

FM/AM  
2 BAND RADIO ICF-38

Operating Instructions

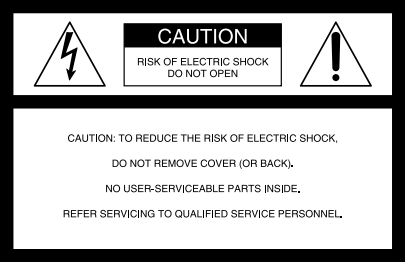
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WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this apparatus to rain or moisture.



- This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated “dangerous voltage” within the product’s enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.
- This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

\* The graphical symbols are on the bottom enclosure.

WARNING

You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

For your protection, please read these safety instructions completely before operating the appliance, and keep this manual for future reference. Carefully observe all warnings, precautions and instructions on the appliance and in the operating instructions, and adhere to them.

INSTALLATION

Water and Moisture

Do not use powerline operated appliances near water - for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, etc.

Heat

Do not place the appliance near or over a radiator or heat register, or where it is exposed to direct sunlight.

Ventilation

The slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for necessary ventilation. To ensure reliable operation of the appliance, and to protect it from overheating, these slots and openings must never be blocked or covered.

-Never cover the slots and openings with a cloth or other materials.

-Never block the slots and openings by placing the appliance on a bed, sofa, rug or other similar surface.

-Never place the appliance in a confined space, such as a bookcase, or built-in cabinet, unless proper ventilation is provided.

Accessories

Do not place the appliance on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The appliance may fall, causing serious injury to a child or an adult, and serious damage to the appliance. Use only a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by Sony.

-An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.

Wall or Ceiling Mounting

If your appliance can be mounted to a wall or ceiling, mount it only as recommended by Sony.

USE

Power Source

This appliance should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of electrical power supplied to your home, consult your dealer or local power company. For those appliances designed to operate from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.

Grounding or Polarization

This appliance is equipped with a polarized AC power cord plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other), or with a three-wire grounding type plug (a plug having a third pin for grounding). Follow the instructions below:

-For the appliance with a polarized AC power cord plug:

This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact your electrician to have a suitable outlet installed. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug by forcing it in.

-For the appliance with a three-wire grounding type AC plug:

This plug will only fit into a grounding-type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to have a suitable outlet installed. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding plug.

Overloading

Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords or convenience receptacles beyond their capacity, since this can result in fire or electric shock.

When not in use

Unplug the power cord of the appliance from the outlet when left unused for a long period of time. To disconnect the cord, pull it out by grasping the plug. Never pull the plug out by the cord.

Power-Cord Protection

Route the power cord so that it is not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to the plugs, receptacles, and the point where the cord exits from the appliance.

Lightning

For added protection for this appliance during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the appliance due to lightning and powerline surges.

Object and Liquid Entry

Never push objects of any kind into the appliance through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the appliance.

Cleaning

Unplug the appliance from the wall outlet before cleaning or polishing it. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a cloth lightly dampened with water for cleaning the exterior of the appliance. Clean the appliance only as recommended by Sony.

Attachments

Do not use attachments not recommended by Sony, as they may cause hazards.

ANTENNAS

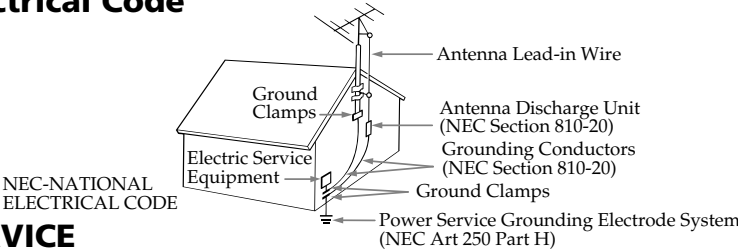
Outdoor Antenna Grounding

If an outdoor antenna or cable system is installed, follow the precautions below.

