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Model iPL8XH

Docking FM clock radio for
iPod or iPhone



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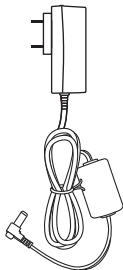
G E T T I N G S T A R T E D

This unit ships with the following items. Please check to see that all items are present.

- 1 iPL8XH speaker system
- 2 100-240V Universal AC power adaptor
- 3 FM antenna



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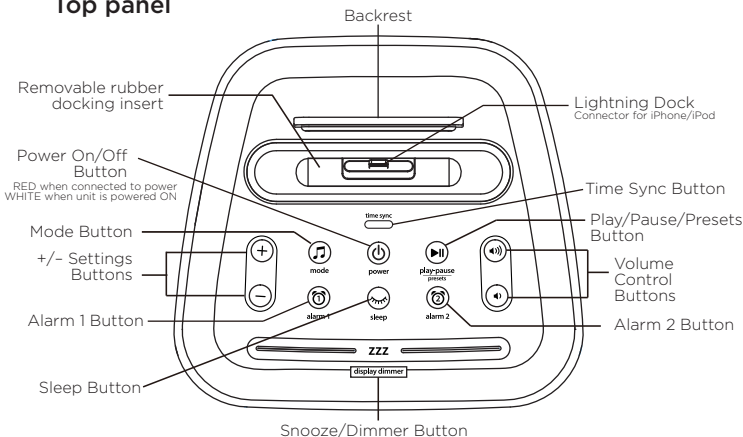
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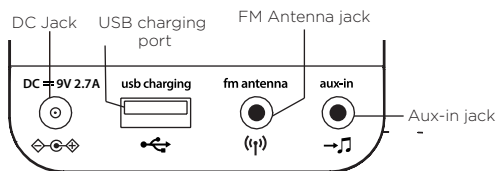
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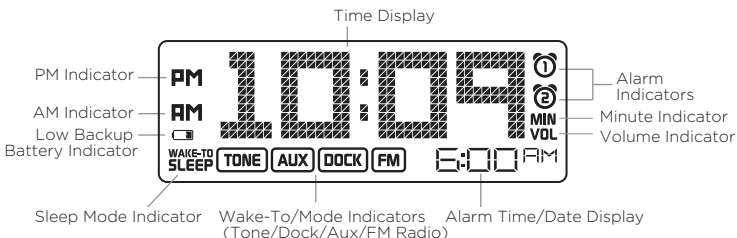
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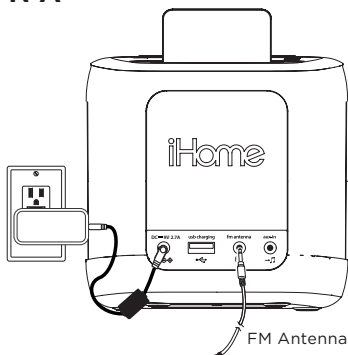


Display



CONNECTING AC ADAPTER AND FM ANTENNA

This unit operates on AC power using the included 100V-240V universal AC adaptor. Place unit on a stable surface. Plug the power adaptor into the DC jack on back of the unit and the other end into a working wall socket. The Power Button will glow red. Connect the included FM radio antenna to the FM antenna jack on the back of the unit.



BACKUP BATTERY

The iPL8XH ships with a CR2450 battery installed for backup to provide continuous alarm operation and clock settings in the event of a power failure.

Remove the pull tab from the battery compartment on the bottom of the unit before use. If a power failure occurs or the AC cord is accidentally disconnected, the display backlight will not remain lit, but current time and alarm time settings will be temporarily maintained. Otherwise, you must reset the time and alarm settings.

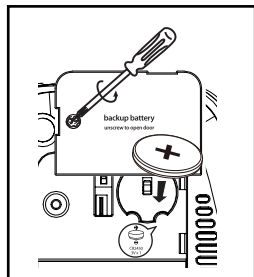
Note: The  **Battery Low icon** is located at the left side of clock display.

