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Your decision to own this McIntosh RS100 Wireless Loudspeaker System ranks you at the very top among discriminating music listeners. You now have "The Best." The McIntosh dedication to "Quality," is assurance that you will receive many years of musical enjoyment from this unit.

Please take a short time to read this information. We want you to be as familiar as possible with all the features and functions of your new McIntosh.

Please Take A Moment

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Purchase Date:

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General Information

- 1. For additional connection information, refer to the owner's manual(s) for any component(s) connected to the RS100 Wireless Loudspeaker System.
- 2. For the RS100 to receive streaming audio signals from a mobile device, a wireless router with Wi-Fi capabilities is required, in order to facilitate communications between the RS100 and the mobile device.
- 3. When connecting the RS100 to a wired Home Computer Network (of which includes a wireless router) a USB (2.0) to Ethernet (RJ45) Adapter such as a Monoprice (109466) is required.
- 4. The RS100 is designed to be
- compatible with the majority of Powered Subwoofers. However, do to a wide range of Powered Subwoofer Designs, it is important the input sensitivity of the Subwoofer be at least 0.2 Volts. This will assure music recordings are reproduced with adequate dynamic range. Check with your McIntosh Dealer for additional information.

- 5. The RS100 performance is dependent upon the speed and operational range of the Wireless Router used.
- 6. When the RS100 is connected to a wired Home Computer Network with a Wireless Router, the speed should be 1 Gigabit or faster.
- 7. The Play-Fi App for Streaming Music and Remote Control Operation of the RS100 is available at Web Sites for download free of charge:
 - For Apple Powered Mobile Devices: https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/play-fi/id779245456? mt=8
 - For Android Powered Mobile Devices: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com. phorus.playfi&hl
- 8. When discarding the unit, comply with local rules or regulations.
- 9. Periodically, check the McIntosh Web Site at www.mcintoshlabs.com for the latest information on the RS100 and other McIntosh Products.
- 10. Additional FCC INFORMATION(For US and Canada Customers). This Product Contains FCC ID:2AAWQ-CAPRICA2L, IC 11138A - Caprical 2L.
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- ⁴ If there is difficulty in establishing communications between the network Router, RS100 and/or the
- Mobile Device, temporarily switch Off other Wi-Fi devices connected to the same Router. ⁵ The performance capability of the network wireless router can effect whether the RS100 connects
- to your mobile device and the quality of the music streamed. For additional information on wireless
- routers refer to https://play-fi.com/faq/entry/recommended-routers-and-network-specifications.

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STEP 8

ESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE MOBILE DEVICE, SETTING UP THE PLAY-FI APP FOR A STEREO PAIR

While a single RS100 may be used in a room for a Monaural Sound Stage, most RS100s will be used in pairs to produce a Stereo Sound Stage.

When RS100s are going to be used as a Stereo Pair in a room, some additional setup procedures are required.

After Step 7 (number 3 thru 16) has been completed and music is streaming from your mobile device to the single RS100, then perform the following additional steps:

- 1. Stop the stream of music and return to the Mobile Device Main Icon Screen.
- 2. Then switch Power Off to the working RS100.
- 3. Switch Power On to the second RS100 and perform Step 6 (number 3 thru 16) for this **RS100**.
- 4. After music is playing from the second RS100, stop music playback and return to the Mobile Device Main Icon Screen, refer to number 16.
- 5. Switch power back On to the first RS100 (switched Off in step 1).
- 6. Perform Step 8 (number 17 thru 28) to setup the pair of **RS100s as Left and Right** Channels.





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¹ Refer to the page 1, note 3 for additional information.

² The term "Your Network" is used to refer to name of the wired Network (with Wireless Router) connected to the RS100 or just a Network Wireless Router used with the RS100.

³ It is advisable, during the initial communications setup, to physically locate the RS100 and the Wireless Router in close proximity to one another.

⁴ If there is difficulty in establishing communications between the network Router, RS100 and/or the Mobile Device, temporarily switch Off other Wi-Fi devices connected to the same Router. ⁵ The performance capability of the network wireless router can effect whether the RS100 connects to your mobile device and the quality of the music streamed. For additional information on wireless routers refer to https://play-fi.com/faq/entry/recommended-routers-and-network-specifications.

