X4-TECH

SlimStyler

MP3 Chrome Edition

Instruction manual

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Dear customer,

this product is EMV-certified and fulfills all European and National guideline requirements. A declaration of CE conformity has been established for this product. Certification has been documented and entrusted to the manufacturer. This instruction manual will explain and help you to understand how this MP3 player operates, as well as provide you with information on maintenance, cleaning and safety procedures. To maintain this products condition and ensure safe operation, we would like to request the owner to take time to read and follow all instructions found in this manual carefully! Retain this instruction manual for future reference. Improvements on our equipment are continuously being made in both quality and performance, thus we reserve the right to alter specifications and information contained in this manual without notice.

Should setup and operation differ from this user manual, or if any questions or suggestions arise, then please visit our company website for the latest product information or contract your local dealer fur further information.

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Intended use

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This product is intended for music playback in either MP3 or WMA format. Choose between a memory capacity of 1024 MB or 2048 MB, depending on player version and order number. This player also has a built-in microphone for audio/voice recordings. Use the USB 2.0 connection to copy music files to your MP3 player; during data transport between two computers you will also be able to file other data in memory as well. For further information on this function, please refer to chapter 3.

Any unauthorized modification and/or change on the device is prohibited and will void the warranty and all warranty claims, including authorization (CE).

Never open the players casing. The labels found on the device should never be removed or damaged in any way. Misuse or operating the device in any other way than described in this manual could lead or cause damage to the device. Furthermore, there is the risk of short circuiting, fire, electric shock, etc.

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Symbols

⚠️ An exclamation mark found within a triangle is used to advise the user of important handling, operation and maintenance instructions.

☞ The symbol of a hand is used to draw special attention to tips, helpful hints and operating information.

Safety information

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Neglecting or ignoring the instructions found in this manual can lead to damage occurred as a result of improper use, which voids all warranty claims. We assume no liability for consequential damage!

We assume no liability for personal or property damage resulting from the failure to comply with the safety instructions, improper operation and handling. Under such circumstances, all claims under warranty will become void.

Please note
The following Safety and Hazard Warnings serve as a general guideline for proper maintenance, safety and operation. We recommend that you read the following precautions listed below thoroughly.

› Complying with the essential requirements of the European health, safety and environmental protection legislation (CE), any unauthorized modification and/or change on the device is prohibited and will void the warranty and all warranty claims. For maintenance or repairs please contact your dealer.

› This device is not a toy and is not intended or suitable for

children. Keep it away from children at all times to avoid possible injury, as it contains small parts that could be swallowed.

› This device should never come in contact with water or moisture! Condensation can build up suddenly, when this device is brought from a colder into a warmer area (e.g. when transporting). Should this happen, allow the device to warm up to room temperature first before using. Never place containers filled with water, e.g. buckets, vases or plants, near this device. Care should be taken that liquids do not come in contact with the interior. This can not only damage the device, but also become a fire hazard.

› Never place any sources of fire on top of or near the device (e.g. lighted candle).

› Operate this device in a moderate climate and never expose to extreme temperatures, such as high humidity.

› Do not bend or place any heavy objects on the cable.

› Never leave packaging material lying around unsupervised. For children it could become a hazardous toy and lead to serious injury.

Rechargeable battery information

The X4-TECH SlimStyler uses a high quality built-in lithium polymer rechargeable battery. The battery can be charged via connection to a USB interface. Please wait until the battery has been completely charged. The battery indicator will show a completely charged battery level on the display.

Note: Battery charging time is up to 4 hours.

Please make sure the player is turned off, before connecting to a computer to charge. Otherwise the player will start in USB mode.

Dear Customer!

Note:
Do not throw batteries and
rechargeable batteries into household waste!

Consumers are legally obligated to return used and rechargeable batteries, whether they contain harmful substances* or not, to designated recycling areas, disposal sites, or stores where batteries/ rechargeable batteries can be bought. By doing so, you are fulfilling all legal battery recycling and disposal obligations and are contributing to a better enviroment. Make sure batteries are completly discharged before disposing!

