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Important safety instructions

- Read these instructions.
- Keep these instructions.
- Heed all warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- Do not use this apparatus near water.
- Clean only with dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- (North America) Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade, or the third prong are provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and at the point they exit from the apparatus.
- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer; or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- Unplug the apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug is damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen in to the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- Do not expose the product to dripping or splashing.
- Do not place any object filled with liquid, such as a vase, on the product.
- Do not place naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, on the product.



To avoid interference

Do not position the product:

- Near strong magnetic radiation, such as near a power amplifier.
- Near to a television, or where connecting cables may be subject to or cause interference.

WARNING: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN OR MOISTURE

This apparatus has been designed with Class I construction and must be connected to a mains socket outlet with a protective earthing connection (the third grounding pin).

This apparatus has no on/off switch. To disconnect this apparatus from power, you must disconnect the power cord. Make sure the power cord is always easily accessible.

To avoid overheating

- Leave at least 10cm around the equipment to ensure sufficient ventilation.

Do not position the product:

- In direct sunlight.
- Near heat sources, such as a radiator.
- Directly on top of heat producing equipment, such as a power amplifier.
- On a soft surface, such as a carpet, which would obstruct the ventilation holes in the base.

The product normally runs warm to the touch.

FCC Information (USA Only)

CAUTION:

Changes or modifications not approved by Meridian could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

FCC Warning

This equipment generates and can radiate radio frequency energy and if not installed and used correctly in accordance with our instructions may cause interference to radio communications or radio and television reception. It has been type-tested and complies with the limits set out in Subpart J, Part 15 of FCC rules for a Class B computing device. These limits are intended to provide reasonable protection against such interference in home installations. 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 encourage 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.
- 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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Getting started

Welcome to the Meridian F80!

Your F80 is a combined CD and DVD player, FM/DAB receiver, and sound system in a single convenient unit.

This chapter explains how to set up your F80 in six simple steps.

Welcome

1 Unpack the F80

Your F80 is supplied with the following components:

- Power cord.
- Rod antenna.
- DAB-optimised coil antenna.
- Wire antenna.
- F80 remote control.
- This User Guide.

If any of these items are missing please contact your supplier:

We recommend you retain the packaging in case you need to transport the unit at a later date.

2 Position the F80

Although you can position your F80 almost anywhere convenient, for best results bear the following considerations in mind:

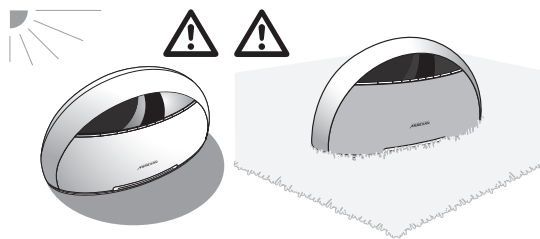
Avoid wet locations

The F80 is an electrical appliance, and so should not be positioned in a location where it may get splashed or wet, such as in a bathroom or on a kitchen sideboard.



Avoid direct sunlight or carpets

The F80 includes a powerful amplifier, which needs adequate ventilation. Avoid positioning the F80 in direct sunlight, such as in a window, or on a pile carpet.



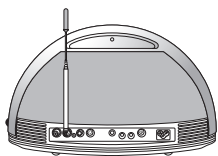
If the F80 overheats, protection circuits switch it off until it has cooled down.

3 Connect an antenna

The F80 includes an internal antenna, and in areas of strong reception this will be sufficient to receive a good signal on the DAB and FM wavebands.

If you do not achieve good results with the internal antenna, you may use one of the external antennas supplied, or connect another suitable external (eg cable or outdoor) antenna, as follows:

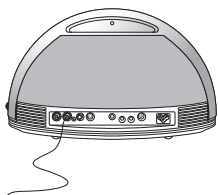
Telescopic rod antenna



The telescopic antenna provides very good reception for FM, AM, and DAB.

- Attach the rod antenna to the socket marked Ant. 1.
- Extend it to its full extent.

Wire antenna



If you prefer not to have the antenna visible, the wire antenna can be draped behind furniture, or run up a wall. The wire antenna provides very good reception for FM, AM, and DAB, but experiment

with the lay of the wire to get the best signal strength.

- Attach the wire antenna to the socket marked Ant. 1

DAB-optimised coil antenna

A UK DAB-optimised coil antenna may be included.