An outdoor antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can come in contact with such power lines or circuits. WHEN INSTALLING AN OUTDOOR ANTENNA SYSTEM, EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO KEEP FROM CONTACTING SUCH POWER LINES OR CIRCUITS AS CONTACT WITH THEM IS ALMOST INVARIABLY FATAL.

Be sure the antenna system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Section 810 of the National Electrical Code provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.

Antenna Grounding According to the National Electrical Code



SERVICE

Damage Requiring Service

Unplug the appliance from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:

-When the power cord or plug is damage or frayed.

-If liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the appliance.

-If the appliance has been exposed to rain or water.

-The appliance does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance.

-This indicates a need for service.

-If the appliance does not operate normally when following the operating instructions, adjust only those controls that are specified in the operating instructions. Improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the appliance to normal operation.

-If the appliance has been subject to excessive shock by being dropped, or the cabinet has been damaged.

Servicing

Do not attempt to service the appliance yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards.

Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

Replacement parts

When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by Sony that have the same characteristics as the original parts.

Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards.

Safety Check

Upon completion of any service or repairs to the appliance, ask the service technician to perform routine safety checks (as specified by Sony) to determine that the appliance is in safe operating condition.

Portable Audio

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Laredo, TX 78045

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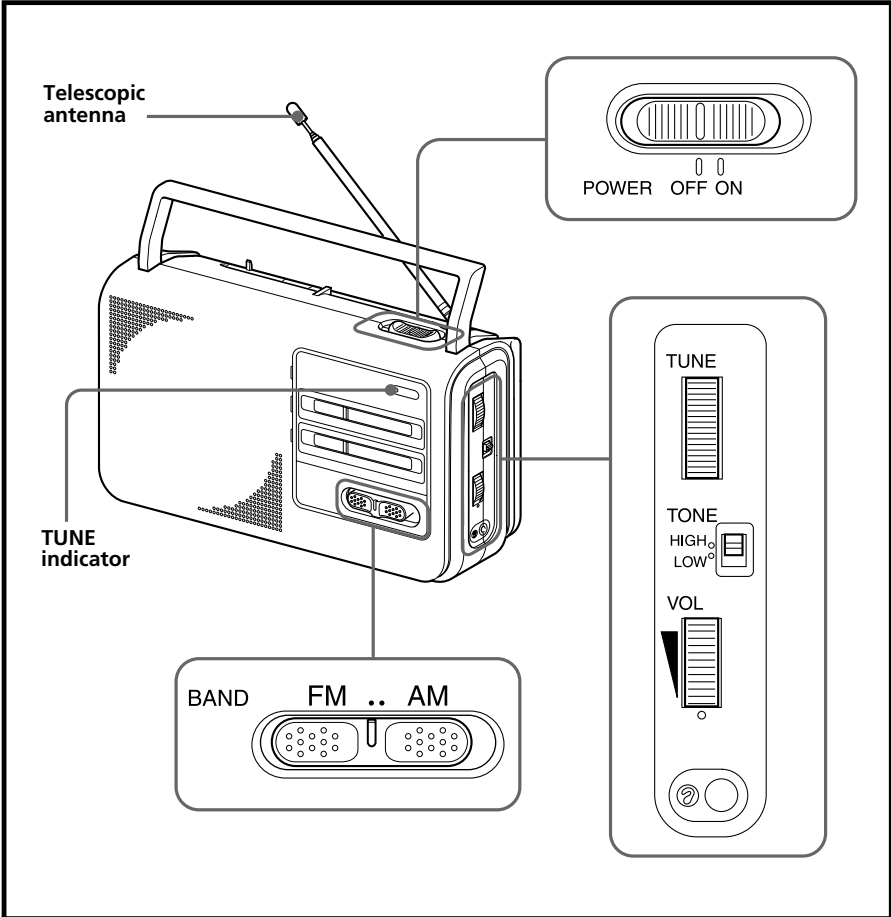
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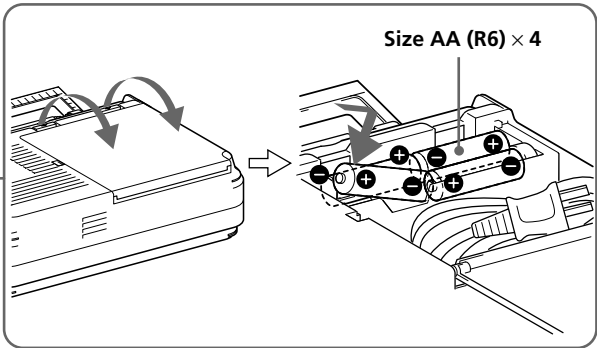
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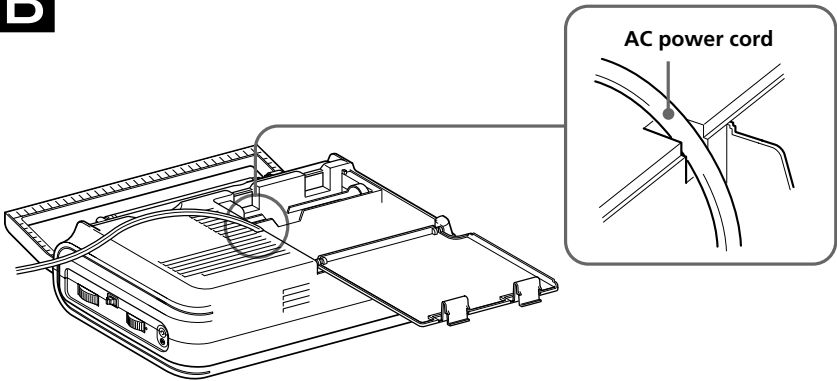
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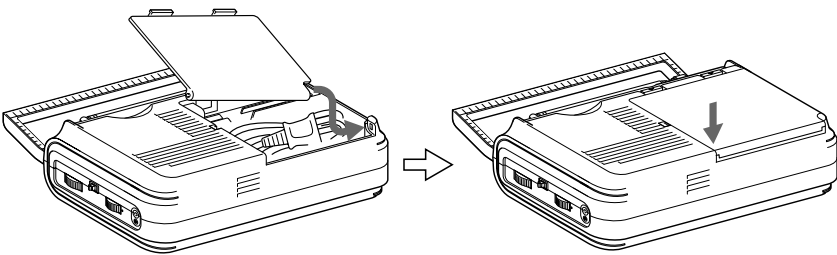
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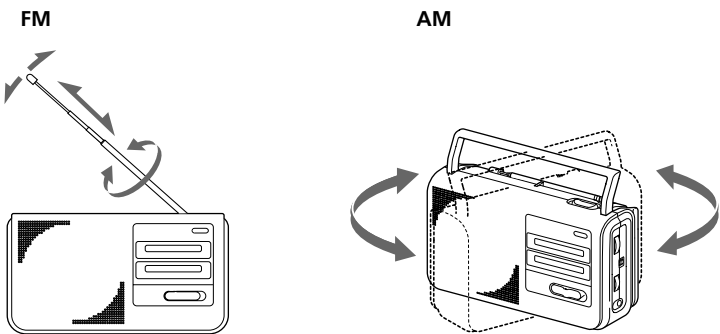
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D



## Before You Begin

Thank you for choosing the Sony 2 band radio! This unit will give you many hours of reliable service and listening pleasure. Before operating your unit, please read these instructions thoroughly and retain them for future reference.

## Features

- Good sound and high sensitivity
- Tuning indicator for easy tuning
- Tone control switch
- 2 Way Power AC/DC Operation

## Choosing Power Sources

You can use this unit with four size AA(R6) batteries or the house current. The AC power cord is in the battery compartment.

