

# Portable CD Player

## Operating Instructions

### About area code

The area code of the player you purchased is shown on upper left of the bar code label on the package. For accessories supplied with your player, check the area code of your model and refer to "Supplied accessories" toward the end of this manual.



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## D-EQ550

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### WARNING

**To prevent fire or shock hazard, do not expose the unit to rain or moisture.**

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

To prevent fire, do not cover the ventilation of the apparatus with newspapers, tablecloths, 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.

### CAUTION

The use of optical instruments with this product will increase eye hazard.

### Owner's Record

The model and the serial numbers are located at the rear. Record the serial number in the space provided below. Refer to these numbers whenever you call upon your Sony dealer regarding this product.  
Model No. D-EQ550  
Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

### For the customers in the USA

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.

### Product registration

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Please register this product on line at [www.sony.com/productregistration](http://www.sony.com/productregistration).  
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Proper registration will enable us to send you periodic mailings about new products, services, and other important announcements. Registering your product will also allow us to contact you in the unlikely event that the product needs adjustment or modification. Thank you.

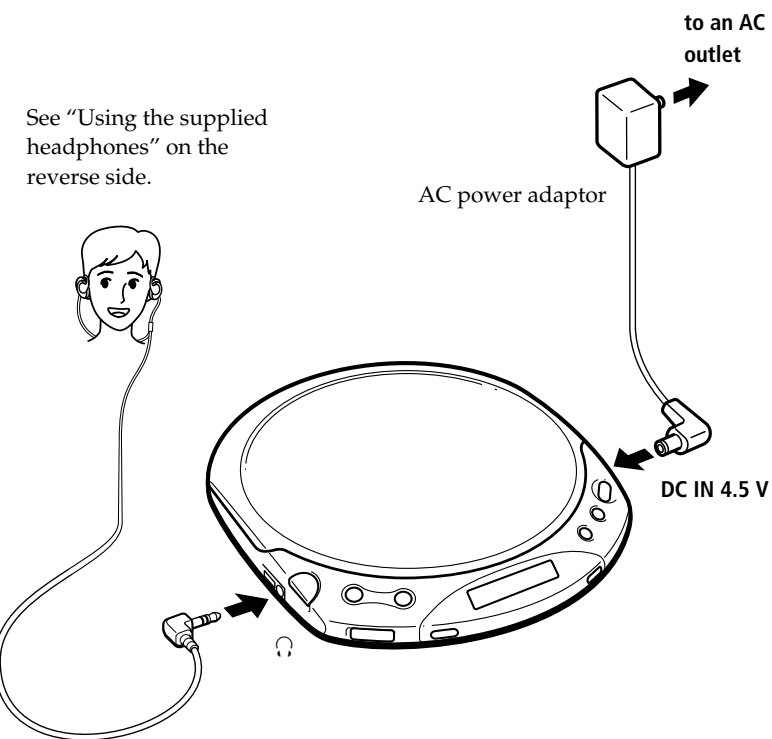
### CAUTION

- INVISIBLE LASER RADIATION WHEN OPEN
- DO NOT STARE INTO BEAM OR VIEW DIRECTLY WITH OPTICAL INSTRUMENTS

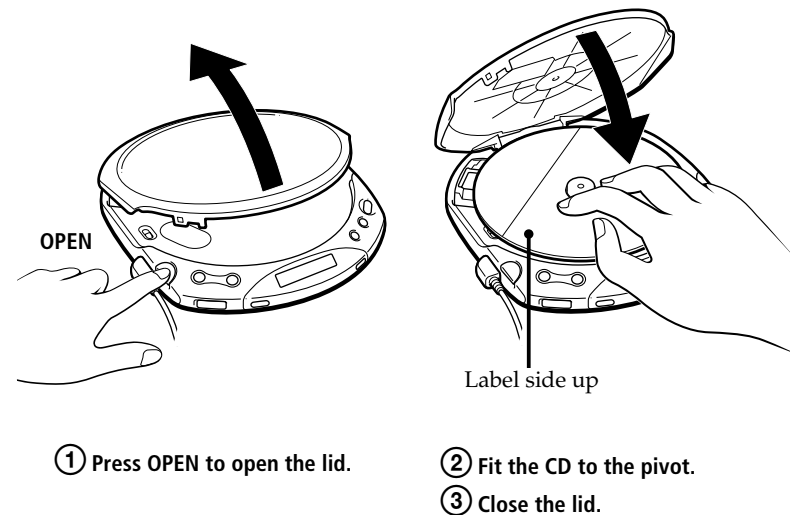
# Playing a CD right away!

