

Home Theatre System

Operating Instructions

HT-SS500

WARNING

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

To prevent fire, do not cover the ventilation of the apparatus with newspapers, table-cloths, curtains, etc. And don't place lighted candles on the apparatus.

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not place objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on the apparatus.

Do not install the appliance in a confined space, such as a bookcase or built-in cabinet.



Don't throw away batteries with general house waste; dispose of them correctly as chemical waste.

For customers in Europe

Disposal of Old Electrical & Electronic Equipment (Applicable in the European Union and other European countries with separate collection systems)



This symbol on the product or on its packaging indicates that this product shall not be treated as household waste. Instead it shall be handed over to the applicable collection point for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment. By ensuring this product is disposed of correctly, you will help prevent potential negative consequences for the environment and human health, which could otherwise be caused by inappropriate waste handling of this product. The recycling of materials will help to conserve natural resources. For more detailed information about recycling of this product, please contact your local Civic Office, your household waste disposal service or the shop where you purchased the product.

About This Manual

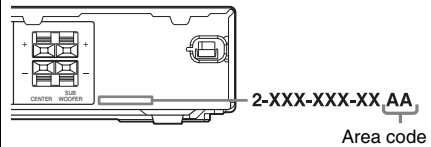
- The instructions in this manual are for model HT-SS500. In this manual, models of area code CEL is used for illustration purposes unless stated otherwise. Any difference in operation is clearly indicated in the text, for example, "Models of area code CEL only".

The HT-SS500 consists of:

- Receiver STR-KS500
- Speaker system
 - Front speakers SS-MSP700
 - Center speaker SS-CNP700
 - Surround speakers SS-SRP700
 - Sub woofer SS-WP700
- The instructions in this manual describe the controls on the supplied remote. You can also use the controls on the receiver if they have the same or similar names as those on the remote.

About area codes

The area code of the receiver you purchased is shown on the lower portion of the rear panel (see the illustration below).



Any differences in operation, according to the area code, are clearly indicated in the text, for example, "Models of area code AA only".

This receiver incorporates Dolby* Digital and Pro Logic Surround and the DTS** Digital Surround System.

- * Manufactured under license from Dolby Laboratories. "Dolby", "Pro Logic" and the double-D symbol are trademarks of Dolby Laboratories.
- ** "DTS" and "DTS Digital Surround" are registered trademarks of Digital Theater Systems, Inc.

Note for the supplied remote

(RM-AAU002)

The SHIFT button on the remote is not available for receiver operation.

Table of Contents

Getting Started

Description and location of parts	4
1: Installing speakers.....	11
2: Connecting speakers	13
3: Connecting the audio/video components	14
4: Connecting the antennas	17
5: Preparing the receiver and the remote.....	18
6: Adjusting the speaker levels and balance (TEST TONE).....	19

Playback

Selecting a component	20
Listening/Watching a component.....	22

Amplifier Operations

Navigating through menus	24
Adjusting the level (LEVEL menu)	27
Adjusting the tone (TONE menu)	28
Settings for the surround sound (SUR menu)	28
Settings for the tuner (TUNER menu)	29
Settings for the audio (AUDIO menu)	29
Settings for the system (SYSTEM menu)	30

Enjoying Surround Sound

Enjoying Dolby Digital and DTS Surround sound (AUTO FORMAT DIRECT).....	32
Selecting a pre-programmed sound field	34
Using only the front speakers and sub woofer (2CH STEREO)	36
Resetting sound fields to the initial settings	37

Tuner Operations

Listening to FM/AM radio	37
Storing FM stations automatically (AUTOBETICAL).....	39
(Models of area code CEL, CEK only)	
Presetting radio stations.....	40
Using the Radio Data System (RDS)	41
(Models of area code CEL, CEK only)	

Other Operations

Using the Sleep Timer	43
-----------------------------	----

Using the Remote

Changing button assignments.....	43
----------------------------------	----

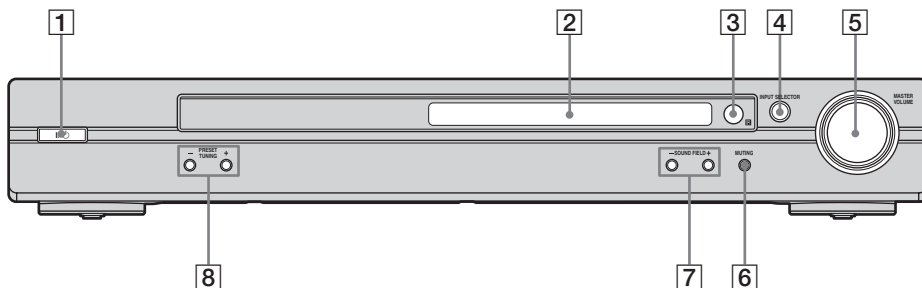
Additional Information

Glossary.....	44
Precautions	45
Troubleshooting.....	47
Specifications	49
Index	51

Description and location of parts

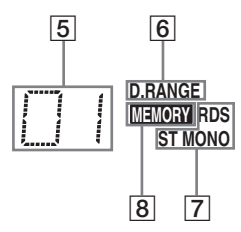
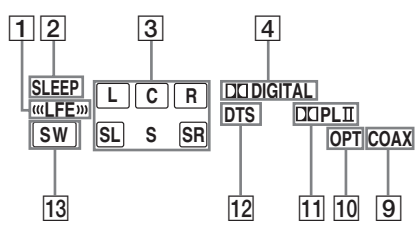
Receiver

Front panel



Name	Function
1 I/O	Press to turn the receiver on or off (page 18, 22, 23, 37, 39).
2 Display	The current status of the selected component or a list of selectable items appears here (page 5).
3 Remote sensor	Receives signals from remote commander.
4 INPUT SELECTOR	Press to select the input source to playback (page 20, 22, 23, 38, 39, 40, 41, 47).
5 MASTER VOLUME	Turn to adjust the volume level of all speakers at the same time (page 20, 21, 22, 23).
6 MUTING	Press to mute the sound (page 21).
7 SOUND FIELD +/-	Press to select a sound field (page 32, 34, 36, 37).
8 PRESET TUNING +/-	Press to select a preset station (page 41).

About the indicators on the display

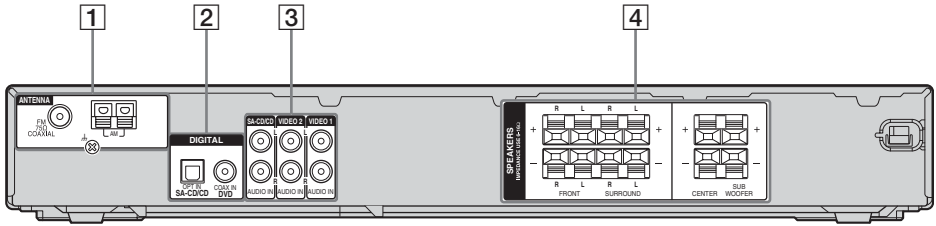


Name	Function
1 «LFE»	Lights up when the disc being played back contains an LFE (Low Frequency Effect) channel and the LFE channel signal is actually being reproduced.
2 SLEEP	Lights up when the sleep timer is activated (page 43).
3 Playback channel indicators	The letters (L, C, R, etc.) indicate the channels being played back. The boxes around the letters vary to show how the receiver downmixes the source sound. L Front Left R Front Right C Center (monaural) SL Surround Left SR Surround Right S Surround (monaural or the surround components obtained by Pro Logic processing) Example: Recording format (Front/Surround): 3/2.1 Sound Field: A.F.D. AUTO <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> L C R SW SL SR </div>
4 DIGITAL	Lights up when Dolby Digital signals are input. Note When playing a Dolby Digital format disc, be sure that you have made digital connections and the audio input mode for SA-CD/CD input is not set to “CD ANLG” (page 30).

Name	Function
5 Preset station indicators	Lights up when using the receiver to tune in radio stations you have preset. For details on presetting radio stations, see page 40.
6 D.RANGE	Lights up when dynamic range compression is activated (page 25).
7 Tuner indicators	Lights up when using the receiver to tune in radio stations (page 37), etc. Note “RDS” lights up for models of area code CEL, CEK only.
8 MEMORY	Lights up when a memory function, such as Preset Memory (page 40), etc., is activated.
9 COAX	Lights up when the DVD input is selected.
10 OPT	Lights up when – the audio input mode for SA-CD/CD input is set to “CD AUTO” and the source signal is a digital signal being input through the SA-CD/CD OPT IN jack (page 30). – the audio input mode for SA-CD/CD input is set to “CD OPT” (page 30).

Name	Function
11 DOLBY(II)	<p>Lights up when the receiver applies Pro Logic processing to 2 channel signals in order to output the center and surround channel signals. "DOLBY PLII" lights up when the Pro Logic II Movie/Music decoder is activated.</p> <p>Note Dolby Pro Logic and Dolby Pro Logic II decoding do not function for DTS format signals.</p>
12 DTS	<p>Lights up when DTS signals are input.</p> <p>Note When playing a DTS format disc, be sure that you have made digital connections and the audio input mode for SA-CD/CD input is not set to "CD ANLG" (page 30).</p>
13 SW	<p>Lights up when the audio signal is output from the SUBWOOFER jack.</p>

Rear panel



1 ANTENNA section



FM
ANTENNA

Connects to the FM wire antenna supplied with this receiver (page 17).



AM
ANTENNA

Connects to the AM loop antenna supplied with this receiver (page 17).

2 DIGITAL INPUT section



OPTICAL
IN jack

Connects to a DVD player, etc. The COAXIAL IN jack provides a better quality of loud sound (page 15, 16).



COAXIAL
IN jack

3 AUDIO INPUT section



White (L)
AUDIO IN jack

Connects to a satellite tuner, CD player, etc. (page 15, 16).



Red (R)

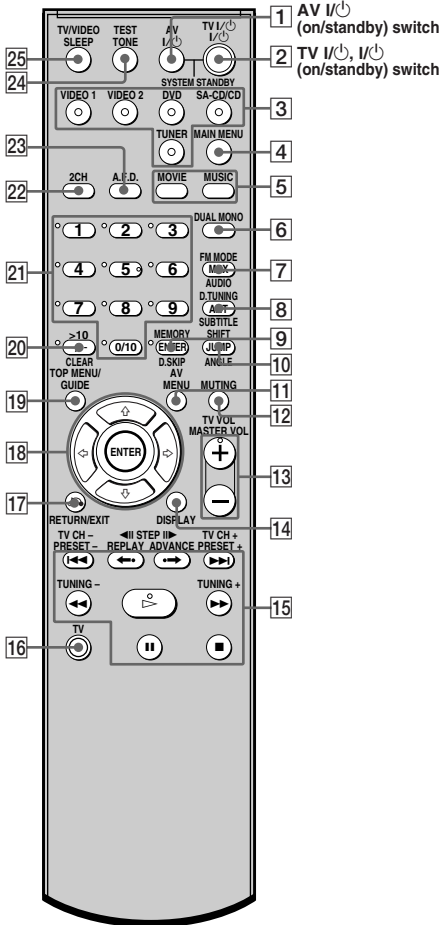
4 SPEAKER section



Connects to speakers and sub woofer (page 13).