*) marked with   Cd = cadmium   Hg= mercuric   Pb= lead

Dear Customer!

Important Notice:

Please note that electrical and electronic devices must
never be disposed of in regular household waste!

Consumers are legally obligated and responsible for the proper disposal of electronic and electrical devices by returning them to collection sites designated for the recycling of electrical and electronic equipment waste after the useful lifetime of a device has come to an end. For more information concerning collection sites and correct disposal, please contract your local authority or waste management company. The presence of the above symbol on a device, on its packaging or within the instruction manual indicates that this item must not be disposed of in normal unsorted municipal waste.
In doing so, you are fulfilling all recycling and disposal obligations and are optimizing and contributing to a better environment. These disposal regulations apply to battery/rechargeable battery disposal as well. Most batteries contain hazardous chemicals which can contaminate the environment and human health, if they are discarded in ordinary household waste. According to legislation, batteries are to be returned to the place of purchase, disposed of at designated recycling areas or disposal sites.

MP3 and WMA music format information

Music, that we listen to either from a stereo system, kitchen or car radio, is just actually an analog signal.

In the past one could buy records, music cassettes and tapes with a recorded analog signal. While records were usually damaged from dust and frequent use, tapes demagnetized themselves leading to a dull and muffled sound.

Later on, the Compact Disc (CD) was developed for storing music in digital form. An analog signal is measured at specific intervals, transferred in numerical value and stored in a specific form on the CD. A CD player (or amplifier) evaluates the computed value once again into an analog signal. An audio CD can hold approximately 70 – 80 minutes of music. Its format is similar to that of a normal computer CD-ROM, which has an equivalent data volume of approx. 650 – 700 MB.

The early stages of computer technology development, where 1 MB user memory, 100 MB hard drives and a 28 kBit modem, a standard thing were, usually also brought a lot of problems along with it.

That's why researchers started experimenting with new ways of compressing an audio CDs amount of data.

☞ Contrary to the different compression programs on computers, for instance WinZip, all initial information will be irretrievably lost when audio compressing.

Normally the difference between MP3 and audio CD playback can not be heard; provided that a „better" compression level is used.

In this case, the playback quality offered in mobile devices (e.g. the included MP3 player) or in cars is satisfactory.

The most common known compressed file format is "MP3", which offers a variety of quality levels (The principle is: the better the format, the greater the amount of data).

Later on, other different compressed audio file formats were developed; the second most important after „MP3" is the „WMA" format. Meanwhile, there are both free of charge and/or very expensive programs for almost all operating systems available on the market that can be used with any available audio CD (or other source), to help you create compressed music files.

☞ **Please note:**
A lot of audio CDs are copy protected to prevent cloning. In some cases, complications could arise when converting into a compressed music data file.

Hi-fi CD players will normally not be affected by copy protected CDs; a lot of computer drives will although refuse playback.

The industry is tending to gradually change back to CDs that are not copy protected, due to the many problems that DVD players, car radios and other portable playback units are having with this copy protection method.

This copy protection system was developed to prevent CD cloning and circulation, which is why many record companies are trying to protect their CDs. Such trends threaten the existence of artists, musicians and the music industry. The development of the copy protection system has also led to

an illegal circulation of music in the form of MP3 files via internet and online exchange.

What it comes down to, is that there are now quite a number of various internet providers on the market offering compressed music files that can be legally purchased and downloaded. Being able to listen to different samples of music and having the ability to download directly, one is only minutes away (granted you have DSL) from desired songs in either MP3 or WMA format.

There are even special internet radio stations extra for recording, provided you have the proper software.

☞ MP3 files (as well as WMA files) are nothing more than a specific compression format designed to reduce the amount of space needed for saving and storing compressed songs.

Features 3

› Depending on player version/order number available with 1024 or 2048 MB

› Operated with a lithium polymer rechargeable battery

› MP3 and WMA music file playback

› A maximum of 99 music files (MP3/WMA) per directory is possible. Create even more directories via computer/USB.

