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# **! WARNING !**

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**H2O Audio stands behind our products.**  
Failure to follow our instructions could destroy your iPod and will void the Warranty. If you have any concerns, or experience any difficulties with your H2O Audio product, we are here to help you, so please contact us directly. We can be reached at:

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# Caution

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## H2O Audio wants you to know:

- » H2O Audio housings are designed for specific Apple iPod models, which vary by generation and storage size. You must ensure the correct housing is used for your iPod.
- » Before using this housing for the first time, you must perform a 'Leak Test'. Please refer to the Printed Instructions for more information.
- » To accommodate the different iPods (with video) storage sizes, you may have to swap the existing rails with the included rails. Please refer to the Rail Instructions for more information.
- » It is extremely important you ensure the T-Seal is properly seated and clean. If it is out of alignment, twisted or dirty you will cause damage to, or destroy your iPod.
- » If you have any concerns or issues with a H2O Audio product do NOT contact your local retailer. Please contact

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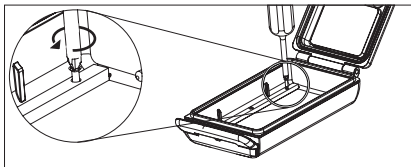
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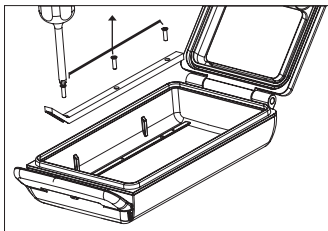
# 1. Installing and Replacing Housing Rails

**CAUTION:** For the iPod ( with video ) 60Gb and 80Gb to fit into the housing you must replace the thick clear rails that come installed in the housing with thin grey rails which are included in this bag.

\*If you are unsure which rails you need or if you need rails please contact H2O Audio\*



1. Use the small Phillips Screwdriver in a counterclockwise direction to remove all three ( 3 ) screws from the clear rail.



2. Once all the screws are removed, gently lift the clear rail out of the housing. Do not leave any screws in the housing as they may interfere with the accurate closure of the housing.
3. Replace the clear rail that was removed, with a thin grey rail provided in this bag.
4. Repeat steps 1 - 3 for the other clear rail.

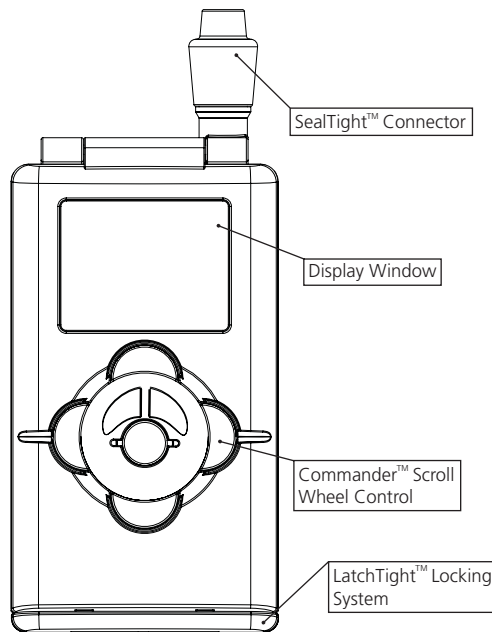
NOTE: Be very careful, do not damage the T - Seal with the screwdriver.



H2O Audio for iPod® with video  
Printed Instructions

Before using this system, please be sure to read, understand, and follow the instruction of this manual.

## 2. Housing Features



IMPORTANT: Make sure the seal is fully seated against the housing base each time you close the housing. Use the lid to compress the seal into the base if required.

## 3. Introduction

The H2O Audio waterproof housing lets you to listen to digital audio during active watersports. It houses the Apple iPod digital media player.

**HOUSING:** The housing features the LachTight™ Locking System which keeps the unit waterproof during operation. The H2O Audio housing allows for functional control of the player while in the water with the Commander™ Scroll Wheel.

**NOTE:** The iPod is NOT waterproof without the H2O Audio housing and headphones and is NOT covered under the product warranty. Any attempt to use the housing with an audio player other than the Apple iPod will void the Warranty.

**HEADPHONES:** The housing is only waterproof when combined with H2O Audio waterproof headphones (sold separately). Use of other headphones with a 3.5mm stereo connector will result in a water resistant case, and should not be submerged.