Remote commander


You can operate the receiver with the supplied remote. You can also use the remote to control the Sony audio/video components that the remote is assigned to operate (page 43).




Name	Function
1 AV I/⏻	Press to turn on or off the Sony audio/video components that the remote is assigned to operate (page 43). If you press I/⏻ (2) at the same time, it will turn off the receiver and other components (SYSTEM STANDBY). Note The function of the AV I/⏻ switch changes automatically each time you press the input buttons (3).
2 TV I/⏻	Press TV I/⏻ and TV (16) at the same time to turn the TV on or off.
I/⏻	Press to turn the receiver on or off. To turn off all components, press I/⏻ and AV I/⏻ (1) at the same time (SYSTEM STANDBY).
3 Input buttons	Press one of the buttons to select the component you want to use. When you press any of the input buttons, the receiver turns on. The buttons are factory assigned to control Sony components as follows. You can change the button assignments following the steps in “Changing button assignments” on page 43.
Button	Assigned Sony component
VIDEO 1	VCR (VTR mode 3)
VIDEO 2	VCR (VTR mode 2)
DVD	DVD player
SA-CD/CD	Super Audio CD/CD player
TUNER	Built-in tuner
4 MAIN MENU	Press to display the menu of the receiver. Then, use the control buttons to perform menu operations.
5 MOVIE, MUSIC	Press to select sound fields for movie or music.
6 DUAL MONO	Press to select the language you want during digital broadcast.

Name	Function
7 FM MODE	Press to select FM monaural or stereo reception.
MPX	Press to select the main or sub language of the VCR.
AUDIO	Press to change the sound to Multiplex, Biligual or Multi channel TV sound of the DVD player or satellite tuner.
8 D.TUNING	Press to enter direct tuning mode.
ANT	Press to select the output signal from the antenna terminal (TV signal or VCR program) of the VCR or satellite tuner.
SUBTITLE	Press to change the subtitles of the DVD player.
9 ENTER	Press to enter the value after selecting a channel, disc or track using the numeric buttons.
MEMORY	Press to store a station.
D.SKIP	Press to skip disc of the CD player or DVD player (multi-disc changer only).
10 JUMP	Press to toggle between the previous and the current channels of the satellite tuner.
ANGLE	Press to select the viewing angle or to change the angles of the DVD player.
11 AV MENU	Press to display the menus of the VCR, DVD player, or satellite tuner on the TV screen. Then, use the control buttons to perform menu operations.
12 MUTING	Press to mute the sound.
13 TV VOL +^{a)}/-	Press TV VOL +/- and TV (16) at the same time to adjust the TV volume level.
MASTER VOL +^{a)}/-	Press to adjust the volume level of all speakers at the same time.

Name	Function
14 DISPLAY	Press to – select information displayed on the receiver's display (for TUNER input only). ^{b)} – select information displayed on the TV screen of the VCR, satellite tuner, CD player, DVD player, or MD deck.
15 << >>	Press to skip tracks of the CD player, DVD player, MD deck, or tape deck.
<< STEP II >>, REPLAY <- / ADVANCE ->	Press to replay the previous scene or fast forward the current scene of the VCR or DVD player.
<< >>	Press to – search tracks in the forward/backward direction of the DVD player. – fast forward/rewind of the VCR, CD player, MD deck, or tape deck.
> a)	Press to start playback of the VCR, CD player, DVD player, MD deck, or tape deck.
 	Press to pause playback or recording of the VCR, CD player, DVD player, MD deck, or tape deck. (Also starts recording with components in recording standby.)
■	Press to stop playback of the VCR, CD player, DVD player, MD deck, or tape deck.
TV CH +/-	Press TV CH +/- and TV (16) at the same time to select preset TV channels.
PRESET +/-	Press to select – preset stations. – preset channels of the VCR or satellite tuner.
TUNING +/-	Press to scan a station.

Name	Function
16 TV	To activate the buttons with orange printing, press TV and the button with orange printing simultaneously.
17 RETURN/EXIT 	Press to – return to the previous menu. – exit the menu while the menu or on-screen guide of the DVD player, or satellite tuner is displayed on the TV screen.
18 Control buttons	After pressing MAIN MENU (4), AV MENU (11), or TOP MENU/GUIDE (19), press the control button ▲ , ▼ , ◀ or ▶ to select the settings. When you press AV MENU or TOP MENU/GUIDE, press ENTER to enter the selection.
19 TOP MENU/GUIDE	Press to display the – DVD title of the DVD player. – guide menu of the satellite tuner.
20 -/--	Press -/-- and TV (16) at the same time to select the channel entry mode, either one or two digits of the TV.
>10	Press to select track numbers over 10 of the VCR, CD player, or MD deck.
CLEAR	Press to – clear a mistake when you press the incorrect numeric button. – return to continuous playback, etc. of the satellite tuner or DVD player.
21 Numeric buttons (number 5^{a)})	Press to – preset/tune to preset stations. – select track numbers of the CD player, DVD player or MD deck. Press 0/10 to select track number 10. – select channel numbers of the VCR or satellite tuner. Press the numeric buttons and TV (16) at the same time to select the TV channels.

Name	Function
22 2CH	Press to select 2CH STEREO mode.
23 A.F.D.	Press to select A.F.D. mode.
24 TEST TONE	Press to activate the Test Tone function.
25 TV/VIDEO	Press TV/VIDEO and TV (16) at the same time to select the input signal (TV input or video input).
SLEEP	Press to activate the Sleep Timer function and the duration which the receiver turns off automatically.

^{a)}The number 5, MASTER VOL +, TV VOL +, and  buttons have tactile dots. Use the tactile dots as references when operating the receiver.

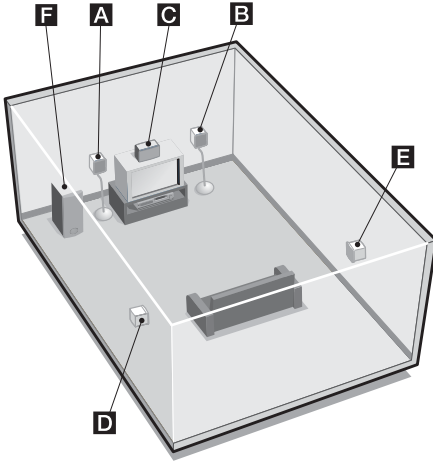
^{b)}Models of area code CEL, CEK only.

Notes

- Some functions explained in this section may not work depending on the model.
- The above explanation is intended to serve as an example only. Therefore, depending on the component, the above operation may not be possible or may operate differently than described.
- The SHIFT button on the remote is not available for receiver operation.

1: Installing speakers

This receiver allows you to use a 5.1 channel speaker system. To fully enjoy theater-like multi channel surround sound requires five speakers (two front speakers, a center speaker, and two surround speakers) and a sub woofer (5.1 channel).



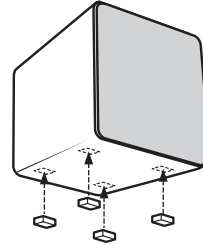
- A** Front speaker (Left)
- B** Front speaker (Right)
- C** Center speaker
- D** Surround speaker (Left)
- E** Surround speaker (Right)
- F** Sub woofer

Tip

Since the sub woofer does not emit highly directional signals, you can place it wherever you want.

Installing the speakers on a flat surface

Before you install the speakers and sub woofer, be sure to attach the supplied foot pads to prevent vibration or movement as shown in the illustration below.



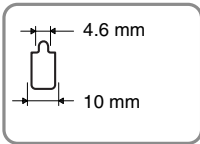
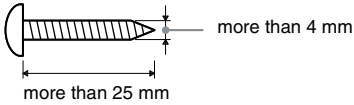
Installing the speakers on the speaker stand

For greater flexibility in positioning the speakers, use the optional WS-FV11 or WS-FV10D speaker stand (available only in certain countries). For details, refer to operating instructions supplied with the speaker stand.

Installing the speakers on the wall

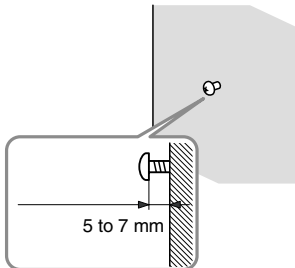
You can install your front and surround speakers on the wall.

- 1 Prepare screws (not supplied) that are suitable for the hole on the back of each speaker. See the illustrations below.**

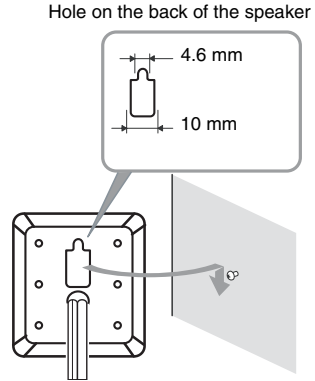


Hole on the back of the speaker

- 2 Fasten the screws to the wall. The screws should protrude 5 to 7 mm.**



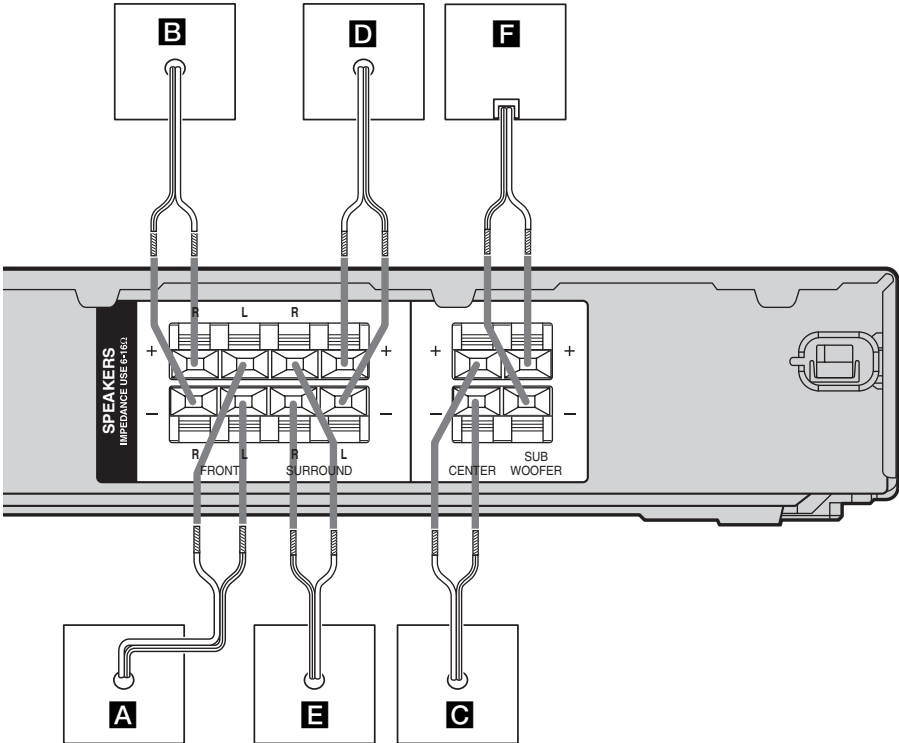
- 3 Hang the speakers on the screws.**



Notes

- Use screws that are suitable for the wall material and strength. As a plaster board wall is especially fragile, attach the screws securely to a beam and fasten them to the wall. Install the speakers on a vertical and flat wall where reinforcement is applied.
- Contact a screw shop or installer regarding the wall material or screws to be used.
- Sony is not responsible for accident or damage caused by improper installation, insufficient wall strength or improper screw installation, natural calamity, etc.

