

FM/AM PLL Synthesized Clock Radio

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Operating Instructions

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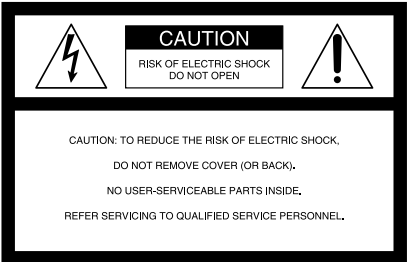
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WARNING

To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.
To avoid electrical shock, do not open the cabinet. Refer servicing to qualified personnel only.
Do not install the appliance in a confined space, such as a bookcase or built-in cabinet.
To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not place objects filled with liquids, such as vases, on the apparatus.



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated "dangerous voltage" within the product's enclosure that may be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.

This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operating and maintenance (servicing) instructions in the literature accompanying the appliance.

* The graphical symbols are at the bottom of the unit.

INFORMATION

This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures:

- Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna.
- Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver.
- Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected.
- Consult the dealer or an experienced radio / TV technician for help.

You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

Features

- FM / AM Digital Tuning Clock Radio
- Dual alarm setting
- 15 station memory presets with 5 direct access buttons
- Nap timer / Extendable Snooze functions
- LCD Brightness Control
- Sleep function

Precautions

- Operate the unit only on 120 V AC, 60 Hz.
- To disconnect the power cord (mains lead), pull it out the plug, not by the cord.
- Do not leave the unit in a location near a heat source such as a radiator or airdrout, or in a place subject to direct sunlight, excessive dust, mechanical vibration, or shock.
- Do not place the unit on surfaces (rugs, blankets, etc.) or near materials (curtains, draperies) that block the ventilation holes.
- Should any liquid or solid object fall into the unit, unplug the unit and have it checked by qualified personnel before operating it further.
- When the casing becomes soiled, clean it with a soft cloth dampened with a mild detergent solution. Never use abrasive cleaners or chemical solvents, as they may mar the casing.

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

Troubleshooting

Should any problem occur with the unit, make the following simple checks to determine whether or not servicing is required.
If the problem persists, consult your nearest Sony dealer.

The clock does not show the correct time.
• Has an electrical power outage lasting more than 1 minutes occurred?

The radio or buzzer alarm does not sound at the preset alarm time.
• Has the desired radio or buzzer alarm been activated? (i.e. Is "**RADIO**" or "**A BUZZER**" and "**RADIO**" or "**B BUZZER**" displayed?)

The radio alarm is activated but no sound comes on at the preset alarm time.
• Has **VOLUME** been adjusted?

The preset stations may be deleted from the memory, if a maintenance service is performed.
Please note down your settings in case you want to preset them again.

Specifications

Time display
12-hour system
Frequency range
FM: 87.5 - 108 MHz (Channel step 0.1 MHz)
AM: 530 - 1,710 kHz (Channel step 10 kHz)
Speaker
Approx. 6.6 cm (2 3/4 inches) dia. 8 Ω
Power output
150 mW (at 10 % harmonic distortion)
Power requirements
120 V AC, 60 Hz
Dimensions
Approx. 172.5 × 61.9 × 154.7 mm (w/h/d)
(6 7/8 × 2 1/2 × 6 1/8 inches) including projecting parts and controls
Mass
Approx. 610 g (1 lb 21.5 oz)

Design and specifications are subject to change without notice.

IMPORTANT SAFEGUARDS

For your protection, please read these safety instructions completely before operating the appliance, and keep this manual for future reference.
Carefully observe all warnings, precautions and instructions on the appliance and in the operating instructions, and adhere to them.

INSTALLATION

Water and Moisture

Do not use powerline operated appliances near water - for example, near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, or laundry tub, in a wet basement, or near a swimming pool, etc.

Heat

Do not place the appliance near or over a radiator or heat register, or where it is exposed to direct sunlight.

Ventilation

The slots and openings in the cabinet are provided for necessary ventilation. To ensure reliable operation of the appliance, and to protect it from overheating, these slots and openings must never be blocked or covered.
-Never cover the slots and openings with a cloth or other materials.
-Never block the slots and openings by placing the appliance on a bed, sofa, rug or other similar surface.
-Never place the appliance in a confined space, such as a bookcase, or built-in cabinet, unless proper ventilation is provided.

