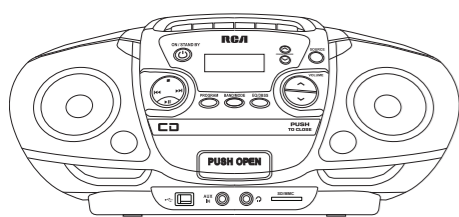




## user manual guide de l'utilisateur

RCD179



Note: Look in the battery compartment to find the AC power cord.  
Remarque: Regardez dans le compartiment des piles pour trouver le cordon d'alimentation CA.

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It is important to read this instruction prior to using your new product for the first time.  
Nous vous recommandons de lire ce manuel d'instructions avant d'utiliser votre nouveau produit pour la première fois.

### Technical information

Product: Portable CD PLL Radio  
Cassette Recorder

Brand: RCA

Model: RCD179

Power Supply: 120V ~ 60Hz

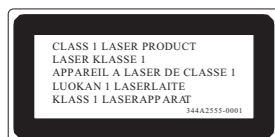
Power Consumption: 15 Watts

Unit Size (H x W x D inches):  
6.2 x 14.7 x 10.2

Weight: 5.77 lbs

CD player: Response curve (+/- 2dB):  
60Hz to 20 kHz

Rating Plate: Look for it at the bottom of the set.



### For your records

In the event that service should be required, you may need the model number. In the space below, record the date and place of purchase:  
Model No.  
Date of Purchase  
Place of Purchase

### Service information

This product should be serviced only by those specially trained in appropriate servicing techniques. For instructions on how to obtain service, refer to the warranty included in this Guide.

### FCC information

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

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.

**WARNING:** Changes or modifications to this unit not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

This product complies with DHHS Rules 21 CFR Subchapter J. Applicable at the date of manufacture.

### For your safety

The AC power plug is polarized (one blade is wider than the other) and only fits into AC power outlets one way. If the plug won't go into the outlet completely, turn the plug over and try to insert it the other way. If it still won't fit, contact a qualified electrician to change the outlet, or use a different one. Do not attempt to bypass this safety feature.

**CAUTION: TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, MATCH WIDE BLADE OF PLUG TO WIDE SLOT, FULLY INSERT.**

**WARNING: MAINS PLUG IS USED AS DISCONNECT DEVICE AND IT SHOULD REMAIN READILY OPERABLE DURING INTENDED USE. IN ORDER TO DISCONNECT THE MAINS PLUG FROM MAINS COMPLETELY, THE MAINS PLUG SHOULD BE DISCONNECTED FROM THE MAINS SOCKET OUTLET COMPLETELY.**

## Before you begin

### Safety precautions

- Never open the cabinet under any circumstances. Any repairs or internal adjustments should be made only by a trained technician.
- Do not touch the player with wet hands. If any liquid enters the player cabinet, take the player to a trained technician for inspection.
- This compact disc player uses a laser to read the music on the disc. The laser mechanism corresponds to the cartridge and stylus of a record player. Although this product incorporates a laser pick-up lens, it is completely safe when operated according to directions.
- The apparatus shall not be exposed to dripping or splashing and that no objects filled with liquids, such as vases, shall be placed on the apparatus.

### AC power

Plug the power supply cord into the AC power jack on the back of the unit, and into an AC power supply outlet that accepts the plug supplied with your unit.

### Battery power

You can insert 6 D-sized alkaline batteries (not supplied) and you can take your stereo just about anywhere. Open the battery compartment door on the back of the unit by pressing down on the arrow and pulling out the cover. Insert batteries in the battery compartment.

### Useful advice

- Do not use your system immediately after transporting it from a cold place to a warm place, as condensation may cause the system to malfunction. If moisture forms inside this system, it may not operate properly. To correct the problem, turn off the power and wait about 30 minutes for moisture to evaporate.
- This system is fitted with a laser. To avoid accidents, it is

PLEASE READ AND SAVE THIS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

# IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Some of the following information may not apply to your particular product; however, as with any electronic product, precautions should be observed during handling and use.

