11 Troubleshooting

Before requesting service, make the following checks. If you are uncertain about some of the check points, or if the solutions indicated in the following guide does not resolve the issue, then consult your dealer for instructions.

To return all settings to the factory defaults

When the following situations occur, reset the memory:
- There is no response when buttons are pressed.
- You want to clear and reset the memory contents.

1 Turn this unit on.
2 Touch and hold [⏻/I] on the unit.
3 While continuing to hold [⏻/I] on the unit, touch and hold [■] on the unit for 5 seconds.
- Keep holding down [⏻/I] and [■] until "--------" appears on the display.

4 Release [⏻/I] and [■].

- All the settings are returned to the factory defaults. You will need to reset the memory items.

General

Humming heard during playback.
- If an AC mains lead or fluorescent lights are near the cords, then keep other appliances and cords away from the cables.

Charging does not start.
- Remove and re-insert the USB device.
- Try to change the audio source.

Charging does not start during standby mode.
- Turn the unit on. Check the charging has started.

Remote control

The remote control does not work properly.
- The battery is depleted or inserted incorrectly.
- It may be necessary to set the code of the remote control again after changing the battery of the remote control. (See "Changing the unit and remote control code")

USB

No response when [▶/❚❚] is pressed.
- Disconnect the USB device and then reconnect it. Alternatively, turn the unit off and on again.

The USB device or its contents cannot be read.
- The USB device format or its contents is/are not compatible with the unit.
- The USB host function of this product may not work with some USB devices.
- It may not be possible to insert a USB device correctly, depending on its shape.

The performance of the USB device is slow.
- It may take time to read or play a USB device in the following cases:
  - The USB device contains a large number of folders or files.
  - The USB device contains large-size files.
  - The USB device is a large memory USB device.

The elapsed time displayed is different from the actual play time.
- Copy the data to another USB device or backup the data and reformat the USB device.

Bluetooth®

Pairing cannot be completed.
- Check the Bluetooth® device condition.

The device cannot be connected.
- The pairing of the device was unsuccessful or the registration has been replaced. Try re-pairing the device.
- This unit might be connected to a different device. Disconnect the other device and try re-pairing the device.
- If the problem persists, turn the unit off and on, then try again.

The device is connected, but audio cannot be heard through this unit.
- For some built-in Bluetooth® devices, you have to set the audio output to "SC-BMAX3" manually. Read the operating instructions for the device for details.
- Try to operate the Bluetooth® device to connect to this unit.
- Try to play the connected Bluetooth® device.

The sound is interrupted.
- The device is out of the 10 m communication range. Place the Bluetooth® device closer to this unit.
- Remove any interference between this unit and the device.
- Other devices that use the 2.4 GHz frequency band, such as wireless routers, microwaves, cordless phones, etc. are interfering. Place the Bluetooth® device closer to this unit and distance it from the other devices.

12 Messages

The following messages or service numbers may appear on the unit's display.

"-:--"
- You plugged the AC mains lead in for the first time or there was a power failure recently. Set the time.

"ADJUST CLOCK"
- Clock is not set. Adjust the clock accordingly.

"ADJUST TIMER"
- Play timer is not set. Adjust the play timer accordingly.

"AUTO OFF"
- The unit has been left unused for about 20 minutes and will shut down within a minute. Press any button to cancel it.

"CANNOT SET"
- Select an audio source other than "BLUETOOTH".

"CONNECTED"
- The Bluetooth® connection has been completed.

"ERROR"
- Incorrect operation is performed. Read the instructions and try again.

"F□□" (" □ " stands for a number.)
- There is a problem with this unit. Write down the displayed number, disconnect the AC mains lead and consult your dealer.

"LINKING"
- This unit tries and connects to the last connected Bluetooth® device.

"NODEVICE"
- The USB device is not inserted correctly. Read the instructions and try again.

"NO PLAY"
- Examine the content. You can only play supported format.
- The files in the USB device can be corrupted. Format the USB device and try again.
- The unit may have a problem. Turn the unit off and then on again.

"NOT SUPPORTED"
- The playback function of this unit does not support that of the connected USB device. Try another USB device.

"READING"
- The unit is checking the USB information. After this display has disappeared, start operating.