2: Connecting speakers



- A** Front speaker (Left)
- B** Front speaker (Right)
- C** Center speaker
- D** Surround speaker (Left)
- E** Surround speaker (Right)
- F** Sub woofer

To connect the speakers correctly

Check the speaker type by referring to the speaker label* on the rear panel or at the bottom of the speakers.

Character on speaker label	Speaker type
L	Front left
R	Front right
SL	Surround left
SR	Surround right

* The center speaker and sub woofer do not have any character on the speaker label. For details on the speaker type, see page 2.

Tip

Use the supplied speakers to optimize the system's performance.

3: Connecting the audio/video components

How to hook up your components

This section describes how to hook up your components to this receiver. Before you begin, refer to “Component to be connected” below for the pages which describe how to connect the audio/video components.

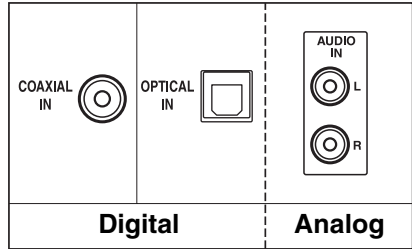
After hooking up all your components, proceed to “4: Connecting the antennas” (page 17).

Component to be connected

To connect	See
Audio components <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Super Audio CD player/ CD player	page 15
Video components <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DVD player• DVD recorder• Satellite tuner• VCR	page 16

Audio input jack to be connected

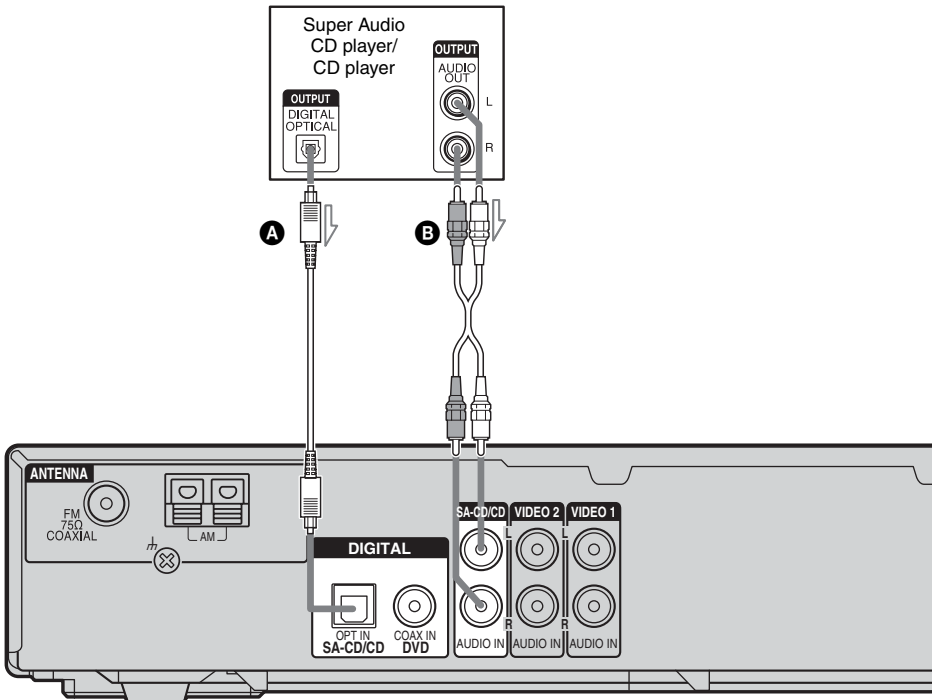
The sound quality depends on the connecting jack. Refer to the illustration that follows. Select the connection according to the jacks of your components.



High quality sound

Connecting audio components

The following illustration shows how to connect audio components such as Super Audio CD player or CD player.



- A** Optical digital cord (not supplied)
- B** Audio cord (not supplied)

Notes

- No sound is output when you play a Super Audio CD disc on a Super Audio CD player connected to only the SA-CD/CD OPT IN jack on this receiver. When you play a Super Audio CD disc, connect the player to the SA-CD/CD AUDIO IN jack. Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the Super Audio CD player.
- When connecting optical digital cords, insert the plugs straight in until they click into place.
- Do not bend or tie optical digital cords.

Tip

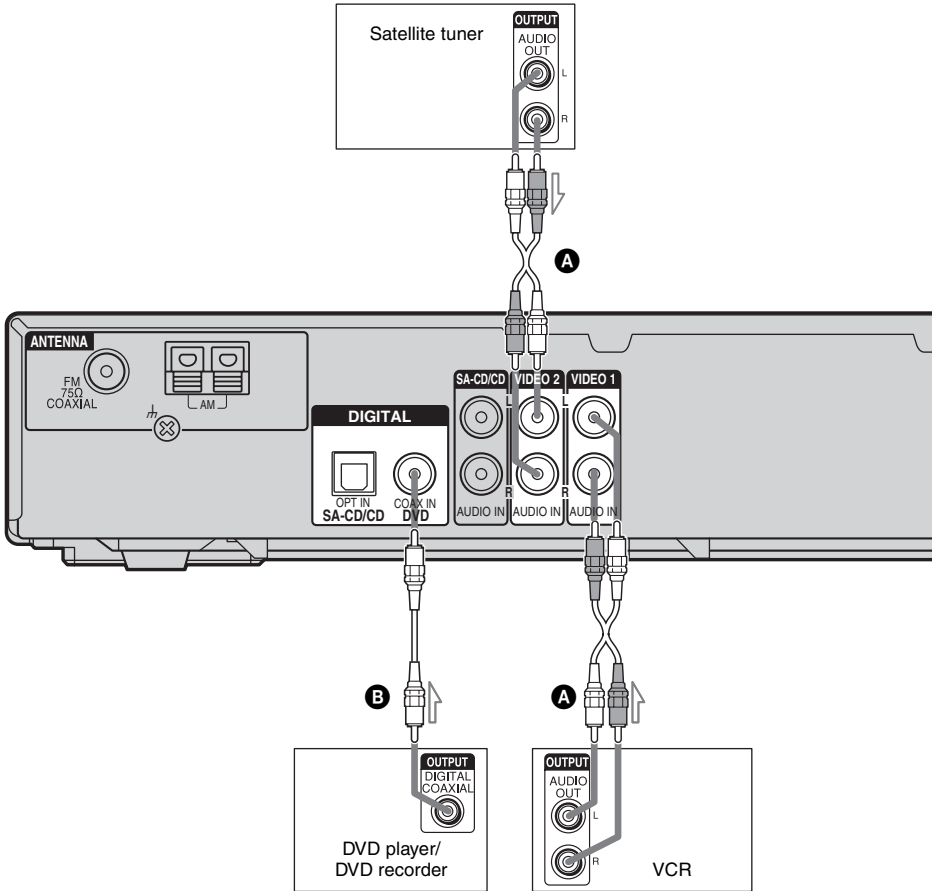
All the digital audio jacks are compatible with 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz, and 96 kHz sampling frequencies.

Connecting video components

The following illustration shows how to connect video components such as DVD player, DVD recorder, satellite tuner or VCR.

If you connect a DVD recorder

Be sure to change the factory setting of the DVD input button on the remote so that you can use the button to control your DVD recorder. For details, see “Changing button assignments” (page 43).



- A** Audio cord (not supplied)
- B** Coaxial digital cord (orange) (supplied)

Notes

- You cannot do recording on the DVD recorder or VCR via this receiver. For details, refer to the operating instructions supplied with the DVD recorder or VCR.
- To input multi channel digital audio from the DVD player, set the digital audio output setting on the DVD player. Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the DVD player.

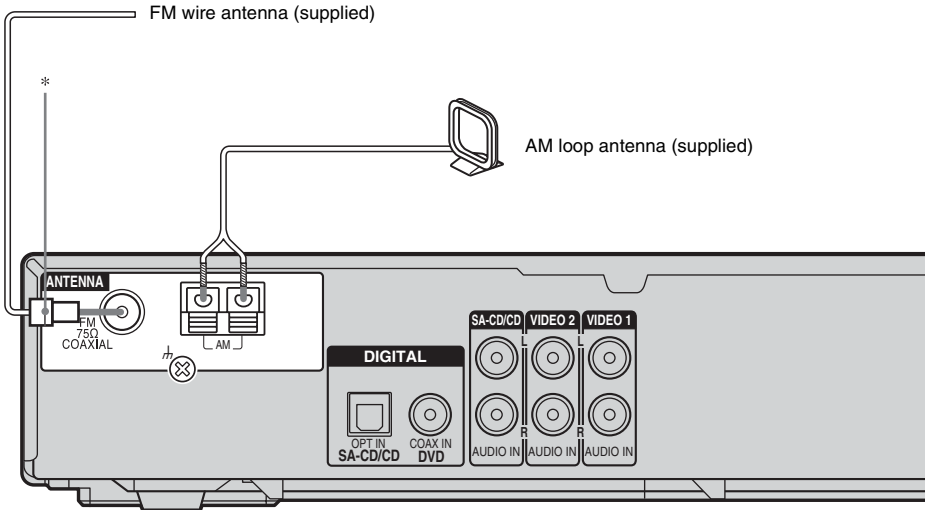
- When connecting optical digital cords, insert the plugs straight in until they click into place.
- Do not bend or tie optical digital cords.

Tip

All the digital audio jacks are compatible with 32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz, and 96 kHz sampling frequencies.

4: Connecting the antennas

Connect the supplied AM loop antenna and FM wire antenna.



* The shape of the connector varies depending on the area code of this receiver.

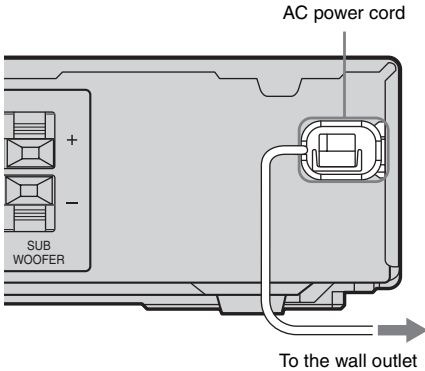
Notes

- To prevent noise pickup, keep the AM loop antenna away from the receiver and other components.
- Be sure to fully extend the FM wire antenna.
- After connecting the FM wire antenna, keep it as horizontal as possible.

5: Preparing the receiver and the remote

Connecting the AC power cord

Connect the AC power cord to a wall outlet.



Note

Install this system so that the power cord can be unplugged from the wall socket immediately in the event of trouble.

Performing initial setup operations

Before using the receiver for the first time, initialize the receiver by performing the following procedure. This procedure can also be used to return settings you have made to their factory defaults.

Be sure to use the buttons on the receiver for this operation.