When the backup battery is low and needs to be replaced, the Battery Low icon will flash. To replace, follow steps below:

BACKUP BATTERY (CONTINUED)

1. Please make sure the AC adaptor is connected. Otherwise all settings may be lost during battery replacement.
2. Use a Phillips screwdriver to open the backup battery compartment door located on the bottom of the unit.
3. Remove the exhausted battery. Insert a new CR2450 battery by easing it under the tabs in the battery well and pressing down. Make sure the side marked + is facing up.
4. Close the battery compartment door and tighten the battery door screw.

Note: Make sure you dispose of battery properly (see your local regulations).



WARNING: Lithium batteries can explode or cause burns if disassembled, shorted, recharged, exposed to water, fire, or high temperatures. Do not place loose batteries in a pocket, purse, or other container containing metal objects, mix with used or other battery types, or store with hazardous or combustible materials. Store in cool, dry, ventilated area. Follow applicable laws and regulations for transport and disposal.

SETTING THE TIME:

TIME SYNC & MANUAL TIME SETTING

TIME SYNC

This unit is equipped with auto sync. By default, the unit will sync to the time on your iPhone or iPod whenever you dock it in the Lightning dock. When successful, the updated time will appear on the display. While the dock accommodates most cases, you may need to remove your case for proper docking. To manually sync at any time, press and release the Time Sync Button. If sync is unsuccessful, try to sync again using a different iPhone or iPod. If sync still doesn't work, set the time manually (see below).

SETTING THE TIME MANUALLY


1. Press and hold the **Time Sync Button** until "SYNC" flashes in the display and a beep sounds. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** so "MANUAL" appears in the display, indicating manual time setting mode.
2. Press and release the **Time Sync Button**. The TIME will flash on the display. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** to set the correct time (hold for rapid adjustment). Make sure to set the correct AM or PM time. (The PM/AM indicators appear to the left of the time display.)





NOTE: The display can be set to standard 12 hour time (AM and PM) or to 24 hour time. To toggle between 12 and 24 modes, press and release the **⌚ Alarm 1** or **⌚ Alarm 2 Button** located on top of the unit at any time while display is flashing during manual time setting mode.

3. Press and release the **Time Sync Button** to confirm the current time setting. The YEAR will flash on the display. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** to set the correct year.
4. Press and release the **Time Sync Button** to confirm the current year setting. The DATE will flash on the display. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** to set the correct month and day (hold for rapid adjustment).
5. Press and release the **Time Sync Button** to confirm the current date setting. Two beeps will sound to indicate time setting mode is complete.


SETTING AND USING THE ALARMS

SETTING THE ALARMS


This unit has two alarms which are set the same way. Instructions below are for setting alarm 1. Substitute the  Alarm 2 Button to set alarm 2. you can wake to your docked device, FM radio or to the built-in buzzer alarm. The alarm will sound for 60 minutes or until reset/turned off.

1. Press and hold the  **Alarm Button** until the alarm time display flashes and one beep sounds.
2. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** to adjust the display to the desired alarm time (hold for rapid adjustment). Remember to set the correct AM or PM alarm time.
3. Press the  **Alarm Button** to confirm the alarm time. The wake to schedule will flash.
4. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** to set the desired alarm schedule: 7 Days (every day), 5 Days (week days) or 2 Days (weekends only).
5. Press the  **Alarm Button** to confirm the alarm schedule. The WAKE-TO indicator will flash on the display. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** to select Dock (iPod/iPhone), FM radio or Tone, then press the  **Alarm Button** to access volume setting for the selected alarm source.

Wake to Dock: If wake to Dock (iPhone) is selected, press the **+** or **- Buttons** to set the Dock volume (can be set from 5-40). The alarm will wake you to the last track played on your docked iPhone or iPod.


Wake to Radio: If wake to FM is selected, press the **+** or **- Buttons** to select a radio station to wake to, or press the **Play/Pause Presets Button** as needed to select a preset station (*see Memorizing Radio presets on page 8 for details on setting presets*). Confirm your selection by pressing the  **Alarm Button**. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** to set the FM radio alarm volume (can be set from 5-40). **Note:** if FM antenna is not detected at alarm time, alarm will default to tone.

Wake to Tone: Select to wake to tone to wake to buzzer alarm.

6. Press the  **Alarm Button** to exit and confirm alarm settings. An alarm icon will appear on the display, indicating that the alarm is set and armed.
- NOTE: alarm volume is independent from normal volume.