- Attach the antenna to the socket marked Ant. 1.

Cable or external antenna

In difficult reception areas (eg some high-rise or shielded buildings) it may be necessary or preferable to connect an external antenna, or a radio feed provided by a Cable supplier or in the building infrastructure.

- Attach the antenna cable to the socket marked Ant. 1.

Change the antenna setting

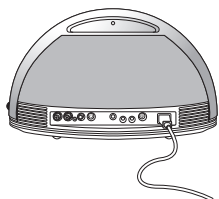
If you have fitted an external antenna, you need to change the antenna setting for the band you want to use; see *To set up the antennas*, page 34.

Note: In some circumstances you may want to use more than one external antenna to get the best reception on two or three bands. Meridian provides an FAQ on this subject on their website:

www.meridian-audio.com/data/f80_ant_faq.htm

4 Connect power

- Plug one end of the power cord supplied with the F80 into the power connector on the back panel.



- Connect the other end to a wall socket.

5 Listen to the radio

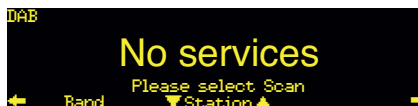
- Press the Home key, marked .

The Home menu will be displayed:



- Press the key labelled **Radio**.

When you first select the DAB band you will be prompted to scan for stations:



- Press  followed by **Scan** to scan for stations.

The radio will then tune to the first station found.

- Press  followed by **Station**  or  to select a station:



- Adjust the volume by turning the knob to the right of the F80, or mute the sound by pressing the knob.

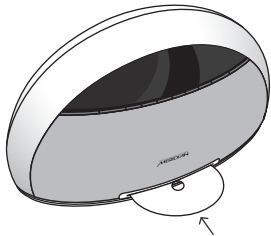
6 Play a CD

- Press the Home key, marked .

The Home menu will be displayed:



- Press the key labelled **Disc**.
- Insert a CD in the slot, label uppermost, and gently push it into the slot until it is drawn into the drive:



The CD will start playing automatically.

- Adjust the volume by turning the knob to the right of the F80, or mute the sound by pressing the knob.

What next?

For more information about playing audio CDs and DVDs see *Playing discs*, page 15.

For more information about using the Radio see *Listening to the radio*, page 23

For information about setting up your F80 the way you want it see *Setting up*, page 31.

Using the F80

This chapter gives general information about operating your F80, using the front panel keys or remote control.



Operating the F80 from the front panel

You operate your F80 using the keys below the display. These change function depending on what you're doing, as shown by the labels on the bottom line of the display.



Displaying the Home keys

Whatever you're doing, you can always display the Home keys.

- Press .

The Home keys are available even when the F80 is in standby.

Selecting the radio

To select the radio

- Press **Radio**.

For more information about using the Radio see *Listening to the radio*, page 23

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Aux Adjust

Selecting the disc player

To select the disc player

- Press **Disc**.

For more information about playing audio CDs and DVDs see *Playing discs*, page 15.

Selecting external inputs

To select an external input

- Press **Aux**.

You can then select one of the external inputs: **Aux 1**, **Aux 2**, **Aux 3**, or **Optical**.

Adjusting settings


To adjust the F80 settings

- Press **Adjust**.

For more information see *Setting up*, page 31.

Displaying the time

To display the time

- Press the  key when the F80 is in standby to display the time, or time and date.

For information about setting the clock see *Adjusting the clock*, page 32.

General functions

Changing the volume and muting the sound

You can adjust the volume between 0dB and 99dB in precise steps of 1dB, where 9dB is equivalent to doubling the loudness.

To change the volume

- Turn the volume knob to the right of the F80.

The display shows the current source and volume setting:



To mute the sound

- Press the volume knob.

The display shows Mute:



To unmute the sound

- Press the volume knob again.

Alternatively the sound is unmuted if you increase the volume.

Setting the alarm

The F80 includes an accurate alarm clock, which you can use to wake you up in the morning or remind you of an appointment with a tone, or the last radio station you were listening to.



Before using the alarm you should set the clock to the correct time; see *Adjusting the clock*, page 32.

To set the alarm


- Press , **Adjust, Clock, Alarm** to display the **ALARM** menu.
- Press **Alarm** to turn the alarm **On**.

The **Alarm** display allows you to set the alarm time:



- Press  or  to set the hours (24-hour clock).
- Press **Next**.