"READY"
- Connect this unit to the paired Bluetooth® device. (See "Connecting a paired Bluetooth® device")

"REMOTE □" (" □ " stands for a number.)
- The remote control and this unit are using different codes. Change the code on the remote control. (See "Changing the unit and remote control code")

"USB OVER CURRENT ERROR"
- The USB device is drawing too much power. Remove the USB device and turn the unit off.

13 Reference

About Bluetooth®

Panasonic bears no responsibility for data and/or information that is compromised during a wireless transmission.

■ Frequency band used
This system uses the 2.4 GHz frequency band.

■ Certification of this device
- This system conforms to frequency restrictions and has received certification based on frequency laws. Thus, a wireless permit is not necessary.
- The actions below are punishable by law in some countries:
  - Taking apart or modifying the system.
  - Removing specification indications.

■ Restrictions of use
- Wireless transmission and/or usage with all Bluetooth® equipped devices is not guaranteed.
- All devices must conform to standards set by Bluetooth SIG, Inc.
- Depending on the specifications and settings of a device, it can fail to connect or some operations can be different.
- This system supports Bluetooth® security features. But depending on the operating environment and/or settings, this security is possibly not sufficient. Transmit data wirelessly to this system with caution.
- This system cannot transmit data to a Bluetooth® device.

■ Range of use
- Use this device at a maximum range of 10 m. The range can decrease depending on the environment, obstacles or interference.

■ Interference from other devices
- This system may not function properly and troubles such as noise and sound jumps may arise due to radio wave interference if this system is located too close to other Bluetooth® devices or the devices that use the 2.4 GHz band.
- This system may not function properly if radio waves from a nearby broadcasting station, etc. is too strong.

■ Intended usage
- This system is for normal, general use only.
- Do not use this system near an equipment or in an environment that is sensitive to radio frequency interference (e.g.: airports, hospitals, laboratories, etc).

Compatible USB devices
- FAT12, FAT16 and FAT32 file systems are supported.
- This unit supports USB 2.0 full speed.
- This unit can support USB devices of up to 32 GB.
- This unit does not guarantee connection to all USB devices.
  Examples:
  - Connection to a device with more than one memory
  - Connection to a USB device via a USB hub
  - Connection to a smartphone, tablet or similar device

Compatible MP3 files
- Supported format: Files with the extension ".mp3" or ".MP3".
- Compatible compression rate: Between 32 kbps and 320 kbps (stereo).
- Depending on how you create the MP3 files, they may not play in the order you numbered them or may not play at all.

USB device
- A maximum of 255 albums (including root folder) or 2500 tracks can be read by this unit. The maximum number of tracks in a folder that can be read by this unit is 999 tracks. This unit is not guaranteed to read files exceeding those numbers.

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MPEG Layer-3 audio coding technology licensed from Fraunhofer IIS and Thomson.

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14 Specifications

■ GENERAL

Power consumption	80 W
Power consumption in standby mode	Approx. 1.0 W
Power supply	AC 220 V to 240 V, 50 Hz
Dimensions (W×H×D)	Approx. 756 mm×292 mm×408 mm
For Vertical setting Dimensions (W×H×D)	Approx. 288 mm×756 mm×410 mm
Mass	Approx. 14.4 kg
Operating temperature range	0 °C to +40 °C
Operating humidity range	20 % to 80 % RH (no condensation)

■ AMPLIFIER SECTION

RMS Output Power	
Total RMS output power (1channel drive)	550 W

■ USB SECTION

USB Standard	USB 2.0 full speed
Media file format support	MP3 (∗.mp3)
USB device file system	FAT12, FAT16, FAT32
Playable USB storage	USB Thumbdrives
USB port power	max 1 A
Sampling frequency	32 kHz, 44.1 kHz, 48 kHz
Bit rate	32 kbps to 320 kbps
Audio output	2 ch

■ TERMINAL SECTION

AUX	
Jack Type	Stereo, 3.5 mm
Audio Output	
Jack Type	Stereo, 3.5 mm

■ BLUETOOTH SECTION

Bluetooth system specification	Bluetooth® Ver. 3.0
Wireless equipment classification	Class 2 (2.5 mW)
Supported Profiles	A2DP, AVRCP
Supported codec	SBC
Frequency band	2.4 GHz band FH-SS
Operating distance	Approx. 10 m Line of sight

■ SPEAKER SECTION

Speaker (L/R)	
Type	2 way 2 speaker system (Bass reflex type)
Woofer Unit(s) 2 speakers Size(Type)	20 cm (Cone type)
Tweeter Unit(s) 2 speakers Size(Type)	5 cm (Cone type)

- Specifications are subject to change without notice.
- Mass and dimensions are approximate.
- Total harmonic distortion is measured by a digital spectrum analyzer.