REVIEWING, ARMING/DISARMING AND RESETTNG THE ALARM

Press and release the **Alarm Button** at any time to review the current alarm settings. To toggle the alarm on or off, press the **Alarm Button** as needed. When the alarm icon is displayed, the alarm is armed/on.

Press the  **Power Button** or **Alarm Button** when the alarm is sounding to reset it to come on again at the same time the next scheduled day. (For example, if your alarm schedule is set to 5 Days and you reset the alarm on Friday, it will come on again on Monday, not on Saturday.)

CHARGING YOUR iPhone OR iPod

While the dock accommodates most cases, you may need to remove your case for proper docking.

Gently dock your iPhone or iPod into the flexible Lightning dock located on the top of the unit. While your iPhone/iPod is docked in the unit and the unit is connected to AC power, it recharges (until fully charged).

Note: Please make sure your iPhone/iPod is properly docked into the unit. Failure to do so may damage your iPhone/iPod.

Charging Devices Via the USB Port

A 1 Amp USB port is located on the back of the unit for charging devices while the unit is connected to AC power. Connect one end of a compatible USB cable (not included) into the standard USB port on the unit and the other end into the device you wish to charge. Some devices require higher amperage USB charging ports. Monitor the charging status of your device. If the device does not charge, you will need to use the charger that came with your device.

LISTENING TO YOUR iPhone/iPod

While the dock accommodates most cases, you may need to remove your case for proper docking.

1. Dock your already playing iPhone/iPod. The unit will automatically turn on and you will hear the music playing from your iPhone/iPod. The iPhone/iPod Icon will appear at the right side of the display, indicating iPhone/iPod playing mode.

2. Press the ◀ or ▶) **Buttons** on the unit to adjust the system volume.

Note: If the volume is too low on the iPhone/iPod, the unit may not detect that the iPhone/iPod is in play mode. Press the ▶|| **Button** to play it. Press again as needed to pause and resume play.

3. Press the + or - **Buttons** to go to the next or previous track (hold to scan backwards or forwards within a track).

4. Press the ⏻ **Power Button** to turn off the unit. You can also turn the unit off by undocking a playing device.




Note: Press the **Mode Button** to cycle from Dock to FM radio to AUX modes.

LISTENING TO FM RADIO

Setting up the Antenna

Insert included FM Antenna into FM antenna Jack located on back of the unit. Extend FM wire antenna fully for best reception. Do not strip, alter or attach to other antennas. "ANT needed" will appear on display if FM mode is selected and the antenna is not connected.

Tuning and Playing the Radio






1. Press and release the  **Power Button** to turn on the unit, then press and release the **Mode Button** as needed to cycle through Dock, FM radio and AUX modes.
2. When FM mode is selected, press the **+** or **- Buttons** to tune the radio to a desired station. The current radio frequency appears in the bottom of the display. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** for a few seconds to scan for the next clear station.
3. **To memorize a station as a preset:**
 - A. Press the **Play/Pause/Presets Button** as needed to step through the 6 presets (P1 - P6) to the number you wish to assign, and then *hold* the **Play/Pause/Presets Button** until the radio frequency begins flashing in the display.
 - B. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** to tune the radio to a desired station. Hold briefly to have the radio autoscan/search for the next clear station.
 - C. Press the **Play/Pause/Presets Button**. Two confirmation beeps will confirm the setting and the preset number you wish to assign. Repeat steps A-C to preset up to 6 stations.
4. To listen to a preset station, use the **Mode Button** to select FM mode, then press the **Play/Pause/Presets Button** to choose the desired preset.
5. Press the  or  **Button** on the unit to adjust the system volume.

USING THE RADIO IN OTHER COUNTRIES

Different regions of the world use different FM radio frequency steps and ranges. You will need to select the one that matches the standards in your region (USA, EUROPE, JAPAN, AUSTRALIA, or CHINA). The default setting is USA; if you live in the US, you may skip this section.

1. While unit is OFF, press and hold the **Mode Button** for about 10 seconds until the region flashes in the display and a beep sounds.
2. Press the **+** or **- Buttons** as needed to set the display to your region: USA, EU (Europe), JPN (Japan), AUS (Australia), or CHN (China).
3. Press and release the **Mode Button** (or no button within 10 seconds) to exit the radio frequency setting mode. Two beeps will confirm radio frequency setting.