› Various equalizer settings

› Voice recordings (permanent or voice/sound controlled recordings)

› LC display (with a blue backlight)

› 3.5 mm audio output for earphones or for connecting to an amplifier (line level)

› 2.0 USB connection (compatible to 1.1 USB) (power will be supplied via USB when connected to a computer)

› No driver installation necessary for Windows XP, 2000 or Vista

The player

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Controls and indicators

1. ON/OFF, PLAY/PAUSE/STOP button
2. Volume –
3. Volume +
4. 3.5 mm stereo jack for audio output
5. USB cable connection
6. Main ON/OFF switch
7. LC display
8. Next
9. Previous
10. Mode button

Connections and cable

An USB cable and earphones are included in delivery. You can also use an optional 3.5 mm stereo connection cable to connect your MP3 player to a stereo system. The earphone jack not only serves as an audio output connection, but also as an earphone connection.

Basic operation

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Turning ON/OFF

› Turn your MP3 player on by pressing the PLAY (1) button on the left side of the LC display (for approx. 2 seconds) until the display has been activated and then release. Note: Please make sure that the MAIN SWITCH (6) has been switched to „ON" first, before turning your player on.

› Turn the player off by pressing the PLAY/PAUSE/STOP (1) button on the left side of the LC display (for approx. 2 seconds) until the display turns off.

Choosing a mode

The MP3 player has over 6 different modes to choose from:

› **Navigation**
This mode lets you view, choose and organize files. In the main menu, navigate to „Navigation" and press the MODE (10) button to confirm. Use the VOL– (2) and VOL+ (3) but-

tons to navigate within and view all files stored in the folder /root.

Now you can:

› Begin file playback by pressing the MODE (10) button down shortly. (You automatically enter into the music mode.)

› Return to the main menu by pressing the MODE (10) button longer.

› **Music**
MP3/WMA file playback
› See chapter 7

› **Voice**
Voice recording playback (for recordings previously recorded via the integrated microphone)
› See chapter 8

› **Record**
For recording with the integrated microphone
› See chapter 9

› **Setting**
System settings
› See chapter 10

› **USB mode when connected to a computer**
The USB mode is automatically activated when the MP3 player is connected, via USB cable, to a computer. The MP3 player will turn on automatically (power supply via USB).

The buttons on the MP3 player will not function when the player is in a USB mode. The MP3 player works like a conventional USB memory flash drive or like an USB hard drive.

To choose either a „Music", „Voice", „Setting" or „Record" mode please proceed as follows:
Keep the MODE (10) button pressed down long enough (approx. 2 sec.) until the modes „Music", „Voice", „Setting" and „Record" are displayed.

☞ In case the MP3 player has been turned off during one of these operational modes, once turned on again, this mode will automatically be restored.

› After the main menu has been displayed, navigate with the PREVIOUS (9) and NEXT (8) buttons to choose the desired mode.

› Confirm by pressing the MODE (10) button down shortly.

Volume regulation

Use the VOL– (2) and VOL+ (3) buttons found on the left hand side of the player to adjust the volume when listening to music or when recording with the microphone.

There are a total of 32 different levels to choose from (0 – 31).

Connecting to a computer 6

General information

The player's memory is empty when delivered. This means there are no existing music files found on the player that can be played back.

In case you do not have any MP3 files, you can use any available audio CD with one of the various programs available on the market to create your on MP3 files. It's also possible to record radio or television programs with the appropriate programs; there are even special internet radio stations that play in MP3 format.

☞ Each directory created on your MP3 player (or also in the main directory) can hold only up to a maximum of 99 MP3/WMA files. The player will not play any files exceeding this amount.

A MP3 player version with a memory capacity of for example 1024 MB, will allow you to create even more directories, thus expanding for example the number of MP3 files that you can have on your player (e.g. for each artist or for your favorite songs and so on).

This limitation naturally does not apply to normal data transmission (e.g. when pictures are to be transmitted between two computers)!