Safety precautions

■ WARNING

Unit
- To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or product damage,
  - Do not expose this unit to rain, moisture, dripping or splashing.
  - Do not place objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on this unit.
  - Use only the recommended accessories.
  - Do not remove covers.
  - Do not repair this unit by yourself. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

AC mains lead
- The mains plug is the disconnecting device. Install this unit so that the mains plug can be unplugged from the socket outlet immediately.
- To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or product damage,
  - Ensure that the power supply voltage corresponds to the voltage printed on this unit.
  - Insert the mains plug fully into the socket outlet.
  - Do not pull, bend, or place heavy items on the lead.
  - Do not handle the plug with wet hands.
  - Hold onto the mains plug body when disconnecting the plug.
  - Do not use a damaged mains plug or socket outlet.
- Do not forcibly bend, pull or twist the AC mains lead.

■ CAUTION

Unit
- To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock or product damage,
  - Do not install or place this unit in a bookcase, built-in cabinet or in another confined space. Ensure this unit is well ventilated.
  - Do not obstruct this unit's ventilation openings with newspapers, tablecloths, curtains, and similar items.
  - Do not block the fan's ventilation holes on the rear of this unit.
  - Do not place this unit in such a way that it crushes the female end of the AC mains lead and the connectors of the connected cables.
  - Do not place sources of naked flames, such as lighted candles, on this unit.
  - Do not expose this unit to direct sunlight, high temperatures, high humidity, and excessive vibration.
- This unit is intended for use in moderate climates.
- This unit may receive radio interference caused by mobile telephones during use. If such interference occurs, please increase separation between this unit and the mobile telephone.
- Product Identification Marking is located on the rear of the unit.
- Do not allow children to climb on this unit.
- Do not stack anything on this unit.
- Place this unit on an even surface.
- Do not touch the speaker cone's reverberating surfaces:
  - This may damage the speaker cone.
  - The speaker cone may be hot.
- Do not place your feet under the unit.
- Improper handling or transportation manner may cause the unit to fall, etc., resulting in damage and/or personal injury.
- Be careful when babies or children are near.

- Do not carry this unit as shown below.

Battery
- Danger of explosion if battery is incorrectly replaced. Replace only with the type recommended by the manufacturer.
- When disposing of the batteries, please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.
- Do not heat or expose to flame.
- Do not leave the battery(ies) in a car exposed to direct sunlight for a long period of time with doors and windows closed.
- Do not take apart or short circuit.
- Do not recharge alkaline or manganese batteries.
- Do not use the battery if the cover has peeled off.
- Remove the battery if you do not use the remote control for a long period of time. Keep in a cool, dark area.

Unit care

■ To prevent speaker damage
- When you play at high levels for a long period, it can cause damage to the speakers and decrease the life of the speakers.
- Decrease the volume in these conditions to prevent damage:
  - When the sound is distorted.
  - When you adjust the sound quality.

■ Clean this unit with a soft, dry cloth
Pull out the AC mains lead from the outlet before maintenance.
- When dirt is heavy, wring a wet cloth tightly to wipe the dirt, and then wipe it with a dry cloth.
- Do not use solvents including benzine, thinner, alcohol, kitchen detergent, a chemical wiper, etc. This might cause the exterior case to be deformed or the coating to come off.

■ To dispose or transfer this unit
The unit may keep the user settings information in the unit. If you discard this unit either by disposal or transfer, then follow the procedure to return all the settings to the factory defaults to delete the user settings.
(See "To return all settings to the factory defaults")
- The operation history may be recorded in the memory of this unit.

Accessories

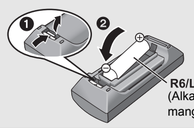
Check the supplied accessories before using this unit.

☐ **1 Remote control (N2QAYB001000)**
☐ **1 Battery for remote control**

- Product numbers provided in these operating instructions are correct as of September 2014. These may be subject to change.