LISTENING TO AUX DEVICES

1. Connect a standard audio cable with 3.5mm plug to the headphone or line-out jack on your AUX device and the other end to the AUX IN jack located on the back of the iPL8XH.
2. Press and release the  **Power Button** to turn on the unit, then press and release the **Mode Button** as needed to cycle through Dock, FM radio and AUX modes.
3. When AUX mode is selected, turn on your AUX device and use its controls to play, pause and navigate audio tracks. Adjust the volume on your AUX device to maximum output.
4. Press the  or  **Button** on the unit to adjust the system volume. Press the  **Button** to mute aux audio, and again to unmute.
5. Press and release the  **Power Button** to turn off the unit when through listening. Remember to turn off your AUX device, too.

SNOOZE/DIMMER OPERATION

1. To program a custom snooze duration, during normal operation (when alarm is not sounding) press and hold the **Snooze/Dimmer Button** until the display flashes, then press the **+** and **- Buttons** on the unit to adjust the snooze time to 1 - 29 minutes.
2. Press the **Snooze/Dimmer Button** on the iPL8XH after the alarm sounds. The alarm will be silenced and will come on again in about 9 minutes (default). You may repeat this cycle several times during the one hour alarm cycle.
3. During normal operation (when alarm is not sounding), press the **Snooze/Dimmer Button** to control the brightness level (8 steps, high to low and off settings) of the LCD display.

SLEEP MODE

Sleep mode lets you sleep to your playing docked iPhone or iPod or to FM radio for the set sleep duration, then turns the unit off. Press the **Sleep Button** as needed to cycle to the desired sleep duration: 120, 90, 60, 30 or 15 minutes or OFF (turns sleep mode off). Press the **◀ or ▶ Buttons** on the unit to adjust sleep listening level (sleep level volume is independent from normal volume levels). Press the **Sleep Button** during sleep to view the remaining sleep time; press again to set sleep to next (lower) sleep duration.

MAINTENANCE

- Place the unit on a level surface away from sources of direct sunlight or excessive heat.
- Protect your furniture when placing your unit on a natural wood and lacquered finish. A cloth or other protective material should be placed between it and the furniture.
- Clean your unit with a soft cloth moistened only with mild soap and water. Stronger cleaning agents such as thinner or similar materials can damage the surface of the unit.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Symptom	Possible reason	Solution
Unit won't turn on	AC adaptor isn't plugged into a working wall socket or not plugged into the power jack on back of the unit	Plug the AC adaptor into a working wall socket and plug the connector into the supply jack on the unit. Make sure any associated wall switch that controls the outlet is ON.
Device does not respond to the unit and/or device is playing but no sound comes out	Unit is not properly connected to power source and/or Power Button is not ON/device is paused/device is not docked properly	Make sure the unit is properly connected to AC power source. Check that the unit is ON. Try adjusting volume on unit and audio device. Press the Mode Button to select Dock, FM or AUX mode. Also try pressing the Play/Pause Button. Check that device is properly docked.
Erratic performance	External interference	Move unit away from potential sources of external interference such as computers, modems, wireless devices (routers) or fluorescent light.
No sound	Volume is too low	Turn volume up on your device
Sound distorted	Volume is too high	Turn volume down on your device
	Sound source is distorted	If the original sound file (MP3) is old or of poor quality, distortion and noise are easily noticed with high-power speakers. Try upgrading file from a trusted source such as iTunes.
Device doesn't charge up	Unit is not properly connected to AC power	Please make sure the unit is connected to a working power outlet. The unit will not charge while operating on backup battery
	Device is not docked/connected properly	Check that device is docked properly; if needed, remove case from device.

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS

When used in the directed manner, this unit has been designed and manufactured to ensure your personal safety. However, improper use can result in potential electrical shock or fire hazards. Please read all safety and operating instructions carefully before installation and use, and keep these instructions handy for future reference. Take special note of all warnings listed in these instructions and on the unit.