In a similar way you can adjust the minutes, choose the source from **Radio** or **Tone**, and set the volume.

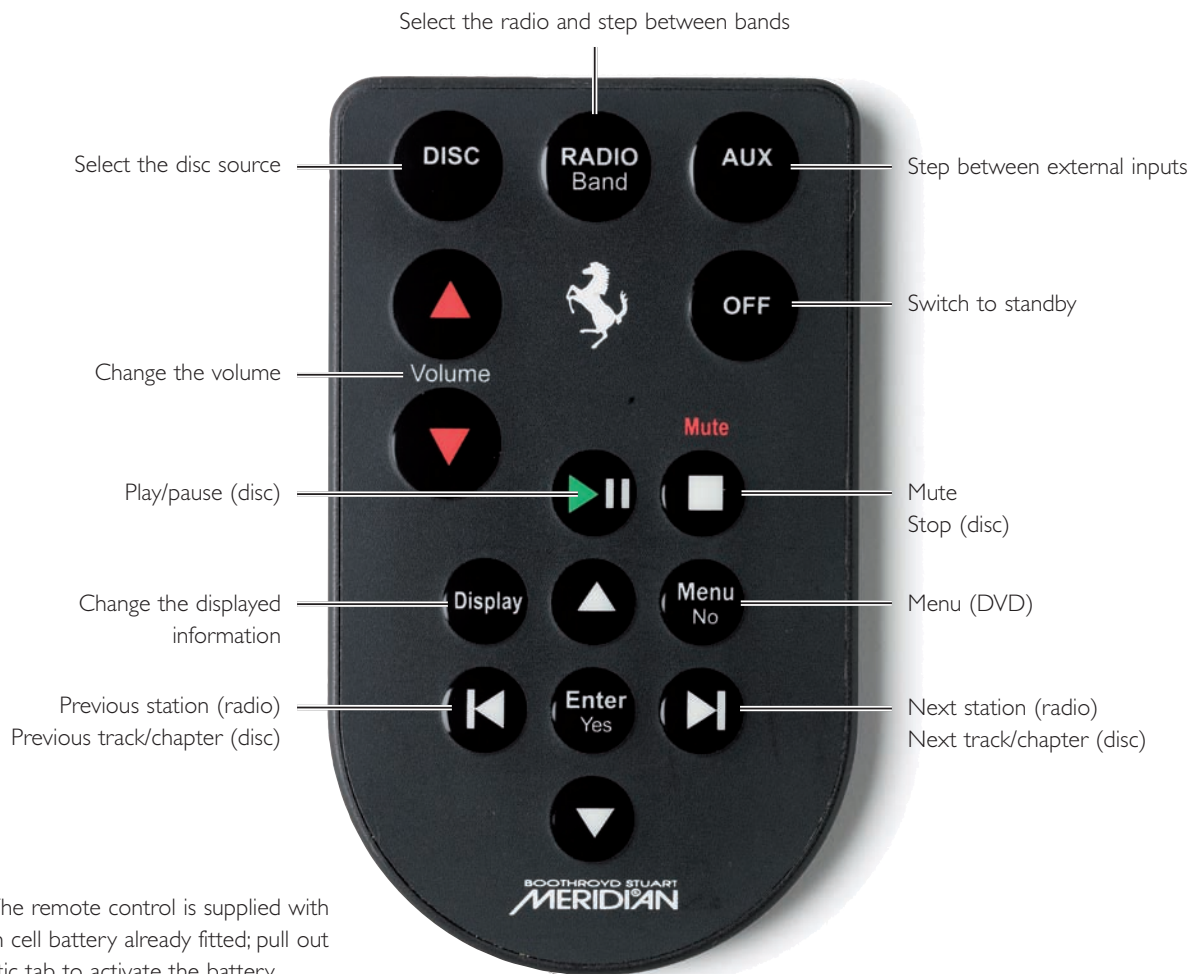
- At any stage press  to return to the **CLOCK** menu with the settings you have chosen.

To unset the alarm

- Press , **Adjust, Clock, Alarm** to display the **ALARM** menu.
- Press **Alarm** to turn the alarm **Off**.

Operating the F80 with the remote control

You can operate the most important functions of the F80 with the remote control.



Note: The remote control is supplied with a button cell battery already fitted; pull out the plastic tab to activate the battery.

Connecting to the F80

This section shows how to connect external devices to your F80.