■ Using the remote control

Insert the battery so the terminals (+ and −) match those in the remote control.
Point it at the remote control signal sensor on this unit.
To avoid interference, please do not put any objects in front of signal sensor.



About descriptions in these operating instructions
- Unless otherwise indicated, operations are described using the remote control.

-If you see this symbol-

Information on Disposal in other Countries outside the European Union

This symbol is only valid in the European Union.
If you wish to discard this product, please contact your local authorities or dealer and ask for the correct method of disposal.

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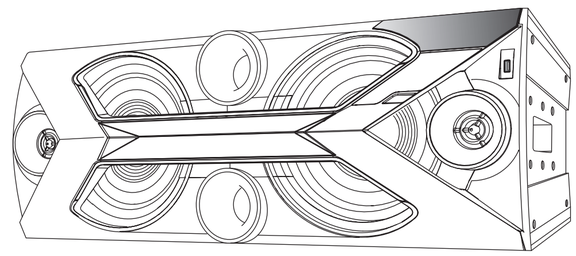
Operating Instructions
Active Speaker System
Model No. SC-BMAX3



Thank you for purchasing this product.
Please read these instructions carefully before using this product, and save this manual for future use.

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Panasonic Warranty

1. The product is warranted for 12 months from the date of purchase. Subject to the conditions of this warranty Panasonic or its Authorised Service Centre will perform necessary service on the product without charge for parts or labour, if in the opinion of Panasonic, the product is found to be faulty within the warranty period.
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4. This warranty does not cover the following items unless the fault or defect existed at the time of purchase:
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   (b) Video or Audio Tapes
   (c) SD cards or USB devices
   (d) User replaceable Batteries
   (e) DVD, Blu-ray or Recordable Discs
   (f) Video / Audio Heads from wear and tear in normal use
   (g) Information stored on Hard Disk Drive, USB stick or SD card
   (h) DTV reception issues caused by TV Aerial / Cabling / Wall socket(s) etc
5. Some products may be supplied with Ethernet connection hardware. The warranty is limited on such products and will not cover
   (a) Internet and or DLNA connection / setup related problems
   (b) Access fees and or charges incurred for internet connection
   (c) The use of incompatible software or software not specifically stipulated in the product operations manual; and
   (d) Any indirect or consequential costs associated with the incorrect use or misuse of the hardware, its connection to the internet or any other device.
6. To claim warranty service, when required, you should:
   - Telephone Panasonic's Customer Care Centre on 132600 or visit our website referred to below and use the Service Centre Locator for the name/address of the nearest Authorised Service Centre.
   - Send or take the product to a Panasonic Authorised Service Centre together with your proof of purchase receipt as a proof of purchase date. Please note that freight and insurance to and / or from your nearest Authorised Service Centre must be arranged by you.
   - Note that home or pick-up/delivery service is available for the following products in the major metropolitan areas of Australia or the normal operating areas of the nearest Authorised Service Centres:
     - Plasma/LCD televisions / displays (screen size greater than 103 cm)
7. The warranties hereby conferred do not extend to, and exclude, any costs associated with the installation, de-installation or re-installation of a product, including costs related to the mounting, de-mounting or remounting of any screen, (and any other ancillary activities), delivery, handling, freighting, transportation or insurance of the product or any part thereof or replacement of and do not extend to, and exclude, any damage or loss occurring by reason of, during, associated with, or related to such installation, de-installation, re-installation or transit.

Panasonic Authorised Service Centres are located in major metropolitan areas and most regional centres of Australia, however, coverage will vary dependant on product. For advice on exact Authorised Service Centre locations for your product, please telephone our Customer Care Centre on 132600 or visit our website and use the Service Centre Locator.

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THIS WARRANTY CARD AND THE PURCHASE DOCKET (OR SIMILAR PROOF OF PURCHASE) SHOULD BE RETAINED BY THE CUSTOMER AT ALL TIMES

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If phoning in, please ensure you have your operating instructions available.