## Batteries (See Fig. A)

- 1 Open the lid of the battery compartment.
- 2 Insert four size AA(R6) batteries (not supplied) with correct polarity.
- 3 Close the lid.

| Battery life (Approx. hours)               | (JEITA*)                         |
|--|----------------------------------|
| Using Sony alkaline size AA(LR6) batteries | Using Sony size AA(R6) batteries |
| FM   | 74                               |
| AM   | 82                               |

\* Measured by JEITA (Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industries Association) standards. The actual battery life may vary depending on the circumstance of the unit.

### Replacing batteries

When the sound becomes weak or distorted, replace all the batteries with new ones.

### Notes on batteries

- Insert the batteries with correct polarity.
- Do not charge the dry batteries.
- Do not use different types of batteries at the same time.
- When you replace the batteries, replace all with new ones.
- When the unit is not being used for a long period of time, remove the batteries to avoid damage from battery leakage and corrosion.
- If a battery leakage occurs, wipe the battery compartment with a soft cloth before inserting new ones.

## House Current (See Fig. B)

- 1 Open the lid of the battery compartment and set the AC power cord into the groove properly.
- 2 Close the lid.
- 3 Plug into a wall outlet.

### To attach the battery compartment lid if it is accidentally detached (See Fig. C)

- 1 Put in one side of the lid as illustrated.
- 2 Push the other side to attach.

## Playing the Radio

- 1 Slide **POWER** to **ON** to turn on the radio.
- 2 Select **FM** or **AM**, and tune in to a station using **TUNE**.  
TUNE (tuning) indicator lights up when a station is tuned in.
- 3 Adjust the volume using **VOL**.
- 4 Adjust the tone to your preference using **TONE**.  
To obtain clear treble, set to “**HIGH**”.  
To reinforce bass, set to “**LOW**”.

- To turn off the radio, set **POWER** to **OFF**.
- To listen with an earphone (not supplied) connect the earphone to the Ⓢ (earphone) jack. The speaker is deactivated when an earphone is connected.

### To improve Receiving condition (See Fig. D)

FM: Extend the telescopic antenna and adjust the length and angle for the best reception.

### Note

Adjust the direction of the antenna, holding the bottom of it. The antenna can be damaged when you move the antenna with excessive force.



AM: Rotate the unit horizontally for optimum reception. A ferrite bar antenna is built into the unit.

## Precautions

- Operate the unit only on 6 V DC or 120 V AC, 60 Hz. For battery operation, use four size AA (R6) batteries. For AC operation, use the equipped AC power cord.
- To disconnect the power cord, pull it out by the plug, not the cord.
- The unit is not disconnected from the AC power source (mains) as long as it is connected to the wall outlet, even if the unit itself has been turned off.
- The nameplate indicating operating voltage, etc. is located on the rear exterior.
- Do not leave the unit in a location near heat sources, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, or mechanical shock.
- Should any solid object or liquid fall into the unit, disconnect the AC power cord or remove the batteries, and have the unit checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.
- In vehicles or in buildings, radio reception may be difficult or noisy. Try listening near a window.
- Since a strong magnet is used for the speaker, keep personal credit cards using magnetic coding or spring-wound watches away from the unit.
- When the casing becomes soiled, clean it with a soft cloth dampened with mild detergent solution. Never use abrasive cleansers or chemical solvents, as they may mar the casing.

If you have any questions or problems concerning your unit, please consult your nearest Sony dealer.

## Specifications

### Frequency range

FM: 87.5–108 MHz

AM: 530–1 710 kHz

### Speaker

Approx. 9.2 cm (3 5/8 in.) dia., 4 Ω

### Power output

400 mW (at 10 % harmonic distortion)

### Output

Ⓢ (earphone) jack (ø 3.5 mm minijack)

### Power requirements

120 V AC, 60 Hz with the equipped AC power cord

6 V DC with four size AA(R6) batteries

### Dimensions

Approx. 234 × 133 × 68.5 mm (w/h/d)  
(9 7/32 × 5 1/4 × 2 23/32 in.) incl. projecting parts with the carrying handle pushed in.

### Mass

Approx. 848 g (29.9 oz.)

Design and specifications are subject to change without notice.