Accessories

Do not place the appliance on an unstable cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table. The appliance may fall, causing serious injury to a child or an adult, and serious damage to the appliance. Use only a cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table recommended by Sony.
-An appliance and cart combination should be moved with care. Quick stops, excessive force, and uneven surfaces may cause the appliance and cart combination to overturn.

Wall or Ceiling Mounting

If your appliance can be mounted to a wall or ceiling, mount it only as recommended by Sony.

USE

Power Source

This appliance should be operated only from the type of power source indicated on the marking label. If you are not sure of the type of electrical power supplied to your home, consult your dealer or local power company. For those appliances designed to operate from battery power, or other sources, refer to the operating instructions.

Grounding or Polarization

This appliance is equipped with a polarized AC power cord plug (a plug having one blade wider than the other), or with a three-wire grounding type plug (a plug having a third pin for grounding). Follow the instructions below:

-For the appliance with a polarized AC power cord plug:

This plug will fit into the power outlet only one way. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug fully into the outlet, try reversing the plug. If the plug should still fail to fit, contact your electrician to have a suitable outlet installed. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized plug by forcing it in.

-For the appliance with a three-wire grounding type AC plug:

This plug will only fit into a grounding-type power outlet. This is a safety feature. If you are unable to insert the plug into the outlet, contact your electrician to have a suitable outlet installed. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the grounding plug.

Overloading

Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords or convenience receptacles beyond their capacity, since this can result in fire or electric shock.

When not in use

Unplug the power cord of the appliance from the outlet when left unused for a long period of time. To disconnect the cord, pull it out by grasping the plug. Never pull the plug out by the cord.

Power-Cord Protection

Route the power cord so that it is not likely to be walked on or pinched by items placed upon or against them, paying particular attention to the plugs, receptacles, and the point where the cord exits from the appliance.

Lightning

For added protection for this appliance during a lightning storm, or when it is left unattended and unused for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and disconnect the antenna or cable system. This will prevent damage to the appliance due to lightning and powerline surges.

Object and Liquid Entry

Never push objects of any kind into the appliance through openings as they may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts that could result in a fire or electric shock. Never spill liquid of any kind on the appliance.

Cleaning

Unplug the appliance from the wall outlet before cleaning or polishing it. Do not use liquid cleaners or aerosol cleaners. Use a cloth lightly dampened with water for cleaning the exterior of the appliance. Clean the appliance only as recommended by Sony.

Attachments

Do not use attachments not recommended by Sony, as they may cause hazards.

ANTENNAS

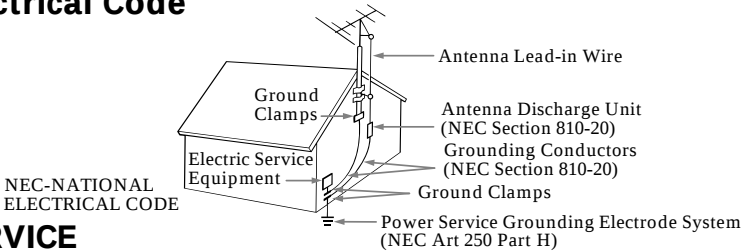
Outdoor Antenna Grounding

If an outdoor antenna or cable system is installed, follow the precautions below.

An outdoor antenna system should not be located in the vicinity of overhead power lines or other electric light or power circuits, or where it can come in contact with such power lines or circuits. WHEN INSTALLING AN OUTDOOR ANTENNA SYSTEM, EXTREME CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN TO KEEP FROM CONTACTING SUCH POWER LINES OR CIRCUITS AS CONTACT WITH THEM IS ALMOST INVARIABLY FATAL.

Be sure the antenna system is grounded so as to provide some protection against voltage surges and built-up static charges. Section 810 of the National Electrical Code provides information with respect to proper grounding of the mast and supporting structure, grounding of the lead-in wire to an antenna discharge unit, size of grounding conductors, location of antenna-discharge unit, connection to grounding electrodes, and requirements for the grounding electrode.

Antenna Grounding According to the National Electrical Code



SERVICE

Damage Requiring Service

Unplug the appliance from the wall outlet and refer servicing to qualified service personnel under the following conditions:

- When the power cord or plug is damage or frayed.
- If liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the appliance.
- If the appliance has been exposed to rain or water.
- The appliance does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance.
- This indicates a need for service.
- If the appliance does not operate normally when following the operating instructions, adjust only those controls that are specified in the operating instructions. Improper adjustment of other controls may result in damage and will often require extensive work by a qualified technician to restore the appliance to normal operation.
- If the appliance has been subject to excessive shock by being dropped, or the cabinet has been damaged.

