)
- ② Library Pane (this is where you find the contents of your library)
- ③ Service Pane (this is where you find additional information about contents, such as playlists)
- ④ Information Pane (this is where you find information about the selected options)

Organize and manage your Songbird library

Let Songbird manage your media

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 Select **Tools > Options...**
- 3 On the Songbird toolbar, select the **Manage Files** tab.
- 4 Check **Allow Songbird to manage my files**.
- 5 Set the options on how you want to organize your media.

Remove media files from the Songbird media library

- 1 In the Songbird library, right click on a media file, then select **Remove**.
- 2 In the prompt window, click **Remove** to confirm that you want to remove the file.
 - ↳ The selected file is removed from the library and from all playlists. (By default, the file is only “removed”, not “deleted”. The media file still exists in its original location on the computer or computer network.)



Tip

- To select multiple files on the computer (PC), press and hold **Ctrl**.
- To select multiple consecutive files, press and hold **Shift**.

Delete media

This is how to delete media files in Windows Explorer:

- 1 With SPARK connected to the USB port of the computer, open Windows Explorer.
- 2 Locate the media folder in SPARK.
- 3 Delete the media file in the same way as from any other location on your PC.

Let Songbird watch a folder

You can let Songbird

- monitor the contents of a folder; and
- add or remove the media from your library to match the folder contents.

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 Select **Tools > Options...**
- 3 On the Songbird toolbar, select the **Media Importer** tab, and then **Watch Folders**.
- 4 Select the folder that you want Songbird to watch for changes.
 - ↳ The selected folder is watched and Songbird matches the library content to the content of the folder.

Fetch album artwork

Choose from these options to fetch the artwork for your albums:

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
 - On the Songbird toolbar, select **Tools > Get Album Artwork**.
 - ↳ If no titles are selected, Songbird fetches the artwork for all titles in the library.
 - Right-Click on selected titles.
 - ↳ Songbird fetches the artwork for all selected titles.

Playlists

By default, the Philips Songbird software installs the following add-ons that are needed to rip a CD:

- CD Rip Support
- Gracenote Metadata Lookup Provider

Create a playlist

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 Choose from these options to create a new playlist:
 - On the Songbird toolbar, select **File > New Playlist**.
 - Right-click on the left hand sidebar, and then choose **New Playlist**.
 - Click the + symbol at the bottom of the left hand side Service Pane.
- ↳ A new playlist appears in the Service Pane.
- 3 Enter a name for the new playlist.

Add titles to a playlist

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 Select one or more titles.
- 3 Choose from these options to add the selected titles to a playlist:
 - Drag and drop the selected titles to the playlist in the Service Pane.
 - Right-click on the selection, and then select **Add to Playlist > The_name_of_your_playlist**.
- ↳ -All selected titles are added to the playlist.

Remove titles from a playlist

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 Select a playlist.
- 3 Right-click on the title that you want to remove, and then **Remove**.
 - ↳ The selected title is removed from the playlist.

Change the look of the Songbird library

You can change the design and color scheme of the Songbird library. We call this "changing feathers". New feathers are installed and managed like add-ons.

Find new feathers

- 1 On the computer, launch the Songbird program.
- 2 On the Songbird toolbar, select **View > Feathers > Get More Feathers....**
 - ↳ The software searches for new feathers.
 - ↳ Follow the on-line instructions to install the new feathers.

Format SPARK (erase all music and data)

Philips Songbird has a Format feature that you can use to format SPARK and erase all your files from the internal memory.



Caution

- The following procedure erases all your files that are stored on SPARK.

- 1 Install **Philips Songbird** on your computer (see chapter **Install software**), and then launch the program.
- 2 In the **Philips Songbird** player pane, click on SPARK.
- 3 In the library pane, click on the tab called **Tools**.
- 4 In the tools pane, click on **Format device**.
- 5 Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the repair procedure.

Repair SPARK (restore factory settings)

Philips Songbird has a repair feature that you can use to restore SPARK to the factory settings.

Before you proceed, back up your files that are stored on SPARK if possible.