Wireless Network Router

NOTE: If your Android Powered Mobile Device is currently Wi-Fi Connected to your Wireless Router, proceed to STEP 11.

SELECT YOUR ROUTER



WIRELESS NETWORK Wi-Fi ROUTER



Wireless Network Router





STEP 12

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When RS100s are going to be used as a Stereo Pair in a room, some additional setup procedures are required.

After Step 11 (number 3 thru 9) has been completed and music is streaming from your mobile device to the single RS100, then perform the following additional steps:

- 1. Stop the stream of music and return to the Mobile Device Main Icon Screen.
- 2. Then switch Power Off to the working RS100.
- 3. Switch Power On to the second RS100 and perform Step 11 (number 3 thru 9) for this RS100.
- 4. After music is playing from the second RS100, stop music playback and return to the Mobile Device Main Icon Screen, refer to number 9.
- 5. Switch power back On to the first RS100 (switched Off in step 1).
- 6. Perform Step 12 (number 10 thru 18) to setup the pair of RS100s as Left and Right Channels.



Introduction

Now you can take advantage of traditional McIntosh standards of excellence in the RS100 Wireless Loudspeaker System.

The RS100 provides superior spaciousness sound reproduction with unusual sound stage depth. The McIntosh Sound is "The Sound of the Music Itself."

Performance Features

• Play-Fi[®]

Listen to music from wireless mobile devices.

• Streaming Radio

The RS100 allows for listening to Internet Radio Stations and local AM/FM Stations (via the Internet) when connected to a mobile device using the Play-Fi App.

Auxiliary Input

The RS100 Aux Input accommodates a wide range of analog audio components. The Amplifier uses noiseless and reliable Electronic Input Switching and is designed to drive the built-in McIntosh Loudspeakers to a high level of performance.

• Built-in Networking Capability

The RS100 has the ability to connect to an existing network for connecting to other devices such as NAS Storage Devices.

• Subwoofer Output

The RS100 Sub Output accommodates a wide range of available Powered Subwoofer Loudspeakers.

• Integrated Loudspeaker Design

The RS100 Integrated Loudspeaker Design incorporates a Woofer and Midrange/Tweeter, a DSP Electronic Crossover with active Equalization, dual Power Amplifiers and achieves a high level of sonic performance.

• Illuminated Output Level Meter

The Illuminated Peak Responding Output Level Meter on the RS100 is calibrated in Decibels and responds to 95% of a full scale reading to a single cycle tone burst signal.

• Solid State Front Panel Illumination

The illuminated Front Panel is accomplished by extra long life Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs).

Dimensions

The following dimensions can assist in determining the best location for your RS100. There is additional information below pertaining to installing the RS100 into cabinets.



Installation

The RS100 is designed to be placed upright on a table or shelf. For proper Low Frequency performance do not block the Acoustic Opening located on the RS100 Rear Panel. Do not install the RS100 directly above a heat generating device. Allow at

least 2 inches (5.1cm) above the top, 1 inch (2.5cm) on both sides and at least 3 inches (7.6cm) behind the Rear Panel so that airflow is not obstructed and proper Low Frequency performance is achieved.



Rear Panel Connections



USB Connector for connection to a wired network via an adapter¹ and for service use

¹for additional information refer to page 2 "General Information", number 3



AC Power Cord to a live AC outlet

Connecting to External Components

The RS100 connection instructions below, together with the Connection Diagram below (single channel) is an example of connecting optional external components. Your external components may vary from this, however the actual components would be connected in a similar manner.

Analog Audio Connections:

- 1. Connect a cable(s) from the RS100 AUX INput to the external SACD/CD Transport unbalanced audio output jack.
 - *Note: For Stereo Operation between the* RS100s (Left and Right Channels) and the SACD/CD Transport two jacks are required.
- 2. Connect a cable(s) from the RS100 SUBwoofer OUT to the external Powered Subwoofer input jacks (Left and Right Channels).

Note: If the Powered Subwoofer has only one input jack, use a "Y" Adapter to connect the outputs from both RS100's to the single input jack.

3. Connect the supplied AC Power Cord between the AC Socket on the Rear Panel of the RS100 to a live AC outlet (that is always On).