Servicing

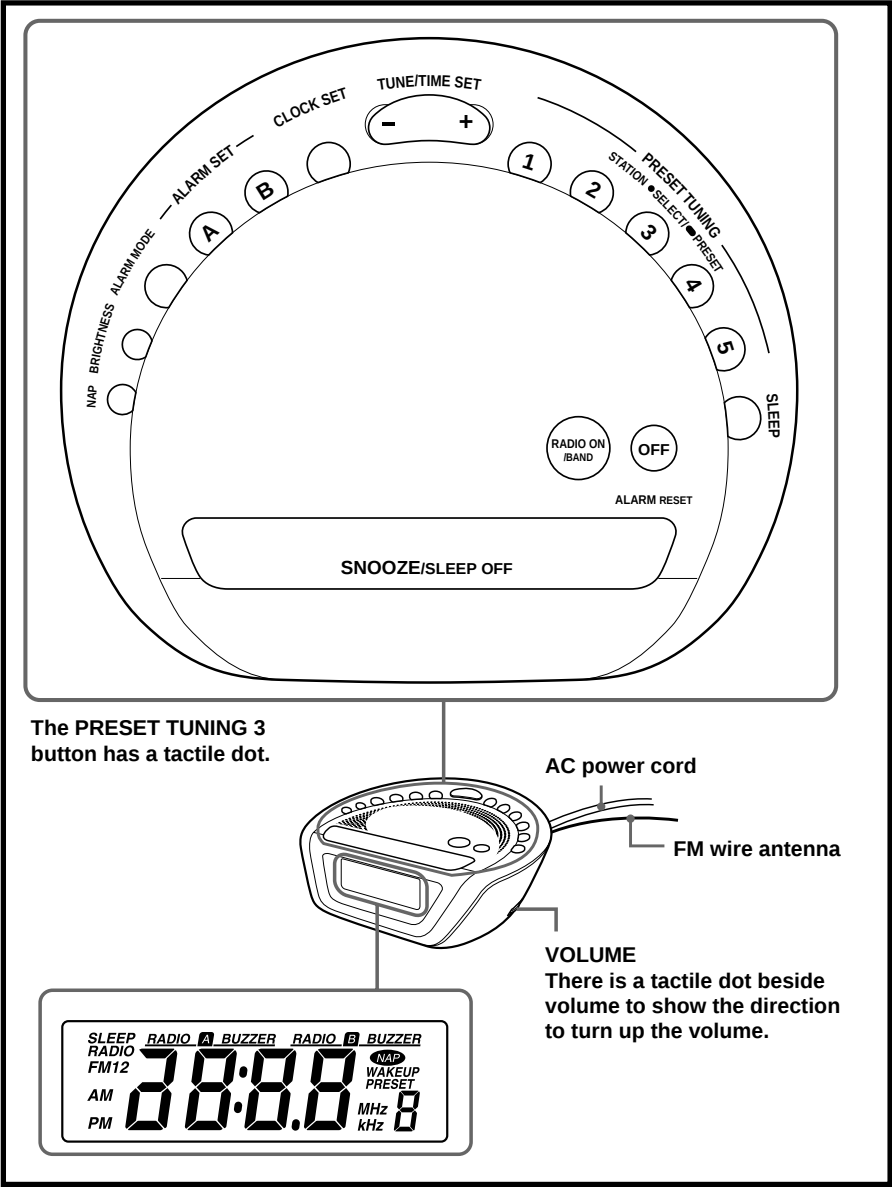
Do not attempt to service the appliance yourself as opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltage or other hazards.
Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel.

Replacement parts

When replacement parts are required, be sure the service technician has used replacement parts specified by Sony that have the same characteristics as the original parts.
Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazards.

Safety Check

Upon completion of any service or repairs to the appliance, ask the service technician to perform routine safety checks (as specified by Sony) to determine that the appliance is in safe operating condition.



The **PRESET TUNING 3** button has a tactile dot.

AC power cord

FM wire antenna

VOLUME

There is a tactile dot beside volume to show the direction to turn up the volume.

