

Acoustic Research M200 Firmware Notice and Update Guide

Firmware Notice for 1.0.7xx

A new intermittent issue has been found in the more recent firmware (1.0.7xx). We are currently working on a fix.

Symptom of the intermittent issue:

- After the unit is switched on, the first song played may be noisy.
- If the intermittent issue occurs, skipping to next/previous track will cause the player to freeze and reboot.
- After the reboot, music playback will likely to be normal.

Recommended actions:

Customers that use mainly Bluetooth Receiver feature are recommended to continue using 1.0.7xx.

In the mean time, customers that use mainly local music playback may downgrade the firmware to 1.0.675.

Switching between 1.0.6xx and 1.0.7xx will trigger a full erase of user data. The loaded music content in internal memory will be erased. The additional feature and fixes in 1.0.7xx will be reverted.

Change log

1.0.747

- Fixed an unexpected system reboot when the artist field of a song is longer than 128 characters
- Improve system responsiveness when playing some WAV files

1.0.744

- Addition of AIFF format
- Improved exception handling of some WAV files containing erratic tags

1.0.675

- The loud pop noise at switching local music playback mode to Bluetooth Receiver mode is now removed. Due to the characteristics of the anti-pop circuit, a small click sound will still occur.
- Improved playback stability of some WAV files when browsing through the UI and adjusting the volume
- Improved compatibility to some mono WAV files
- Updates to Japanese UI

1.0.654

- RTM Release

Requirements for firmware update

- 1GB free space or more is available on the internal storage of M200
- Windows 7/8/10 or newer
- Mac OS X 10.6.9 or above
- Upgrade should only be executed when the battery level is 75% or higher

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Reminder for content back up

Switching between 1.0.6xx and 1.0.7xx will trigger a full erase of user data. The loaded music content in internal memory will be erased. Please back up the contents before updating the firmware.

Procedures to update firmware

1. Download the firmware file ARM200FW.IMG to the computer.
2. Connect AR-M200 to the computer with USB-A to USB-C cable.
3. Copy the file into the root level of Internal Storage of AR-M200.
4. Ensure that the file has been fully copied into the player.
5. Without disconnecting M200, press HOME/MENU button twice to execute the update. Please do not interrupt the firmware update process until completion.