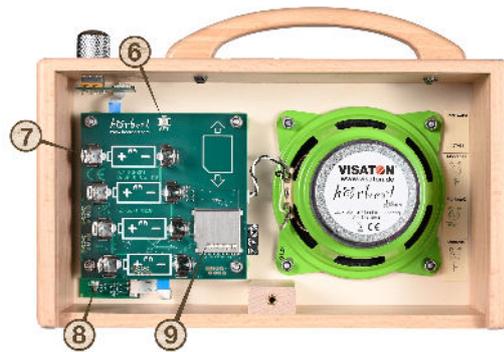


Congratulations on your new hörbert!

You now own a high-quality audio player made of wood, which is much more than an MP3 player. Its simple operation makes it ideal for children and will accompany them for a long time. Listening to hörbert is very versatile: listening to content from the memory card, streaming via Bluetooth to up to two headphones at the same time, streaming from the cell phone to hörbert as a speaker, and listening to Internet radio via WLAN, record voice recordings with the optional microphone. And the hit: all sources that hörbert can play, it can also record and play back later via its colorful buttons. Maximum flexibility according to the motto: hörbert - listen as you like!

Questions? Your hörbert service team will be happy to assist you at any time at service@hoerbert.com
The entire hörbert team wishes you much pleasure with your hörbert!



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hörbert briefly explained

hörbert is a player for everything your child likes to listen to. The operation is optimally designed for children by the clear functions of the various controls. The colorful buttons allow your child to easily remember which music or audio plays are where. You will be amazed at how quickly your child will safely navigate through their collection of music and stories. hörbert's content is stored on a memory card to which an adult uploads music and audio plays via computer using the free hörbert software. The content can be loaded from the computer or from audio CDs onto hörbert's memory card.

The playing time depends strongly on which functions you use. Bluetooth and WLAN require more power than playing from the memory card.

The included memory card holds with a size of 4 GB a repertoire of about 50 hours when using mp3 files. The hörbert software can store content on hörbert's memory card in this space-saving format.

Inside hörbert there are no moving parts, so hörbert is less sensitive than e.g. portable CD players.

The compact design means your child always has their entire music collection at their fingertips.

Getting started

Insert memory card

Place hörbert in front of you with the colored keys facing down.

To open hörbert, unscrew the backscrew completely counterclockwise. **A suitable tool for this is, for example, a coin.** Now slide the back panel out downwards. Make sure that it does not slip out unintentionally.

Remove the supplied memory card from the glassine bag if you have ordered a memory card for it, or use your own SDHC card between 4 and 512 GB and insert it into the SD card slot provided inside hörbert. Inserting or changing memory cards may only be done by an adult!

Insert or change batteries

Switch off hörbert before opening the rear panel! Batteries may only be inserted or changed by an adult!

Place hörbert in front of you with the colored keys facing down.

To open hörbert, turn the back panel screw counterclockwise all the way out. A suitable tool for this is e.g. a **coin**. Now slide the back panel out downwards.

Make sure that it does not slip out unintentionally.

To remove the batteries, pull them vertically upwards out of the battery clips (7). The batteries fit very tightly so that they cannot fall out during play.

Tip: As an aid, thread a string underneath a battery. This makes it easy to pull it up without damaging the circuit board, the battery or the battery clips. Now insert four AA batteries (1.5 V) or, even better, rechargeable batteries (1.2 or 1.5 V) into the battery clips. Make sure that the + and - poles are in the correct position.

Tip: The batteries audibly click into place. Now push the back panel back in and tighten the back panel screw clockwise. For the last turns, you can again use a coin as an aid.

Safety note: Do not use batteries where the casing is damaged (e.g. scratched open). This can lead to short circuits and damage to the batteries and the device. Always use four batteries of the same type from the same pack.

Switch on and off

Switch hörbert on by pressing the top of the rotary knob (1) **once**. hörbert will continue to play from the last passage heard after a short acknowledgement tone. Switch hörbert off again after use by pressing the rotary knob (1) again.