Setting the Clock

- Plug in the unit.
“AM 12:00” flashes on the display.
- Press **CLOCK SET** for a few seconds until a beep sounds.
The hour starts to flash on the display.
- Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–** until the correct hour appears.
To set the current time rapidly, hold down **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–**.
- Press **CLOCK SET** once.
The minute starts flashing.
- Repeat steps 3 and 4 to set the minute.
Two short beeps sound, and the counting of the seconds starts.

If you quit during the clock setting, after about 65 seconds the previous display will return.
To set the current time from zero seconds, press **CLOCK SET** with the time signal in step 5.

Setting the Brightness of the Backlight

Press **BRIGHTNESS** to select high, middle or low for the display according to your preferences.

Changing AM Channel Step

The AM channel step differs depending on area.
The channel step of this unit is factory-set to 9 kHz or 10 kHz to change the setting as shown below to be able to listen to the radio.

Area	Channel step
North and South America	10 kHz
Other countries/regions	9 kHz

- Press **OFF•ALARM RESET** to turn off the power.
- Press **PRESET TUNING 1** and **SLEEP** at the same time for more than 5 seconds.
Two short beeps will sound, and the AM channel step will be changed. If you proceed to step 2, the channel step will change again.

Notes

- When the AM channel step is changed, the preset stations for AM will be initialized.
- When the AM channel step is changed, the FM channel step also will be changed.

Playing the Radio

—Manual Tuning

- Press **RADIO ON/BAND** to turn on the radio.
The display shows the band and frequency for a few seconds and then changes back to the current time.
- Press **RADIO ON/BAND** to select the band.
Each press changes the band as follows:

→ AM → FM1 → FM2
- Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–** to tune into the desired station.
Two short beeps sound when the minimum frequency of each band is received during tuning.
- Adjust volume using **VOLUME**.

To check the station being received
Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–** lightly. The display shows the band and frequency for a few seconds and then returns to the previous display.

To turn off the radio, press **OFF•ALARM RESET**.

Improving the Reception

FM: Extend the FM wire antenna fully to increase reception sensitivity.

AM: Rotate the unit horizontally for optimum reception. A ferrite bar is built into the unit.

Do not operate the unit over a steel desk or metal surface, as this may lead to interference of reception.

Presetting Your Favourite Station

—Preset Tuning

You can preset up to 10 stations in FM (5 stations in FM1, 5 stations in FM2), and 5 stations in AM.

Presetting a Station

- Follow steps 1 to 4 in “Playing the Radio” and manually tune into the station you wish to preset.
- Hold down the preset button you wish to preset for more than 2 seconds.

Example: Display window when you set FM 90 MHz in the **PRESET TUNING 2** button for FM2.



The preset number “2” and “**PRESET**” flash in the display.
Two beeps sound, and “2” and “**PRESET**” stop flashing.

To preset another station, repeat these steps.
To change the preset station, tune into the desired station and hold down the **PRESET TUNING 1** to **5** button. The new station will replace the previous station on the preset button.

Tuning into a Preset Station

- Press **RADIO ON/BAND** to turn on the radio.
- Press **RADIO ON/BAND** to select the band.
- Press the desired preset button.
- Adjust the volume using **VOLUME**.
After a few seconds, the display will return to the current time but the preset button number will remain.

Note

Holding down the desired **PRESET TUNING** button for more than a few seconds in step 3 will replace the previous station on the **PRESET TUNING** button with the station you tuned into.

Setting the Alarm

This clock radio is equipped with 2 alarm modes—radio and buzzer. Before setting the alarm, make sure to set the clock (see “Setting the Clock”).

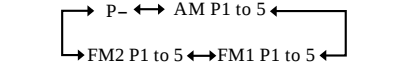
To Set the Alarm Time

- Press **ALARM SET A** or **B** for a few seconds.
After one beep, “RADIO” or “BUZZER” and the hour will flash on the display.
- Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–** until the desired hour appears.
To set the hour rapidly, hold down **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–**.
- Press **ALARM SET A** or **B**.
After one beep, the minutes will flash.
- Repeat step 2 to set the minutes and press **ALARM SET A** or **B**.
After one beep, the alarm mode is entered.
- Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–** until the desired alarm indicator flashes.
You can choose one mode among “RADIO” and “BUZZER.” Set the alarm mode as follows:
– RADIO: see “**A** Setting the Radio Alarm.”
– BUZZER: see “**B** Setting the Buzzer Alarm.”