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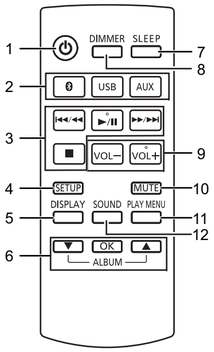
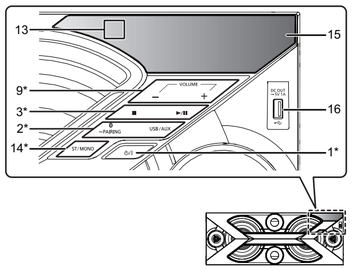
1 Control reference guide

Remote control



The unit (Front view)



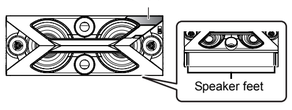
1 **Standby/on switch [⏻], [⏻/I]**
Press to switch the unit from on to standby mode or vice versa. In standby mode, the unit is still consuming a small amount of power.
2 Select the audio source
On the unit:
To start Bluetooth® pairing, press and hold [-PAIRING] when you are in Bluetooth®
(See “Connecting via Bluetooth® menu”)
3 Basic playback control buttons
4 Enter setup menu
5 Change the displayed information
6 Selection/OK
7 Set the sleep timer
8 Dim the display panel
Press again to cancel.
9 Adjust the volume (0 (min) to 50 (max))
10 Mute the sound
Press again to cancel. “MUTE” is also cancelled when the volume is adjusted or the unit is turned off.
11 Set the play menu item
12 Enter sound menu
13 Remote control signal sensor
For both horizontal and vertical layouts:
Distance: Within approx. 7 m directly in front
Angle: Approximately 20° up and down, 30° left and right
14 Switch the sound to stereo or monaural
15 Display panel
16 USB terminal

* These switches work just by touching the marks.

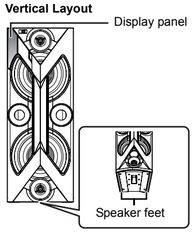
2 Installation

This unit can be installed either vertically or horizontally. Select the installation style based on your preferences. Install this unit with the speaker feet side down as shown below.
- It is recommended to select the “MONO” sound effect when this unit is installed vertically. (See “Sound effects”)

Horizontal Layout



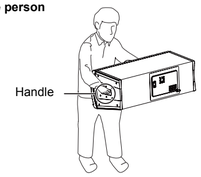
Vertical Layout



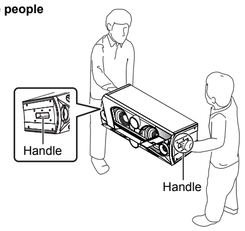
■ Carrying this unit

This unit can be carried by either one or two people. To lift this unit, hold the side handles.

One person



Two people



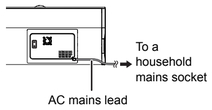
- Put this unit on a flat safe surface.
- Use caution when lifting this unit.
  – Carry this unit with two people if necessary.

3 Connecting the AC mains lead

Turn off all equipment before connection and read the appropriate operating instructions.

Connect the AC mains lead.

Rear view



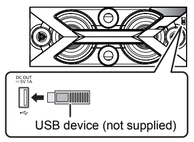
- **Conserving power**
  This unit consumes a small amount of power (See “Specifications”) even in standby mode. In the interest of power conservation, if you will not be using this unit for a long time, unplug it from the household mains socket. Since some settings will be lost when this unit is unplugged, you will need to apply them again next time you use it.

4 Connecting a USB device

Preparation
Before you connect a USB device to this unit, make sure you do a backup of the data.

Decrease the volume and connect the USB device to the USB terminal.
Hold this unit when connecting or disconnecting the USB device.

Front view



- Do not use a USB extension cable.
  This unit cannot recognise USB device connected through a cable.

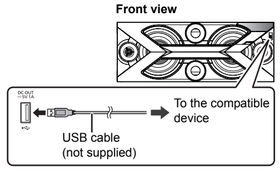
Charging a device

Charging starts when a device (rated value: 5 V/1 A) is connected to the USB terminal of this unit.
- Although some devices can be charged when this unit is in USB mode, it is recommend to charge such devices when this unit is in Bluetooth® mode or AUX mode.
- When charging a device for more than approximately 20 minutes, set the Auto off function to "OFF". (See “Auto off function”)

Preparation
Turn the unit on.

Connect a device.
Confirm from the screen of the connected device, etc. to make sure charging has started.