- Read these instructions.
- Keep these instructions.
- Heed all warnings.
- Follow all instructions.
- Do not use this apparatus near water.
- Clean only with dry cloth.
- Do not block any ventilation openings. Install in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- Do not install near any heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other apparatus (including amplifiers) that produce heat.
- Do not defeat the safety purpose of the polarized or grounding-type plug. A polarized 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.

- Protect the power cord from being walked on or pinched particularly at plugs, convenience receptacles, and the point where they exit from the apparatus.
- Only use attachments/accessories specified by the manufacturer.
- Use only with the cart, stand, tripod, bracket, or table specified by the manufacturer, or sold with the apparatus. When a cart is used, use caution when moving the cart/apparatus combination to avoid injury from tip-over.
- Unplug this apparatus during lightning storms or when unused for long periods of time.
- 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 is 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.

- IF YOUR PRODUCT OPERATES ON BATTERIES**, adhere to the following precautions:  
A. Any battery may leak electrolyte if mixed with a different battery type, if inserted incorrectly, or if all batteries are not replaced at the same time.  
B. Any battery may leak electrolyte or explode if disposed of in fire or an attempt is made to charge a battery not intended to be recharged.  
C. Discard leaky batteries immediately. Leaking batteries can cause skin burns or other personal injury. When discarding batteries, be sure to dispose of them in the proper manner, according to provincial and local regulations.

### Important Battery Precautions

- Any battery may present a risk of fire, explosion, or chemical burn if abused. Do not try to charge a battery that is not intended to be recharged, do not incinerate, and do not puncture.
- Non-rechargeable batteries, such as alkaline batteries, may leak if left in your product for a long period of time. Remove the batteries from the product if you are not going to use it for a month or more.
- If your product uses more than one battery, do not mix types and make sure they are inserted correctly. Mixing types or inserting incorrectly may cause them to leak.
- Discard any leaky or deformed battery immediately. They may cause skin burns or other personal injury.
- Batteries shall not be exposed to excessive heat such as sunshine, fire or the like.
- Please help to protect the environment by recycling or disposing of batteries according to federal, state, and local regulations.

## General controls (Main unit)

**ON / STANDBY** – Turns the unit on / off.

**PRESET/FOLDER** – Accesses preset radio channels; selects folders on mp3 disc, memory card or USB device.

**SOURCE** – Selects among radio, tape, CD, AUX, USB and Card modes.

**TRACK / TUNE** – Tunes up or down radio frequency (radio mode); searches/skips track/file backward or forward (CD/Card/USB mode).

**STOP** – Stops playback.

**PLAY / PAUSE** – Starts or pauses playback.

**PROGRAM** – Sets radio preset channels (radio mode); enters program mode (CD/Card/USB mode).

**BAND / MODE** – Selects radio band (radio mode); selects among playback modes (repeat 1 / repeat all / random) (CD/Card/USB mode).

**EQ / DBBS** – Press to select among sound effects (Flat / Rock / Jazz / Pop / Classic); press and hold to turn DBBS (digital bass boost system) On/Off.

**VOLUME** – Adjusts volume.

**PUSH OPEN** – Opens the CD door.  
**PUSH TO CLOSE** – Push to close the CD door.

**AUX IN** – Connects external device with an audio cable (not provided).

**PHONE** – connects headphone.  
**SD/MMC** – connects SD/MMC memory card.

### Cassette Player

- REC** – Starts tape recording.
- PLAY** – Starts tape playback.
- REW** – Rewinds tape.
- FWD** – Fast forwards tape.
- STOP/EJECT** – Stops tape playback, winding or recording, opens cassette door.
- PAUSE** – Pauses tape playback.

## General controls (Remote & Display)

**ON / STANDBY** – Turns the unit on / off.

**BAND/MODE** – Select radio mode or a CD playback mode.

**PRESET/FOLDER** – Accesses preset radio channels. Selects folders on mp3 disc, memory card or USB device.

**VOLUME +/-** – Adjusts volume.

**EQ/BASS** – Selects among sound effects; press and hold to turn DBBS on/off. (same function as EQ / DBBS)

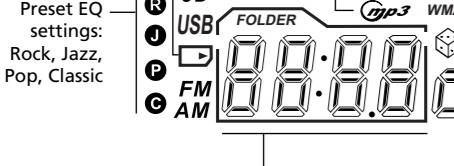
**SOURCE** – selects an input source (e.g. CD, radio).

