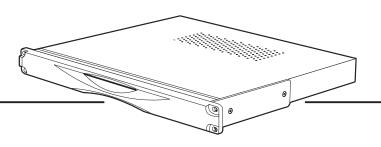


AKURATE MUSIC SERVER



OWNER'S MANUAL

ENGLISH

Important Safety Instructions

Explanation of symbols used in this manual or on the rear/underside of the apparatus:



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of uninsulated dangerous voltages within the enclosure of sufficient magnitude to cause electric shock.



This symbol is intended to alert the user to the presence of important operation, maintenance and servicing information in the instruction and service manuals.

For apparatus connected to the mains electricity supply

CAUTION

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT REMOVE THE COVER.

NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE.

REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.

REPLACE THE MAINS FUSE IN THE PLUG WITH ONE OF THE SAME TYPE AND RATING.

DISCONNECT SUPPLY CORD BEFORE CHANGING FUSE.

WARNING

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT EXPOSE THIS APPARATUS TO RAIN OR MOISTURE. SHOCK HAZARD - DO NOT OPEN.

MAINS PLUGS

This apparatus is supplied with a non-rewireable mains plug for the intended country. Replacement mains leads can be obtained from your Linn retailer. Should you need to change the plug please dispose of it carefully. A plug with bared conductors is dangerous if engaged in a live socket.

The Brown wire must be connected to the Live (Line) supply pin.

The Blue wire must be connected to the Neutral supply pin.

The Green/Yellow wire must be connected to the Earth (Ground) supply pin.

Please contact your retailer or a competent electrician if you are in any doubt.



Refer to the rear or underside of the product for fuse and power consumption information.

General Safety Instructions

- 1. Read these instructions.
- 2. Keep these instructions.
- 3. Heed all warnings.
- 4. Follow all instructions.
- 5. Do not use the apparatus near water, for example near a bathtub, washbowl, kitchen sink, laundry tub, in a wet basement, near a swimming pool etc.
- 6. Clean only with dry cloth.
- 7. Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Site the apparatus so that its location or position does not interfere with its proper ventilation. For example, the apparatus should not be situated on a bed, sofa, rug, or similar surface that may block the ventilation openings, or placed in a built-in installation such as a bookcase or cabinet that may impede the flow of air through the ventilation openings.
- 8. Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- 9. Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarised or grounding type plug. A polarised plug has two blades with one wider than the other. A grounding type plug has two blades and a third grounding prong. The wide blade or the third prong is provided for your safety. If the provided plug does not fit into your outlet, consult an electrician for replacement of the obsolete outlet.
- 10. Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and at the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- 11. Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- 12. Use only with the stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus.
- 13. Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 14. Refer all servicing to qualified service personnel. Servicing is required when the apparatus has been damaged in any way, such as power-supply cord or plug has been damaged, liquid has been spilled or objects have fallen into the apparatus, the apparatus has been exposed to rain or moisture, does not operate normally, or has been dropped.
- **15. Wall or ceiling mounting.** Mount the apparatus to a wall or ceiling only as recommended by the manufacturer.

- **16. Power sources.** Connect the apparatus to a power supply only of the type described in the operating instructions or marked on the apparatus.
- **17. Mains plug.** Use the mains plug to disconnect the apparatus from the mains supply. The mains plug must be accessible at all times. Use the mains switch (if applicable) when the apparatus is not in use.
- **18. Power lines.** An outdoor antenna should be located away from power lines.
- 19. Outdoor antenna grounding. If an outdoor antenna is connected to the apparatus, ensure that the antenna system is grounded to provide some protection against voltage surges and static build up. In the USA see article 810 of the National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA 70 concerning installation requirements.
- **20. Telephone line.** Do not connect the apparatus to a telephone line except where specifically instructed to do so.
- **21. Objects and liquid entry.** Do not let objects or liquids fall into the apparatus. Do not expose the apparatus to dripping or splashing. Do not place a vessel containing liquid on top of the apparatus.
- 22. No naked flame sources, such as lighted candles, should be placed on the apparatus.
- 23. The apparatus has been designed for use in moderate and tropical climates.