1,2



1 Press I/O to turn off the receiver.

2 Hold down I/O for 5 seconds.

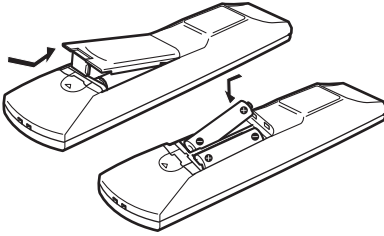
After “CLEARING” appears on the display for a while, “CLEARED” appears.

The following items are reset to their factory settings.

- All settings in the LEVEL, TONE, SUR, TUNER, AUDIO and SYSTEM menus.
- The sound field memorized for each input and preset station.
- All sound field parameters.
- All preset stations.
- MASTER VOLUME is set to “VOL MIN”.
- Input is set to “DVD”.

Inserting batteries into the remote

Insert two R6 (size-AA) batteries in the RM-AAU002 remote commander. Observe the correct polarity when installing batteries.



Notes

- Do not leave the remote in an extremely hot or humid place.
- Do not use a new battery with old ones.
- Do not mix alkaline batteries and other kinds of batteries.
- Do not expose the remote sensor to direct sunlight or lighting apparatuses. Doing so may cause a malfunction.
- If you do not intend to use the remote for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to avoid possible damage from battery leakage and corrosion.

Tip

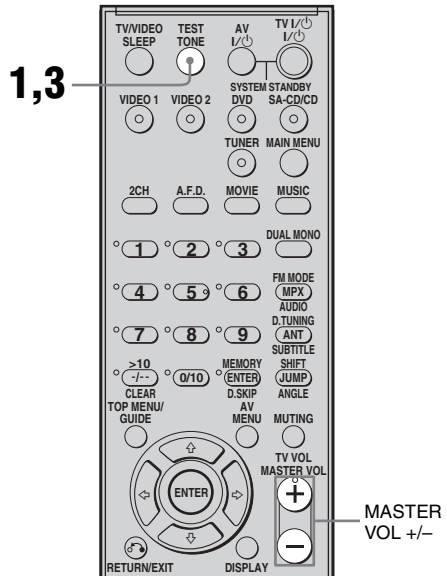
Under normal conditions, the batteries should last for about 3 months. When the remote no longer operates the receiver, replace all the batteries with new ones.

6: Adjusting the speaker levels and balance (TEST TONE)

You can adjust the speaker levels and balance while listening to the test tone from your listening position.

Tip

The receiver employs a test tone with a frequency centered at 800 Hz.



1 Press TEST TONE.

“T. TONE” appears on the display and the test tone is output from each speaker in sequence as follows:

Front left → Center → Front right →
Surround right → Surround left →
Sub woofer

2 Adjust the speaker levels and balance using the LEVEL menu so that the level of the test tone sounds the same from each speaker.

For details, see “Adjusting the level (LEVEL menu)” (page 27).

Tips

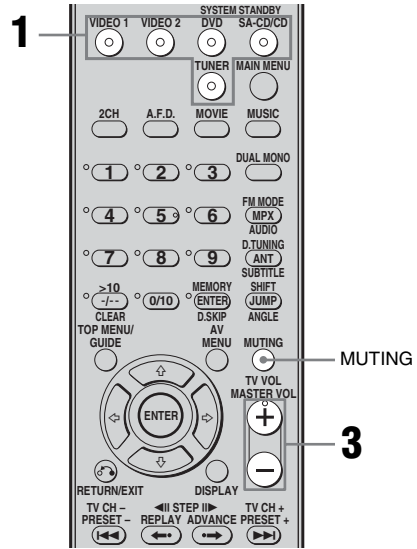
- To adjust the level of all speakers at the same time, press MASTER VOL +/- . You can also use MASTER VOLUME on the receiver.
- The adjusted value are shown on the display during adjustment.

3 Press TEST TONE again after adjustment.

The test tone turns off.

Playback

Selecting a component



1 Press the input button to select a component.

You can also use INPUT SELECTOR on the receiver.

The selected input appears on the display.

Selected input [Display]	Components that can be played back
VIDEO 1 or VIDEO 2 [VIDEO 1 or VIDEO 2]	VCR, etc., connected to the VIDEO 1 or VIDEO 2 jack
DVD [DVD]	DVD player, etc., connected to DVD jack
SA-CD/CD [SA-CD/CD]	Super Audio CD/CD player, etc., connected to the SA-CD/CD jack
TUNER [FM or AM band]	Built-in radio tuner

2 Turn on the component and start playback.

3 Press MASTER VOL +/- to adjust the volume.

You can also use MASTER VOLUME on the receiver.

To mute the sound

Press MUTING.

The muting function will be canceled when you do the following.

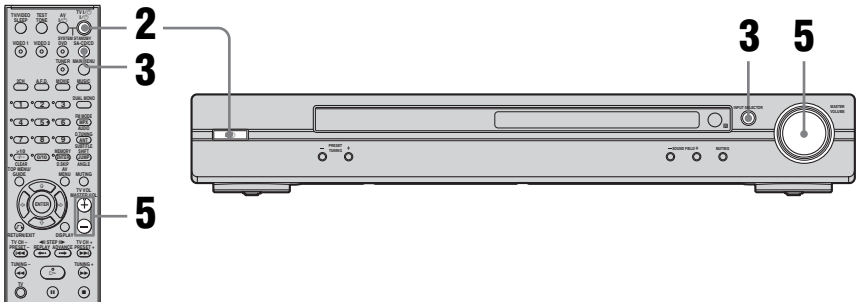
- Press MUTING again.
- Increase the volume.
- Turn off the receiver.

To avoid damaging your speakers

Before you turn off the receiver, be sure to turn down the volume level.

Listening/Watching a component

Listening to a Super Audio CD/CD



Notes

- The operation is described for a Sony Super Audio CD player.
- Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the Super Audio CD player or CD player.

Tips

- You can select the sound field to suit the music. Refer to page 34 for details.
Recommended sound fields:
Classical: HALL
Jazz: JAZZ
Live concert: CONCERT
- You can listen to the sound that was recorded in the 2 channel format from all speakers (multi channel). Refer to page 32 for details.

1 Turn on the Super Audio CD player/CD player, then place the disc on the tray.

2 Turn on the receiver.

3 Press SA-CD/CD.

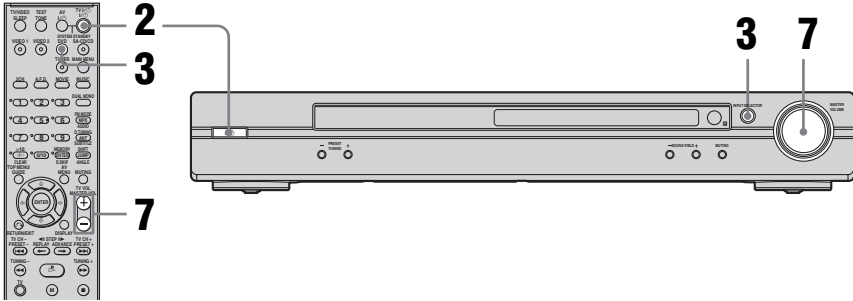
You can also use INPUT SELECTOR on the receiver to select SA-CD/CD.

4 Playback the disc.

5 Adjust to a suitable volume.

6 After you have finished listening to the Super Audio CD/CD, eject the disc and turn off the receiver and Super Audio CD player/CD player.

Watching a DVD



Notes

- Refer to the operating instructions supplied with the TV and DVD player.
- Check the following if you cannot listen to multi channel sound.
 - Be sure this receiver is connected to the DVD player via a digital connection.
 - Be sure the digital audio output of the DVD player is set up properly.

Tips

- Select the audio format of the disc to be played, if necessary.
- You can select the sound field to suit the movie/music. Refer to page 34 for details.
Recommended sound fields:
Movie: C.STEX
Music: CONCERT

1 Turn on the TV and DVD player.

2 Turn on the receiver.

3 Press DVD.

You can also use INPUT SELECTOR on this receiver to select DVD.

4 Switch the input of the TV so that an image of the DVD is displayed.

If no image is displayed on the TV screen, make sure that the video output of the DVD player is connected to the TV.

5 Set up the DVD player.

6 Playback the disc.

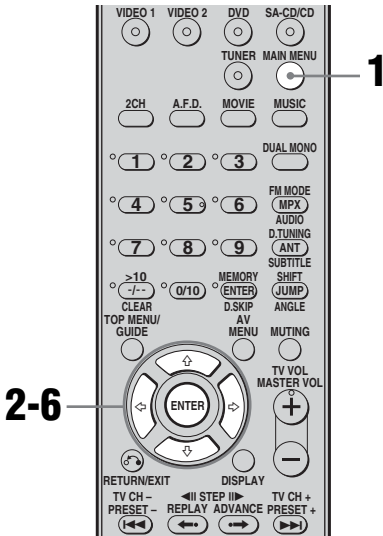
7 Adjust to a suitable volume.

8 After you have finished watching the DVD, eject the disc and turn off the receiver, TV and DVD player.

Amplifier Operations

Navigating through menus

By using the amplifier menus, you can make various adjustments to customize the receiver.



- 6** Press control button \uparrow/\downarrow repeatedly to select the setting you want.

The setting is entered automatically.

To return to the previous display

Press control button \leftarrow .

To exit the menu

Press MAIN MENU.

Note

Some parameters and settings may appear dimmed on the display. This means that they are either unavailable or fixed and unchangeable.

- 1** Press MAIN MENU.
“1-LEVEL” appears on the display.
- 2** Press control button \uparrow/\downarrow repeatedly to select the menu you want.
- 3** Press ENTER or control button \rightarrow to enter the menu.
- 4** Press control button \uparrow/\downarrow repeatedly to select the parameter you want to adjust.
- 5** Press ENTER or control button \rightarrow to enter the parameter.

Overview of the menus

The following options are available in each menu. For details on navigating through menus, see page 24.