Connecting an antenna

- Connect up to two external antennas for the radio to Antenna 1 or Antenna 2.

For more information see *Connect an antenna*, page 3.

Connecting to a television or video display

- Connect the Video connector to a display with a composite video input, such as a television.
- Connect the S-Video output to a display with an S-Video input, such as a television or monitor.

Second external antenna

External rod or wire antenna

Display with composite video input

Display with S-Video input

External analogue source

Antenna 2

Antenna 1

Video

S-Video

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Aux 1

Connecting headphones or the optical output

To connect headphones

- Plug headphones (equipped with a 3.5mm mini jack plug) into the Optical Out/Headphones socket.

To connect to the digital output

- Connect the Optical Out/Headphones socket to an optical input on a digital recorder or digital surround processor, using a mini optical cable.

Connecting external sources

To connect an analogue source

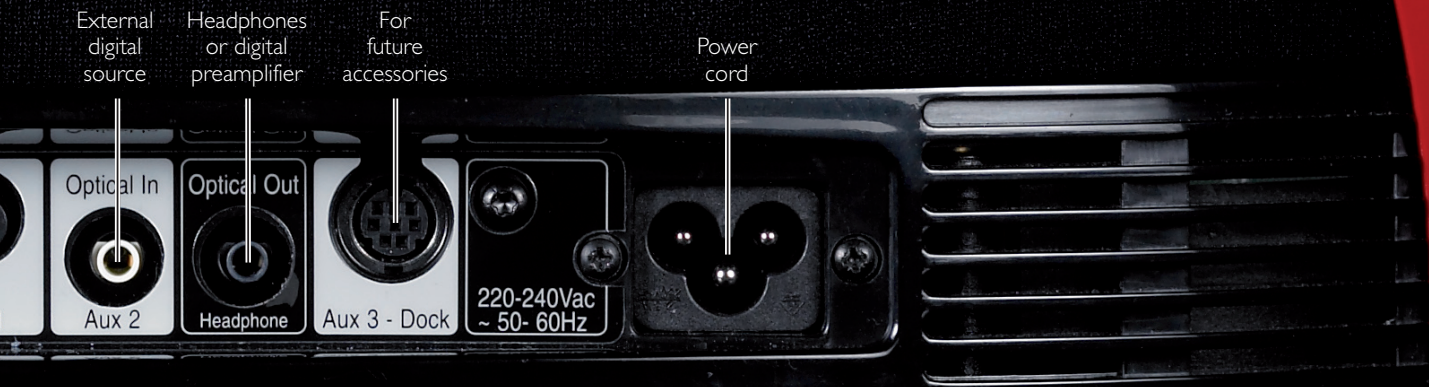
- Connect the Aux 1 input to the line output of an audio source, such as a music player, using a mini stereo jack plug.

To connect a digital source

- Connect the Aux 2 input to the optical output of a digital source, such as a digital music player, using a mini optical cable.

To connect an MP3/WMA player

- Connect the Aux 1 or Aux 2 input to an MP3/WMA player, using a suitable cable.



Playing discs

This chapter explains how to play discs, including audio CDs, DVDs, and CD-ROMs containing MP3/WMA files.

When you insert a disc it will start playing immediately.



Playing discs

To see the disc options press  followed by **Disc**.




Playing a disc

To insert a disc

- Insert the disc, label uppermost, into the drive, under the standby light.

The top left of the display shows the type of disc: CD (audio CD), DVD, or MP3/WMA, followed by the bit rate (44.1k or 48k).



To play the disc

- Press .

Some discs start playing immediately when you insert them.



As the disc is playing the display shows the track number (CDs) or chapter number (DVDs) and the elapsed time of the current track (CDs) or whole disc (DVDs).

Pause and stop

When a disc is playing the  label changes to .


To pause the disc

- Press .

The  label changes to .



To resume after pause

- Press .

To stop the disc

- Press .

To resume after stop

- Press .

The disc will resume playing from the position at which you stopped.

To clear the resume memory

- Press  twice.

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Stepping between tracks

To step to the start of the next track

While the disc is playing:

- Press .



To step to the start of the current track

While the disc is playing:

- Press .

To select a track


While the disc is playing:

- Press  or  until the display shows the track number you want to play.

With DVDs these keys step between chapters.

Ejecting the disc


To eject the disc

- Press the  key.

You can also eject a disc when another source, such as Radio, is selected.