UK USERS PLEASE READ THIS IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

Fuse replacement

This appliance is fitted with a non-rewireable 13 amp mains plug. The plug contains a 5 amp fuse. If the fuse has blown it can be replaced as follows:

- a) Pull out the red fuse cover/carrier.
- b) Remove and dispose of the blown fuse.
- c) Fit a new 5 amp BS1362 approved fuse into the carrier and push the carrier back into the plug.

Always ensure the fuse cover is fitted. If the fuse cover is missing do not use the plug. Contact your Linn retailer to obtain a replacement fuse cover.

Fuses are for fire protection and do not protect against electric shock.

Mains plug replacement

Should your mains plug need replacing and you are competent to do this proceed as follows. If you are in doubt contact your Linn retailer or a competent electrician.

- a) Disconnect the plug from the mains supply.
- b) Cut off the plug and dispose of it safely. A plug with bared conductors is dangerous if engaged in a live socket.
- c) Only fit a 13 amp BS1363A approved plug with a 5 amp fuse.
- d) The cable wire colours or a letter will be marked at the connection points of most quality plugs.

Attach the wires securely to their respective points. The Brown wire must go to the Live pin, the Blue wire must go to the Neutral pin, and the Green/Yellow wire must go to the Earth pin.

e) Before replacing the plug top ensure that the cable restraint is holding the outer sheath of the cable firmly and that the wires are correctly connected.

WARNING

THIS APPLIANCE MUST BE EARTHED.

CE Declaration of Conformity

Linn Products Ltd declare that this product is in conformance with the Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC and Electromagnetic Compatibility 89/336/EEC as amended by 92/31/EEC and 93/68/EEC.

The conformity of the designated product with the provisions of Directive number 73/23/EEC (LVD) is proved by full compliance with the following standards:

Standard number	Date of issue	Test type
EN60950-1	2002	General requirements
IEC 60950-1	2001	Marking
UL60950-1		Hazardous radiation
CAN/CSA-C22.2 60950	-1	Heating under normal conditions
		Shock hazards under normal
		Operating conditions
		Insulation requirements
		Fault conditions
		Mechanical strength
		Parts connected to the mains supply
		Components
		Terminal devices
		External flexible cords
		Electrical connections and mechanical
		fixings
		Protection against electric shock
		Stability and mechanical hazards
		Resistance to fire

The conformity of the designated product with the provisions of Directive number 89/336/EEC (EMC) is proved by full compliance with the following standards:

Standard number	Date of issue	Test type
EN55013	2001	Conducted emissions
EN55013	2001	Absorbed emissions
EN55020	2002	Immunity

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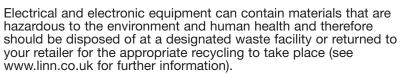
Note:

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.

Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive Directive 2002/96/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council

The symbol (right) is shown on this product. It indicates that the product should not be disposed of with regular household waste, but should be disposed of separately.





If you wish to dispose of this product and the product still functions, please consider recycling/reusing it by donating it to a charity shop, selling it or part-exchanging it with your retailer.

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Introduction

The Linn Akurate Music Server is a high performance music server that can rip and playback full bandwidth, CD quality audio. The unit is capable of supplying eight sources of pitch accurate playback to any multi-room audio distribution system.

Linn's proprietary music management software Rekursiv, provides safe and robust storage of your CDs on a standard networked hard drive array (a NAS), and ensures the integrity of audio files in both domestic and marine environments. The Akurate Music Server is supplied with a single license copy of the Linntek Setup and Control Utility that allows you to manage ripped audio and create and administer individual playlists.

The Akurate Music Server combined with a NAS means you can enjoy almost unlimited storage capacity and peace of mind from a secure, reliable, flexible, upgradeable and, because it's from Linn, a better sounding solution.

Important notes: disc formats and types

Only audio CDs, CD-Rs and CD-RWs can be ripped by the Akurate Music Server. DVDs, SACDs, Video CDs etc, are not compatible with this unit.