Caution

- The following procedure erases all your files that are stored on SPARK, and restores the factory settings.

- 1 Install **Philips Songbird** on your computer (see chapter **Install software**), and then launch the program.
- 2 In the **Philips Songbird** menu bar (at the top), click on the **Tools** pull-down menu and then select **Repair My SPARK**.
- 3 Follow the on-screen instructions to complete the repair procedure.

7 Music

Listen to music

- 1 From the main menu, select  to enter the music mode.
- 2 Navigate the sub-menus to select the music.
- 3 Press  to play.
 - Press  to pause.
 - Press **OPTIONS** to see more music options.
 - Press  to go back one level.
 - Press and hold  to return to the main menu.

Find your music

From the main menu, select  to enter music mode.

SPARK offers the following menu options:

[All songs]

- Alphabetically listed tracks

[Artists]

- Alphabetically listed artists
- Alphabetically listed albums
- Tracks listed in album order

[Albums]

- Alphanumerically listed albums
- Tracks listed in album order

[Genres]

- Alphanumerically listed genres
- Alphanumerically listed artists
- Alphanumerically listed albums
- Tracks listed in album order

[Playlists]

- **[Playlist-on-the-go]**
- Tracks listed in playlist order

[Audiobooks]*

- Books listed in alphanumerical order



Note

- * You can purchase audiobooks at online stores such as audible.com.
- SPARK handles the audiobooks like music files.

Delete the currently playing music track

This is how to delete the currently playing music track:

- 1 While you listen to the music track, press **OPTIONS**.
- 2 Select the option to delete the music track.
- 3 Select **[Yes]** to confirm the deletion.

Delete one or more music tracks

Use the **Philips Songbird** software to sync your media files.

Alternatively, you can delete music in Windows Explorer:

- 1 Connect SPARK to the computer.
- 2 In Windows Explorer, locate the music folder in SPARK.
- 3 Delete the music as you normally would on the computer.



Note

- Alternatively, you can select  from the main menu and find your music files in folder view.

8 Audiobooks

SPARK supports books in audio format. The use of this feature requires that you download the **AudibleManager** from audible.com. With the **AudibleManager** you can manage the digital contents of your audiobooks. Visit audible.com and register. The onscreen instructions guide you through the **AudibleManager** software download process.

Add audiobooks to SPARK

- **Important:** SPARK supports audiobook format  or format .
- 1 On your computer, launch **AudibleManager**.
 - 2 Follow the online instructions to download your audiobooks in format  or format .
 - 3 Follow the **AudibleManager** on-screen instructions to activate SPARK for your audiobooks.
 - 4 Follow the **AudibleManager** on-screen instructions to transfer your audiobooks to SPARK.

 Note

- SPARK can only play audiobooks for which it is **activated**.

Audiobook controls

SPARK offers the following audiobook mode controls:

Goal	Action
Play / pause	Press 
Skip forward to beginning of new section / chapter	Press 
Skip back to beginning of current section / chapter	Press 
Fast skip forwards through audiobook	Press and hold 
Fast skip backwards through audiobook	Press and hold 
Access options menu	Press OPTIONS
Return to browsing menu	Press 
Increase / decrease volume	Press - VOL +



Tip

- You can resume play after navigating away from audiobooks (see section **Resume play** in this user manual).

Select audiobook by book title

- 1 From the main menu, select  to enter music mode.
- 2 Press  or , then  to select **Audiobooks**.
- 3 Press  or  to select title, then  to play.
↳ To exit, press .

9 Pictures

Add pictures to SPARK

- 1 Connect SPARK to the computer.
- 2 In Windows Explorer, create folders in SPARK.
- 3 Use drag and drop actions to sort your pictures into the folders.

View pictures

- 1 From the main menu, select  to enter the picture mode.
- 2 Navigate the sub-menus to select the picture.
- 3 Press  to view the picture in full-screen mode.
 - Press  to go back one level.
 - Press and hold  to return to the main menu.

View slideshow

While in  mode, you can view your pictures as a slideshow:

- 1 Press  to start the slideshow.