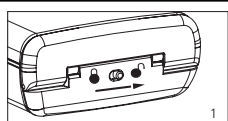
## 4. Leak Test

Before utilizing the system for the first time, it is highly recommended to perform a 'Leak Test'. Follow the instructions below.  
**DO NOT INSTALL THE iPod INSIDE THE HOUSING FOR THE LEAK TEST**

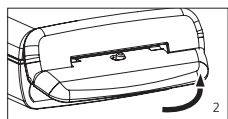
1. Open the housing, and visually inspect the housing T-Seal.
2. Verify the T-Seal is fully seated and free of debris, then close and lock the housing using the latch.
3. Immerse the housing, without the iPod, in water and soak for 30 minutes.
4. Manipulate the controls during submersion.
5. Remove from the water, dry the exterior, and visually inspect the housing for any sign of leaks before opening.
6. Open the housing upside down to prevent water from dropping into the housing during opening.
7. After a successful 'Leak Test', install the iPod in the housing.

## 5. Unlock / Locking the Housing

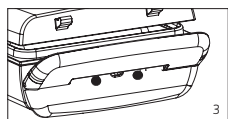
### Unlocking your housing



1. Slide latch button towards the unlock icon.

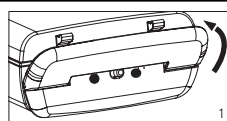


2. While holding the latch button towards the unlock icon, push up on the side of the latch.

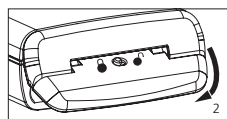


3. Lift the top latch over the lid hooks. Compress the lid to the base if the latch does not clear the lid hooks.

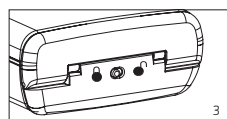
### Locking your housing



1. Lift the top latch over the lid hooks. Compress the lid to the base if the latch can does not clear the lid hooks.



2. Snap the latch downwards to lock in place.

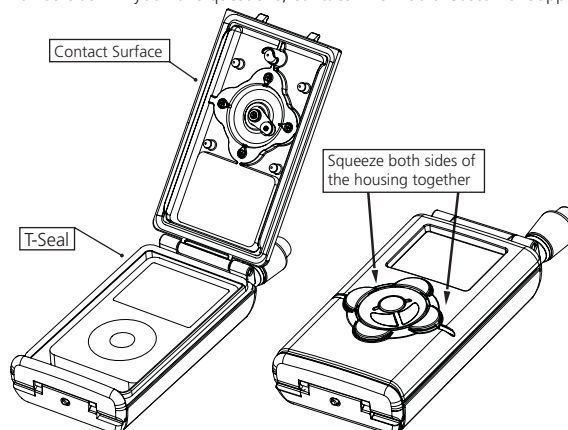


3. Verify the lid and latch are closed and the button is positioned on the icon prior to entering the water.

## 6. The T-Seal

This product uses a high grade silicone "T-Seal".  
**DO NOT USE SILICONE GREASE as this will damage the seal.**

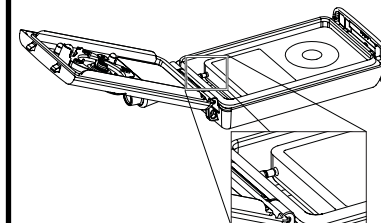
The white T-Seal between the base and the lid of the housing is what keeps your iPod safe and dry. It is very important that the seal always be fully seated, and free of sand, dirt, hair, lint or other debris. Visually inspect the T-Seal and Contact Surface prior to each use. If you see scratches, or other imperfections, do not use the housing. Wipe clean as necessary using a soft lint free cloth. If you have questions, contact H2O Audio Customer Support.



To ensure the T-Seal is fully seated in the base of the housing, firmly squeeze both sides (the base and lid) of the housing together after each insertion of the player. Always check to make sure the latch is closed and locked prior to use.

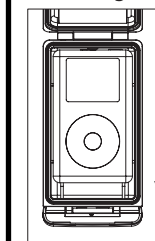
## 7. Installing the iPod into the Housing

### Installing the iPod



1. Align the audio port with the stereo jack in the housing.
2. Gently snap the player into the audio jack. Verify that the player is completely plugged into the audio jack.

### Removing the iPod

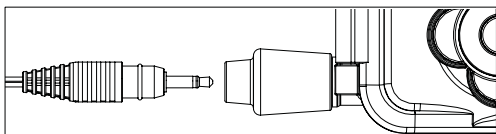


1. Slide the player off of the stereo jack. Player will slide up the ramps at the bottom of the housing.
2. Rotate the housing to drop the player into your hand.