Do not insert 8 cm/3" discs or irregularly shaped discs (business card size, etc.) into the Akurate Music Server as they may damage the unit.

Whilst every effort has been made to ensure universal compatibility with all approved disc types, it is impossible to guarantee full operation of every function of the Akurate Music Server with every disc that is on sale now or in the future. We have tested many of the disc types that are currently available but many discs that are on sale at this time do not conform to the published and accepted formal specifications. For this reason, we are unable to accept any responsibility for the Akurate Music Server being unable to rip or

playback any particular disc. If you have discs that do not rip/playback from the Akurate Music Server, which are subsequently found to rip/playback from other brands or types of music server, then this does not imply that the Akurate Music Server is in any way at fault. There are many websites that display details of discs that have known playback problems and we suggest that you consult with this published data before you make any judgments regarding the ripping/playback abilities of the Akurate Music Server. We welcome the receipt of all suspect discs as this may assist us in ensuring that the Akurate Music Server continues to develop, but we cannot accept discs from end users on the basis that we have made any warranty about being able to learn how to rip or play them back.

The user interface

The operating controls for your Akurate Music Server and the contents of its database can be displayed on a PC or a third-party touch-screen device. The appearance and operation of the interface on touch-screen devices can be customized by the installer of your Akurate Music Server, to suit your requirements. The operating instructions and the user interface illustrations shown in this manual relate to the PC version of the interface – the Linntek Control Utility (included on the CD ROM), and therefore may not mimic those installed on a touch-screen device.

Unpacking

The Akurate Music Server is supplied with the following accessories:

- mains lead
- CD ROM containing Linntek Setup and Control Utility, and this owner's manual
- 4 x rack mounting screw
- warranty card

We recommend that you retain all packaging in case you need to transport the unit at a later date.

Voltage selection

The Akurate Music Server contains an automatic internal mains voltage switch. This switch operates on all worldwide mains voltages from 100 V to 240 V. Manual adjustment on the product for setting the input mains voltage is not possible.



This unit must be earthed. Use the earthed moulded mains lead supplied. Never use an unearthed plug or adaptor.

Positioning

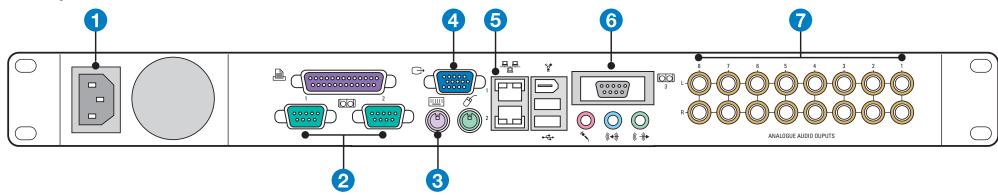
The unit has been designed to fit into a 48 cm/19" rack. We recommend you allow 1u above the Akurate Music Server for heat dissipation.

Cleaning

Disconnect the Akurate Music Server from the power supply before cleaning. Remove dust and fingerprints with a soft, dry cloth. Avoid using domestic cleaning products on the unit. Be careful not to spray any cleaning products into the disc slot on the front panel.

Connecting

Back panel



- 1 Mains input Connect to the mains supply using the mains lead provided
- 2 Com 1 & 2 For connection to a Linn Kivor Linnk*, PC or third-party control device (see Getting Started guide)
- 3 Keyboard For Linn installer or Linn dealer use
- 4 VGA monitor output For Linn installer or Linn dealer use
- 5 Ethernet For connection to an Ethernet network (port 1 only, port 2 is not used)
- 6 Com 3 (modem) For connection to an external dial-up modem
- 7 Analogue out Eight pairs of line outputs for connection to a Linn Knekt Intersekt* or other pre-amplifier
- * If you wish to use your Akurate Music Server in a Linn Knekt system, the unit must be connected to a Linn Kivor Linnk.

Power button

In the event that the unit does not power up when connected to the mains supply, use a pin, straightened paper-clip or a similar implement to press the power button, which is located behind the hole in the left-hand side of the fascia.