Tip

- You can change the slideshow settings in the settings menu .

Delete the current picture

This is how to delete the currently displayed picture:

- 1 While you view the picture, press **OPTIONS**.
- 2 Select the option to delete the picture.
- 3 Select **[Yes]** to confirm the deletion.

Delete one or more pictures

Use a computer to delete pictures in Windows Explorer:

- 1 Connect SPARK to the computer.
- 2 In Windows Explorer, locate the picture folder in SPARK.
- 3 Delete the pictures as you normally would on the computer.



Note

- Alternatively, you can select  from the main menu and find your files in folder view.

10 Radio

Listen to FM radio

- 1 From the main menu, select  to enter radio mode.
 - ↳ The earphones cable acts as FM antenna.



Tip

- Radio play stops when you switch to another mode or when you turn off SPARK.

Manually tune a radio station

While in  mode, you can manually tune to a radio station:

- 1 To search for the next stronger signal, press and hold  / .
- 2 To fine tune the frequency, briefly press  / .

Auto-tune preset radio station

The auto-tune feature of SPARK helps you find radio stations and save them under the preset numbers.

- 1 Connect earphones.
- 2 From the main menu, select  to enter radio mode.
- 3 Press **OPTIONS** to see the options menu.
- 4 Select **[Auto tune]**.
 - ↳ The radio automatically tunes radio stations and saves the 20 strongest frequencies to presets.
 - To stop auto tuning, press .
 - To exit radio, press and hold  for 2 seconds.

Play a preset radio station

- 1 While in  mode, select preset.
- 2 Press  or  to change to another preset.
- 3 To search for the next stronger signal, press and hold  or  for 2 seconds.
 - To return to the main menu, press and hold  for 2 seconds.



Note

- To play preset radio stations, you first have to store radio stations under presets.

11 Recordings

Record from FM radio (Available with some versions only!)

- 1 In  (radio mode), press **OPTIONS**, and then select **[Start FM radio recording]**.
 - Press **||** to pause.
- 2 Press **↵** to stop.
- 3 Press **▶** to save the recording or press **↵** to cancel.
 - ↳ Recordings are saved on the player:
(Filename format: FMRECXXX.MP3, where XXX is the recording number that is generated automatically.)



Tip

- You can find your recordings under **[Recordings Library] > [FM Radio]**.

Record audio/voices

This is how you can record audio/voices with the built-in microphone (see section **Overview** for location of built-in microphone):

- 1 From the main menu, select  > **[Start voice recording]**.
 - Press **||** to pause.
- 2 Press **↵** to stop.
- 3 Press **▶** to save the recording or press **↵** to cancel.
 - ↳ Recordings are saved on the player:
(Filename format: VOICEXXX.MP3, where XXX is the recording number that is generated automatically.)



Tip

- You can find your recordings under **[Recordings Library] > [Voice]**.

Listen to recordings

Listen to FM radio* recordings:

- 1 From the  menu select **[Recordings library] > [FM radio]**.
- 2 Select a recording.
- 3 Press **▶** to play your recording.



Tip

- You can find your recordings under **[Recordings Library] > [Voice]**.

Listen to voice/audio recordings:

- 1 From the  menu select **[Recordings Library] > [Voice]**.
- 2 Select a recording.
- 3 Press **▶** to play your recording.

Upload your recordings to the computer

Use the **Philips Songbird** software to sync your media files.

Alternatively, you can transfer recordings in Windows Explorer:

- 1 Connect SPARK to the computer.
- 2 In Windows Explorer, open SPARK.
- 3 Select the folder **Recordings > Voice** or **FM radio***.
- 4 Copy and paste the recordings to any location on the computer.



Note

- * FM radio recording feature is available with some versions only. Refer to the on-screen menu of SPARK to find out which features are available to you.

Delete one or more recordings

This is how to delete recordings in Windows Explorer:

- 1 Connect SPARK to the computer.
- 2 In Windows Explorer, locate the folder **Recordings > Voice** or **FM radio***.
- 3 Delete the recordings as you normally would on the computer.