**PROG** – Sets radio preset channels and enters program mode. (same function as PROGRAM)

**TRACK / TUNE** – selects tracks/files and radio frequencies.

**PLAY / PAUSE** – Starts or pauses playback.

**STOP** – stops playback.



Shows radio frequency, radio preset location, folder number, CD track number, CD program location, playback time, current mode, etc.

## CD player

### Displaying program list

In program stop mode, press and hold **PROGRAM** for about 3 seconds to display the program list.

### Clearing program list

Your program will be erased:

- once you open the disc compartment door, or,
- press **STOP** while the program playback is stopped.

## Auxiliary input

- Connect the auxiliary device to the **AUX IN** jack with an audio cable (not provided).
- Press **SOURCE** until the indicator "AUX IN" lights on the display.
- Start playback from the auxiliary device.
- Adjust the auxiliary device to mid-range volume and adjust the master volume by pressing **VOLUME +/-**.

- Do not turn the volume of the auxiliary device too high as this may affect the sound quality.
- For other playback operations, control them on your auxiliary device.

## More information

### Cleaning the exterior

- Disconnect the system from AC power before cleaning the exterior of the unit with a soft dust cloth.
- Clean the exterior with a soft clean cloth or slightly moistened chamois leather. Do NOT use solvents as it may cause damage to the unit.

### Handling CDs

- Do not touch the signal surfaces.
- Hold CDs by the edges, or by one edge and the hole.
- Do not affix labels or adhesive tapes to the label surfaces. Do not scratch or damage the label.
- CDs rotate at high speeds inside the player. Do not use damaged (cracked or warped) CDs.
- Make sure CDs are stored in their original case after use. Keep them away from damp, humid or abnormally heated places.

### CD lens care

- When your CD lens gets dirty it can also cause the system to output poor sound quality. To clean the lens you will need to purchase a CD lens cleaner which can maintain the output sound quality of your system. For instructions on cleaning the CD lens, refer to the ones accompanying the lens cleaner.

### Cleaning CDs

- Dirty CDs can cause poor sound quality. Always keep CDs clean by wiping them gently with a soft cloth from the inner edge toward the outer perimeter.
- If a CD becomes dirty, wet a soft cloth in water, wring it out well, wipe the dirt away gently, and then remove any water drops with a dry cloth.
- Do not use record cleaning sprays or antistatic agents on CDs. Also, never clean CDs with benzene, thinner, or other volatile solvents which may cause damage to disc surface.

### Cassettes

- To protect your recordings from accidental erasure on one or both sides of your cassette, snap out the tab at the top of the cassette. If you decide later to record on the tape, seal the hole with a piece of adhesive tape. (Refer to diagram)

- Quit Slacking - A little bit of slack in your tapes can cause scratches on the tape, or worse yet, the tape could break. If you notice some slack in the tape, use a pencil to tighten it up before you insert it.

## USB and memory card

### Playing mp3 files stored on USB device or memory card

- Connect the USB device or SD/MMC memory card to the corresponding connection slot on the front of the unit.
- Press **SOURCE** until the indicator "USB" (for USB mode) or "CARD" (for Card mode) lights on the display.
- Press **PLAY / PAUSE** to start playback from the USB device or SD/MMC memory card.
- Press **TRACK / TUNE** to skip to the previous or next file respectively.
- If folders exist, press **PRESET/FOLDER** to show the current folder number. Press **PRESET/FOLDER** to select another folder. Playback will start automatically from the first track of the selected folder.
- Press and hold **TRACK / TUNE** to search quickly current file backward or forward respectively.
- Press **STOP** to stop playback.

### Programming

Refer to "Programming" in the "CD player" section for details.

## Limited warranty

**AVC MULTIMEDIA ("AVC")** makes the following limited warranty. This limited warranty extends to the original consumer purchaser and is limited to non-commercial use of the product.

### One Year Parts & Labor Warranty

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### Packaging and Shipping Instruction

When you send the product to the AVC service facility you must use the original carton box and packing material or an equivalent as designated by AVC.