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Green	Play-Fi Input (Network Connection)
Blue	Aux Input (Rear Panel Connection)

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How to Operate the RS100

Your McIntosh RS100 is factory configured for immediate enjoyment of superb audio from a Mobile Device via Play-Fi or an external Audio Component Source connected to the AUX Input.

If you wish to make a Play-Fi Wireless Connection between the Mobile Device and the RS100, please refer to "RS100 Quick Start" starting on page 2 (step 4) for additional information.

Power On/Off

Momentarily press the STANDBY/ON - INPUT Control on the RS100 Front Panel to switch it On. To switch Off the RS100 Press and release the STANDBY/ON - INPUT Control on the Front Panel.

Power Mode

The RS100 incorporates an Auto Off Feature, which automatically places it into one of three Power Saving Modes. This occurs approximately 30 minutes after there has been an absence of audible audio signals on the selected input. To change between the three different modes perform the following:

Press and hold in simultaneously the STAND-BY/ON - INPUT Control and the VOLUME Control until the LED located below STANDBY ON - INPUT Control flashes twice.

Note: The color of the LED when it flashes indicates which of the three Power Saving Mode the RS100 is now set to.

Power	Mode Standby/On Momentary Indication
Red	Power Save Mode Off
Green	Power Save Mode On (Network connection dropped)
Yellow	Power Save Mode On (Network connection maintained)

Source Selection

Select Play-Fi Input by pressing the Play-Fi Screen Icon located on the Mobile Device used to establish Network Connection with the RS100. Refer to "RS100 Quick Start" starting on page 2 (step 4) for additional information.

Select the AUX Input Source by rotating the STANDBY/ON - INPUT Control. The LED below the Control will change from green to blue in color to indicate the AUX Input Source has been selected.

Note: The Mobile Device will pause the current track

playing when switching to AUX Input Source on the RS100.

Volume Level

To increase the Volume Level, rotate the Front Panel VOLUME Control clockwise. To lower the Volume Level, rotate the Front Panel VOLUME Control counterclockwise. When the maximum or minimum volume level is reached the word "VOL-UME" will flash rapidly.

- Notes: 1. When the RS100 is in Play-Fi Mode, and the Front Panel Volume Control Setting is changed, the Mobile Device Volume Adjustment Indicator will also indicate the change.
 - 2. When using a pair of RS100s in the Stereo Mode of Operation, the Front Panel VOL-UME Controls on the RS100 may be used to alter the channel balance between the Left and Right Channels. When the RS100s are switched Off and back On, the previous Channel Balance adjustment made is returned to the normal setting.

Mute

To mute the volume level, momentarily press in on the Front Panel VOLUME Control. During the time the sound is muted the Front Panel word "VOLUME" will flash slowly. To un-mute and return to the previous volume level, momentarily press in on the Front Panel VOLUME Control. When the Play-Fi Input is selected on the RS100, the Mobile Device can also Mute and Un-Mute the sound.

Note: When the RS100 is in Play-Fi Mode and the Mute Function is engaged using the Front Panel VOLUME Control. the Mobile *Device Mute indication will also indicate* the change.

Meter Illumination

If desired, the illumination of the OUTPUT LEV-EL Meter may be switched Off by performing the following steps:

- 1. Momentarily press the STANDBY/ON IN-PUT Control and VOLUME Control at the same time and the Meter Illumination will switch Off.
- 2. To switch On the Meter Illumination repeat step 1.

Play-Fi

For Mobile Device specific information (Apple or Android) go to the Play-Fi web site at https://playfi.com/

- Notes: 1. If you have questions about the Play-Fi App and its Operation refer to the Play-Fi "Knowledge Base" for additional information.
 - 2. Some of the Internet Music Streaming Services (available via the Play-Fi App) offer the listener the ability to alter the sound quality of music being streamed. Refer to each of the Music Streaming Service's Internet Web Site for additional information on how to make changes to their default settings, if available.