Note

- * FM radio recording feature is available with some versions only. Refer to the on-screen menu of SPARK to find out which features are available to you.

Use the SPARK to carry data files

This is how you use SPARK to store and carry data files:

- 1 Connect SPARK to the computer (for instructions see section **Connect and charge**).
- 2 On the computer in Windows Explorer, copy the data files and paste them to SPARK.



Tip

- Use the computer to transfer your data files back to the computer, or delete your data files from SPARK.

12 Personalize SPARK

This is how you personalize SPARK:

From the main menu, select  to enter the personalization mode.

In the  menu, navigate as follows:

- 1 Press  /  to select an option.
- 2 Press  to confirm a selection and go to the next level (when available).
- 3 Press  to return to the previous level.
- 4 Press and hold  to exit the  menu.



Tip

- For more options on settings, see section [Customize settings !\[\]\(0a8aebf11a5ed2efd202584bd784d4a2_img.jpg\)](#).

In the  menu, the following options are available:

Theme	• Black • Silver • Gold
Screensaver	• (none) • Display off (default) • Personal slideshow... • Digital clock • Album Art • Demo mode
Startup screen	• Default • Select picture...
Shutdown screen	• Default • Select picture...

13 Settings

This is how you customize SPARK:
From the main menu, select  to enter the settings mode.

In the  menu, navigate as follows:

- 1 Press  /  to select an option.
- 2 Press  to confirm a selection and go to the next level (when available).
- 3 Press  to return to the previous level.
- 4 Press and hold  to exit the  menu.



Tip

- For more options on display settings, see section Personalize .

In the  menu, the following options are available:

Settings	Options menu	Sub-options menu	
Play mode	Play music from...	• ...all songs • ...this artist • ...this album • ...this genre	
	Repeat	• Repeat off (default) • Repeat 1 • Repeat all	
	Shuffle	• Shuffle off (default) • Shuffle all	
Sound settings	FullSound*	• Off • On (default)	
	Equalizer**	• Off (default) • Rock • Funk • Hip hop	• Jazz • Classical • Techno • Custom
	Volume limit	• Off (default) • Set	
Sleep timer		• Off (default) • Set	
Display settings	Backlight timer	• 15 seconds • 30 seconds (default) • 45 seconds • Always on	

Settings	Options menu	Sub-options menu	
Date and time	Time settings	• Set time format • Set time	
	Date settings	• Set date format • Set date	
Slideshow settings	Time per slide	• [x] seconds	
	Repeat	• Off • On (default)	
	Shuffle	• Off (default) • On	
Language	• Czech • Greek • English (default) • Danish • German • Spanish • French • Italian • Hungarian • Dutch	• Norwegian • Polish • Portuguese • Portuguese (Brazilian) • Russian • Slovak • Finnish • Swedish • Turkish • Simplified Chinese	• Traditional Chinese • Japanese • Korean • Thai (/97 version only) • Arabic (/97 version only) • Hebrew (/02 version only)
PC connection preference	• MSC • MTP • What is MSC? • What is MTP?		
Information	Capacity Free space Firmware version Model Support site		
Legal	[legal information]		
Format device	All data will be erased	• Yes • No (default)	
Factory settings	Restore factory settings (files are not affected.)	• Yes • No	

* Activation of FullSound™ deactivates the equalizer.

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14 Technical data

Power

Power supply: 220 mAh Li-ion polymer
internal rechargeable battery
Play time¹ (music): 22 hours

Software

Philips Songbird: to update firmware and
transfer music

Connectivity

Headphone 3.5 mm
USB 2.0 High speed

Sound

Channel separation: 45 dB
Frequency Response: 80 - 18,000 Hz
Output power: 2 x 2.4 mW
Signal to noise ratio: > 84 dB