1. **Water and Moisture** – The unit should not be used near water. For example: near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, swimming pool or in a wet basement.
2. **Ventilation** – The unit should be situated so that its location or position does not interfere with its proper ventilation. For example, it should not be situated on a bed, sofa, rug or similar surface that may block ventilation openings. Also, it should not be placed in a built-in installation, such as a bookcase or cabinet, which may impede the flow of air through the ventilation openings.
3. **Heat** – The unit should be situated away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves or other appliances (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
4. **Power Sources** – The unit should be connected to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or as marked on the appliance. Only use the AC adapter that came with the unit.
5. **Power-Cable Protection** – Power supply cables should be routed so that they are not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them. It is always best to have a clear area from where the cable exits the unit to where it is plugged into an AC socket.
6. **Cleaning** – The unit should be cleaned only as recommended. See the Maintenance section of this manual for cleaning instructions.
7. **Objects and Liquid Entry** – Care should be taken so that objects do not fall and liquids are not spilled into any openings or vents located on the product.
8. **Attachments** – Do not use attachments not recommended by the product manufacturer.
9. **Lightning and Power Surge Protection** – Unplug the unit from the wall socket and disconnect the antenna or cable system during a lightning storm or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time. This will prevent damage to the product due to lightning and power-line surges.
10. **Overloading** – Do not overload wall sockets, extension cords, or integral convenience receptacles as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
11. **Damage Requiring Service** – The unit should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
 - A. the power supply cable or plug has been damaged.
 - B. objects have fallen into or liquid has been spilled into the enclosure.
 - C. the unit has been exposed to rain.
 - D. the unit has been dropped or the enclosure damaged.
 - E. the unit exhibits a marked change in performance or does not operate normally.

IMPORTANT SAFETY TIPS (CONTINUED)

12. Periods of Nonuse – If the unit is to be left unused for an extended period of time, such as a month or longer, the backup battery should be removed from the unit to prevent damage or corrosion.
13. Servicing – The user should not attempt to service the unit beyond those methods described in the user's operating instructions. Service methods not covered in the operating instructions should be referred to qualified service personnel.
14. Magnetic Interference: This product's speakers contain powerful magnets which could cause interference or damage to sensitive equipment such as hard drives, CRT televisions and monitors, as well as medical, scientific, and navigational devices. Keep this unit away from these products at all times.

A GUIDE TO PRODUCT SAFETY

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

- Warning: Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.
- 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.

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LIMITED 1 YEAR WARRANTY

iHome Products, a division of SDI Technologies Inc. (hereafter referred to as SDI), warrants this product to be free from defects in workmanship and materials, under normal use and conditions, for a period of one (1) year from the date of original purchase.

Should this product fail to function in a satisfactory manner, it is best to first return it to the store where it was originally purchased. Should this fail to resolve the matter and service still be required by reason of any defect or malfunction during the warranty period, SDI will repair or, at its discretion, replace this product without charge. This decision is subject to verification of the defect or malfunction upon delivery of this product to the Factory Service Center authorized by Customer Service.

If service is required, please call Customer Service at 1-800-288-2792 to obtain a Return Authorization Number and shipping instructions. A copy of the sales receipt is required to validate in-warranty coverage.

Disclaimer of Warranty

NOTE: This warranty is valid only if the product is used for the purpose for which it was designed. It does not cover (i) products which have been damaged by negligence or willful actions, misuse or accident, or which have been modified or repaired by unauthorized persons; (ii) cracked or broken cabinets, or units damaged by excessive heat; (iii) damage to digital media players, CD's or tape cassettes (if applicable); (iv) the cost of shipping this product to the Factory Service Center and its return to the owner.

This warranty is valid only in the United States of America and does not extend to owners of the product other than to the original purchaser. In no event will SDI or any of its affiliates, contractors, resellers, their officers, directors,

shareholders, members or agents be liable to you or any third party for any consequential or incidental damages, any lost profits, actual, exemplary or punitive damages. (Some states do not allow limitations on implied warranties or exclusion of consequential damages, so these restrictions may not apply to you.) This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may also have other rights which vary from state to state.

Your acknowledgment and agreement to fully and completely abide by the above mentioned disclaimer of warranty is contractually binding to you upon your transfer of currency (money order, cashier's check, or credit card) for purchase of your SDI product.