Menu [Display]	Parameters [Display]	Settings	Initial setting
LEVEL (27) [1-LEVEL]	Test tone ^{a)} [T. TONE]	T. TONE Y, T. TONE N	T. TONE N
	Front speaker balance ^{a)} [FRT BAL]	BAL. L +1 to BAL. L +8, BALANCE, BAL. R +1 to BAL. R +8	BALANCE
	Center speaker level [CNT LVL]	CNT -10 dB to CNT +10 dB (1 dB step)	CNT 0 dB
	Surround left speaker level [SL LVL]	SUR L -10 dB to SUR L +10 dB (1 dB step)	SUR L 0 dB
	Surround right speaker level [SR LVL]	SUR R -10 dB to SUR R +10 dB (1 dB step)	SUR R 0 dB
	Sub woofer level [SW LVL]	SW -10 dB to SW +10 dB (1 dB step)	SW 0 dB
	Dynamic range compressor ^{a)} [D. RANGE]	COMP. OFF, COMP. STD, COMP. MAX	COMP. OFF
TONE (28) [2-TONE]	Front speaker bass level [BASS LVL]	BASS -6 dB to BASS +6 dB (1 dB step)	BASS 0 dB
	Front speaker treble level [TRE LVL]	TRE -6 dB to TRE +6 dB (1 dB step)	TRE 0 dB
SUR (28) [3-SUR]	Sound field selection ^{a)} [S.F. SELECT]	2CH ST., A.F.D. AUTO, DOLBY PL, PLII MV, PLII MS, MULTI ST., C.ST.EX A, C.ST.EX B, C.ST.EX C, HALL, JAZZ, CONCERT	A.F.D. AUTO
	Effect level ^{a)} [EFFECT]	EFCT. MIN, EFCT. STD, EFCT. MAX	EFCT. STD
TUNER (29) [4-TUNER]	FM station receiving mode ^{a)} [FM MODE]	FM AUTO, FM MONO	FM AUTO

Menu [Display]	Parameters [Display]	Settings	Initial setting
AUDIO (29) [5-AUDIO]	Digital audio input decoding priority ^{a)} [DEC. PRI.]	DEC. AUTO, DEC. PCM	DEC. PCM
	Digital broadcast language selection ^{a)} [DUAL]	DUAL M/S, DUAL M, DUAL S, DUAL M+S	DUAL M
	A/V Sync ^{a)} [A.V. SYNC.]	A.V.SYNC. Y, A.V.SYNC. N	A.V.SYNC. N
	Audio input mode for SA-CD/CD input ^{a)} [CD INPUT]	CD AUTO, CD OPT, CD ANLG	CD AUTO
SYSTEM (30) [6-SYSTEM]	Front speaker distance ^{a)} [FRT DIST.]	DIST. 1.0 m to DIST. 7.0 m (0.1 m step)	DIST. 3.0 m
	Center speaker distance ^{a)} [CNT DIST.]	DIST. 1.0 m to DIST. 7.0 m (0.1 m step)	DIST. 3.0 m
	Surround left speaker distance ^{a)} [SL DIST.]	DIST. 1.0 m to DIST. 7.0 m (0.1 m step)	DIST. 3.0 m
	Surround right speaker distance ^{a)} [SR DIST.]	DIST. 1.0 m to DIST. 7.0 m (0.1 m step)	DIST. 3.0 m
	Surround speaker position ^{a)} [SUR POS.]	SIDE/LO, SIDE/HI, BEHD/LO, BEHD/HI	SIDE/LO

^{a)} For details, refer to the page in the parentheses.

Adjusting the level

(LEVEL menu)

You can use the LEVEL menu to adjust the balance and level of each speaker. These settings are applied to all sound fields. Select “1-LEVEL” in the amplifier menus. For details on adjusting the parameters, see “Navigating through menus” (page 24) and “Overview of the menus” (page 25).

LEVEL menu parameters

■ T. TONE (Test tone)

Lets you adjust the speaker levels and balance while listening to the test tone from your listening position. For details, see “6: Adjusting the speaker levels and balance (TEST TONE)” (page 19).

■ FRT BAL (Front speaker balance)

Lets you adjust the balance between front left and right speakers.

■ CNT LVL (Center speaker level)

■ SL LVL (Surround left speaker level)

■ SR LVL (Surround right speaker level)

■ SW LVL (Sub woofer level)

■ D. RANGE (Dynamic range compressor)

Lets you compress the dynamic range of the sound track. This may be useful when you want to watch movies at low volumes late at night. Dynamic range compression is possible with Dolby Digital sources only.

- COMP. OFF
The dynamic range is not compressed.
- COMP. STD
The dynamic range is compressed as intended by the recording engineer.
- COMP. MAX
The dynamic range is compressed dramatically.

Tip

Dynamic range compressor lets you compress the dynamic range of the soundtrack based on the dynamic range information included in the Dolby Digital signal. “COMP. STD” is the standard setting, but it only enacts light compression. Therefore, we recommend using the “COMP. MAX” setting. This greatly compresses the dynamic range and lets you view movies late at night at low volumes. Unlike analog limiters, the levels are predetermined and provide a very natural compression.

Adjusting the tone (TONE menu)

You can use the TONE menu to adjust the tonal quality (bass/treble level) of the front speakers.

Select “2-TONE” in the amplifier menus. For details on adjusting the parameters, see “Navigating through menus” (page 24) and “Overview of the menus” (page 25).

TONE menu parameters

- **BASS LVL (Front speaker bass level)**
- **TRE LVL (Front speaker treble level)**

Settings for the surround sound (SUR menu)

You can use the SUR menu to select the sound field you want for your listening pleasure.

Select “3-SUR” in the amplifier menus. For details on adjusting the parameters, see “Navigating through menus” (page 24) and “Overview of the menus” (page 25).

SUR menu parameters

■ **S.F. SELCT (Sound field selection)**

Lets you select the sound field you want. For details, see “Enjoying Surround Sound” (page 32).

Note

The receiver lets you apply the last selected sound field to an input whenever it is selected (Sound Field Link). For example, if you select HALL for the SA-CD/CD input, then change to a different input and then return to SA-CD/CD, HALL will automatically be applied again.

■ **EFFECT (Effect level)**

Lets you adjust the “presence” of the surround effect for sound fields selected with the MOVIE or MUSIC buttons.

- **EFCT. MIN**
The surround effect is minimum.
- **EFCT. STD**
The surround effect is standard.
- **EFCT. MAX**
The surround effect is maximum.

Settings for the tuner

(TUNER menu)

You can use the TUNER menu to set the FM station receiving mode.

Select “4-TUNER” in the amplifier menus. For details on adjusting the parameters, see “Navigating through menus” (page 24) and “Overview of the menus” (page 25).

TUNER menu parameters

■ FM MODE (FM station receiving mode)

- FM AUTO
This receiver will decode the signal as stereo signal when the radio station is broadcast in stereo.
- FM MONO
This receiver will decode the signal as mono signal regardless of the broadcast signal.

Settings for the audio

(AUDIO menu)

You can use the AUDIO menu to make settings for the audio to suit your preference.

Select “5-AUDIO” in the amplifier menus. For details on adjusting the parameters, see “Navigating through menus” (page 24) and “Overview of the menus” (page 25).

AUDIO menu parameters

■ DEC. PRI. (Digital audio input decoding priority)

Lets you specify the input mode for the digital signal input to the DIGITAL IN jacks.

- DEC. AUTO
Automatically switches the input mode between DTS, Dolby Digital, or PCM.
- DEC. PCM
PCM signals are given priority (to prevent interruption when playback starts). However, when other signals are input, there may be no sound depending on the format. In this case, set to “DEC. AUTO”.

Note

When set to “DEC. AUTO” and the sound from the digital audio jacks (for CD, etc.) is interrupted when playback starts, set to “DEC. PCM”.

■ DUAL (Digital broadcast language selection)

Lets you select the language you want to listen to during digital broadcast. This feature only functions for Dolby Digital sources.

- DUAL M/S (Main/Sub)
Sound of the main language will be output through the front left speaker and sound of the sub language will be output through the front right speaker simultaneously.
- DUAL M (Main)
Sound of the main language will be output.
- DUAL S (Sub)
Sound of the sub language will be output.
- DUAL M+S (Main + Sub)
Mixed sound of both the main and sub languages will be output.

continued

■ A.V. SYNC. (A/V Sync)

- A.V.SYNC. Y (Yes) (Delay time: 68 ms)
The audio output is delayed so that the time gap between the audio output and visual display is minimized.
- A.V.SYNC. N (No) (Delay time: 0 ms)
The audio output is not delayed.

Notes

- This parameter is useful when you use a large LCD or plasma monitor or a projector.
- This parameter is valid only when you use a sound field selected with the 2CH or A.F.D. buttons.
- This parameter is not valid when PCM 96 kHz or DTS 2048 signals are input.

■ CD INPUT (Audio input mode for SA-CD/CD input)

Lets you select the audio input mode for SA-CD/CD input.

- CD AUTO
Gives priority to digital audio signals when there are both digital and analog connections. If there are no digital audio signals, analog audio signals are selected.
- CD OPT
Specifies the digital audio signals input to the DIGITAL SA-CD/CD OPT IN jack.
- CD ANLG
Specifies the analog audio signals input to the SA-CD/CD AUDIO IN (L/R) jacks.

Settings for the system (SYSTEM menu)

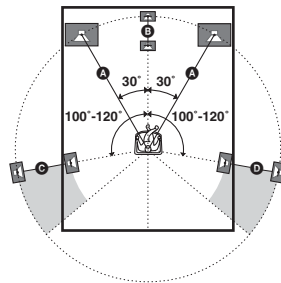
You can use the SYSTEM menu to set the distance of the speakers connected to this system.

Select “6-SYSTEM” in the amplifier menus. For details on adjusting the parameters, see “Navigating through menus” (page 24) and “Overview of the menus” (page 25)

SYSTEM menu parameters

■ FRT DIST. (Front speakers distance)

Lets you set the distance from your listening position to the front speakers (A). If both front speakers are not placed an equal distance from your listening position, set the distance as the average distance between the front speakers.



■ CNT DIST. (Center speaker distance)

Lets you set the distance from your listening position to the center speaker. Center speaker distance should be set from a distance equal to the front speaker distance (A) to a distance 1.5 meters closer to your listening position (B).

■ **SL DIST. (Surround left speaker distance)**

Lets you set the distance from your listening position to the surround left speaker. Surround left speaker distance should be set from a distance equal to the front speaker distance (A on page 30) to a distance 4.5 meters closer to your listening position (C on page 30).

■ **SR DIST. (Surround right speaker distance)**

Lets you set the distance from your listening position to the surround right speaker. Surround right speaker distance should be set from a distance equal to the front speaker distance (A on page 30) to a distance 4.5 meters closer to your listening position (D on page 30).

Tip

The receiver lets you to input the speaker position in terms of distance. However, it is not possible to set the center speaker further than the front speakers. Also, the center speaker cannot be set more than 1.5 meter closer from the front speakers.

Likewise, the surround speakers can not be set further away from the listening position than the front speakers. And they can be no more than 4.5 meter closer. This is because incorrect speaker placement is not conducive to the enjoyment of surround sound.

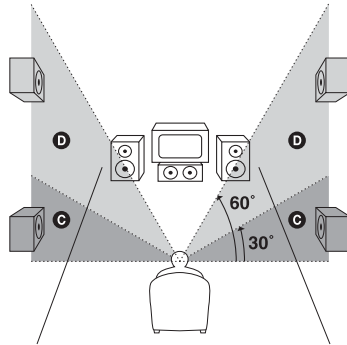
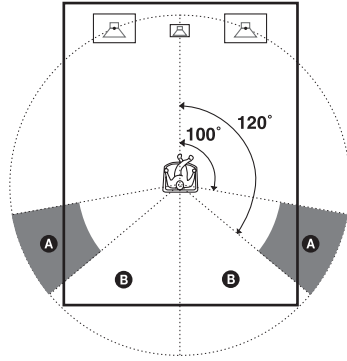
Please note that, setting the speaker distance closer than the actual location of the speakers will cause a delay in the output of the sound from that speaker. In other words, the speaker will sound like it is further away.

For example, setting the center speaker distance 1-2 meter closer than the actual speaker position will create a fairly realistic sensation of being “inside” the screen. If you cannot obtain a satisfactory surround effect because the surround speakers are too close, setting the surround speaker distance closer (shorter) than the actual distance will create a larger sound stage.