Audio playback

Supported formats:
MP3, WAV, WMA, FLAC, APE

Bit rates	Sampling rates
MP3:	
8 - 320 kbps and VBR	8, 11.025, 16, 22.050, 32, 44.1, 48 kHz
WMA:	
5 - 320 kbps	8, 11.025, 16, 22.050, 32, 44.1, 48 kHz
FLAC:	
up to 1.1 Mbps	48 kHz
APE:	
up to 1.3 Mbps	48 Khz

Picture display

Supported formats:
JPG
BMP

Storage media

Built-in memory capacity²:
SA2SPK02 2GB NAND Flash
SA2SPK04 4GB NAND Flash
SA2SPK08 8GB NAND Flash

Music sync transfer³

Philips Songbird

Music / Picture drag and drop transfer³

Windows Explorer

Display

Color LCD 128 x 128 pixels



Note

- ¹ Rechargeable batteries have a limited number of charge cycles. Battery life and number of charge cycles vary by use and settings.
- ² 1GB = 1 billion bytes; available storage capacity is less. Full memory capacity may not be available as some memory is reserved for the player. Storage capacity is based on 4 minutes per song and 128 kbps MP3 encoding.
- ³ Transfer speed depends on operating system and software configuration.

System requirements

- Windows® XP (SP2 or above) / Vista / 7
- Pentium III 800 MHz processor or higher
- 520 MB RAM
- 500 MB hard disk space
- Internet connection
- Windows® Internet Explorer 6.0 or later
- USB port

15 Glossary

B

Bit rate

Bit rate is the number of bits that are conveyed or processed per unit of time. The bit rate is usually measured in some multiple of bits per second (kilobits per second: kbps). The term bit rate is a synonym for data transfer rate (or simply data rate).

C

Compression

In audio terms, this is a process of temporarily or permanently reducing audio data for more efficient storage or transmission. A temporary reduction in file size is called 'non-lossy' compression, and no information is lost. A permanent reduction in file size (such as with MP3 files) is called 'lossy' compression, and involves discarding unnecessary information which is irretrievably lost.

D

Decibel (dB)

A unit of measure used to express relative difference in power or intensity of sound.

F

FM (Frequency Modulation)

In radio broadcasting: a method of modulation in which the frequency of the carrier voltage is varied with the frequency of the modulation voltage.

Frequency Response

Is the range of frequencies that a speaker reproduces, lowest frequency to the highest. While the optimal normal is 20-20,000 Hz (Hertz), the range of human hearing for individuals is often much more restricted. A good full-range speaker system however, reproduces as much of this range as possible to cover all variations. Individual drivers are limited to reproduce only that part of the spectrum for which they were made, so their response is limited, but still a necessary point to consider when designing a complete sound system.

FullSound

FullSound™ is an innovative technology designed by Philips. FullSound™ faithfully restores sonic details to compressed music, enhancing it to provide a full sound experience without any distortion.

L

LCD (Liquid Crystal Display)

Probably the most common way to show visual information on non-computer electronic equipment.

Lossless compression

A system for reducing the number of data bits (density) in a musical signal without corrupting the original.

M

MP3

A file format with a sound data compression system. MP3 is the abbreviation of Motion Picture Experts Group 1 (or MPEG-1) Audio Layer 3. With the MP3 format, one CD-R or CD-RW can contain about 10 times more data than a regular CD.

MSC [Mass Storage Class]

The USB mass storage device class (or USB MSC or UMS) is a set of computing communications protocols that provide an interface to storage devices. Devices that support this standard are referred to as MSC (Mass Storage Class) devices.

MTP [Media Transfer Protocol]

Media Transfer Protocol supports the transfer of music and video files to portable audio and video players.

R

Rip (ripping)

Using a software program that “grabs” digital audio from a compact disc and transfers it to a computer hard drive. The integrity of the data is preserved, because the signal does not pass through the computer sound card, and need not be converted to an analog format. The digital-to-digital transfer creates a WAV file that can then be converted into an MP3 file.

S

SuperScroll

SuperScroll™ is a navigation feature of the double-action search keys of the product. SuperScroll™ allows easy speed control when scrolling through large libraries to swiftly find items within large libraries. Longer press of the button results in faster scroll speed.