If you want to play a CD right now, choose to use your CD player on house current. You can also use it on dry batteries (see "Power Sources" on the reverse side).

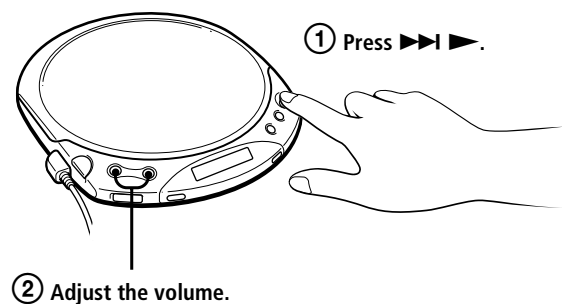
## 1 Connect



## 2 Place a CD



## 3 Play



To stop play, press ■.

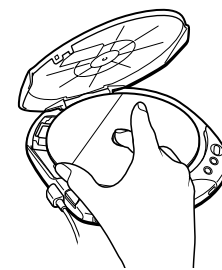
To	Press
Play (from the point you stopped)	>>>
Play (from the first track)	>>> for 2 seconds or more
Stop	■
Find the beginning of the current track (AMS*)	◀◀ once
Find the beginning of previous tracks (AMS)	◀◀ repeatedly*2
Find the beginning of the next track (AMS)	>>> once*2
Find the beginning of succeeding tracks (AMS)	>>> repeatedly*2
Go forward quickly	Hold down >>>
Go backwards quickly	Hold down ◀◀

\*1 AMS = Automatic Music Sensor

\*2 After you have played the last track, you can return to the beginning of the first track by pressing >>>. Similarly, if you are at the first track, you can locate the last track by pressing ◀◀.

### To remove the CD

Remove the CD while pressing the pivot.



### About the display

- When you press >>>, the total number of tracks in the CD and the total playing time appear.
- During play, the track number and the elapsed playing time of the current track appear.

### If the volume does not increase

If "AVLS" flashes in the display, hold down SOUND until "AVLS" disappears from the display. For details, see "To protect your hearing (AVLS)."

### About CD-Rs/CD-RWs

This CD player can play CD-Rs/CD-RWs recorded in the CD-DA format\*, but playback capability may vary depending on the quality of the disc and the condition of the recording device.

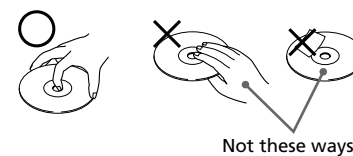
\* CD-DA is the abbreviation for Compact Disc Digital Audio. It is a recording standard used for the Audio CDs.

### When closing the lid of the CD player with the power supply attached

While the "disc" flashes in the display, the CD starts rotating and will stop after the CD player reads the disc information. This helps to shorten the waiting time before playback starts.

### Notes on handling CDs

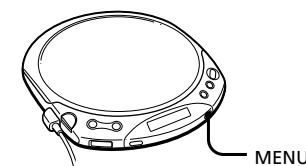
- To keep the CD clean, handle it by its edge. Do not touch the surface.
- Do not stick paper or tape onto the CD.
- Do not expose the CD to direct sunlight or heat sources such as hot air ducts. Do not leave the CD in a car parked under direct sunlight.



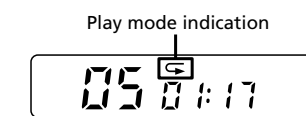
## ▶Other Operations

### Selecting play mode

You can enjoy the following five play modes: "Normal play", "Repeat play — all the tracks", "Single track play", "Repeat play — a single track" and "Repeat shuffle play".



Press MENU during play. Each time you press the button, the play mode indication in the display changes as follows:



### No indication (Normal play)

The player plays all the tracks on the CD once.

### "◁" (Repeat play — all the tracks)

The player plays all the tracks on the CD repeatedly.

### "1" (Single track play)

The player plays a single track you've selected once.

### "◁ 1" (Repeat play — a single track)

The player plays a single track you've selected repeatedly.