By default, hörbert does not switch off by itself, but continuously repeats the tracks behind the last pressed selection button. It is possible to set an automatic switch-off time (sleep timer). See the SET functions from page 3.

Set volume

If you turn the rotary knob (1) counterclockwise, hörbert becomes quieter. If you turn the rotary knob (1) clockwise, hörbert will play louder. When the maximum volume is reached, hörbert no longer gets louder.

hörbert offers an additional volume limitation (Piano/Forte). See the SET functions starting on page 3.

Navigation through the contents

The content on hörbert is organized in so-called "playlists". Behind each of nine colored buttons (2) is a playlist, e.g. a complete music CD or a radio play.

To navigate through the music and radio plays on hörbert, press one of the colored selection buttons (2). Now hörbert

plays the first track of the playlist that was stored behind this button.

The next time you press the same button, hörbert jumps to the second title of the playlist that was stored behind this button, and so on. After the last title hörbert jumps back to the first title of the playlist behind this key.

Fast forward and rewind

As long as the fast forward button (3) is pressed, hörbert plays fast forward. You can listen along to find a specific part of a title. Pressing the skip back button (4) takes you back to the beginning of the currently playing title. If you then press the return key again **twice in quick succession**, you go to the previous track in the playlist, and so on. This can be repeated until you reach the first title of this playlist.

Handling of the memory card

The memory card is inserted in the card holder (9).

Above it, there is a printed card symbol that shows you the direction in which the card must be pulled out of the card holder. The memory card has a recess on its upper edge, which you can use to pull it out with your thumbnail. Other cards can also be pushed out with the thumb and light pressure from above on the visible card surface.

Please handle the card and the card holder with care, these parts are very delicate compared to the rest.

To insert the memory card, please also follow the printed card symbol above the card holder (9). Place the card on the symbol and then carefully push it down into the card holder (9) until it can be seen a little in the slot of the card holder.

(Open and close hörbert as described under "Inserting or changing batteries").

Maintenance and care

Wood is a natural product. As such, hörbert's case may react to moisture by swelling and warping.

Although we counteract such problems by the stable construction, you should always keep hörbert dry and not expose it to great cold or heat.

Over time, the wooden case will darken. This is also a natural process over which we, as the manufacturer, have no influence.

For cleaning, we recommend wiping hörbert with a dry or only very slightly damp cloth. Do not use any cleaning agents for this purpose, as they can lead to severe discoloration or be absorbed by the wood and then slowly released into the environment.

By design, hörbert has a saliva-proof and sweat-proof varnish that protects the wood from contamination and moisture fluctuations.

Other than the occasional replacement of batteries and digital content, hörbert requires no further care. Nevertheless, it is recommended to check hörbert for damage from time to time to avoid risking injury to children playing with it.

Most damages in the wood can be corrected with a very fine sandpaper, because the material wood is very "good-natured" in this respect.

You can tighten any loose screws yourself using suitable tools. You can also replace spare parts yourself if you have the necessary manual skills.

For all other cases there is us. Please contact us if you have any questions or if a repair is necessary. We will find a solution!

On our service page you will find more information and all contact possibilities:

<http://www.hoerbert.com/service>

SET-functions



Figure 1 - SET template hörbert

The SET functions allow the following settings:

- Sleep Timer
- Bluetooth and pairing
- Volume limit piano / forte
- WiFi on / off
- Microphone on / off (if a microphone is built in)
- Reset to factory settings (Reset)

Activating the SET mode:

The SET button is located inside hörbert at the top edge of the PCB next to the hörbert logo.



Figure 2 - SET mode key

Open hörbert as already described above under *changing batteries or inserting memory card*.

- 1.) Switch on hörbert.
- 2.) Press the SET button once. A green light next to the SET button will then light up continuously. Now the SET functions are activated according to the template on Fig. 1, the setting options are explained below.
- 3.) To cancel the changes made, turn hörbert off by pressing the knob.
- 4.) **To save the performed changes, you have to leave the SET mode by pressing the SET button again.** Hörbert will automatically start playing again after a few seconds.

Sleep Timer

Sleep Timer on/off:

The sleep timer switches hörbert off after a preset runtime. This can signal to the child how time is passing, or it simply saves power if hörbert has been left behind.

