User manual

Poly

Wireless streaming module

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1 Introduction

This user manual is intended for Poly users. It contains all the information necessary to safely and successfully use Poly and consists of two sections:

- The user manual describes Poly and provides the essential user instructions.
- The extended manual contains information that is not directly related to everyday use.

1.1 Safety

Please take note of the following safety instructions before using the Poly.

- Never allow Poly to come into contact with water or other liquids.
- Never spray cleaner onto Poly. Only use a clean microfibre cloth clean the Poly.

1.2 Warranty

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Poly comes with a comprehensive twelve month warranty. To activate this warranty, please register your Poly via the Chord Electronics website: www.chordelectronics.co.uk/register-product

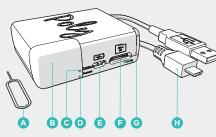


2 **Product description**

Poly is a portable music streamer and player. Combined with Moio, it can wirelessly stream from connected devices and play back audio via Roon, AirPlay or from a Micro SD card, all with smartphone control. Poly provides access to hi-fi sound quality at home or on-the-go, via Wi-Fi and Bluetooth®.

2.1 Main parts

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Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with Poly's main parts.

Α	Configuration pin	E	Micro USB input
в	Antenna	F	Micro SD input
с	P-status LED	G	Configuration button
D	M-status LED	н	USB cable

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P-status LED

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Flashing	connection for an extern
Flashing	Poly is searching for a kr
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Flash	card.
**	Poly displays its battery when connected to a kn mode. See §3.1 for more
٢	Poly is charging.
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2.2 Modes

Poly's functionality is made up of two settings; audio playback modes and connectivity modes. Both modes can be selected in the GoFigure app. See chapters 6 & 7 for instructions and more information.

Audio playback modes

- Bluetooth[®] audio.
- Roon
- Micro SD card
- Airplay

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6 **Connectivity modes**

allows you to select All configuration is done in the Settings menu. 6.1 Bluetooth* **0**-

 Select Airplane\ Bluetooth[®] Mode 1 to optimize Poly for Bluetooth® playback.

NOTICE Bluetooth[®] wireless technology is a userfriendly wireless connection method, but can result in some loss of sound quality. The use of a Wi-Fi connection is recommended for optimal sound quality.

NOTICE Poly has a maximum Bluetooth[®] range of 5 metres. Sound distortion may occur beyond this range.





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5 **GoFigure app - Configuration**



5.1 Requirements

- Your control device must have Bluetooth® Low Energy (BLE) compatibility.
- Your Poly must have firmware 1.0.11 or higher.

If these requirements are not met, see the **Extended** Manual for the manual configuration method.

5.2 First use

When using the GoFigure app to configure a new Poly, the Setup Wizard can be used to quickly set Poly's most important settings.

When using the GoFigure app for the second time, it will open on the Poly's Near You page. Select your Poly and press **Skip This Wizard** to go straight to the configuration menu.

- 1. Enable Bluetooth[®] on your control device.
- 2. Make sure Poly is within range of your control
- device (< 5 m). 3. Open the GoFigure app and press Select Device. The app will scan for nearby Poly's.
- 4. Select Poly once it appears on your screen and press Select Device.
- 5. Please wait while the app loads your Poly.
- 6. Enter a custom name for your Poly (optional).
- Press Audio Playback to continue. 7. Select Wi-Fi or Bluetooth® as the initial
- connectivity mode. This can be changed later. - After selecting Wi-Fi, press Connect
 - Normally to connect to a regular Wi-Fi network. Press Create Hotspot to allow your Poly to create a Wi-Fi hotspot
 - Select your Wi-Fi network and enter the password. Press Continue/Submit
- 8. Select Roon Ready or Everything else as your preferred audio playback mode. This can be changed later.
- 9. The configuration is now complete! Press Register Your Device to register your Poly or press Finish to go to the Select Your Device menu.

The GoFigure app which wireless connection method Poly uses to connect to an external device.

Poly's Bluetooth® connection is always available, no matter which mode is selected.

3 Charging Poly

slowly empty over time.

3.1 Battery level

NOTICE We recommend that you fully charge Poly

NOTICE Poly's microprocessor remains active when

the device is switched off. This causes the battery to

NOTICE To charge Poly, the charger must deliver at

simultaneously, an input of at least 2A is required.

simultaneously will result in only Mojo being charged.

When Poly is connected to a network, the P-status

Poly's battery level. The M-status LED will always

indicate Mojo's battery level using the same colour

LED will glow in 1 of 4 colours. These colours indicate

Charging 100-75% 75-50% 50-25% 25-5% 5-0%

TIP Poly's battery level is also displayed on the

for 5 hours before using it for the first time.