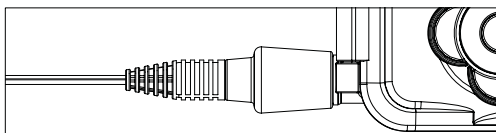
NOTE: Do not disturb the T-Seal during removal of the player. If the T-Seal is moved, Please use the housing lid to completely seat the T-Seal.

## 8. Connecting the Headphones

The SealTight™ Connector is what keeps your audio connection safe and dry underwater. It is designed specifically to create a seal around the H2O Audio Series Waterproof Headphones (sold separately). Using any other headphones will not have a complete waterproof connection, and reduces the waterproof rating to water-resistant.



1. To create a waterproof connection, align the 3.5mm stereo plug on the headphones with the stereo jack of the housing.



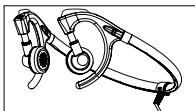
2. Insert the headphones into the stereo jack of the housing, ensuring that the plug mates securely into the SealTight™ Connector.

**CAUTION:** The SV Series Headphones do not fit with the SealTight™ Connector boot featured on the H2O Audio Series housings. If your headphones have a connector that looks like the one shown below, you can not use them with this housing.

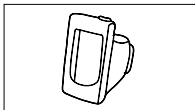


SV Series Headphones Connector

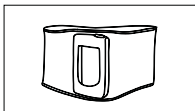
## 11. Available Accessories



H2O Audio Waterproof Headphones (required for use underwater)



Pro Armband for extreme sports



Swimbelt designed by swimmers

## 12. Contact Us

Customer Support is available Monday to Friday 9AM to 5PM PST.

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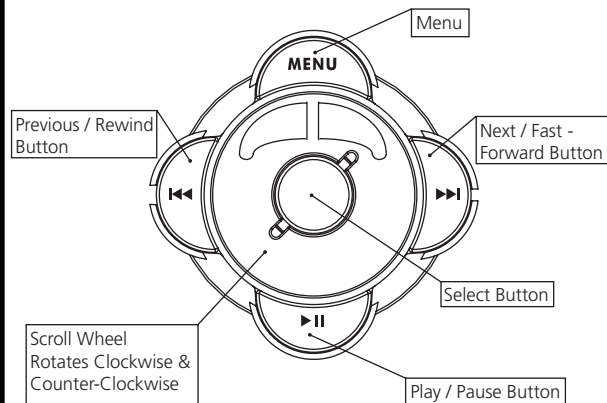
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## 9. Commander™ Scroll Wheel Control

The Commander™ Scroll Wheel Control is a waterproof assembly, which allows you to maintain complete control over the iPod's Click wheel functions. Refer to iPod Instruction Manual for complete details of how to use the player.



## 13. General Use Notice

READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT H2O AUDIO CUSTOMER SUPPORT PRIOR TO USE.

IMPROPER USE OF THIS SYSTEM MAY CAUSE THE USER TO MAKE MISTAKES OR DECISIONS THAT MAY LEAD TO SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

### IMPORTANT WARNING AND DISCLOSURE:

THOSE USERS THAT ELECT TO UTILIZE THIS SYSTEM AT, OR NEAR, THE WATER'S SURFACE, MUST MAINTAIN SAFETY AWARENESS OF MOVING WATER CRAFTS.

ALWAYS MAKE SURE TO HAVE THE AUDIO PLAYER VOLUME TURNED TO ZERO AND THE SPEAKERS AWAY FROM THE EARS WHEN TURNING ON THE H2O AUDIO UNIT. IF THE VOLUME LEVEL IS NOT ZERO WHEN THE H2O AUDIO IS TURNED ON, IT MAY CAUSE EAR INJURY DUE TO A SUDDEN BURST OF VOLUME. THE VOLUME SHOULD BE SLOWLY INCREASED WITH AN AUDIO FILE PLAYING TO SET THE SPEAKER VOLUME TO COMFORTABLE OUTPUT LEVELS PRIOR TO POSITIONING THE SPEAKERS NEXT TO THE EARS.