⚠ Before connecting your MP3 player to a computer, please make sure that the USB cable is connected to your player first, before connecting it to your computer. Never disconnect an MP3 player from a computer during data transmission! Improper disconnection or operation can result in damaged or lost files. We assume no liability for any damage resulting from the failure to comply with the instructions (as described above).

After data transmission has taken place, wait for a few seconds before disconnecting the device. Disconnect your player by clicking (for Windows) on the symbol „ 🖧 " in the taskbar of your operating system. After clicking on „Safely Remove Hardware" („Close" or similar), now you can detach the USB cable from the computer port first, before detaching it from your MP3 player.

Windows XP, 2000, Vista

☞ These operating systems require no driver installation. The driver is already a part of these systems.

› Turn your computer on and wait until the boot sequence has been fully completed.

› Connect your MP3 player to a USB port on your computer. Windows will recognize the new hardware automatically and the respective drivers will be installed.

› Once installed, you will find a new driver letter in My Computer/ Explorer. This extra driver can now be used for your MP3 player (for copying and deleting files, creating new folders, etc.).

Music mode („Music") 7

The mode allows you to play back music files in an MP3 and WMA format.

☞ Transfer files to your MP3 player first, otherwise an error message will appear on display after this mode has been selected and no files can be found on the player.

Choosing a music file

Press the „◀◀ or ▶▶"button to choose either the previous or next music file.

Starting/pausing playback

› Press the PLAY (1) button down shortly on the left side of the LC display to start playback.

› Pressing the PLAY (1) button down shortly again will pause playback. Press this button again to commence playback.

☞ If you want to listen to a music file from the beginning again, pause playback, press the „◀◀ " button and start playback as described above.

A-B Repeat

During playback you have the opportunity to mark a range in a music file that is to be repeated more than more. „A" will mark the beginning and „B" the end of the range to be repeated. Choose the title to be repeated and press the PLAY (1) button to start playback.

› During playback press the MODE (10) button down shortly to mark the beginning of the range to be repeated. The symbol „A" for the „A–B" repeat function can be seen on the display.

› Press the MODE (10) button down again to mark the end of the range to be repeated. The endpoint has now been established. The symbol „B" for the „A–B" repeat function can be seen on the display.

The „A–B" symbol can be seen on the display.

The MP3 player will now play back the selected range.

Voice mode ("Voice") **8**

The voice mode lets you listen to voice recordings recorded with the built-in microphone.

☞ The MP3 player contains no recordings when delivered. If you want to test this mode for the first time, make a few voice recordings first, as mentioned in chapter 9.

Choosing a recorded file

Navigate with the "◀◀ or ▶▶" button to choose either the previous or next recording.

Starting/pausing playback

› Press the PLAY (1) button shortly once on the left side of the LC display. The selected recording will then begin.

› Pressing the PLAY (1) button down shortly once more pauses playback. Press this button again to resume playback.

› If you want to hear the recording from the beginning, pause playback, press the "◀◀ " button and start playback as described above.

Record mode („Record")

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After entering the voice recording mode in the main menu, you can start recording with the built-in microphone. Recordings with the built-in microphone can be started and ended by pressing a button.

› Press the PLAY (1) button to start recording.

› Press the PLAY (1) button down shortly to pause a recording. The pause symbol can be seen on the display. Press the PLAY (1) button down once again to commence recording at any time.

› Press the PLAY (1) button down longer to stop and store a recording as a WAV file on the player. Repeat this process for further voice recordings.

The MP3 player stores recorded files as WAV files that can be found in the „Voice" folder.

System settings

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This mode gives you the opportunity to adjust or change one the following settings listed below:

Navigate with the „◀◀ or ▶▶" button to the submenu „Setting" and press the MODE (10) button to confirm and enter this submenu.

Now you have the opportunity to adjust or change one of the following settings:

1. Equalizer
2. Playback
3. Contrast
4. Backlight
5. Power
6. Language
7. Exit

Navigate with the „◀◀ or ▶▶" button to choose an option. Confirm your selection by pressing the MODE (10) button down shortly.

