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# Manual: Argon Audio FORTE WIFI

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# 1. Contents of the Box

- Argon Audio FORTE WIFI Speakers
- Front Covers with Magnetic Mount
- Quick Start Guide
- Power Cable and Speaker Cable, 3 meters (5 meters for FORTE A55 WIFI)

- · Remote Control w/ Batteries
- Foam Plugs for Bass Management (only FORTE A55 WIFI)

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 the Back Panel (Inputs/Connections)



#### 1. Bass Reflex Port

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

If covered, it'll result in less bass

#### 2. Phono

RCA input/RIAA for turntables.

For connecting a turntable with an MM or MC High output cartridge.

Remember to connect "Ground" (®) as well

(Some turntables don't use a separate ground)

#### 3. Aux

Line in for analogue sources

Connect any analogue audio source to the Left & Right RCA input.

E.g. CD player, computer, DAC, etc.

#### 4. SUB OUT

Connect a subwoofer to this output.

### 5. Optical Input

Optical input for digital sources

#### 6. USB Input

Only for firmware updates

#### 7. HDMI ARC

For TV sound from any TV that supports HDMI ARC (2.0 PCM only).

### 8. Wi-Fi Setup

Used for Wi-Fi setup via the Play-Fi App

# 9. Power Plug

Insert the power cable and connect it to an electric outlet

### 10. Ground (GND)

Connection for turntable ground

# 11. Speaker output

Connect to the passive speaker with the included speaker cable

# 2.2 Overview Remote Control



# 1. Power ON/OFF

Press to turn the power **ON** or **OFF**.

# 2. Input selector

Press to choose your desired input source.

# 3. Change track/Bluetooth Pairing

"<": Skip track backwards (in Bluetooth/Streaming mode)

**NOTE:** To enable Network Standby, Press and hold (<) for 5 seconds.

"PAIRING": Press to pair a new Bluetooth device.

">":Skip track forward (in Bluetooth/Streaming mode)

#### 4. Volume up/down

Press/hold to adjust the volume up or down.

#### 5. Mute or unmute the sound

Press to Mute or unmute the sound.

# 3. Quick Start Guide

- 1. Connect the speakers using the supplied speaker cable.
- 2. Connect the power cord to 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. Network Standby

If you want the speakers to be available for streaming when they're turned off, you can enable Network Standby.

Out of the box, FORTE WIFI, powers everything down, including its network connection, to conserve energy.

In this state, FORTE WIFI uses less than **0.5 watts** in standby.

With Network Standby turned on, FORTE WIFI uses up to 4.3 watts in standby.

To enable Network Standby, Press and hold the left arrow button (<) on the remote for 5 seconds. The blue LED on the front will blink, indicating that Network Standby Mode has been enabled. In this mode, you can wake the speaker using Airplay, Google Cast, or other available streaming services.

4. Disabling Network Standby Mode

Ensure the speakers are fully powered on and connected to your network or ready for network setup.

Press the pairing, mute, and power buttons on the remote in quick succession (within three seconds). The speakers will power down and emit a sound, indicating they have been reset.

5. For Wi-Fi setup, download the DTS Play-Fi app from your app store. Open the app and follow the inapp instructions.

#### **Apple Appstore**

### **Google Play**



**Note:** In busy or crowded Wi-Fi environments, the setup procedure can take longer to complete compared to less crowded Wi-Fi environments.

**Note:** If you primarily use AirPlay or Google Cast, be sure to open the Play-Fi app occasionally and update your FORTE WIFI (Play-Fi) to ensure it stays up to date.

- 6. To pair your Bluetooth device, turn on the speakers and press "BT" in the middle of the input selector (2) on your remote. Then, press the pairing button (3) until the LED starts blinking blue. Your speakers are now in pairing mode.
  Activate Bluetooth on your playback device and go to Bluetooth settings. Your speaker will appear as "ARGON FORTE WIFI." Select it to connect. The LED light on the speaker will change to solid
- 7. Besides Wi-Fi and Bluetooth, your FORTE WIFI speakers have four more inputs: **Optical**, **HDMI ARC**, **AUX**, and **Phono**. Use the included remote control to select your desired input.

blue. You're now ready to start listening to music!

- 8. When using the **TV ARC** input, you might need to set the digital sound output on your TV to **PCM**. For some TVs, you need to disable the eARC function so that the TV uses ARC instead. Consult your TV manual to see how.
- 9. When connecting a turntable to the Phono input on the FORTE WIFI speaker, remember also to connect the ground wire from the turntable to the metal **GND** screw.
- 10. If you have an active subwoofer, connect it to the FORTE WIFI speaker's **SUB OUTPUT**, using a subwoofer cable. The sub output on FORTE WIFI is in mono, so it does not matter if you connect it to L or R on your subwoofer.
- 11. We recommend a running-in time of your FORTE WIFI speakers of approximately **15-20 hours** at a 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.
- 12. For optimal sound performance, the best listening position is at ear level with the speakers placed not too far from a wall.
- 13. For FORTE A55 WIFI, notice that the speaker foot can be demounted if you wish, and be replaced by for example spikes.

# 4. Special Functions and Features

# 1. DTS Play-Fi Streaming

DTS Play-Fi is a versatile wireless audio streaming platform that delivers high-quality sound. With Play-Fi, you can stream music from a variety of popular services, create groups of speakers for synchronized playback, and enjoy seamless audio throughout your home.