Playing discs (continued)


The second row of disc functions allow you to repeat a disc, and scan through a disc.

To see the second row of disc options press .



Reverting to normal play

To revert to normal play after scanning

- Press .

Play resumes from the point you reached.

Repeating a disc

To repeat the current track

- Press **Repeat**.

The display shows the Repeat Track symbol:



To repeat the disc

- Press **Repeat** again.

The display shows the Repeat All symbol:



To cancel repeat

- Press **Repeat** until the repeat indicator disappears.



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Scanning through a disc


To scan at faster than normal speed

- Press  for reverse or  for forward.

Each time you press the key the speed steps between 2X, 4X, 8X, 16X, and 32X, as shown at top right of the display.

The display shows  or  followed by the track time:




- Press  to revert to normal play.

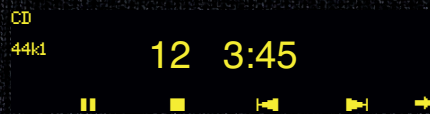
Play resumes from the point you reached.

Changing the displayed information

To change the displayed information

- Press the  key to step between the following options:

Track number and track time



Track number



Playing DVDs

When you play a DVD three additional rows of functions allow you to navigate the DVD menus and choose DVD options.

To see the additional DVD functions press **↵**.



Displaying DVD menus

DVDs generally provide a Top Menu, which provides access to the contents of the disc.

Many DVDs also provide a disc menu, which allows you to select additional sections or special options.

To display the top menu

- Press **Top Menu**.

To display the disc menu

- Press **Menu**.

Navigating DVD menus

To navigate the DVD menus

- Press **↵** to display the menu keys:



- Press **⏪**, **⏩**, **⏴**, or **⏵** to navigate the menus.

To select a highlighted menu item

- Press **↵** to display the **Enter** key.
- Press **Enter**.

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Return Enter →

Selecting items on menus

To select a highlighted menu item

- Press **Enter**.

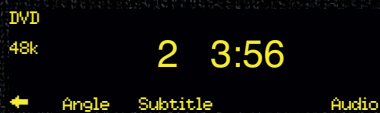
To return from a menu

- Press **Return**.

This will exit from the menu without selecting an option.

Changing DVD options

- Press → to display the row of functions for changing DVD options:



To change the camera angle

- Press **Angle** while viewing a scene with multiple camera angles.

Each time you press **Angle** the next camera angle is selected after a short delay.

To change the subtitles

- Press **Subtitle**.

Each time you press **Subtitle** the next subtitle language is selected.

To change the audio soundtrack

- Press **Audio**.

Each time you press **Audio** the next available soundtrack is selected.





Listening to the radio

This chapter explains how to use the F80 radio tuner, which provides DAB (Digital Audio Broadcasting), the FM waveband, and AM (LW and MW).

It supports RDS (Radio Data System) on FM to display the station name.

Listening to DAB radio

To see the radio options press , **Radio**, followed by  if you have saved presets.

To select the DAB waveband press **Band** until the top left of the display shows **DAB**.



Selecting the band

To select the band

- Press **Band**.

The radio steps between the wavebands DAB, FM, and AM.



The current band is shown at top left of the display.

A graphical signal-strength meter is shown at top right of the display. Adjust the antenna for the highest reading.

Tuning

To step between stations

- Press **Station**  or .

On DAB pressing  or  displays the station names in alphabetical order, and the currently displayed station is selected after a short delay.

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Changing the display

To change the DAB information

- Press

This steps through the following options:

Normal display



Station name (Long Service Label) and signal strength indicator.

Detailed display



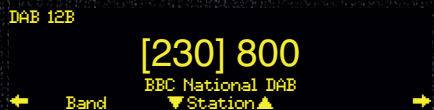
Bit rate (higher is better quality), Stereo/Mono, signal strength indicator, station name, and network or operator name.

Text display



Scrolling information about the programme (Dynamic Label), signal strength indicator, and station name.

Technical display



Information to help you set up an antenna: Ensemble (eg 12B), minimum desired signal-to-noise ratio (eg 230), and actual signal-to-noise ratio of the ensemble (eg 800).

Using presets

You can save up to 16 preset stations across all bands so you can select them with a single key press.

Press **➡** to display the preset names. When you have defined at least one preset, the preset keys will be displayed first when you select the radio.