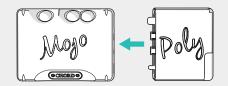
least 1A of current. To charge Poly and Moio

Using a 1A charger to charge both devices

4 Powering on Polv

To power on Poly:

- 1. Attach Poly to Mojo.
- 2. Press and hold Mojo's power button until the buttons start to glow.
- 3. Wait approx. 10 seconds. Poly's P-status LED will become active when the connection has been registered.



TIP We recommend using Poly case to protect the connection between the two devices.

4.1 **Powering off**

To power off Poly:

Flashing

- 1. Press and hold Mojo's power button to turn off both devices
- 2. Wait 20 seconds for Poly to power off.

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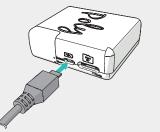
Yellow when there is no DAC DAC may be switched OFF)

Connectivity modes

- Bluetooth[®]
- Wi-Fi
- Network Hotspot

To charge Poly:

- 1. Insert the USB cable (H) into the Micro USB input •
- 2. Insert the other end of the USB cable into a suitable power outlet. This wakes Poly up. 3. Remove and reinsert the USB cable. Poly now
- starts charging and the P-status LED will emit a solid white light.



It takes approx. 5 hours to charge Poly with a 5V/2A charger. Poly and Mojo can be charged simultaneously, with an estimated charge time of 8 hours. The devices can be charged while playing back audio, but this increased the charging time.

code.

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GoFigure app's home screen.

Hotspot mode

Hotspot mode allows you to connect to a Wi-Fi network created by your Poly. It acts as a replacement for Wi-Fi when no external network is available.

- 1. Select Hotspot Mode 2. The Poly will now reset and the app will close
- 2. Enable Wi-Fi on your control device and select the Polv-xxxx* to connect.
- 3. If available, select the "use without internet" option on your control device when connecting to the Poly's hotspot.
 - On an iOS device, press "cancel" in the top right corner to reveal this option. Repeat this step if necessary.

* All digits in the Poly's hotspot name are unique to each device.

TIP Once your control device is successfully connected, these steps do not need to be repeated when using Hotspot mode again

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7 Audio playback

The GoFigure app allows you to select which mode is used by the Poly to playback audio. All configuration is done in the Settings menu.

7.1 **Roon**

The Poly can act as a Roon Ready device and play back audio from your personal Roon server.

- **1.** Make sure the Poly is connected to the same network as your Roon remote device.
- 2. Select Roon Ready 6. The Other Music Services 7 option will be automatically deselected.
- **3.** Navigate to your Roon Output settings and enable Poly. Poly is now a registered output.

7.2 Airplay

The Poly supports AirPlay, which allows it to connect to your Apple devices.

1. Select Other Music Services 7.

- 2. Make sure Poly and your Apple device are connected to the same Wi-Fi network.
- **3.** Navigate to your Apple device's audio output options and select Poly. All audio will now route to Poly.

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6.2 **Wi-Fi**

Wi-Fi is the Poly's preferred connectivity method because it ensures the best sound quality. The Poly can establish a Wi-Fi connection via two different modes.

TIP For optimal Wi-Fi performance, keep the antenna window B clear of obstacles.

NOTICE Poly communicates only via 2.4 GHz networks and has a maximum Wi-Fi range of 10 metres.

Network mode

Network mode allows the Poly to connect to an available Wi-Fi network. It is active when Airplane\Bluetooth[®] Mode 1 and Hotspot Mode 2 are deselected.

- 1. Press Wi-Fi 3 to select or manually add a network
- 2. Press Wi-Fi Country 4 to select the a country.

TIP The Poly can connect to a Wi-Fi hotspot generated by smartphone.

TIP You can add multiple networks to the Poly. They will be automatically remembered and connected to when in range.

manually configured.

8.1 Connecting Poly

selected via the Config button G.

8 Manual configuration

If your Poly or control device do not meet the

requirement for configuration via the GoFigure app.

the connectivity and audio playback modes can be

Poly can be wirelessly connected to external devices

in three ways: Bluetooth®. Wi-Fi network and a Wi-Fi

hotspot. Bluetooth® is always available, while the

other two connectivity modes can be manually

TIP The use of a headset is necessary while

progressing through the options. This allows you to

receive spoken feedback and instructions during the

Bluetooth[®] connection

connected via Bluetooth®.

matter which mode is selected.