To activate the sleep timer, press the dark purple button in the first row on the top left.

A single beep means: Sleep Timer is on. Hörbert will turn off after the selected playing time.

A beep twice means: Sleep Timer is off. Hörbert will then not switch off timer controlled.

Select a playing time:

Red key: with each click on this key in SET mode, the playing time is extended by 1 hour at a time. A short, high-pitched signal tone sounds for each hour to confirm this. You can increase the playing time (up to 7 hours) until you hear two low beeps. They mean "zero" hours. It means you start counting up again from 1 with the next high tone.

Dark blue key: Each time you click on this button in SET mode, the playing time is extended by +10 minutes. A short, high-pitched signal tone sounds to confirm each time. You can increase the playing time (up to 50 minutes) until you hear two low-pitched beeps. They mean "zero" minutes. This means that you start counting up again at 10 minutes with the next high-pitched tone.

Volume limit piano/forte

With the **light blue button** you can limit the volume to piano. A single, high signal tone means: forte (i.e. no additional volume limitation).

Two low signal tones mean: piano

In the "piano" setting, hörbert can no longer be turned up to its full volume using the volume knob, but is limited to a lower volume. In the forte setting, hörbert can be turned up to its full, but still child-safe volume.

WiFi on/off

With the orange button, you can set whether hörbert is allowed to connect to a WLAN.

A single, high-pitched signal tone means: on.

Two low-pitched signal tones mean: off.

Important notes:

You can listen to Internet radio or podcasts with hörbert via WLAN if you have previously stored their URL address in playlists with the hörbert software. **See our operating instructions for the hörbert software at: <https://www.hoerbert.com/anleitungen/hoerbert>.**

After editing the memory card with the hörbert software, insert it back into the hörbert and read in the WLAN data using a key combination. To do this, press the SET button inside the hörbert when it is switched on and then hold down the orange button (WiFi) for approx. 7 seconds until you hear a confirmation tone. Then you can release the button again and press the SET button inside hörbert again to save. hörbert now knows the WLAN access data and has deleted them from the memory card again.

Mic on/off

The dark green key can be used to either activate or deactivate the microphone (8) on a hörbert with a built-in microphone (8) (optional accessory!).

A single, high-pitched signal tone means: on. Using a certain key combination you can now start and play back recordings with the microphone. See also the section

Recording functions on page 5.

Two low-pitched signal tones mean: off. No microphone recordings are then possible.

Bluetooth - functions in SET mode

Bluetooth on/off: The light green button can be used to turn the Bluetooth functions on or off.

A single, high-pitched signal tone means: on

Two low beeps mean: off

Pairing on/off: The yellow button allows you to set whether hörbert can pair with new devices (transmitters or receivers) in Bluetooth mode (pairing on), or whether it should only pair with devices that were previously paired with it (pairing off).

A single, high, beep means: on

Two low-pitched beeps mean: off

Unpair: Clicking the dove blue button will sound a single beep. Hörbert then deletes all previous pairings and "forgets" all paired devices. All desired devices must then be paired again.

Use hörbert as a Bluetooth speaker

Connecting with an external player, e.g. cell phone, tablet or notebook.

In order to connect hörbert to a new external player, Bluetooth and pairing must first be activated in SET mode. See the **SET functions** section in this manual. If you want to make recordings of the Bluetooth streams, you also need to specify where the recordings should be saved using the **hörbert software**. You can find more information about this in the instructions for the hörbert software at <https://www.hoerbert.com/manuals/hoerbert>.

Then you're ready to stream:

- To set hörbert to Bluetooth speaker mode, press the rotary knob (1) twice in quick succession.
- hörbert emits three ascending beeps as confirmation.
- Inside hörbert the LED will now blink for about 60 seconds. This is how long you have to pair hörbert with another device.
- hörbert will appear on your cell phone in the list of Bluetooth devices in the area with the name "hörbert" and its so-called MAC address, so that you can distinguish between several hörberts.
- After pairing hörbert is connected to the cell phone as a Bluetooth speaker.
- All media content from the cell phone (no calls) will now be played through hörbert's speaker.
- The cell phone also controls hörbert's volume and hörbert controls the volume of the cell phone. In doing so hörbert's volume limits are taken into account. To stop Bluetooth streaming stop the playback on the cell phone.
- To stop the Bluetooth speaker mode, turn off hörbert by pressing the knob once, or disconnect the cell phone.
- hörbert will then wait another 30 seconds for a connection with a player or will switch off after this time.