Adjusting these parameter while listening to the sound often results in much better surround sound. Give it a try!

■ **SUR POS. (Surround speaker position)**

Lets you specify the location of your surround speakers for proper implementation of the surround effects in the Cinema Studio EX modes (page 35).



- **SIDE/LO**
Select if the location of your surround speakers corresponds to sections **A** and **C**.
- **SIDE/HI**
Select if the location of your surround speakers corresponds to sections **A** and **D**.
- **BEHD/LO**
Select if the location of your surround speakers corresponds to sections **B** and **C**.
- **BEHD/HI**
Select if the location of your surround speakers corresponds to sections **B** and **D**.

Tip

Surround speaker position is designed specifically for implementation of the Cinema Studio EX modes. For other sound fields, speaker position is not so critical.

Those sound fields were designed under the premise that the surround speakers would be located behind the listening position, but presentation remains fairly consistent even with the surround speakers positioned at a rather wide angle. However, if the speakers are pointing toward the listener from the immediate left and right of the listening position, the surround effects become unclear unless set to “SIDE/LO” or “SIDE/HI”.

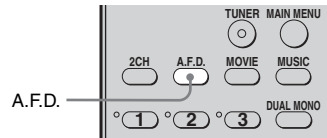
Nevertheless, each listening environment has many variables, such as wall reflections, and you may obtain better results using “BEHD/HI” if your speakers are located high above the listening position, even if they are located to the immediate left and right.

Therefore, although it may result in a setting contrary to the above explanation, we recommend that you playback multi channel surround encoded software and select the setting that provides a good sense of spaciousness and that best succeeds in forming a cohesive space between the surround sound from the surround speakers and the sound of the front speakers. If you are not sure which sounds best, select “BEHD/LO” or “BEHD/HI” and then use the speaker distance parameter and speaker level adjustments to obtain proper balance.

Enjoying Surround Sound

Enjoying Dolby Digital and DTS Surround sound (AUTO FORMAT DIRECT)

The Auto Format Direct (A.F.D.) mode allows you to listen to higher fidelity sound and select the decoding mode for listening to a 2 channel stereo sound as multi channel sound.



Press A.F.D. repeatedly to select the sound field you want.

You can also use SOUND FIELD +/- on the receiver.

For details, see “Types of A.F.D. mode” (page 33).

Types of A.F.D. mode

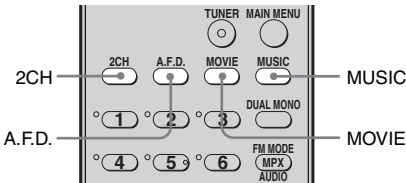
Decoding mode	A.F.D. mode [Display]	Multi channel audio after decoding	Effect
(Detecting automatically)	A.F.D. AUTO [A.F.D. AUTO]	(Detecting automatically)	Presents the sound as it was recorded/ encoded without adding any surround effects. However, this receiver will generate a low frequency signal for output to the sub woofer when there is no LFE signals.
Dolby Pro Logic	PRO LOGIC [DOLBY PL]	4 channel	Performs Dolby Pro Logic decoding. The source recorded in 2 channel format is decoded into 4,1 channels.
Dolby Pro Logic II	PRO LOGIC II MOVIE [PLII MV]	5 channel	Performs Dolby Pro Logic II Movie mode decoding. This setting is ideal for movies encoded in Dolby Surround. In addition, this mode can reproduce sound in 5.1 channel for watching videos of overdubbed or old movies.
	PRO LOGIC II MUSIC [PLII MS]	5 channel	Performs Dolby Pro Logic II Music mode decoding. This setting is ideal for normal stereo sources such as CDs.
(Multi Stereo)	MULTI STEREO [MULTI ST.]	(Multi Stereo)	Outputs 2 channel left/right signals from all speakers.

Note

Dolby Pro Logic and Dolby Pro Logic II decoding do not function for DTS format signals.

Selecting a pre-programmed sound field

You can take advantage of surround sound simply by selecting one of the receiver's pre-programmed sound fields. They bring the exciting and powerful sound of movie theaters and concert halls into your home.



Press MOVIE repeatedly to select a sound field for movies or press MUSIC repeatedly to select a sound field for music.

You can also use SOUND FIELD +/- on the receiver.

For details, see “Types of sound field available” (page 35).

Types of sound field available

Sound field for	Sound field [Display]	Effect
Movie	CINEMA STUDIO EX A DCS [C.ST.EX A]	Reproduces the sound characteristics of the Sony Pictures Entertainment "Cary Grant Theater" cinema production studio. This is a standard mode, great for watching almost any type of movie.
	CINEMA STUDIO EX B DCS [C.ST.EX B]	Reproduces the sound characteristics of the Sony Pictures Entertainment "Kim Novak Theater" cinema production studio. This mode is ideal for watching science-fiction or action movies with lots of sound effects.
	CINEMA STUDIO EX C DCS [C.ST.EX C]	Reproduces the sound characteristics of the Sony Pictures Entertainment scoring stage. This mode is ideal for watching musicals or films where orchestra music is featured in the soundtrack.
Music	HALL [HALL]	Reproduces the acoustics of a classical concert hall.
	JAZZ CLUB [JAZZ]	Reproduces the acoustics of a jazz club.
	LIVE CONCERT [CONCERT]	Reproduces the acoustics of a 300-seat live house.

About DCS (Digital Cinema Sound)

Sound fields with **DCS** mark use DCS technology.

DCS is a unique sound reproduction technology for home theater developed by Sony, in cooperation with Sony Pictures Entertainment, for enjoying the exciting and powerful sound of movie theaters at home. With this "Digital Cinema Sound" developed by integrating a DSP (Digital signal processor) and measured data, the ideal sound field intended by film makers can be experienced at home.

About CINEMA STUDIO EX modes

CINEMA STUDIO EX modes are suitable for watching motion picture DVDs (etc.), with multi channel surround effects. You can reproduce the sound characteristics of Sony Pictures Entertainment's dubbing studio in your home.

The CINEMA STUDIO EX modes consist of the following three elements.

- Virtual Multi Dimension
Creates 5 sets of virtual speakers from a single pair of actual surround speakers.
- Screen Depth Matching
Creates the sensation that the sound is coming from inside the screen like in theaters.
- Cinema Studio Reverberation
Reproduces the type of reverberation found in theaters.





The CINEMA STUDIO EX modes integrate these three elements simultaneously.

Notes

- The effects provided by the virtual speakers may cause increased noise in the playback signal.
- When listening with sound fields that employ the virtual speakers, you will not be able to hear any sound coming directly from the surround speakers.
- This function does not work for signals with a sampling frequency of more than 48 kHz.

Tip

You can identify the encoding format of DVD software, etc., by looking at the logo on the package.

-  : Dolby Digital discs
-   : Dolby Surround encoded programs
-  : DTS Digital Surround encoded programs

To turn off the surround effect for movie/music

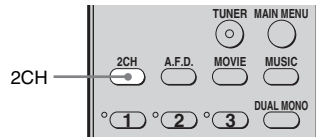
Press 2CH to select “2CH ST.” or press A.F.D. repeatedly to select “A.F.D. AUTO”.

Using only the front speakers and sub woofer (2CH STEREO)

In this mode, the receiver outputs the sound from the front left/right speakers and sub woofer only.

When multi channel surround formats are input, the signals are downmixed to 2 channel with bass frequencies being output from the sub woofer.

When standard 2 channel stereo sources are input, the receiver’s bass redirection circuitry will be activated. The front channel bass frequencies will be output from the sub woofer.



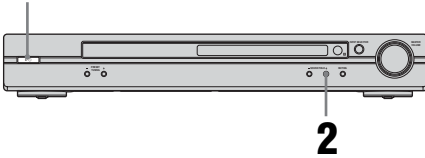
Press 2CH.

You can also use SOUND FIELD +/- on the receiver.

Resetting sound fields to the initial settings

Be sure to use the buttons on the receiver for this operation.

1,2



1 Press I/⏻ to turn off the receiver.

2 While holding down SOUND FIELD +, press I/⏻.

“S.F. CLR.” appears on the display and all sound fields are reset to their initial setting.

Tuner Operations

Listening to FM/AM radio

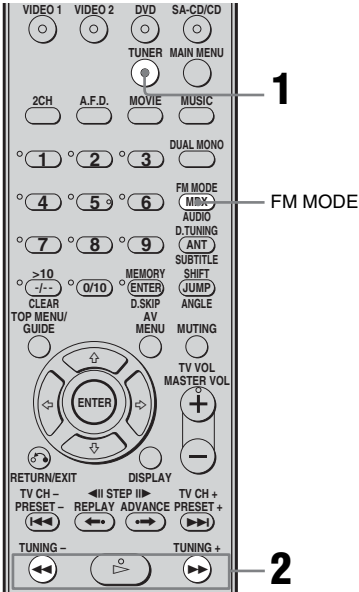
You can listen to FM and AM broadcasts through the built-in tuner. Before operation, make sure you have connected the FM and AM antennas to the receiver (page 17).

Tip

The tuning scale for direct tuning differs depending on the area code as shown in the following table. For details on area codes, see page 2.

Area code	FM	AM
CEL, CEK	50 kHz	9 kHz

Automatic tuning



1 Press TUNER repeatedly to select the FM or AM band.

You can also use INPUT SELECTOR on the receiver.

2 Press TUNING + or TUNING –.

Press TUNING + to scan from low to high; press TUNING – to scan from high to low.

The receiver stops scanning whenever a station is received.

In case of poor FM stereo reception

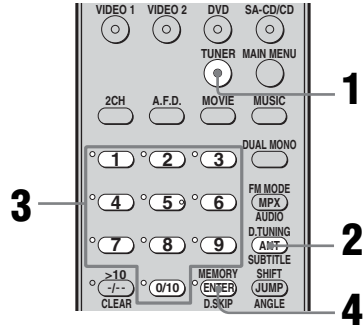
If the FM stereo reception is poor and “ST” flashes on the display, select monaural audio so that the sound will be less distorted.

- press FM MODE repeatedly until the “MONO” indicator lights up on the display.
- set “FM MODE” in TUNER menu to “FM MONO” (page 29).

- press FM MODE repeatedly until the “MONO” indicator on the display does not light up.
- set “FM MODE” in TUNER menu to “FM AUTO” (page 29).

Direct tuning

You can enter the frequency of a station directly by using the numeric buttons.



1 Press TUNER repeatedly to select the FM or AM band.

You can also use INPUT SELECTOR on the receiver.

2 Press D.TUNING.

3 Press the numeric buttons to enter the frequency.

Example 1: FM 102.50 MHz

Select 1 → 0 → 2 → 5 → 0

Example 2: AM 1,350 kHz

Select 1 → 3 → 5 → 0

If you have tuned in an AM station, adjust the direction of the AM loop antenna for optimum reception.

4 Press ENTER.

If you cannot tune in a station

Make sure you have entered the right frequency. If not, repeat steps 2 to 4. If you still cannot tune in a station, the frequency is not used in your area.