A Setting the Radio Alarm

For the radio alarm, the station you specified as the wake-up station is played.

- Perform steps 1 to 5 in “To set the Alarm Time”.
- Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–** to select “RADIO” alarm mode.
- Press **ALARM SET A** or **B** to select the desired wake-up station.
After one beep, “WAKE UP” appears and the preset number flashes on the display.
- Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–** to select the desired wake-up station.
Preset number changes in the order as follows:



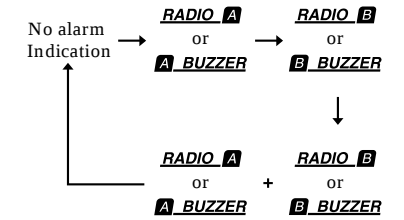
- “P–” is the last received station.
You can directly select the desired wake-up station by pressing **RADIO ON/BAND** or the **PRESET TUNING** button while the indication “P–” is not displayed.
- Press **ALARM SET A** or **B**.
Two short beeps will confirm the setting.

B Setting the Buzzer Alarm

- Perform steps 1 to 5 in “To set the Alarm Time”.
- Press **TUNE/TIME SET +** or **–** to select “BUZZER” alarm mode.
- Press **ALARM SET A** or **B**.
Two short beeps will confirm the setting.

Setting the Alarm Mode

Before setting the alarm mode, be sure to set the alarm time (See “Setting the Alarm”).
Press **ALARM MODE** repeatedly until the desired mode is selected.
Each press of **ALARM MODE** changes the indication on the display as follows:



If the same alarm time is set for both radio and buzzer alarm (ALARM A and B), the radio alarm (ALARM A) takes priority.

To Doze for a Few More Minutes

Press **SNOOZE/SLEEP OFF**.
The radio or buzzer turns off but will automatically come on again after about 10 minutes. Every time you press **SNOOZE/SLEEP OFF**, the snooze time changes as follows:

10 → 20 → 30 → 40 → 50 → 60

The maximum length of the snooze time is 60 minutes.

The display shows the snooze time for a few seconds and returns to show the current time. When you press **SNOOZE/SLEEP OFF** after the current time appears, the snooze time starts from 10 minutes again. The alarm setting indicator keeps flashing the whole time.

To Stop the Alarm

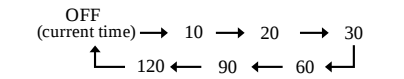
Press **OFF•ALARM RESET** to turn off the alarm.
The alarm will come on again at the same time the next day.

To Deactivate the Alarm

Press **ALARM MODE** repeatedly so that “**RADIO A**” or “**A BUZZER**” and “**RADIO B**” or “**B BUZZER**” go off.

Using the NAP Timer (Count Down Timer)

The NAP timer sounds the buzzer after a preset time duration.
Press **NAP** repeatedly until the desired minutes is displayed.
Every press changes the display as follows:



Two short beeps sound when the display returns to “10”.
The NAP indicator turns on, “**NAP**” and the NAP time are displayed for a few seconds.
NAP timer starts counting down the NAP time.
When selected NAP time has passed, the beep sound comes on, and the NAP indicator and “**NAP**” on the display flash.

To Stop NAP Timer

Press **NAP** or **OFF•ALARM RESET** to turn off the buzzer.

To Deactive NAP Timer

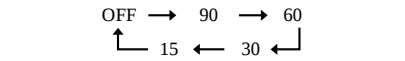
Press **NAP**. The NAP indicator and “**NAP**” go off.

Setting the Sleep Timer

You can enjoy falling asleep to the radio using the built-in sleep timer that turns off the radio automatically after a preset duration.

Press SLEEP.

The radio turns on. You can set the sleep timer to duration of 90, 60, 30, or 15 minutes. Every press changes the display as follows:



Two short beeps sound when the display returns to “90”.
“**SLEEP**” will appear in the display when the duration time is set.
The radio will play for the time you set, then shut off.

To turn off the radio before the preset time
Press **SNOOZE/SLEEP OFF** or **OFF•ALARM RESET**.

To Use Both Sleep Timer and Alarm

You can fall asleep to the radio and also be awakened by the radio or buzzer alarm at the preset time.

- Set the alarm (See “Setting the Alarm”).
- Set the sleep timer (See “Setting the Sleep Timer”).