Important note:

If the Akurate Music Server has been powered off, it must be connected to a live network on which the storage device is on and booted-up, before it is powered back on, otherwise it will not bootup correctly.



The Akurate Music Server should be disconnected from the mains supply before connecting or disconnecting any of the plugs on the back panel. If this is not done you may generate surges which could damage the Akurate Music Server or other components in your multi-room or hi-fi system.

Before disconnecting the Akurate Music Server from the mains supply, it **must** be put into standby.

To put the Akurate Music Server into standby (using the Linntek Control Utility):

- Right-click on the title bar.
- Select Close and Kivor: Standby.
- Wait for two minutes.

The unit can now be disconnected from the mains supply.

Accessing the Look-up Service

The Gracenote CDDB" Music Recognition ServiceSM is an online database that contains artist, album and track title information for millions of CDs. If your Akurate Music Server is configured to connect to an Internet Service Provider*, or uses an Ethernet connection, it can access the Gracenote CDDB Service. Artist, album and track title information will be shown in the Linntek Control Utility database panel.

Ethernet (Broadband/ADSL) connection

To configure your Akurate Music Server to access the Gracenote CDDB Service via an Ethernet connection:

- Right-click on the blue bar at the top of the Linntek Control Utility screen.
- Click Configuration.
- Select the Connection Type tab.
- Select the **Ethernet** option.
- Select the **Ethernet Settings** tab.
- Select the desired mode and enter the necessary Internet settings.
- Click OK.

If you are using an Ethernet connection your Akurate Music Server can be further configured to automatically access the Gracenote CDDB Service when a disc is inserted.

To do this:

- Right-click on the blue bar at the top of the Linntek Control Utility screen.
- Click Settings.
- Check the Automatically look up disc information checkbox.
- Click OK.

Modem connection

To configure your Akurate Music Server to access the Gracenote CDDB Service via an external modem:

- Install the modem as per the documentation supplied by the manufacturer.
- Right-click on the blue bar at the top of the Linntek Control Utility screen.
- Click Configuration.
- Select the Connection Type tab.
- Select the Modem option.
- Select the Account Settings tab.
- Enter the telephone number you use to connect to your Internet Service Provider.
- Enter the user name and password you use to log-on to your Internet Service Provider.
- Click OK.
- * Your Internet Service Provider must accept dial-up networking connections.

Note:

The Akurate Music Server has been factory configured for connection by external dial-up modem to UK-ONLINE, should you wish to use their service (the pre-configured telephone number, user name and password are not shown). Entering information for your preferred Internet Service Provider will overwrite the factory configuration.

Ripping CDs

Important:

Do not attempt to insert a CD into the Akurate Music Server if there is one already in the unit.

Do not insert 8 cm discs or irregularly shaped discs (business card size, etc.) into the Akurate Music Server as they may damage the unit.

Method 1

To rip a CD:

- Run the Linntek Control Utility on your PC.
- Insert the CD, label side up, into the slot on the front panel of the Akurate Music Server until the disc mechanism draws the disc in.
- Wait a few seconds for the Akurate Music Server to read the contents information on the disc.
- Press Record All if you wish to rip the whole album.

or

 Press Custom if you want to rip certain tracks only, then follow the on-screen instructions.

When ripping has finished, the disc mechanism will eject the CD.

See important notes on the next page for more information and further options.

Method 2

The Akurate Music Server can be configured to automatically rip a CD when one is inserted.

To configure the Akurate Music Server to allow automatic ripping:

- Right-click on the blue bar at the top of the Linntek Control Utility screen.
- Click Settings.
- Check the Automatically record disc when inserted checkbox.
- Click OK.

To rip a CD:

 Insert the CD, label side up, into the slot on the front panel of the Akurate Music Server until the disc mechanism draws the disc in.

When ripping has finished, the disc mechanism will eject the CD.

See important notes on the next page for more information and further options.