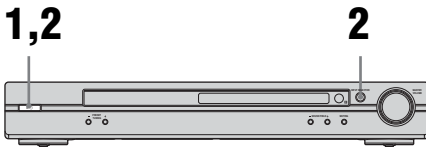
Storing FM stations automatically

(AUTOBETICAL)

(Models of area code CEL, CEK only)

This function lets you store up to 30 FM and FM RDS stations in alphabetical order without redundancy. Additionally, it only stores the stations with the clearest signals.

If you want to store FM or AM stations one by one, see “Presetting radio stations” (page 40). Be sure to use the buttons on the receiver for this operation.



1 Press I/O to turn off the receiver.

2 Hold down INPUT SELECTOR and press I/O to turn the receiver back on.

“AUTO-BETICAL SELECT” appears on the display and the receiver scans and stores all the FM and FM RDS stations in the broadcast area.

For RDS stations, the tuner first checks for stations broadcasting the same program, then stores only the ones with the clearest signal. The selected RDS stations are sorted alphabetically by their Program Service name, then assigned a 2-character preset code. For more details on RDS, see page 41.

Regular FM stations are assigned 2-character preset codes and stored after the RDS stations.

When this process is finished, “FINISH” appears on the display momentarily and the receiver returns to normal operation.

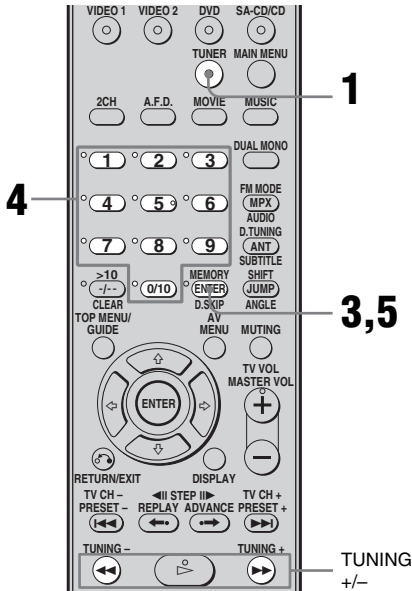
Notes

- Do not press any button on the receiver or supplied remote during autobetrical operation, except I/O.
- If you move to another area, repeat this procedure to store stations in your new area.
- For details on tuning the stored stations, see “Tuning to preset stations” (page 41).
- If you move the antenna after storing stations with this procedure, the stored settings may no longer be valid. If this happens, repeat this procedure to store the stations again.

Presetting radio stations

You can preset up to 30 FM stations and 30 AM stations. Then you can easily tune in the stations you often listen to.

Presetting radio stations



3 Press MEMORY.

“MEMORY” lights up for a few seconds. Perform steps 4 and 5 before “MEMORY” goes out.

4 Press the numeric buttons to select a preset number.

You can also press the TUNING + or TUNING – to select a preset number. If “MEMORY” goes out before you select the preset number, start again from step 3.

5 Press ENTER.

The station is stored as the selected preset number.

If “MEMORY” goes out before you press MEMORY, start again from step 3.

6 Repeat steps 1 to 5 to preset another station.

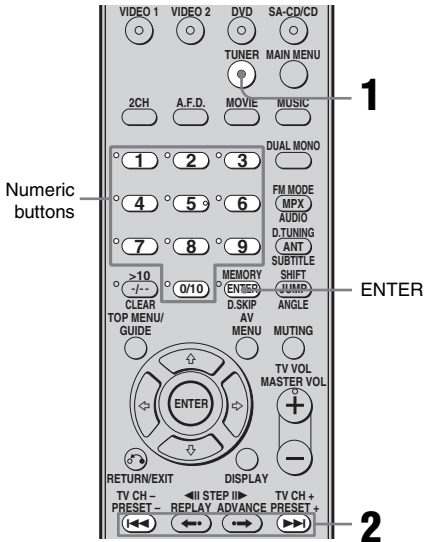
1 Press TUNER repeatedly to select the FM or AM band.

You can also use INPUT SELECTOR on the receiver.

2 Tune in the station that you want to preset using automatic tuning (page 38) or direct tuning (page 38).

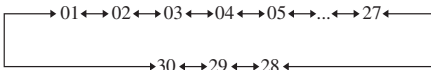
Switch the FM reception mode, if necessary (page 38).

Tuning to preset stations



- 1 Press **TUNER** repeatedly to select the FM or AM band.
- 2 Press **PRESET +** or **PRESET -** repeatedly to select the preset station you want.

Each time you press the button, you can select a preset station as follows:



You can also press the numeric buttons to select the preset station you want. Then, press **ENTER** to enter the selection.

Using the controls on the receiver

- 1 Press **INPUT SELECTOR** repeatedly to select the FM or AM band.
- 2 Press **PRESET TUNING +** or **PRESET TUNING -** repeatedly to select the preset station you want.

Using the Radio Data System (RDS)

(Models of area code CEL, CEK only)

This receiver also allows you to use RDS (Radio Data System), which enables radio stations to send additional information along with the regular program signal. You can display RDS information.

Notes

- RDS is operable only for FM stations.
- Not all FM stations provide RDS service, nor do they provide the same type of services. If you are not familiar with the RDS services in your area, check with your local radio stations for details.

Receiving RDS broadcasts

Simply select a station on the FM band using direct tuning (page 38), automatic tuning (page 38), or preset tuning (page 41).

When you tune in a station that provides RDS services, “RDS” lights up and the program service name appears on the display.

Note

RDS may not work properly if the station you tuned to is not transmitting the RDS signal properly or if the signal strength is weak.

Displaying RDS information

While receiving an RDS station, press DISPLAY repeatedly.

Each time you press the button, RDS information on the display changes cyclically as follows:

Program Service name → Frequency → Program Type indication^{a)} → Radio Text indication^{b)} → Current Time indication (in 24-hour system mode) → Sound field currently applied

^{a)}Type of program being broadcast (page 42).

^{b)}Text messages sent by the RDS station.

Notes

- If there is an emergency announcement by government authorities, "ALARM" flashes in the display.
- When the message consists of 9 characters or more, the message scrolls across the display.
- If a station does not provide a particular RDS service, "NO XXXX" (such as "NO TEXT") appears on the display.

Description of program types

Program type indication	Description
NEWS	News programs
AFFAIRS	Topical programs that expand on current news
INFO	Programs offering information on a wide spectrum of subjects, including consumer affairs and medical advice
SPORT	Sports programs
EDUCATE	Educational programs, such as "how-to" and advice programs
DRAMA	Radio plays and serials
CULTURE	Programs about national or regional culture, such as language and social concerns
SCIENCE	Programs about the natural sciences and technology

Program type indication	Description
VARIED	Other types of programs such as celebrity interviews, panel games, and comedy
POP M	Popular music programs
ROCK M	Rock music programs
EASY M	Easy Listening
LIGHT M	Instrumental, vocal, and choral music
CLASSICS	Performances of major orchestras, chamber music, opera, etc.
OTHER M	Music that does not fit into any categories above, such as Rhythm & Blues and Reggae
WEATHER	Weather information
FINANCE	Stock market reports and trading, etc.
CHILDREN	Programs for children
SOCIAL	Programs about people and the things that affect them
RELIGION	Programs of religious content
PHONE IN	Programs where members of the public express their views by phone or in a public forum
TRAVEL	Programs about travel. Not for announcements that are located by TP/TA.
LEISURE	Programs on recreational activities such as gardening, fishing, cooking, etc.
JAZZ	Jazz programs
COUNTRY	Country music programs
NATION M	Programs featuring the popular music of the country or region
OLDIES	Programs featuring oldies music
FOLK M	Folk music programs
DOCUMENT	Investigative features
NONE	Any programs not defined above

Using the Sleep Timer

You can set the receiver to turn off automatically at a specified time.

Press SLEEP repeatedly while the power is on.

Each time you press the button, the display changes cyclically as follows:

2-00-00 → 1-30-00 → 1-00-00 → 0-30-00
→ OFF

When Sleep Timer is being used, “SLEEP” lights up on the display.

Tip

To check the remaining time before the receiver turns off, press SLEEP. The remaining time appears on the display. If you press SLEEP again, the sleep timer will be canceled.

Changing button assignments

You can change the factory settings of the input buttons to suit the components in your system. For example, if you connect a DVD recorder to the DVD jacks on the receiver, you can set the DVD button on this remote to control the DVD recorder.

1 Hold down the input button of which you want to change the assignment.

Example: Hold down DVD.

2 Referring to the table below, press the corresponding button for the category you want.

Example: Press 4.

Now you can use the DVD button to control the DVD recorder.

Categories and the corresponding buttons

Categories	Press
VCR (command mode VTR 3) ^{a)}	1
VCR (command mode VTR 2) ^{a)}	2
DVD player/DVD recorder (command mode DVD1) ^{b)}	3
DVD recorder (command mode DVD3) ^{b)}	4
CD player	5
MD deck	6
Tape deck B	7
Tuner (this receiver)	8
DSS (Digital Satellite Receiver)	9
DCS (Digital CS Tuner)	0/10
BSD (Digital BS Tuner)	-/--

^{a)} Sony VCRs are operated with a VTR 2 or VTR 3 setting which correspond to 8 mm and VHS respectively.

^{b)} Sony DVD recorders are operated with a DVD1 or DVD3 setting. For details, refer to the operating instructions supplied with the DVD recorders.

To clear all remote button assignments

Press **I/⏪**, **TEST TONE** and **MASTER VOL -** at the same time.

The remote is reset to its factory settings.

Additional Information

Glossary

■ Dolby Digital

Digital audio encoding/decoding technology developed by Dolby Laboratories, Inc. It consists of front (Left/Right), center, surround (Left/Right) and sub woofer channels. It is a designated audio standard for DVD-video and also known as 5.1ch surround. Since surround information is recorded and reproduced in stereo, more realistic sound with fuller presence is delivered than with Dolby surround.

■ Dolby Pro Logic II

This technology converts 2ch stereo recorded audio into 5.1ch for playback. There is a MOVIE mode for movies and MUSIC mode for stereo sources such as music. Old movies encoded in the traditional stereo format can be enhanced with 5.1ch surround sound.

■ Dolby Surround (Dolby Pro Logic)

Audio processing technology developed by Dolby Laboratories, Inc. Center and mono surround information is matrixed into two stereo channels. When reproduced, audio is decoded and output in 4ch surround sound. This is the most common audio processing method for DVD-video.

■ DTS Digital Surround

Digital audio encoding/decoding technology for theaters developed by Digital Theater Systems, Inc. It compresses audio less than Dolby Digital, delivering a higher quality sound reproduction.

■ Sampling frequency

To convert analog audio to digital, analog data should be quantified. This process is called sampling, and the number of times per second the analog data is quantified is called the sampling frequency. A standard music CD stores data quantified at 44,100 times per second, which is expressed as a sampling frequency of 44.1 kHz. Generally speaking, a higher sampling frequency means better sound quality.

Precautions

On safety

Should any solid object or liquid fall into the cabinet, unplug the receiver and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it any further.