Pairing hörbert with Bluetooth headphones

In order to connect hörbert to a receiver, e.g. Bluetooth headphones, Bluetooth and pairing must first be activated via the SET mode on hörbert. See the **SET functions** section in this manual.

After that you are ready to go:

- Turn on hörbert by pressing the knob (1) once.
- The LED inside hörbert will now flash for 60 seconds with a double flash every second. You have that long to pair hörbert with headphones. If hörbert flashes only once per second, pairing is not turned on and hörbert will not accept new devices then. (See SET mode)
- Turn on the first headphone and put the headphone in pairing mode. Some headphones will do this on their own.
- Hörbert and headphones will pair and sound will now be output through the headphones.
- After that, the LED inside hörbert will blink again for 30 seconds and hörbert will search for a second headphone to pair with.
- If you want to pair a second headphone, turn on this headphone as well during this 30 second phase.
- Hörbert and the second headphone will now connect and the sound will also be output through the second headphone.
- Only when both headphones are switched off again, hörbert will play the sound through its built-in speaker.

Recording functions

Unlocking the recording function

To prevent a memory card from getting completely messed up by one's own recordings, an adult must enable one or more playlists for storing a recording in advance via the hörbert software. Recordings can then only be made in

the playlists defined in this way. Otherwise, hörbert will emit two long, low-pitched error beeps if you try to save a recording on a playlist that has not been enabled.

Allowing recordings on certain playlists

1. download the latest hörbert software from our service page under Software Downloads and Recording Questions: <https://www.hoerbert.com/service/>
2. start the hörbert software after successful installation and read in the memory card.
3. The exact procedure for setting playlists for recordings can be found in the instructions for the hörbert software at <https://www.hoerbert.com/manuals/hoerbert>.

Start recording

You start a recording with a microphone, from Internet radio or Bluetooth stream by pressing and holding the black button at the bottom left in the respective mode and then briefly pressing the dark gray fast-forward button at the same time.

The buttons can then both be released again and the recording will start. With a built-in microphone, the microphone LED behind the small opening lights up. Without microphone, a short acknowledgement tone sounds when recording starts.

Attention! For voice recording to work, you must be on a playlist "allowed" for voice recording. Otherwise, recording will not start and hörbert will emit two low, long error beeps. See Unlocking the recording function in this manual. The best sound quality for voice recording is achieved when you sing or speak into the microphone opening at a distance of approx. 15 cm.

Stop a recording

To stop recording from the microphone, Bluetooth stream or Internet radio, press the black button. The recording ends, is saved behind the title that was playing before the recording and is also played automatically after approx. 10 seconds.

Discarding a recording

To discard the recording and not save it, stop the recording by pressing the rotary knob (1).

Playback of a microphone recording

In the case of a microphone recording, this is also played back immediately a few seconds after recording. It lands directly after the file in which you started the recording. Afterwards, you can always call it up again from this playlist. With the help of the hörbert software, you can also move the recording to another location. See the instructions for the hörbert software at <https://hoerbert.com/manuals/hoerbert>.

Playback of Internet radio recordings

Recordings from the Internet radio always end up at the end of the playlist in which the URL of the Internet radio station is entered and can be accessed and played back from there with the corresponding coloured hörbert button for this playlist. With the help of the hörbert software, you can also move the recording to another location. See the instructions for the hörbert software at <https://hoerbert.com/manuals/hoerbert>.

Playback of recordings from Bluetooth streams

Recordings from Bluetooth streams always end up at the end of the playlist that was previously released for Bluetooth recordings. They can then be accessed and played back from there. With the help of the hörbert software, you can also move the recording to another location. See the instructions for the hörbert software at <https://hoerbert.com/manuals/hoerbert>.