Selecting a preset

To select a preset

- If necessary, press **➡** until the preset names are displayed.

There are four rows of presets.

- Press **←** or **➡** to step between rows.
- Press the key corresponding to the station you want to select.

Saving a preset

Before you have saved any presets the preset keys are labelled 1 to 16:



To save a preset

- Tune to the band and station you want to save.
- Hold down the preset key you want to assign to the station until its label changes to the station name or frequency.

The preset key will be labelled with the name of the station:



Radio 2

Chill 91.10 ➔

On FM or AM it will be labelled with the frequency if no name is available:



The preset saves the band, frequency, and any audio settings.

Note: If you move location, you will need to resave presets for stations that are on a different frequency in the new location.

Scanning for stations (DAB only)

To scan for DAB stations

- Press **Scan** to display the Scan and Prune options:



- Press **Scan**.

The radio scans for services, and a progress indicator shows the progress of the scan.

To remove inactive services

- Press **Prune**.

To choose dynamic range control

- Press **DRC**.

This improves the dynamic range for stations that broadcast dynamic range information.

Listening to FM or AM

The F80 also provides the FM and AM wavebands.



Selecting the band

To select the band

- Press **Band**.

The radio steps between the wavebands DAB, FM, and AM.

The current band is shown at top left of the display.

Tuning to a station

On FM and AM you have the choice of Tune or Step mode.

Tune mode

- Press **Tune** ▼ or ▲ to scan down or up in frequency to the next available station.

Step mode


- Press ◀ to display the second row of radio functions.

The ▼ and ▲ keys change to **Step**.

- Press **Step** ▼ or ▲ to step down or up in frequency



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Stereo 

ep  Audio 

Audio

To change the audio setting

On FM and AM you can change the audio setting for best quality.

- Press  to display the second row of radio functions.
- Press **Audio** to step between the audio options.

The current option is shown at top right of the display.

On FM you can step between Stereo or Mono. Selecting Mono will reduce noise on weak stations.

On AM you can step between Filter Off, Lowpass which removes excess hiss, or Notch which removes 4.5kHz whistle.



Setting up

In most cases you will get superb results with your F80 without altering its settings from those initially supplied. This chapter explains how you can configure the F80 to suit your preferences, and to achieve the best possible sound.

Two menus of settings are provided:

The Adjust menu allows you to adjust the clock, audio, and display brightness.

The Setup menu allows you to change the configuration of the F80.

Adjusting the F80

To display the **ADJUST** page press , **Adjust**.





Adjusting the clock

To set the time

- Press **Clock** to display the **CLOCK** menu.
- Press **Time**.

The clock shows the current time, and prompts you to adjust the hours:



- Press  or  to set the hours to the correct time.
- Press **Next**.

In a similar way you can adjust the minutes and seconds.

- At any stage press **Set** to set the time with the settings you have chosen.

To set the date

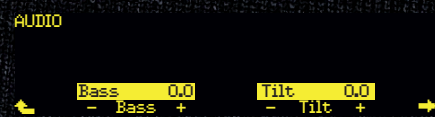
In a similar way the **DATE** menu allows you to set the date and day of week.

Adjusting the audio

The **AUDIO** menu allows you to adjust the sound of the F80 to your preferences, and to compensate for its position in the room.

To adjust the bass and tilt

- Press **Audio** to display the first row of the **AUDIO** menu.



- Press **Bass -** or **+** to adjust the bass.

The bass control allows you to adjust the bass response in the room by $\pm 5\text{dB}$ in 0.5dB steps.

- Press **Tilt -** or **+** to adjust the overall balance.

The tilt control tilts the frequency of the response over the entire frequency range to make the sound brighter or dimmer. It can be adjusted between $\pm 10\text{dB}$ in 0.5dB steps.

Brightness Setup

Adjusting the location

The second row of options on the **AUDIO** menu allow you to optimise the sound for the location of the F80, and adjust the stereo image width.

To adjust the location

- Press **➡** to display the second row of the **AUDIO** menu.

AUDIO

Table
Location

Width 3
- Width +

- Press **Location** to set the appropriate setting: **Table**, **Shelf**, **Floor**, **Corner**, or **Free**.
- Press **Width -** or **+** to adjust the width of the spatial image between 0 and 6.

Choose a larger value if you are positioned further from the F80.

Adjusting the brightness

The **BRIGHTNESS** menu allows you to adjust the brightness of the front panel display, both in normal operation and in standby.