Poly's Bluetooth® connection is always available, no

NOTICE Bluetooth® is a user-friendly wireless

sound quality. We recommend using a Wi-Fi

1. Enable Bluetooth[®] on your control device.

2. Select Poly from the list of available devices.

3. When asked, enter 0000 as the input code.

TIP The PIN can be changed in the GoFigure app.

TIP The P-status LED flashes purple when

connection for optimal sound quality.

connection method, but can result in some loss of

7.3 Bluetooth[®] audio

The Poly can play back audio via a Bluetooth® connection.

- 1. In the GoFigure app's Settings menu, select Airplane\Bluetooth® Mode 1
- 2. Enable Bluetooth[®] on your control device and select the Poly to connect.
- 3. Play music from your control device.

NOTICE If there are two Poly's visible as available Bluetooth® devices, close the GoFigure app and select the one that remains.

7.4 Micro SD card

This Poly is able to play back music stored on a Micro SD card via DLNA, UPnP or MPD.



1. Select Other Music Services 7. 2. Insert a Micro SD card into the Poly's Micro SD

slot 🕞. The P-status LED 🗲 flashes green when the card is detected.

NOTICE If the Poly does not detect the Micro SD card, insert the card into a computer and make sure it is formatted to ExFat.

- 3. On your control device, open a DLNA, UPnP or MPD app of your choice (e.g. BubbleUPnP (Android) or 8 Player (iOS).
- 4. In the app, select the Poly as the audio output. **5.** Select a song from the Micro SD card's directory
- and begin playback.

TIP The Poly supports an unlimited amount of Micro SD storage capacity.

Quickplay

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The Quickplay option allows you to look at any MPD playlists stored on the Micro SD card. See §10.3 for more information.

- 1. Press the LAUNCH QUICKPLAY button in the app's home screen
- 2. Select one of the available playlists and begin playback.

1. Use the provided pin \Lambda to reach the Config button G.

- 2. Press the Config button once to start the seauence:
- •)) "mode: press for mode"
- **3.** Press the Config button repeatedly to progress through the options:
-)) "mode: current mode" \rightarrow "mode: enter Hotspot $mode" \rightarrow "mode: enter Network mode" \rightarrow "mode:$ Hotspot password reset" → "mode: Bluetooth® PIN reset" → "factory reset" → "firmware update".
- **4.** After reaching the desired option, wait 5 seconds. Press the Config button one last time when instructed:
- → "mode: press to enter XXXX mode" → "mode: entering XXXX mode"

TIP Selecting "mode: current mode" will prompt the Poly to tell you the current connectivity mode.

TIP Selecting one of the three reset options requires you to hold the Config button for several seconds.

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9.2 Manage Connections

The Manage Connections section allows you to:

• Delete a previously saved Wi-Fi network from Poly's memory.

9.3 Play Mode settings

The **Play Mode settings** section allows you to:

- Select an audio playback mode. Information about these options can be found at the bottom of the page or in chapter 7 of this manual.
- Select **Roon Ready** to use Roon as the audio playback mode.
- Select DSD to use Roon DSD mode. See §10.2 for more information.
- Select Other to use Micro SD, Airplay or Bluetooth® audio as the audio playback mode.
 - Select MPD Bit Perfect Audio if you wish to only use Mojo for volume control.
 - Select Keep in Hotspot Mode if you wish to stay connected to Poly's hotspot.
- Save your settings.

TIP Deselect Keep in Hotspot Mode if you want to connect to a newly added Wi-Fi network.





TIP When switching between Hotspot mode and Network mode, press Save and Reboot to ensure Poly reboots in the new mode.

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process.

10 GoFigure app - Extra features

The GoFigure app's Settings menu has some additional modes that allow you to customize your Poly audio playback experience.

10.1 Bit Perfect

Adjusting the volume with the physical controls of your control device can compromise the quality of the digital signal. Bit Perfect mode disables the physical volume control on your control device and prevents this from happening.

• Select **Other Music Services 7**. The Bit Perfect playback mode now becomes available.

Select Bit Perfect (8).

TIP Bit Perfect mode will not disengage the digital in-app volume control.

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10.2 **Roon DSD**

This mode must be enabled for DSD playback via Roon.

NOTICE Enabling Roon DSD will disable the in-app volume control

- Select **Roon Ready 6**. The DSD mode becomes available
- Select Roon DSD (8).

10.3 Quickplay

The Quickplay option allows you to look at any MPD playlists stored on the Micro SD card.

- Select Quickplay Controls 9.
- In the app's home screen, press LAUNCH QUICKPLAY.
- Select one of the available playlists to begin playback.

