



BROOKLYN

PORTABLE BOOMBOX



USER MANUAL

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Thanks for purchasing the GPO Brooklyn Boombox. This iconic 1980s design combines classic styling with a range of modern functionality. Featuring built-in speakers and a range of playback modes, the Boombox will allow you to enjoy Radio, CD, USB and Bluetooth sound anywhere inside or outside your home! For that real authentic 80s feel, the Brooklyn Boombox also features cassette tape playback.

WHEN USING THE FM RADIO PLEASE FULLY EXTEND THE ANTENNA TO IMPROVE THE SIGNAL.

GETTING STARTED WITH YOUR GPO BROOKLYN

Remove the unit from the packaging and place on a flat, stable surface.



1 – UK/EU/USA



2 – UK



3 – UK EU/USA

Locate the 3 pieces of cable that make up the power lead. If you believe you are missing one of these pieces, please re-check the packaging, as they sometimes become lodged in the polystyrene.

Identify the piece that fits the mains sockets in your locality (2 or 3) and connect that to the transformer (1).

Confirm that the battery has already been installed by opening the battery compartment cover on the rear of the unit. If not, please see [Installing a Battery in Your Brooklyn](#) below.

As the battery is likely to have discharged during transport, you need to start with mains power, so plug the DC end into the rear of the Brooklyn, fix the plug into the mains socket and switch on at the wall. The LED indicator should be red, indicating that your battery is now charging:



UK



EU/USA

For regular use, we recommend charging overnight like this and using your Brooklyn on battery during the day.

USING THE LED INDICATOR

The LED indicator on the rear of your Brooklyn will tell you the charging status:

No Light	your Brooklyn is not plugged into the mains; it is running on battery power. Please note that when the display panel flashes, your battery charge is critically low
Red	your Brooklyn is plugged into the mains; a battery is installed and charging
Flashing Red/Blue	your Brooklyn is running on mains power; no battery is installed
Blue	your Brooklyn is plugged into the mains; a battery is installed and is fully charged. It is being held at full charge but not allowed to overcharge

INSTALLING A BATTERY IN YOUR BROOKLYN

Please follow the sequence to install a battery in your GPO Brooklyn:



1



2



3



4



5



6

To uninstall a battery, simply reverse the sequence.

CONTROL LOCATIONS



FRONT

1. LED Display
2. FM Radio Tuner Display
3. Info Button
4. Mode Select Knob
5. Output Level Switch
6. Playback Controls
 - Play/Pause
 - Previous
 - Rewind
 - Stop
 - Fast Forward
 - Next
 - Record
7. Search Knob (External Ring)
8. Search Knob (Central Control)
9. Menu Button
10. Mode Switch
11. Tape Counter
12. Balance Knob
13. Treble Knob
14. Cassette Slot
15. Volume Knob
16. Bass Knob
17. Power Button

18. Tape Playback Controls

- Record
- Play
- Rewind
- Fast Forward
- Stop/Eject
- Pause

19. Headphone Jack

20. Speakers

SIDE

- 21. Microphone Jacks
- 22. AUX IN Jacks
- 23. AUX OUT Jacks
- 24. LINE IN Jack
- 25. USB Slot

REAR

- 26. Battery Compartment –
NOTE, DO NOT OPEN
- 27. LED Charging Indicator
- 28. Power Jack

TOP

- 29. Handle
- 30. Aerials
- 31. CD Slot
- 32. CD Eject Button



CHARGING AND OPERATION

The GPO Brooklyn Boombox features an integrated rechargeable battery, which allows the unit to be used anywhere, providing you with music on the go.

Before turning on your Brooklyn Boombox for the first time, please ensure that the device is fully charged.

1. Remove the unit from the packaging and place on a flat, stable surface
2. Use the provided 240V power cable to plug the unit into the mains
3. While the unit is charging, the LED indicator on the rear of the unit will show a solid red
4. Once the LED indicator shows blue, the unit is fully charged

Once charged, the unit will wait in standby mode until switched on.

To switch on the unit, press the Power button on the front of the unit.

SETTING THE LED CLOCK

When the unit is on standby, a 24 hour LED clock will be displayed for 10 seconds if you press the menu button on the front of the unit.

The time can be set on the clock whilst the unit remains in standby mode:

1. Press and hold the central part of the Search Knob on the front of the unit for two seconds
2. The hour value on the clock will be highlighted
3. Change the hour by turning the central part of the Search Knob clockwise to move the hour forwards or anti-clockwise to move the hour backwards
4. Press search again to accept the hour and highlight the minute value
5. Change the minute by turning the Search Knob clockwise or anti-clockwise
6. Press the Search Knob a final time to confirm the time

VOLUME AND BALANCE

When rotating the volume control from 0-30, the LED display will notify you when you have reached MIN or MAX volume.

The balance control is set to balance 00 as standard. The control can be used to change the balance between the left and right speakers, with the change displayed on the LED display.

The treble and bass controls can be set between -7 and +7 to reach your desired level.

RADIO

The GPO Brooklyn Boombox offers FM radio play function.