Front view



- A cable compatible with your device is required. Use the cable that comes with your device.
- Even if you connect a cable compatible with the USB terminal of this unit, your device may not be charged. In that case, use the charger that comes with the device.
- Depending on your device, using other chargers may not work. Check the operating instructions of your device before use.
- If your device cannot be charged when this unit is in USB mode, charge the device when this unit is in Bluetooth® mode or AUX mode.
- Do not connect a device with a rated value higher than 5 V/1 A to this unit.
- To check if charging is complete, look at the screen of the connected device, etc.
- Once fully charged, remove the USB cable from the USB terminal.

5 Bluetooth® connection

You can listen to the sound from the Bluetooth® audio device from this unit wirelessly.
- Refer to the operating instructions of the Bluetooth® device for details.

Connecting via Bluetooth® menu

Preparation
- Turn on the Bluetooth® feature of the device and place the device near this unit.

■ Pairing with Bluetooth® devices

1 Press [ ] to select “BLUETOOTH”.
- If “PAIRING” is indicated on the display, go to step 4.

To enter pairing mode*

2 Press [PLAY MENU] to select “PAIRING”.

3 Press [▲, ▼] to select “OK? YES” and then press [OK].

* You can also enter pairing mode by pressing and holding [-PAIRING] on the unit.

To pair with a device

4 Select “SC-BMAX3” from the Bluetooth® device’s Bluetooth® menu.

5 Start playback on the Bluetooth® device.

■ Connecting a paired Bluetooth® device

1 Press [ ] to select “BLUETOOTH”.
- “READY” is indicated on the display.
- When “BLUETOOTH” is selected as the source, this unit will automatically try and connect to the last connected Bluetooth® device.

2 Select “SC-BMAX3” from the Bluetooth® device’s Bluetooth® menu.

3 Start playback on the Bluetooth® device.

- If prompted for the passkey, input “0000”.
- You can register up to 8 devices with this unit. If a 9th device is paired, the device that has not been used the longest will be replaced.
- This unit can only be connected to one device at a time.

Disconnecting a Bluetooth® device

1 While a Bluetooth® device is connected:
Press [PLAY MENU] repeatedly to select “DISCONNECT?”.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to select “OK? YES” and then press [OK].

- You can also disconnect the Bluetooth® device by pressing and holding [-PAIRING] on the unit.
- The Bluetooth® device will be disconnected if a different audio source (e.g., “USB”) is selected.

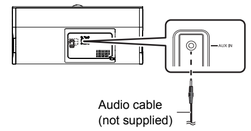
6 Connecting an external device

Preparation
Turn the unit on.

1 Connect an external device using an audio cable (not supplied).
- Plug type: ∅ 3.5 mm stereo

2 Press [AUX] to select “AUX” and start playback on the connected device.

Rear view



■ To select the sound input level of the external device

1 While in AUX mode, press [PLAY MENU] repeatedly to select “INPUT LEVEL”.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to select “NORMAL” or “HIGH” and then press [OK].

- The factory default is “NORMAL”.
- To improve sound distortion when “HIGH” is selected, select “NORMAL”.
- Switch the equalizer off or turn the volume of the external device down to reduce the input signal. High level of input signal will distort the sound.
- For details, refer to the operating instructions of the device.

Connecting additional SC-BMAX3 units

You can connect to play sound from this unit to the additional SC-BMAX3 units.
- It is recommended to install all SC-BMAX3 units vertically.

Preparation
1 Set the sound input level of additional SC-BMAX3 units to “NORMAL”. (See “To select the sound input level of the external device”)
2 Turn all the SC-BMAX3 units off.

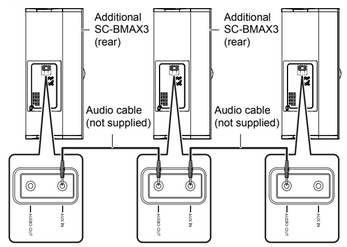
1 Connect this unit and all the additional SC-BMAX3 units with audio cables (not supplied).
- Plug type: ∅ 3.5 mm stereo

2 Turn all the SC-BMAX3 units on.

3 On the additional SC-BMAX3 units:
Press [AUX] to select “AUX”.
- For all the SC-BMAX3 units:
  It is recommended to select the “MONO” sound effect. (See “Sound effects”)

4 On this unit:
Start your desired playback.

Rear view



- You can connect this unit and up to two SC-BMAX3 units.
- The sound effect will be controlled separately by each unit. Make the same sound settings on the additional units if necessary.
- The illumination lights of the SC-BMAX3 units may flash at slightly different times.