To adjust the brightness

- Press **Brightness** to display the **BRIGHTNESS** menu.

BRIGHTNESS

Brightness 10
- Brightness +

Brightness 5
- Standby +


- Press **Brightness -** or **+** to adjust the normal brightness between 1 and 12.
- Press **Standby -** or **+** to adjust the standby brightness between 1 and 12.

As you adjust each setting the display shows the brightness you have set.

We recommend setting the brightness as low as possible to prolong the life of the display.

Setting up the F80

The **SETUP** menus allow you to configure your F80 to suit your preferences.

To display the **SETUP** menus press , **Adjust**, **Setup**.



Radio

The **RADIO SETUP** menu allows you to choose which antenna is used for each band, and choose which bands are active.

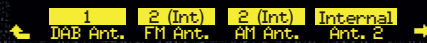
To set up the antennas

The F80 provides a choice of two antennas, **Ant. 1** and **Ant. 2**.

Ant. 1 is usually connected to an external rod or wire antenna via the connector on the back panel.

Ant. 2 can be switched between the internal antenna, and a second external antenna.

SETUP RADIO ANTENNAS



- Press **DAB Ant.**, **FM Ant.**, or **AM Ant.** to specify the antenna for each band.
- Press **Ant. 2** to switch Ant. 2 between the internal antenna, and a second external antenna.

Examples


To receive DAB and FM in an area with high signal strength on both bands:

- Leave the default settings: **Ant. 2** set to **Internal**, and **DAB Ant.** and **FM Ant.** set to **2 (Int)**.

If the internal antenna does not give good reception:

- Connect the rod or wire antenna to the Ant. 2 socket, set **Ant. 2** to **External**, and leave **DAB Ant.**, **FM Ant.**, and **AM Ant.** set to **2 (Ext)**.

To choose which radio bands are active

- Press  to display the **SETUP RADIO BANDS** menu.
- Press **DAB**, **FM**, or **AM** to choose which bands are active.

Aux Info →

Disc

The **SETUP DISC** menu allows you to set up the default aspect ratio for playing DVDs.

SETUP DISC

LB
Aspect

To set the aspect ratio

- Press **Aspect** to specify the default aspect ratio as LB (letterbox 4:3), PS (Pan & Scan 4:3), or 16:9.

Aux

The **SETUP AUX** menu allows you to set up the label for each of the auxiliary inputs.

SETUP AUX

Aux 1 Aux 2 Aux 3 Optical
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To set auxiliary input labels

- Press **Aux 1**, **Aux 2**, **Aux 3**, or **Optical** to set the label for the corresponding input.

By default the label is the same as the name of the input (eg **Aux 1**), but you can set it to any of the following:


iPod, Zune, MP3, MD, or TV.

Info

Displays the version number of your F80.

Setting up the F80 (continued)

The second row of **SETUP** menu allow you to configure more advanced features of the F80.

To display the second row of **SETUP** menu press  from the first row.




Display

The **SETUP DISPLAY** menu allows you to choose how the F80 display behaves.

SETUP DISPLAY



- Set **Blank** to **Yes** to include a blank display in the sequence of displays available with the  key.
- Set **Dimming** to **Yes** to automatically adjust the display brightness to suit the ambient light.

Locale

The **SETUP LOCALE** menu allows you to specify the country, for the operation of the radio, and the language of the menus.

SETUP LOCALE



- Set **Country** to the appropriate setting for your location.
- Set **Language** to the menu language you want to use.

Outputs System →

Outputs

The **SETUP OUTPUTS** menu allows you to mute the speakers when using the headphone output.

SETUP OUTPUTS

Mute
Headphone

- Set **Headphone** to **Mute** to mute the speakers when headphones are connected, or **No Mute** to leave the speakers active when using the headphone output.

System

The **SETUP SYSTEM** menu allows you to use the F80 with your Meridian System.

- Set **MSR(+)** to **Enabled** to operate your F80 with a Meridian MSR+ system remote.

Reset

- Press → to display the **Reset** and **Lock** options.
- Press **Reset** followed by **Yes** to reset the F80 to the default settings.

Lock

Allows you to prevent anyone changing settings on the **SETUP** menus.

To lock the SETUP menus

- Press **Lock** followed by **Yes**.

To unlock the SETUP menus

- Hold down **Setup** for several seconds until the SETUP menu appear.

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