On power sources

- Before operating the receiver, check that the operating voltage is identical with your local power supply.
The operating voltage is indicated on the nameplate on the back of the receiver.
- 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.
- If you are not going to use the receiver for a long time, be sure to disconnect the receiver from the wall outlet. To disconnect the AC power cord, grasp the plug itself; never pull the cord.
- The AC power cord must be changed only at a qualified service shop.

On heat buildup

Although the receiver heats up during operation, this is not a malfunction. If you continuously use this receiver at a large volume, the cabinet temperature of the top, side and bottom rises considerably. To avoid burning yourself, do not touch the cabinet.

On placement

- Place the receiver in a location with adequate ventilation to prevent heat buildup and prolong the life of the receiver.
- Do not place the receiver near heat sources, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, or mechanical shock.
- Do not place anything on top of the cabinet that might block the ventilation holes and cause malfunctions.
- Do not place the receiver near equipment such as a TV, VCR, or tape deck. (If the receiver is being used in combination with a TV, VCR, or tape deck, and is placed too close to that equipment, noise may result, and picture quality may suffer. This is especially likely when using an indoor antenna. Therefore, we recommend using an outdoor antenna).
- Use caution when placing the receiver or speakers on surfaces that have been specially treated (with wax, oil, polish, etc.) as staining or discoloration of the surface may result.

On operation

Before connecting other components, be sure to turn off and unplug the receiver.

If you encounter color irregularity on a nearby TV screen

The front speakers, center speaker and the sub woofer are magnetically shielded to allow it to be installed near a TV set. However, color irregularities may still be observed on certain types of TV sets. As the surround speakers are not magnetically shielded, we recommend that you place the surround speakers slightly further away from TV set (page 11).

If color irregularity is observed...

Turn off the TV set, then turn it on again after 15 to 30 minutes.

If color irregularity is observed again...

Place the speaker further away from the TV set.

If howling occurs

Reposition the speakers or turn down the volume on the receiver.

On cleaning

Clean the cabinet, panel, and controls with a soft cloth slightly moistened with a mild detergent solution. Do not use any type of abrasive pad, scouring powder, or solvent, such as alcohol or benzine.

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

Troubleshooting

If you experience any of the following difficulties while using the receiver, use this troubleshooting guide to help you remedy the problem.

There is no sound, no matter which component is selected, or only a very low-level sound is heard.

- Check that the speakers and components are connected securely.
- Check that both the receiver and all components are turned on.
- Check that MASTER VOLUME is not set to “VOL MIN”.
- Press MUTING to cancel the muting function.
- Check that you have selected the correct component with the input buttons on the remote or INPUT SELECTOR on the receiver.
- The protective device on the receiver has been activated. Turn off the receiver, eliminate the short-circuit problem, and turn on the power again.

There is no sound from a specific component.

- Check that the component is connected correctly to the audio input jacks for that component.
- Check that the cord(s) used for the connection is (are) fully inserted into the jacks on both the receiver and the component.
- Check that you have selected the correct component with the input buttons on the remote or INPUT SELECTOR on the receiver.

There is no sound from one of the front speakers.

- Make sure you have connected to both the L and R jacks of an analog component, and not only to either the L or R jack. Use an audio cord (not supplied).

The left and right sounds are unbalanced or reversed.

- Check that the speakers and components are connected correctly and securely.
- Adjust the balance parameters using the LEVEL menu (page 27).

There is severe hum or noise.

- Check that the speakers and components are connected securely.
- Check that the connecting cords are away from a transformer or motor, and at least 3 m away from a TV set or fluorescent light.
- Move your audio components away from the TV.
- The plugs and jacks are dirty. Wipe them with a cloth slightly moistened with alcohol.

There is no sound, or only a very low-level sound is heard from the center/surround speakers.

- Select a CINEMA STUDIO EX mode (page 35).
- Adjust the speaker level (page 19).

There is no sound from the sub woofer.

- Check that the sub woofer is connected correctly and securely.

The surround effect cannot be obtained.

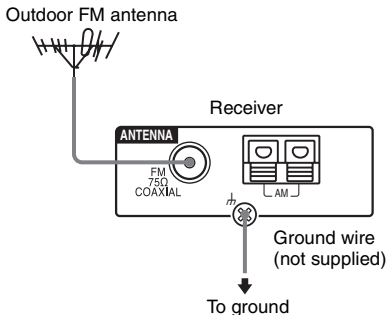
- Make sure you have selected a sound field with MOVIE or MUSIC button.
- Sound fields do not function for signals with a sampling frequency of more than 48 kHz.

Dolby Digital or DTS multi channel sound is not reproduced.

- Check that the DVD, etc. you are playing is recorded in Dolby Digital or DTS format.
- When connecting the DVD player, etc., to the digital input jacks of this receiver, check the audio setting (the settings for the audio output) of the connected component.

The FM reception is poor.

- Use a 75-ohm coaxial cable (not supplied) to connect the receiver to an outdoor FM antenna as shown below. If you connect the receiver to an outdoor antenna, ground it against lightning. To prevent a gas explosion, do not connect the ground wire to a gas pipe.



Radio stations cannot be tuned in.

- Check that the antennas are connected securely. Adjust the antennas and connect an external antenna, if necessary.
- The signal strength of the stations is too weak (when tuning in with automatic tuning). Use direct tuning (page 38).
- Make sure you set the tuning interval correctly (when tuning in AM stations with direct tuning).
- No stations have been preset or the preset stations have been cleared (when tuning by scanning preset stations). Preset the stations (page 40).

RDS does not work.^{a)}

- Make sure that you are tuned to an FM RDS station.
- Select a stronger FM station.

The RDS information that you want does not appear.^{a)}

- Contact the radio station and find out whether they actually provide the service in question. If so, the service may be temporarily out of order.

There is no picture or an unclear picture appears on the TV screen or monitor.

- Make sure you have connected the video output of your video component to the TV.
- Move your audio components away from the TV.

Remote control

The remote does not function.

- For receiver operation, you can only use the DISPLAY button when the TUNER input is selected.^{a)}
- Point the remote at the remote sensor on the receiver.
- Remove any obstacles in the path between the remote and the receiver.
- Replace all the batteries in the remote with new ones, if they are weak.
- Make sure you select the correct input on the remote.
- The SHIFT button on the remote is not available for receiver operation.

^{a)}Models of area code CEL, CEK only.

Error messages

If there is a malfunction, the display shows a message. You can check the condition of the system by the message. Refer to the following table to solve the problem. If any problem persists, consult your nearest Sony dealer.

PROTECT

Irregular current is output from the speakers. The receiver will automatically turn off after a few seconds. Check the speaker connection and turn on the power again.

If you are unable to remedy the problem using the troubleshooting guide

Clearing the receiver's memory may remedy the problem (page 18). However, note that all memorized settings will be reset to their factory settings and you will have to readjust all settings on the receiver.

If the problem persists

Consult your nearest Sony dealer.

Reference sections for clearing the receiver's memory

To clear	See
All memorized settings	page 18
Customized sound fields	page 37

Specifications

Amplifier section

Power Output¹⁾

Stereo mode (rated) 30 W + 30 W
(6 ohms at 1 kHz, 0.7%)

Music power output

FRONT²⁾: 63.3 W/ch
CENTER²⁾: 63.3 W
SUR²⁾: 63.3 W/ch
SUBWOOFER²⁾: 63.5 W

¹⁾Measured under the following conditions:

Area code	Power requirements
CEL, CEK	230 V AC, 50 Hz

²⁾Depending on the sound field settings and the source, there may be no sound output.

Inputs (Analog)

SA-CD/CD, VIDEO 1, 2	Sensitivity: 900 mV Impedance: 50 kohms
-------------------------	--

Inputs (Digital)

DVD (Coaxial)	Sensitivity: – Impedance: 75 ohms
SA-CD/CD (Optical)	Sensitivity: – Impedance: –

Reproduction frequency range:
28 – 20,000 Hz

Tone

Gain levels	±6 dB, 1 dB step
-------------	------------------

FM tuner section

Tuning range 87.5 - 108.0 MHz
Antenna FM wire antenna
Antenna terminals 75 ohms, unbalanced
Intermediate frequency
10.7 MHz

AM tuner section

Tuning range	
Models of area code	CEL, CEK
With 9-kHz tuning scale:	
	531 – 1,602 kHz
Antenna	Loop antenna
Intermediate frequency	450 kHz

General

Power requirements

Area code	Power requirements
CEL, CEK	230 V AC, 50/60 Hz

Power consumption

Area code	Power consumption
CEL, CEK	180 W

Power consumption (during standby mode)
0.2 W

Dimensions (w/h/d) (Approx.)
430 × 64 × 352 mm
including projecting parts
and controls

Mass (Approx.) 5.7 kg

Speaker section

Front speakers (SS-MSP700)

Center speaker (SS-CNP700)

Surround speakers (SS-SRP700)

Front/center speakers	Full range, magnetically shielded
Surround speakers	Full range
Speaker units	70 mm cone type
Enclosure type	Close type
Rated Impedance	6 ohms
Dimension (w/h/d) (Approx.)	
Front/surround speakers	91 × 96 × 100 mm
Center speaker	155 × 96 × 100 mm
Mass (Approx.)	
Front speakers	0.6 kg
Center speaker	0.7 kg
Surround speakers	0.5 kg

Sub woofer (SS-WP700)

Speaker system	Magnetically shielded
Speaker unit	200 mm cone type
Enclosure type	Bass reflex
Rated Impedance	6 ohms
Dimensions (w/h/d) (Approx.)	270 × 330 × 306 mm including front panel
Mass (Approx.)	4.7 kg

Supplied accessories

- FM wire antenna (1)
- AM loop antenna (1)
- Remote commander RM-AAU002 (1)
- R6 (size-AA) batteries (2)
- Coaxial digital cord (1)
- Foot pads
- Speakers (20)
- Sub woofer (4)
- Speakers
- Front speakers (2)
- Center speaker (1)
- Surround speakers (2)
- Sub woofer (1)

For details on the area code of the component you are using, see page 2.

Design and specifications are subject to change without notice.

Index

Numerics

- 2 channel 36
- 2CH STEREO 36
- 5.1 channel 11

A

- AUTO FORMAT DIRECT (A.F.D.) 32
- AUTOBETICAL 39

C

- CD player
 - connecting 15
 - playback 22

D

- Digital Cinema Sound (DCS) 35
- Dolby Digital 44
- DVD player
 - connecting 16
 - playback 23
- DVD recorder
 - connecting 16

E

- Error messages 48

I

- Initial setup 18

M

- Menu
 - AUDIO 29
 - LEVEL 27
 - SUR 28
 - SYSTEM 30
 - TONE 28
 - TUNER 29
- Muting 21

R

- RDS 41

S

- Satellite tuner
 - connecting 16
- Selecting
 - component 20
 - sound field 34
- Sleep Timer 43
- Sound fields
 - resetting 37
 - selecting 34
- Speakers
 - connecting 13
 - installing 11
- Super Audio CD player
 - connecting 15
 - playback 22

T

- TEST TONE 19
- Tuner
 - connecting 17
- Tuning
 - automatically 38
 - directly 38
 - to preset stations 41

V

- VCR
 - connecting 16