Important notes:

If you wish to eject a disc without waiting for it to auto-eject, press on the Linntek Control Utility. If this fails to eject the disc or if you wish to eject the disc and do not have immediate access to the Linntek Control Utility, the 'hard eject' can be activated. To do this, insert a pin, a straightened paper-clip or a similar implement into the small pin-hole underneath the disc-drive slot to push the micro-switch concealed within.

If you are using an Internet connection to access the Gracenote CDDB Service, you will have to instruct the Akurate Music Server to go online and access the service. To do this, right-click on an album or track and select **Go online and look up**.

If you have not configured the Akurate Music Server to access the Gracenote CDDB Service, or if you have but the CD you are ripping is not included on the Gracenote CDDB Service, the CD will be shown on your Linntek Control Utility screen as Artist or New Artist.

When the Akurate Music Server has finished ripping a track, the symbol is shown next to the track title. This indicates that the track can be played. If the symbol is shown beside a track, this indicates that the track has not yet finished ripping, has not ripped correctly (perhaps the disc is dirty, damaged or corrupted) or has not been recognised as a CD audio track.

You can listen to albums/tracks on the Akurate Music Server while it is ripping a CD.

The Akurate Music Server is compatible with recordable and rerecordable CDs. This feature allows you to rip radio broadcasts or other recordings that you have stored on CD-R/CD-RWs. It is the responsibility of the owner of the Akurate Music Server to ensure that they are not in breach of any copyright laws in regard to ripping radio broadcasts or any other material. Ripped radio broadcasts will generally not be identifiable by the Gracenote CDDB Service.

Compression

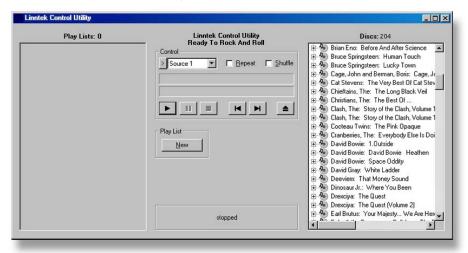
The Akurate Music Server can be configured to compress the audio signal from a CD while it is ripping. Compressing the audio signal allows more CDs to be ripped on to your storage device, however, adding compression reduces sound quality. Please note, ripping time is longer if compression is added.

To configure the Akurate Music Server to add compression during ripping:

- Right-click on the blue bar at the top of the Linntek Control Utility screen.
- Click Configuration.
- Select the **Recording** tab.
- Select the level of compression you wish to use.
- Click OK.

Playback

The Linntek Control Utility screen



Basic operation

To listen to an album:

- Click the album title once to highlight it.
- Press **.**

The chosen album will begin playback from the first track.

or

Double-click the album title.

The chosen album will begin playback from the first track.

To listen to a track:

 \bullet Click the \boxplus icon next to the album that contains the desired track.

All the tracks on the album are shown.

- Click the desired track title once to highlight it.
- Press .

The chosen track will begin playing.

or

ullet Click the oxdot icon next to the album that contains the desired track.

All the tracks on the album are shown.

Double-click the desired track title.

The chosen track will begin playing.

Note:

To hide the track titles from view, click the \square icon next to the album's title.

Further playback operations



To jump forwards or backwards through a track:

 While the track is playing, position the pointer of the mouse at the approximate point in the track title bar where you want playback to start, then click once.

Tip:

The middle of the track title bar corresponds to half-way through a track.

To skip forwards or backwards through the tracks on an album or in a playlist:

- To skip forwards, press .
- To skip backwards, press

To repeat an album or playlist:

• Check the Repeat checkbox either before or during playback.

To shuffle the playing sequence of tracks on an album or in a playlist:

• Check the **Shuffle** checkbox before starting playback.

Playlists

To make a playlist folder:

• Press the New button under Play List.

A new folder is shown in the playlist pane.

• Enter a name for the playlist.

To add a track to a playlist:

 \bullet Click the \boxplus icon next to the album that contains the desired track.

All the tracks on the album are shown.

 Highlight the desired track then drag and drop it into the required playlist.

Tip:

You can position a track in a particular place in a playlist by dropping it into the desired position on the list.

To add an album to a playlist:

- Click the \boxplus icon next to the desired album.
- Drag and drop the title of the album onto the name of the playlist.