Problem solving

There is nothing to hear?

Please check the following:

- Is hörbert switched on?
- Is the volume set too low?
- Is the volume of the external player set too low during Bluetooth streaming?
- Do the headphones have their own volume control that is set too low?
- Is the memory card seated correctly?
- Are batteries inserted?
- Are all batteries inserted the right way around?
- Are the batteries full?
- Are all battery clips touching the metal ends of the batteries? If not: Please bend them together slightly. This correction might be necessary after a very strong blow or fall.
- Does the memory card contain data? This can be checked with the Explorer (Windows) or the Finder (Mac OS X). The files on the card can also be played on the computer as a test. Alternatively: reload the memory card with the hörbert software.
- Is the memory card formatted? The memory card must be formatted with a FAT32 file system.
- Was the hörbert software used to record content? Simply copying any files to the memory card is not sufficient.
- hörbert has sound problems or does not play? Insert four new batteries or better still charged rechargeable batteries.

Is the problem not solved, yet?

You can find further, up-to-date information and solutions to problems in our "FAQ" (Frequently Asked Questions) on our service page:

<https://www.hoerbert.com/service>

You will also find our contact information on our service page. Our service team will be happy to assist you at service@winzki.de.

User instructions

- Switch hörbert off after use and before opening.
- Do not expose hörbert to direct sunlight or other sources of heat.
- Do not allow liquids to enter the device.
- To clean, wipe hörbert with a dry or slightly damp cloth. Do not use any cleaning agents.
- Keep these operating instructions in a safe place.

Safety instructions

- Only use batteries of type 1.5V AA/LR06. Prefer rechargeable batteries, because they cannot leak!
- Do not recharge non-rechargeable batteries under any circumstances!
- Rechargeable batteries may only be charged under adult supervision!
- Rechargeable batteries must not be charged in the instrument and must be removed beforehand!
- Never use batteries of different types together!
- Never use used and new batteries together!
- Always replace all batteries together!
- When removing the batteries, take care not to damage the batteries and the circuit board underneath!
- Pay attention to the correct polarity of the batteries when inserting them!
- Observe polarity signs + and -
- Remove empty batteries or rechargeable batteries from the device immediately and also if the device is not used for a longer period of time. Leaking batteries can make it necessary to replace the electronics.
- Never bridge the terminals of the batteries and do not make any connection between the terminals and other metallic parts!
- Only use batteries/rechargeable batteries of the specified type or of an equivalent type.
- Do not use rechargeable batteries or batteries where the casing is damaged, as this can lead to short circuits.

Failure to observe the safety instructions can result in considerable damage to the device and its environment. There is a risk of injury and fire if the safety instructions are not observed!

Battery disposal

Batteries do not belong in the household waste!

As the end user, you are legally obligated to return used batteries. You can return used batteries, which we carry or have carried as new batteries in our range, free of charge to our shipping warehouse (at the shipping address). The return is free of charge for you in case of personal delivery. If you choose postal delivery for the return, you will bear the postage costs yourself.

Alternatively, you can return empty batteries and rechargeable batteries free of charge at all retail collection points.

The symbols shown on batteries, if any, have the following meaning:



The symbol of the crossed-out garbage can means that the battery must not be placed in the household garbage.

Pb = Battery contains more than 0.004% lead by mass.

Cd = battery contains more than 0.002 mass percent of cadmium

Hg = battery contains more than 0.0005 mass percent mercury

Disposal of electrical appliances

Electrical appliances do not belong in the household waste!

You are legally obliged to return old devices. You can return them after use to our sales outlet, to a municipal collection point or also to your local retailer.

You can return used old devices to us:
HMC Hightech Media Components GmbH & Co. KG,
Sigmaringer Str. 16, 72622 Germany

The return option is limited to used equipment that we carry or have carried in our product range and to the quantity that end consumers usually dispose of.

The return is free of charge for you in case of personal delivery. If you choose postal delivery for the return, you will bear the postage costs yourself.



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