TIP Quickplay uses the BLE connection between Poly and your control device, so no Wi-Fi connection is required.

TIP MPD playlists can be created in applications such as MPDeluxe (iOS), Glider (iOS) or M.A.L.P. (Android).

10.4 General Settings

The General Settings 10 menu contains information about Poly's networks and the contents of its MicroSD card.

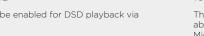
> Press Refresh DLNA Database to retrieve information about a newly inserted MicroSD card.

10.5 **Device Settings**

The **Device Settings** 11 menu allows you to change Poly's settings.

- Press Re-run Wizard to repeat the initial configuration process.
- Press Factory Reset to reset Poly back to its default factory settings.

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The factory reset option allows you to erase all user

adjustable information from Poly's memory

(e.g. Wi-Fi networks, passwords and playlists).

NOTICE Remove your Micro SD card from Poly

before running a factory reset. Poly will otherwise

re-index the card as soon as the reset if complete.

Select Factory Reset with the Config button G.

device. The name will reset once the Bluetooth®

NOTICE Your Poly's name may not have reset when

re-connecting Poly to a previously connected control

Factory reset

cache is updated.

9 **Browser configuration**

As an alternative to the GoFigure app, Poly can also be configured in a browser menu. This menu is only available on a control device that is connected to the Wi-Fi hotspot generated by Poly.

- Make sure Poly is in Hotspot mode. See §8.1 for instructions
- In the network settings, select Poly's WiFi network and select the URL (http://192.168.1.1). OR
- Open your browser and go to www.poly.audio

The configuration menu has three sections:

- Wi-Fi settings
- Manage Connections
- Play Mode settings

9.1 Wi-Fi settings

The Wi-Fi settings section allows you to:

- Name your Poly.
- Enter the network name and password of the WiFi-network you wish to use.
- Save a Wi-Fi network to add it to Poly's memory. Assign a password to the Wi-Fi hotspot created by your Poly when in Hotspot mode.
- Select the country that matches the used Wi-Fi network.

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Registering Poly

Registering your Poly is important because it activates the free 12 month warranty period that comes with the purchase of Poly.



Register your Poly in one of these two ways:

 Register your Poly via the Chord Electronics website[.]

www.chordelectronics.co.uk/register-product

 Register your Poly after completing the Setup Wizard in the GoFigure app. See §5.2 for instructions.

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12 Updating Poly

New firmware is periodically issued to guarantee high performance and introduce new features to Poly. These updates can be found in the GoFigure app.

- 1. In the GoFigure app's Settings menu, press Device Settings
- 2. Press Firmware Update and select the update you wish to install.

Poly can also be updated via manual configuration.

 Select Firmware Update by pressing the Config button G. See §8.1 for instructions.

NOTICE The GoFigure will not actively notify you of new updates. Check the app regularly to keep your Poly up to date.

NOTICE Updates cannot be downloaded when Poly is connected to a network with internet access.

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13 **Technical Specifications**

We are invested to keeping Poly up to date. Please refer to **www.chordmojo.com** or www.chordelectronics.co.uk for the most recent specifications.

Dimensions	50 x 62 x 22 mm	
Weight Poly	91 g	
Total weight	180 g	
Playback time	Approx. 9 hours	
Charging time	Approx. 5 hours	
Charging input	5V / 2A	
Wi-Fi	2.4 GHz	
Bluetooth*	4.1 / A2DP	
PCM sample rates	44.1 kHz - 768 kHz	
DSD via DoP	DSD64 - DSD256	
Storage	MicroSD (unlimited capacity)	

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Wi-Fi network mode

Network mode allows Poly to connect to an available Wi-Fi network.

• Select Network mode by using the Config button G. Poly is available for Wi-Fi connection when the

P-status LED C starts to flash blue.

Poly will automatically look for or connect to a known Wi-Fi network. A new Wi-Fi network must first be added in the browser configuration menu. See §9.1 on how to connect to a Wi-Fi network.

Wi-Fi hotspot mode

W-Fi hot spot mode allows you to connect to a Wi-Fi network created by your Poly. It acts as a replacement for Wi-Fi when no external network is available

- 1. Select **Hotspot mode** by using the Config button G using the instructions above. The P-status LED C will flash blue and green when the Poly is in Hotspot mode.
- 2. Enable Wi-Fi on your control device.
- 3. Select the Poly-xxxx* to connect to the hotspot.

* All digits in the Poly's hotspot name are unique to each device.