IT CAN BE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS TO PLAY YOUR HEADSETS WHILE ENGAGING IN ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE YOUR FULL ATTENTION. YOU SHOULD EXERCISE EXTREME CAUTION OR DISCONTINUE USE IN POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS SITUATIONS. DO NOT USE THE HEADPHONES WHILE DRIVING, CYCLING, OR OPERATING ANY MOTORIZED VEHICLE. IT MAY CREATE A TRAFFIC HAZARD AND IS ILLEGAL IN SOME AREAS.

AVOID USING HEADPHONES AT HIGH VOLUME. HEARING EXPERTS ADVISE AGAINST CONTINUOUSLY LOUD AND EXTENDED PLAY. IF YOU EXPERIENCE RINGING IN YOUR EARS, REDUCE VOLUME OR DISCONTINUE USE.

THE MANUFACTURER DOES NOT WARRANT AND WILL NOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE IN ANY WAY FOR DAMAGES TO THE iPod, OR LOSS OF DATA, INCLUDING LOSS OF DATA STORED IN THE iPod, RESULTING FROM AN EXCESSIVE IMPACT, THUNDER, OR AN ECHO ON YOUR DEVICE.

## 10. General Storage Procedures

For long-term storage, store in a plastic bag out of direct sunlight.

**CAUTION:** The life of a T-Seal is typically one (1) year. Contact H2O Audio for spare T-Seals or a maintenance kit. Always remember to reinstall the T-Seal before next use. Do not expose the housing to extreme heat, such as the inside of a hot car, or in hot direct sunlight, such as on a beach, or boat deck. Doing so may cause damage and subsequent flooding.

**CAUTION:** The housing is susceptible to internal condensation with extreme temperature fluctuations. Use above 105°F(40°C) can result in internal condensation. When used in temperatures below freezing, frost will appear on the interior of the housing.

**CAUTION:** Do not store housing in the following environments:

- \* Solvents or other chemical fumes
- \* High humidity
- \* High Ozone
- \* Extreme temperature fluctuations

Storing the housing in these conditions may lead to a damaged housing, causing it to leak.

Rinse the EXTERIOR of the system in fresh water after EACH use:

1. Make sure the housing is securely closed with headphones attached.
2. Soak in clean fresh water for 30 minutes.
3. Rinse the entire system with freshwater
4. Completely dry the entire exterior of the system using a clean soft cloth.
5. Dry face down so water can properly drain from the Commander™ Scroll Wheel.

Strong detergents, soaps, and chemicals MUST NEVER be used to clean the system.

## 14. Warranty Coverage

H2O Audio guarantees, to the original purchaser only, that the equipment purchased (EXCLUDING THE iPod) is free of defects in material and/or under normal recreational use for a period of one year (1) from date of consumer purchase from an Authorized Dealer; provided that proper care and maintenance have been performed as prescribed by the owner's guide included with the equipment. Should this product prove to be defective for any reason (other than those listed as limitations below) the product will be serviced or replaced at H2O Audio's sole discretion at no charge (excluding shipping and handling). This warranty shall be void if the registration is not completed and sent to H2O Audio Customer Services within 30 days of purchase. This warranty shall be void if the equipment has been tampered with by anyone not authorized to perform service. The warranty is non-transferable and extends to the original purchaser only and is valid only if the equipment was purchased from an authorized dealer. Warranty does not extend to cover damage from accident, abuse, tampering, lack of maintenance, theft, or loss. Service or modifications by anyone other than an Authorized H2O Audio agent will void the warranty. H2O Audio will not be responsible for recovery or replacement of the product in the event of loss or theft. H2O Audio, its Authorized International Distributors, and Authorized Dealers make no other warranties, either express or implied or orally, or in writing, with respect to any other warranty coverage except those expressly stated within the preceding sentences. H2O Audio will not be held responsible for any agreements orally or in writing with the exception of those expressly included in this warranty statement. The warranty registration card and the terms contained herein supersede all statements contained in any and all owner's guides, instruction cards, or other equipment literature or catalogs. In no event will H2O Audio, its Authorized International Distributors, and Authorized Dealers be held responsible or liable for any personal injuries resulting from the use of the covered equipment, or for any other damages, whether direct, indirect, incidental, or consequential; even if H2O Audio has been advised of such damages. Warranty does not extend to any damages that may occur to the iPod or loss of any data.

## 15. Returns

Prior to any return, a Return Authorization (RA) number must be obtained. To obtain the RA number, slide the player off of the stereo jack. Player will slide up the ramps at the bottom of the housing. The owner's portion of the warranty card must accompany all correspondence regarding the equipment covered by this warranty agreement or in direct reference to this warranty.