FM

1. Turn the unit on using the Power Button
2. Turn the Function Knob on the front of the unit to Radio
3. Move the Radio Mode switch to the FM position
4. Extend the aerials on the top of the unit
5. The LED display will now show the word "tuner" and the Radio LED light will be illuminated
6. Use the external ring of the Search Knob to choose the correct FM band for your chosen station
7. When not in use, retract the aerials

1. Turn the unit on using the Power Button
2. Press Eject on the tape control panel to open the cassette tape slot
3. Insert a cassette tape into the cassette tape slot on the front of the unit
4. Close the slot
5. Turn the Function Knob to Tape
6. The Tape LED light will be illuminated and the timer clock will begin counting up from zero
7. This counter can be reset at any point using the reset button next to the timer clock
8. Use the play, tracking and stop buttons on the unit to play the cassette
9. The cassette auto stop will ensure the tape stops at the end of each side. At this point, eject the tape, remove it, turn it around and re-insert it
10. Press play again to resume playback
11. To remove the cassette, press Stop/Eject once to stop playback and a second time to eject the tape
12. While using any of the unit's other modes, you can press the record and play buttons together to record music to a blank cassette tape

1. Turn the unit on using the Power button
2. Turn the Function Knob to CD
3. The CD LED light will be illuminated
4. Insert a CD into the CD tray on top of the unit and close the tray
5. **PLEASE NOTE:** On the rear of your Brooklyn is a 4-digit batch number. If this is less than 2250, the label of the CD should face the REAR of the unit when inserted. If you experience a read error, eject the CD, turn it around and re-insert it. If it is 2250 or greater, the CD can be inserted with the label facing either way.
6. Use the play, tracking and stop buttons on the unit to play the CD
7. To skip to the next track, tap the Next button once
8. To move back to a previous track, press the Previous button once
9. To move forward through a track, press the FFWD button repeatedly – a long press will NOT move the track forward
10. To move backwards through a track, press the REW button repeatedly.
11. The LED display will show relevant track and playing time information
12. To stop playback, press the Stop button
13. To eject the CD, press the eject button to the right of the CD tray

USB

1. Turn the unit on using the Power button
2. Turn the Function Knob to USB
3. Insert a USB drive into the USB slot
4. The USB LED will be illuminated, and the LED display will show READ
5. Playback will begin automatically
6. Use the play, tracking and stop buttons on the unit to play tracks from the USB
7. To move forward or backwards through a track, press the FFWD or REW button once, and then press Play/Pause when you reach the correct location on the track
8. To stop playback, press the Stop button
9. The USB drive can then be safely removed

USB RECORDING

While using unit's CD or Cassette playback mode, you can press the record button to record music to a blank USB stick.

1. Press and hold the record button on the main control panel, NOT the record button on the tape control panel
2. The LED display will show READY
3. Press and hold the record button a second time to confirm recording of the song which is playing
4. The LED display will now display a track number and the number of seconds recorded
5. The music will be written to the USB, and can then be played from any USB-compatible device
6. To stop recording at any point, press Stop on the main control panel
7. The LED display will show "REC END"

BLUETOOTH

1. Turn the unit on using the Power Button
2. Turn the Function Knob to BT
3. The BT LED will be illuminated
4. Open your Bluetooth-enabled device and use the search function to find and pair with “GPO Brooklyn”
5. If prompted, enter the key 0000
6. When your device shows that the unit has been paired, use the controls on your device or the unit to choose and play tracks
7. While Bluetooth mode is enabled, the unit’s control panel will not affect playback
8. Once a device is paired with the GPO Brooklyn, the unit will NOT appear in Bluetooth search lists – to solve this issue, use the connected device to unpair the unit and try again

AUX

1. Turn the Function Knob to AUX
2. The AUX LED will be illuminated
3. Use the AUX-IN line on the rear of the unit to connect an external music source
4. The unit will then play back music from this source through the main speakers
5. Use the AUX-OUT line on the rear of the unit to connect external speakers
6. The unit will then play back music from your chosen mode through the external speakers
7. Use the unit’s controls to select tracks, and the external speakers’ volume controls to set the volume

MICROPHONE

1. Microphone mode is compatible with all playback modes
2. Simply insert a microphone into the MIC jack – sound from your microphone will now be broadcast through the integrated speakers
3. Press and hold the fast forward button to increase microphone volume
4. Press and hold the rewind button to decrease microphone volume

No Power to the Device

Make sure that the unit is fully charged and that the charging indicator is blue

If not, please charge the device using the supplied charging cable.

If your battery will not charge, contact GPO Retro directly for a replacement and instructions. DO NOT open the battery compartment without consulting us first

CD isn't Reading

If you have a CD read error, you may have inserted the CD the wrong way. Eject the CD and turn it so that the label side of the CD faces the rear of the unit.

I Can't Control the Music from the Unit

If you are using the Bluetooth function, playback must be controlled from your paired device. CD and USB playback can be controlled from the main panel above the cassette slot, and tape playback from the tape control panel below the tape slot.

I Can't Find the Unit Using Bluetooth

If a device is already paired to the unit and is within connection range, the unit may not appear in future Bluetooth scans. Try unpairing any other devices and try again.

Need Further Help?

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