The track titles will be added to the playlist, but not the name of the album itself.

To listen to a playlist:

- Click the playlist's name once to highlight it.
- Press **.**

The chosen playlist will begin playback from the first track.

or

• Double-click the playlist's name.

The chosen playlist will begin playback from the first track.

To listen to a track from a playlist:

All the tracks in the playlist are shown.

- Click the desired track title once to highlight it.
- Press **.**

The chosen track will begin playing.

or

All the tracks in the playlist are shown.

• Double-click the desired track title.

The chosen track will begin playing.

Note:

To hide the track titles from view, click the \square icon next to the playlist's name.

Additional Features

Naming albums, artists and tracks

If you are not using the Gracenote CDDB Music Recognition Service, or if you are but a particular CD is not included on the Gracenote CDDB Service, you can add album, artist and track information yourself (you can also amend any information already entered).

To do this:

- Right-click on the album or track title.
- From the menu select what album information you wish to add or correct.
- Use your keyboard to enter the information.

Note:

If you change any details relating to a CD that is included on the Gracenote CDDB Service, the disc information will not be altered by the service on subsequent look ups.

Arranging the database

You can arrange the database by disc name or by artist name.

To change the arrangement:

- Right-click on any album or track title.
- Select sort by:disc name or sort by:artist name.

Refreshing the database

If you have added albums or tracks to the storage device but they do not appear on the database, **do the following**:

- Right-click on the blue bar at the top of the Linntek Control Utility screen.
- Click Sync with Kivor.

Available free space

To check how much free space is available on your storage device:

- Right-click on the blue bar at the top of the Linntek Control Utility screen.
- Click Settings.
- Select the Free Space tab.

Deleting music

To delete an album:

- Highlight the album title you wish to delete.
- Right-click the mouse to bring up the album options menu.
- Click delete disc.
- Press the OK button.

To delete a track:

- Highlight the track you wish to delete.
- Right-click the mouse to bring up the track options menu.
- Click delete track.
- Press the **OK** button.

To delete a playlist:

- Highlight the playlist you wish to delete.
- Right-click the mouse to bring up the playlist options menu.
- Click delete play list.
- Press the **OK** button.

Technical Specifications

General

Dimensions	H 44.5 mm x W 482 mm x D 377 mm H 1.8 inches x W 19 inches x D 14.8 inches
Rack height	1 u
Weight	6.25 kg
	13.8 lb
Power consumption	30 W typical playback and idle, 50 W typical ripping media
Mains supply	AC 100 - 120 V @ 50 - 60 Hz
	AC 220 - 240 V @ 50 - 60 Hz
Supported formats	WAV, mp3
Finishes	Black, Silver

Connections

Audio outputs	Eight pairs of line level outputs for connection to Linn Intersekt or other audio distribution pre-amplifier
Communication connections	Communications ports x 3 Ethernet x 2
Installer connectivity	1 x VGA out 1 x PS2 keyboard

Guarantee and Service

This product is guaranteed under the conditions which apply in the country of purchase and your statutory rights are not limited. In addition to any statutory rights you may have, Linn undertake to replace any parts which have failed due to faulty manufacture. To help us, please ask your Linn retailer about the Linn warranty scheme in operation in your country.

In parts of Europe, the United States of America and some other markets, extended warranty may be available to customers who register their purchase with Linn. A warranty registration card is included with the product and should be returned to Linn as soon as possible. Alternatively, you can register your warranty online at www.linn.co.uk.

Warning

Unauthorised servicing or dismantling of the product invalidates the manufacturer's warranty. There are no user serviceable parts inside the product and all enquiries relating to product servicing should be referred to authorised retailers only.

Technical support and information

For technical support, product queries and information, please contact either your local retailer or one of the Linn offices opposite.

Full details of your local retailer/distributor can be found on the Linn web site: www.linn.co.uk.

Important

Please keep a copy of the sales receipt to verify the purchase date of the product.

Please ensure that your equipment is insured by you during any transit or shipment for repair.

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