7 Media playback controls

The following marks indicate the availability of the feature.
USB: USB devices containing MP3 files (See “Compatible USB devices”)
Bluetooth: Connected Bluetooth® device

Preparation
- Turn the unit on.
- Insert the USB device or connect the Bluetooth® device.
- Press [USB] or [ ] to select the audio source.

Basic controls (USB, Bluetooth)

Play	Press [▶/❚❚].
Stop	Press [■]. ● USB: The position is memorised and “RESUME” is displayed. – Press [▶/❚❚] to resume. – Press [■] again to clear the position.
Pause	Press [▶/❚❚]. Press again to restart play.
Skip	Press [⏮/◀◀] or [▶▶/⏭]. USB: Press [▲] or [▼] to skip the MP3 album.
Search	During play or pause, press and hold [⏮/◀◀] or [▶▶/⏭].

■ To display information

Press [DISPLAY] repeatedly.

- To use this unit’s remote control with a Bluetooth® device, the Bluetooth® device must support AVRCP (Audio Video Remote Control Profile).
  Depending on the status of the device, some controls may not work.
- Maximum number of displayable characters: approx. 32
- This unit supports ver. 1 and 2 ID3 tags but priority is more to ver. 2. Text data that is not supported will not be displayed or will be shown differently.
- The displayed remaining time of a track with a variable bit rate (VBR) may differ from its actual remaining time.
- Album and track indication for MP3 files.
  e.g.

Album number* Track number*

“ ”: This indication is also used to refer to an album.
“ ”: This indication is also used to refer to a track.
* Those numbers are displayed as “A _ _ _” (album number) or “T _ _ _” (track number) when the number of albums or tracks stored in the connected USB device exceeds the maximum number of albums or tracks that can be read by this unit.

- This unit skips MP3 files (tracks) that are not supported.

Playback modes (USB)

Select the playback mode.

1 Press [PLAY MENU] to select “PLAYMODE” or “REPEAT”.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to select the setting and then press [OK].

PLAYMODE	
OFF PLAYMODE	Cancels the play mode setting.
1-TRACK	Only plays the selected track. ● “1”, “ ” is displayed. (Skip to the desired track.)
1-ALBUM	Only plays the selected MP3 album. ● “1”, “ ” is displayed.
RANDOM	Plays the contents randomly. ● “RND” is displayed.
1-ALBUM RANDOM	Plays the tracks in the selected MP3 album randomly. ● Press [▲] or [▼] to select the MP3 album. ● “1”, “ ”, “RND” is displayed.
REPEAT	
OFF REPEAT	Turns off repeat mode.
ON REPEAT	Turns on repeat mode. ● “ ” is displayed.

- During random play, you cannot skip to the previous track.
- In “RANDOM” or “1-ALBUM RANDOM” mode, tracks are played endlessly even when “REPEAT” is set to “OFF REPEAT”.
- “ ” is displayed depending on the REPEAT mode setting.
- In “RANDOM” or “1-ALBUM RANDOM” mode, tracks may be played more than once.

8 Clock and timers

Setting the clock

This is a 24-hour clock.

1 Press [SETUP] repeatedly to select “CLOCK”.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to set the time and then press [OK].
- To display the clock, press [SETUP] repeatedly to select “CLOCK” and then press [OK] once.
  (During standby, press [DISPLAY] once.)
- The clock is reset when there is a power failure or when the AC mains lead is removed.
- Reset the clock regularly to maintain accuracy.

Sleep timer

The sleep timer can turn the unit off after a set time.

Press [SLEEP] to set the time (in minutes).

“SLEEP 30” → “SLEEP 60” → “SLEEP 90” → “SLEEP 120”
↳ “OFF” (Cancel) ←

- The remaining time is indicated on the unit’s display except when other operations are performed.
- The play timer and sleep timer can be used together. The sleep timer is always the main timer on the unit.

Play timer

You can set the timer so this unit turns on at a certain time every day.

Preparation
Set the clock. (See “Setting the clock”)

1 Press [SETUP] repeatedly to select “TIMER ADJ”.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to set the starting time (“ON TIME”) and then press [OK].