Equalizer

This menu option gives you the opportunity to choose one of the 8 different equalizer settings.

Navigate with the „◀◀ or ▶▶" button to choose the desired equalizer setting and confirm your selection by pressing the MODE (10) button.

Choose one of the following settings:

› Natural
› Rock
› Jazz
› Classic
› Pop
› Soft
› DBB (Dynamic Bass Boost)

Each equalizer setting acts as a digital substitute for a manual pitch and intensity setting. Choose a timbre setting according to your own desired taste and type of music.

Playback mode

This menu option gives you the opportunity to choose between 6 different repeat modes.

Navigate with the „◀◀ or ▶▶" button to the desired mode and confirm your selection by pressing the MODE (10) button.

› Normal
› Repeat all
› Repeat one
› Random
› Random all
› Preview

Contrast (LCD)

This function allows you to set the LC display contrast. The setting range can be adjusted from 0 (light) to 10 (dark).

› Press the „◀◀ und ▶▶" button to set the contrast.

› Press the MODE (10) button down shortly to confirm the selected contrast setting. After confirmation the player automatically returns to the „System settings" mode.

Backlight

The LC display backlight will automatically light up as soon as a button has been activated.

The time that the backlight stays active, before it automatically goes off again, can be adjusted between 0 – 45 seconds.

☞ Adjusting the backlight setting to „0" will shut the backlight off completely and will ensure a longer battery lifespan.

› After entering the „Backlight" mode you can use the „◀◀ or

▶▶" button to set the backlight time.

› Press the MODE (10) button down shortly to confirm the selected backlight setting. After confirmation the player automatically returns to the „System settings" mode.

☞ To save power, choose the shortest time possible that the backlight will be activated.

Power (Auto-Power-Off)

The MP3 player will shut itself off automatically after not being in use for a certain amount of time, e.g. paused or stopped playback/recording, to save power. Adjust the time to either 2, 10 or 30 minutes.

☞ If the „Disable" setting has been selected, the Auto-Power-Off option will be deactivated. The MP3 player will then continually stay on until it is either manually turned off or the batteries run low.

Language

Choose the preferred menu language in this setting.

Many other system settings can be reached directly from the main menu, which are not necessarily found as a submenu under the „System settings" mode.

Exit

To exit the „System settings" mode, navigate to „Exit" and press the MODE (10) button to confirm and return to the main menu.

Deleting files 11

Using your computers USB mode is the easiest way to organize, manage and delete all of your files. You also have the alternative to delete files directly from your MP3 player. In the main menu, navigate to „Delete" and press the MODE (10) button to confirm and enter this menu. Now you can select one of the following submenus:

Music files
› Deletes music files that have been transferred to the MP3 player via computer.

Voice files
› Deletes voice recordings stored as WAV files that have been recorded with the integrated microphone.

Exit
› Exits the submenu.

Select one of the above options or exit this submenu by navigating to „Exit" and confirming with the MODE (10) button.

If one of the above options has been chosen, then each file found on the player will be shown individually.

1. Choose the file that is to be deleted.

2. Use the volume buttons (Vol + (3) and Vol – (2)) to choose between „Yes" and „No".

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The menu option „About" informs you about the type of firmware version that your MP3 player has. Should you have any questions or need to contact a service hotline number, you will be asked exactly what type of firmware your MP3 player has. In addition to this, it will also show you the player's internal memory capacity and the capacity which is not yet occupied.

e.g. Memory information
    Ver: 2.611   › Firmware version
    Int: 256 MB   › Flash memory
    Free: 33 MB   › Available, unoccupied memory capacity

Handling **13**

⚠️ Follow all operating instructions and safety warnings listed in the instruction manual.

This product is not a toy and should be kept away from children.