### LIMITED WARRANTY

#### Your Responsibility

- You must retain the original sale receipt to provide proof of purchase.
- These warranties are effective only if the product is purchased and operated in the U.S.A. or Canada.
- Warranties extend only to defects in material or workmanship, and do not extend to any product or parts which have been lost or discarded, or damage to product or parts caused by misuse, accident, improper operation or maintenance, or use in

## Radio

### Select radio mode

Press **ON / STANDBY** to turn on the unit.

Press **SOURCE** until RADIO mode is selected.

### Select radio band

Press **BAND / MODE** to select between FM and AM band.

Extend or reposition the antenna for better FM reception. Rotate the unit for better AM reception.

### Tuning to a station

Press **TRACK / TUNE** to tune down radio frequency.

Press **TRACK / TUNE** to tune up radio frequency.

Press and hold **TRACK / TUNE** to automatically tune to the next station.

There are 10 preset locations for FM band and 10 preset location for AM band on this unit.

Using presets

1. Press **BAND / MODE** to select between bands.

2. Press **PRESET/FOLDER** repeatedly to access the desired preset stations.

## Tape player

### Playing a tape

- When the unit is on, press **SOURCE** until TAPE mode is selected. The tape indicator "TAPE" lights on the display.
- Press **STOP/EJECT** to open the tape deck door.
- Insert a tape into the door and push the door closed.
- Press **REW** or **FWD** to wind the tape to the desired starting position. Press **STOP/EJECT** to stop winding.
- Press **PLAY** to start playback.
- Press **PAUSE** to pause playback (press again to release the button to resume playback).
- Press **STOP/EJECT** to stop playback.

- Be sure to slide the cassette into the tape slot on the door. Do not place the tape directly onto the tape mechanism.
- For better recording quality, use normal bias tape (Type I) only.

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**Hours: Monday-Thursday: 9am-7pm, Friday: 9am-5pm, Saturday: 9am-NOON Eastern time.**

### Important:

You are responsible for any transportation, shipping or insurance relative to the return of product to our Product Returns Center.

### Loading disc

- Press the **PUSH OPEN** button to slide disc tray out.
- Place a disc on the disc tray with the label side facing up.
- Push the disc tray back in.

The total number of tracks on the disc can be read from display.

### Play and pause

- In stop mode, press **PLAY** to begin CD playback.
- During CD playback, press **PLAY** to pause playback. Press again to resume.

### Stop playback

Press **STOP** to stop playback.

### Play mode

Press **BAND / MODE** to select among playback mode (repeat current track / repeat all / random). Selection made is indicated by icons on display.

### Programming

- In stop mode, press **PROGRAM** to enter program setting mode. The program location and program icon flash on the display.
- Press **TRACK / TUNE** to select the track you want to program.
- For mp3 disc, press **PRESET/FOLDER** to first select the desired folder before selecting a track.
- Repeat steps 2 to 3 to program to a maximum of 20 tracks.
- Press **PLAY** in program mode to start program playback (PROGRAM indicator lights on the display).
- Press **STOP** to return to stop mode.

## Troubleshooting tips

### System doesn't turn on

- Unplug the unit for a moment, and then plug it back in.
- Check the outlet by plugging in another device.

### No sound

- Adjust volume setting.
- Make sure you've selected the correct function.

### Poor radio reception

- Adjust the antenna for better reception.
- Try turning off electrical appliances near the unit, such as hair dryers, vacuum cleaners, or fluorescent lights.

### CD doesn't play

- Make sure you've put a CD in the tray.
- Make sure the CD's label is facing up.
- Try another CD.
- Make sure that Pause mode is not activated.
- Make sure CD function is selected.

### CD sound skips

- Clean the CD.
- Check CD for warping,

- scratches, or other damage.
- Check for vibration or shock that may affect the unit; move the set if necessary.

### Remote control does not work

- Check that battery is properly installed.
- Replace weak battery.
- Point the remote directly at the unit's front panel.
- Remove any obstacles between the remote and the unit.

### ESD Remark:

In case of malfunction due to electrostatic discharge just reset the product (disconnect and reconnect of the power source may be required) to resume normal operation.

### Important:

Also keep your "Bill of Sale" as proof of purchase.

Model no. ....

Product name .....

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