3 Press [▲, ▼] to set the finishing time (“OFF TIME”) and then press [OK].

Turning the timer on

1 Select a music source* and set the desired volume.

2 Press [SETUP] repeatedly to select “TIMER SET”.

3 Press [▲, ▼] to select “SET” and then press [OK].
- “ ” is displayed.
- To turn the timer off, select “OFF”.

4 Press [⏻] to turn the unit to standby mode.
- To display the timer settings, press [SETUP] repeatedly to select “TIMER ADJ” and then press [OK] once.
  The music source and volume will also be displayed if the timer is turned on.
- During standby, if the timer is turned on, press [DISPLAY] twice to display the settings.
- To change the music source, select “OFF” in step 3 of “Turning the timer on” and then perform steps 1 to 4 of the procedure.
- This unit can be used as normal after the timer is set, however:
  – Turn the unit to standby mode before the timer start time.
  – Even if the music source or the volume is changed, the timer will still use the music source and volume that was set when the timer was turned on.

* “USB” and “AUX” can be set as the music source.

9 Sound and illumination effects

Sound effects

The following sound effects can be added to the audio output.

1 Press [SOUND] repeatedly to select the effect.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to select the setting and then press [OK].

“PRESET EQ” (Preset Equalizer)	“HEAVY” (heavy), “SOFT” (soft), “CLEAR” (clear), “VOCAL” (vocal) or “FLAT” (flat/off). ● The factory default is “HEAVY”.
“D.BASS” (Dynamic Bass)	“ON D.BASS” or “OFF D.BASS”. ● The factory default is “ON D.BASS”.
“ST/MONO” (STEREO/ MONO)	“STEREO” or “MONO”. ● The factory default is “STEREO”. ● “ ” is displayed when “MONO” is selected .

- You may experience a reduction in sound quality when these effects are used with some sources. If this occurs, turn the sound effects off.
- When “AUX” is selected as the source, you can select “INPUT LEVEL” to adjust the sound input level of the external device.
  (See “To select the sound input level of the external device”)

Illumination setting

You can change the illumination setting.

1 Press [SETUP] repeatedly to select “ILLUMINATION”.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to select a setting and then press [OK].

“SPECTRUM” ⟷ “NEON” ⟷ “SWING”
↳ “OFF ILLUMINATION” (Cancel) ⟷

To cancel, select “OFF ILLUMINATION”.

- The factory default is “SPECTRUM”.
- Depending on the track, the flashing pattern of the set illumination light differs, and it may flash with one state (on or off) lasting longer than the other.

10 Advanced operations

Auto off function

As a factory default, this unit will turn to standby mode automatically if there is no sound and it is not being used for approximately 20 minutes.

To cancel this function

1 Press [SETUP] repeatedly to select “AUTO OFF”.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to select “OFF” and then press [OK].
- To turn the function on, select “ON” in step 2.
- This function does not work in the following cases:
  – When this unit is in USB mode and the connected device is playing or paused.
  – When this unit is connected to a Bluetooth® device

Bluetooth® standby

When “SC-BMAX3” is selected from a paired Bluetooth® device’s Bluetooth® menu, this unit will turn on automatically from power standby mode and establish a Bluetooth® connection.

1 Press [PLAY MENU] repeatedly to select “STANDBY MODE”.

2 Press [▲, ▼] to select “ON STANDBY MODE” and then press [OK].
- The factory default is “OFF STANDBY MODE”.
- To turn the function off, select “OFF STANDBY MODE” in step 2.

Changing the unit and remote control code

When other Panasonic equipment responds to the supplied remote control, change the remote control code.

1 Press [USB/AUX] on the unit to select “USB”.

2 While pressing and holding [ST/MONO] on the unit, press and hold [USB] on the remote control until the unit’s display shows “REMOTE 2”.

3 Press and hold [OK] and [USB] on the remote control for at least 4 seconds.
- To change the mode back to “REMOTE 1”, press [USB/AUX] on the unit to select “USB” and then repeat the step 2 and 3 but replace [USB] with [ ].

Checking the software version

The version of the installed software is displayed.

Press [SETUP] repeatedly to select “SW VER.” and then press [OK].
- Press [OK] to exit.