

ARGON AUDIO



Argon Audio is a Danish audio company founded over 20 years ago with a clear goal: to deliver high quality products at value-for-money prices. Today, all Argon Audio products are designed and engineered in Denmark and carefully crafted to deliver a level of performance that punches way above their respective price classes – and always with a Scandinavian design aesthetic.

Congratulations with your FORTE MK2 speakers, may they bring you years of enjoyment.

1.1 Safety Instructions



- Unplug this product from the wall outlet before cleaning. Do not use this product near water or moisture. Do not spill liquids on the product. Clean only with a dry cloth.
- Place the unit on a solid surface.
- Do not put it in a closed bookcase or a cabinet that may keep air from flowing through its ventilation openings.
- Do not install near any heat sources, such as radiators, heat registers, stoves or other appliances that produce heat.
- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched, particularly at plugs and the point where they exit from the product.
- During Lightning storms, unplug the product from the power source or if unused for long periods of time. This will prevent lightning and power-line surge damage to the product.
- Do not attempt to service this product yourself. Opening or removing covers may expose you to dangerous voltages or other hazards. Please contact the manufacturer to be referred to an authorized service center near you.
- Do not overload wall outlets, extension cords, or integral power circuits as this can result in a risk of fire or electric shock.
- Never push any object through the product openings, as this can result in fire, electric shock, or damage.
- Use proper power sources. Plug the product into a proper power source, as described in the operating instructions or as marked on the product.



If there is a Lightning flash with an arrowhead on product, it's intended to alert the User of the presence of un-insulated "dangerous voltage" within the product, that might be of sufficient magnitude to constitute a risk of electric shock to persons.



If there is an Exclamation point on the product, it's intended to alert the User that there is important operating and maintenance (servicing) information in the User manual.



If there is a double rectangular symbol on the product, it means that the product is double insulated. Earth connection is not required.

1.1 Contents of the box

- Argon Audio FORTE MK2 Speakers
- Front covers with magnetic mount
- Quick Start Guide
- Power cable and speaker cable (3 meters; 5 meters for FORTE A55 MK2)
- Remote control w/batteries
- Foam plugs for bass management (only FORTE A55 MK2)

We recommend that you keep the original box and packing material for future transportation. We also recommend that you keep this User Manual for future use.

2. Usage, controls and connections

2.1 Overview of Back panel (inputs and connections)



1. Bass Reflex Port

Do not cover this port and preferably keep it min. 15 cm from a wall

2. Phono (MM) for turntable only

Connect a turntable, remember to connect "Ground" (8) as well

3. Line in for analogue sources (AUX)

Connect any analogue audio source with Left Right cable

4. SUB OUT

Connect a sub to this output

5. Optical input

6. USB for firmware updates

7. HDMI ARC

Connect to a TV's HDMI ARC input

8. Ground (GND)

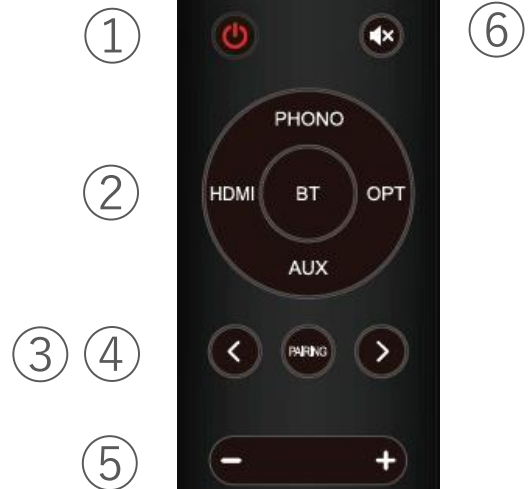
For turntable grounding

9. Speaker plug

Connection cable to passive speaker

2.2 Overview of Remote control (functions)

1. **Power on/off**
Press to turn power on or off
2. **Input selector**
Press to choose your desired input source
3. **Skip track in Bluetooth mode**
Press to skip track forward or backwards
4. **Pairing of Bluetooth device**
Press and hold to pair a new Bluetooth device
5. **Volume up/down**
Press to adjust volume up or down
6. **Mute or un-mute the sound**
Press to Mute or un-mute the sound