### **Key Features**

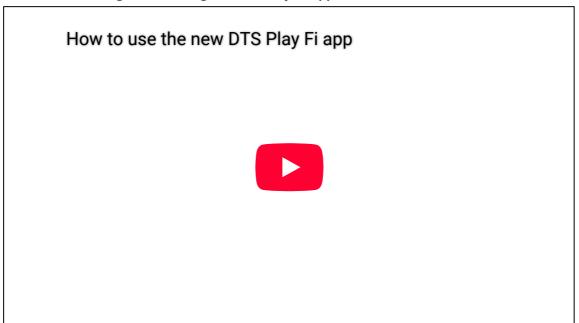
#### • Streaming Services

Access a wide range of streaming services, including Spotify, Tidal, Qobuz, iHeartRadio, and more, ensuring that you always have access to your favorite music and audio content.

# • Multi-Room Functionality

Connect multiple speakers to enjoy synchronized music in different areas of your home.

Here is a detailed guide on using the DTS Play-Fi app



# Apple AirPlay

Play-Fi supports Apple AirPlay, which allows wireless audio streaming from an Apple device such as an iPhone, iPad, or a Mac computer.

- Open Control Center
- · Press the AirPlay icon



Press and choose your FORTE WIFI
 It will be referred to by the name you assigned during the initial setup of the FORTE WIFI.



#### Connected

Your Apple device is now connected, as indicated by the checkmark to the right of the name.



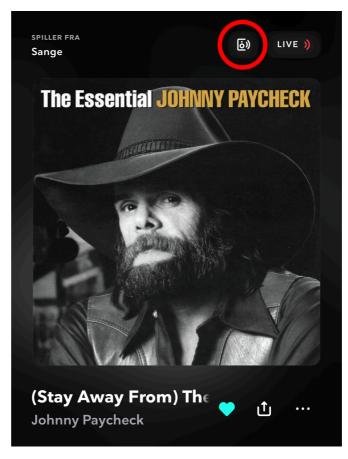
• The volume can be controlled from the device or on the speaker's remote control.

# Google Cast

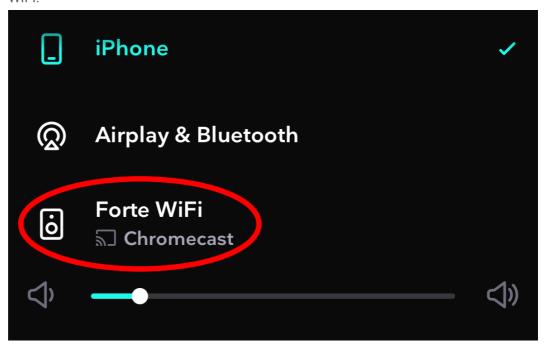
Play-Fi also supports Google Cast, which allows wireless audio streaming from any Google Cast supported app.

# • Press the "Devices" icon

See available devices, symbolized by an icon. This feature has different icons and locations depending on which app you're using. (This example is from Tidal.)

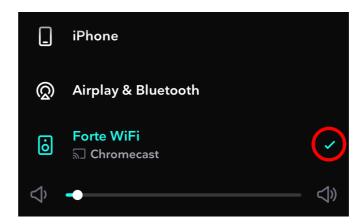


Press and choose your FORTE WIFI
 It will be referred to by the name you assigned during the initial setup of the FORTE WIFI.



### Connected

Your device is now connected, as indicated by the checkmark to the right of its name. (This example is from Tidal. It might look different depending on which app you're using.)



- The volume can be controlled from the device or on the speaker's remote control.
- 2. When the FORTE WIFI 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**. This will not happen if the speakers are already powered on and playing from another source.
- 3. You can power the speakers off with Auto Power Up (APU) disabled if needed: simply press and hold the power button on the remote control for 5 seconds when powering off. The speakers will now power off with APU disabled.
- 4. The next time you turn on the speakers again, APU will be enabled again.
- 5. You can always press and hold the "PAIRING" button to reset all Bluetooth connections when on the Bluetooth input.
- 6. 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.
- 7. Factory Reset Play-Fi:

To factory reset the Play-Fi streaming module, hold down the Wi-Fi Setup button (8) for around 10 seconds. You'll hear a single tone after about 5 seconds, and then another at around the 10-second mark, signaling that you can release the button. After approximately one minute, the LED on the back of the speaker will pulse slowly, indicating it's ready to be set up.

# 5. Tips & Tricks

We strive to ensure you experience the full potential of your Argon Speakers. Therefore, we've put together an article containing valuable Tips & Tricks to help you achieve optimal performance with your speakers.

Article: Tips & Tricks: SPEAKERS

# 6. Specifications

	FORTE A4 WIFI	FORTE A5 WIFI	FORTE A55 WIFI
Frequency range	50-20.000 Hz (±3dB)	40-20.000 Hz (±3dB)	35-20.000 Hz (±3dB)
Bass/midrange driver	4"	5"	2x5"
Dimensions (WxHxD)	14,3 x 24,0 x 29 cm	16,5 x 27,0 x 23,0 cm	15,6 x 85,0 x 25,0 cm
Weight (Pair)	4,7 kg	9 kg	26 kg

- 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 with network standby turned **OFF**: <0,5 watt
- Energy usage in standby with network standby turned **ON**: <4 watt
- Bluetooth function with A2DP/SBC/AAC
- Magnetic Front Cover

# Inputs:

- Wi-Fi Streaming (DTS Play-Fi)
- TV ARC (HDMI ARC)
- Optical (Digital)
- L/R analogue stereo-in (RCA)
- Phono (MM)
- Bluetooth 4.2

### Colours

**Note:** The finish is the same on all sizes. The model shown is Forte A5. The Forte A55 is not available in blue.



Matte black with bronze trim rings



Matte white with silver trim rings



Walnut with gold trim rings



Blue with silver trim rings

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