Avoid the following adverse environmental conditions when handling, operating or transporting:

› Moisture or high humidity

› Extreme low temperatures (<−10°C) or heat (>50°C), direct sunlight

› Dust, inflammable gases, vapors and solvents

› Strong vibrations, impacts, blows

Your full concentration and attention is required while driving in traffic (as well as in many other surroundings). Using or listening to your MP3 player with earphones/ headphones can divert one's attention and be just as distracting, as using your cell phone while driving. In the case of an accident, insurance coverage might be denied and you could be partially blamed for the accident respectively!

If your car radio has an audio input connection (Line level), then you can also connect and play this MP3 player through your radio. Appropriate cables are available at your local dealer.

Please refer to your car radios user manual for more information.

⚠️ For safety reasons as mentioned above, only operate (turning the power on, starting playback, etc.) this product while your car is parked!

Troubleshooting **14**

With this MP3 player you have purchased a product that meets today's standard of technology.

Nevertheless, sometimes problems or malfunctions may occur. That is why we would like to help you with the following possible solutions should any problems occur.

⚠️ Always pay special attention to the safety information!

Problem	Solution
No display/Player can not be turned on.	Connect the player to a computer; the battery probably needs to be charged.
No sound can be heard.	Make sure that the earphones are connected properly. Has the volume been regulated properly?
MP3/WMA file playback not possible; stuttered playback	It may have to do with an unusual compressed format. In case you have created files yourself, please use some other type of software to create MP3 or WMA files.

Maintenance and cleaning **15**

This is a maintenance-free product that should never be disassembled.

This product should only be repaired by qualified, authorized personnel or by an authorized dealer, otherwise any damage caused by improper use or unauthorized modification will void the warranty/warranty claims and CE authorization.

Use a soft, dry, clean and fuzz-free cloth to clean. Never use any cleaning agents as these could damage any markings, labels or the exterior.
Dust can be easily removed with either a soft, clean brush or a vacuum cleaner.

Disposal

After the lifespan of a device has expired it should be collected and disposed of at appropriate sites. Check your local region for legal requirements and guidelines as to a proper disposal of electronic equipment in your area.

Tips and information **16**

Each directory on your MP3 player can hold only up to a maximum of 99 MP3/WMA files. Your MP3 player will not play any files exceeding this amount. A MP3 player version with more memory capacity (e.g. the 1024 MB version) will allow you to create even more directories, thus expanding the number of MP3/WMA files that you can have on your player.

Any new known problems, drivers, software or firmware will be released to the public when available and can be seen under www.x4-tech.de.

Please do not carry out a firmware update if your player is operating and functioning properly. An update will not change the player's technical functions, but (for example) might only improve the menu.

There are numerous different programs available ("Windows Media Player 10", activated "Win amp" versions, "Freeware" programs) that help you to create MP3 or WMA files from an audio CD or other audio sources. As already mentioned in chapter 6, complications could arise with audio CDs that are copy protected. The bit rate should be set at approximately 128, 160 or 192 kbit/s. A lower byte rate

leads to poor quality and a higher to unnecessary memory consumption.

Open up a directory on your computer for all of your favorite MP3/WMA files. Connecting your MP3 player to your computers USB port will ensure an easy and quick transfer of your MP3 files.

Technical data **17**

› Memory: 1024 MB or 2048 MB

› Supported file formats: MP3/WMA

› Voice recordings: approx. 64 hours (1024 MB)
                    approx. 128 hours (2048 MB)

› Display: 96 x 26 pixels with a blue backlight

› WMA data rate: 8 kbps – 192 kbps

› MP3 data rate: 8 kbps – 448 kbps

› Lithium polymer rechargeable battery

› USB 2.0

› Internal flash memory: 100.000 x rewriteable

› Operating systems: MS Windows XP/2000/VISTA, MAC, SUSE, LINUX (starting with 10.2)

Delivery contents **18**

› MP3 player

› Stereo earphones with a neck strap

› USB connection cable

› Installation CD

› Instruction manual

› Service data sheet

Service

Please contact us at the following service hotline should any questions arise:

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