3. Quick start

1. Connect the speakers using the supplied speaker cable.
2. Connect the power cord into an electric outlet and into the back of the left speaker (which has the amplifier). The LED light on the loudspeaker will turn on.
3. To pair your Bluetooth device, turn on the speakers and press and hold "PAIRING" on your remote for about 3 seconds, until the LED starts blinking. Your speakers are now in pairing mode. Activate Bluetooth on your playback device and scan for devices. Your speaker will show up as "ARGON FORTE MK2". Press "pair" and you are connected. The LED light on the speaker will change to solid blue. You're now ready to start listening to music!
4. Besides Bluetooth, your FORTE MK2 speakers have four more inputs: Optical, HDMI ARC, AUX and Phono. Use the included remote control to select your wished input.
5. When connecting a turntable to the Phono input on the FORTE MK2 speaker, remember to also connect the ground wire from the turntable to the metal GND screw.
6. If you have an active subwoofer, connect it to the FORTE MK2 speaker's SUB OUTPUT, using a subwoofer cable. The sub output on FORTE MK2 is in mono, so it does not matter if you connect it to L or R on your subwoofer.
7. We recommend a running-in time of your FORTE MK2 speakers of approximately 15-20 hours at normal listening level before you decide on the final positioning of the speakers. During the running-in time the drive units will settle in and perform as intended.
8. For optimal sound performance, the best listening position is at ear level with the speakers placed not too far from a wall.
9. For FORTE A55 MK2, notice that the speaker foot can be demounted if you wish so, and be replaced by for example spikes.

4. Special functions and features

- When the FORTE MK2 speakers receive input from any connected source (except phono), they will automatically power on (if powered off) and switch to the right input. This is called Auto Power Up. Note: this will not happen if the speakers are already powered on and playing from another source.
- You can power the speakers off with Auto Power Up (APU) disabled if needed: simply press and hold the power button on remote control for 5 seconds when powering off. The speakers will now power off with APU disabled.
- The next time you turn on the speakers again, APU will be enabled again.
- You can always press and hold the "PAIRING" button to reset all Bluetooth connections when on the Bluetooth input.
- To enable dimming of the LED on the front of the speaker, power on the speaker and hold the mute button on the remote for 5 seconds. The LED will now turn off after 5 seconds after switching inputs. To disable LED dimming again, press and hold mute for 5 seconds.

5. Specifications

Frequency range

- FORTE A4 MK2 50-20.000 Hz (± 3 dB)
- FORTE A5 MK2 40-20.000 Hz (± 3 dB)
- FORTE A55 MK2 35-20.000 Hz (± 3 dB)

Tweeter

- 1" soft dome with neodymium magnet

Bass/midrange driver

- FORTE A4 MK2: 4" Bass /midrange driver
- FORTE A5 MK2: 5" Bass/midrange driver
- FORTE A55 MK2: 2x5" Bass/midrange driver

Size

- FORTE A4 MK2: 14,3 x 24,0 x 29 cm (WxHxD)
- FORTE A5 MK2: 16,5 x 27,0 x 23,0 cm (WxHxD)
- FORTE A55 MK2: 15,6 x 85,0 x 25,0 cm (WxHxD)

Weight

- FORTE A4 MK2: 6,7 kg (set)
- FORTE A5 MK2: 8,2 kg (set)
- FORTE A55 MK2: 26 kg (set)

Colors

Matte black (Bronze trim ring), Matte white (Silver trim ring), Walnut (Gold trim ring)

2-way active speaker system with built-in 4 channel Class-D Amplifier

Bass reflex system

Power (8 ohm): 4 x 80 watt RMS

Energy usage in standby: <0,5 watt

Bluetooth-function with Qualcomm aptX HD and AAC

Magnetic front cover