### "◁ SHUF" (Repeat shuffle play)

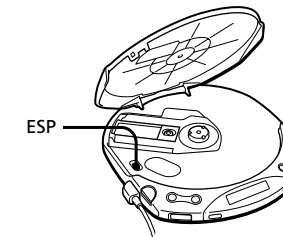
The player plays all the track on the CD in random order repeatedly.

## Using other functions

### To maximize the skip protection performance (ESP MAX)

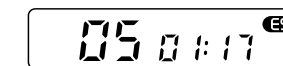
The typical ESP (Electronic Shock Protection) function minimizes skipping by using a buffer memory that stores music data and plays it back in the event of a shock. The ESP MAX system is an extremely sophisticated technology. Due to the light weight and improved anti-shock characteristics of the optical block, this system recovers from the skipping much quicker than conventional technology such as ESP or ESP2.\*

\* Although ESP MAX provides excellent protection, skipping may occasionally occur.



Set ESP to "ON." The ESP indication appears.

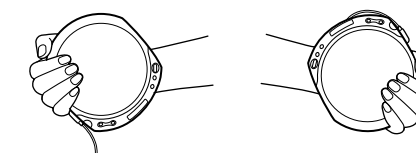
To release the ESP MAX function, set ESP to "OFF."



### Notes

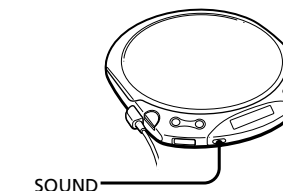
- Playing may stop when the CD player gets a strong shock even with the ESP MAX function on.
- You may hear a noise or sound may skip:
  - when listening to a dirty or scratched CD,
  - when listening to an audio test CD,
  - when the player receives continuous shock or
  - when using poor-quality CD-Rs/CD-RWs or if there is a problem with the recording device or application software.

To carry in hand, hold the CD player in one of the two ways illustrated below.

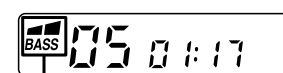
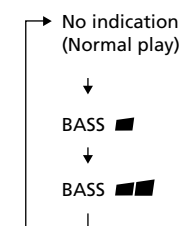


### To enjoy more powerful bass sound (Digital MEGA BASS)

You can emphasize the bass-boosted sound.



Press SOUND to select "BASS ■■" or "BASS ■■."



The selected sound mode is displayed.

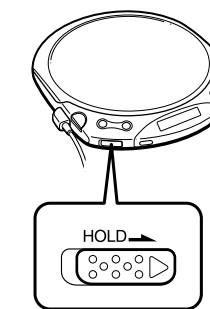
"BASS ■■" enhances the bass sound more than "BASS ■■."

### Note

- If the sound is distorted when using the SOUND function, turn down the volume.

## To lock the buttons

You can lock your CD player against any accidental operations.

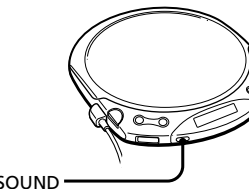


Slide HOLD in the direction of the arrow. When you press any button, "Hold d" appears in the display and you cannot operate the CD player.

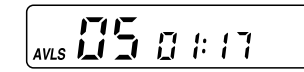
To unlock, slide HOLD in the opposite direction of the arrow.

## To protect your hearing (AVLS)

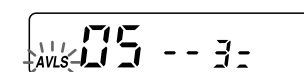
The AVLS (Automatic Volume Limiter System) function keeps down the maximum volume to protect your ears.



Hold down SOUND until "AVLS" appears in the display.



If you turn up the volume to "3-", you cannot turn up the volume any more.



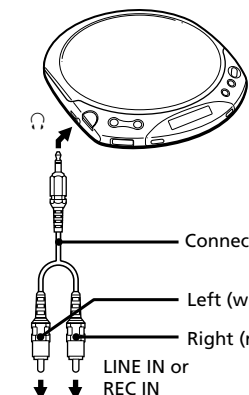
If you want to turn up the volume to more than "3-", hold down SOUND until "AVLS" disappears from the display.

### Note

- If you use the sound function and the AVLS function at the same time, sound may be distorted. If this happens, turn down the volume.

## Connecting to other stereo equipment

You can listen to the CD through other stereo equipment or record a CD on a cassette tape. Refer to the instruction manual of the other equipment for details. Before making connections, turn off each piece of equipment.



### Notes

- Before you play the CD, turn down the volume of the connected equipment so as not to damage the connected speakers.
- If you turn up the volume to more than "8-", the sound may be distorted.

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