Critical Listening Mode

The Play-Fi App supports the native sound resolution formats of the music played. When the sound format is high resolution, the sound is normally down-sampled to insure proper Wi-Fi Streaming Capability with the most common wireless network hardware. In the Play-Fi App there is a Critical Listening Mode which keeps the original sound resolution up to 96kHz/24Bit. This requires the RS100 and Mobile Device be connected by high performance network equipment. To activate the Critical Listening Mode perform the following steps using the Play-Fi App:

1. Select the "Hi RES Audio" Icon. Refer to figure 1.

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3. Select "Music". Refer to figure 3. Note: When a recording is in a sound format not supported by the Critical Listening Mode, a message will appear stating "This file is encoded in an unsupported sample rate and cannot be played". Refer to figure 4.





Figure 4 4. The music selection that has the unsupported sample rate may be listened to by switching Off the Critical Listening Mode. Switch Off the Critical Listening Mode by first selecting the "X". Refer to figure 5. Then select "OK" in the "Are you sure? Closing will stop playback" window.



5. Then select the RS100 (Living Room) followed by selecting "Music". Refer to figures 6 and 7.



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3 Cold Cold Heart

Figure 8 Reset of Microprocessors

- In the unlikely event the controls of the RS100 stop functioning, the internal microprocessors can be reset by performing the following:
- 1. Disconnect the AC Power Cord from the Rear Panel of the RS100, wait two minutes and then reconnect AC Power Cord to the Rear Panel of the RS100.
- 2. Momentarily press the STANDBY/ON IN-PUT Control switching back On the RS100 and then resume listening.

Resetting to Factory Default Settings

If it becomes desirable to reset all of the RS100 settings to the factory default values, perform the following steps:

- <u>*Warning*</u>: After the RS100 is returned to Factory
- Default Settings, it will become necessary to re-establish communications between the RS100 and the Mobile Device via the Network Communications. Refer to "RS100 Quick Start" starting on page 2 (step 4) for additional information.
- 1. With the RS100 On, press and hold in simultaneously the STANDBY/ON - INPUT Control and VOLUME Control. Approximately 14 seconds later the meter illumination will flash once followed by an audible beep sound. Then release both controls.
- 2. Disconnect the AC Power Cord from the Rear Panel of the RS100, wait one minute and then reconnect the AC Power Cord to the Rear Panel of the RS100.
- 3. Proceed to "Quick Start" STEP 6, on page 3 of this Operation Guide.

Audio Specifications

Aux Iput Sensitivity 200mV

Aux Input Impedance 10,000 ohms

Subwoofer Output Filter 2,000Hz Low Pass

Subwoofer Output Impedance 200 ohms

Loudspeaker Specifications

System Driver Complement One 4 inch Woofer/Midrange (with acoustic port) One 3/4 inch Dome Tweeter

Frequency Response 55Hz - 20kHz

Crossover Frequency 2,000Hz

Enclosure Finish High Gloss Black

Grille Finish Black Knit Cloth

Grille Attachment Magnetic

USB Connector

Type A connector with Host Mode. Used for firmware Updates and Network Connection using a special adapter (see page 2, note 3 for additional information)

Wi-Fi Connectivity

IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n ; Wi-Fi (Dual Band).WPS

General Specifications

Power Requirements 100-240 Volts, 50/60Hz at 60 Watts Standby: Less than 0.5 watt

Overall Dimensions

Width is 8.2 inches (20.8cm) Height is 13 inches (33.1cm) Depth is 10 inches (25.4cm) including the Front Panel and connection cables.

Weight

14.5 pounds (6.6Kg) net, 17 pounds (7.7Kg) in shipping carton

Shipping Carton Dimensions

Width is 11.25 inches (28.6cm) Height is 18.25 inches (46.3cm) Depth is 11 inches (27.9cm)

Packing Instructions

In the event it is necessary to repack the equipment for shipment, the equipment must be packed exactly as shown below. <u>Failure to do this will result in</u> <u>shipping damage</u>.

Use the original shipping carton and interior parts only if they are all in good serviceable condition. If a shipping carton or any of the interior part(s) are needed, please call or write Customer Service Department of McIntosh Laboratory. Refer to page 2. Please see the Part List for the correct part numbers.

<u>Quantity</u>	Part Number	Description
1	310573SP	Shipping carton only
1	310569SP	Left side foam pad
1	310572SP	Right side foam pad
1	310570SP	Nonwoven bag
1	310571SP	Plastic bag
1	310568SP	Accessory box



