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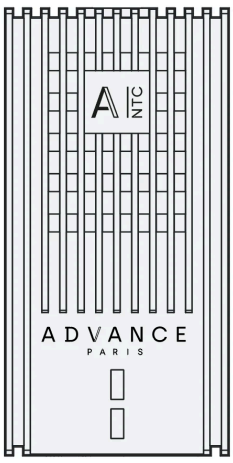
A-NTC

NETWORK PLAYER

Advance NeTwork Cartridge

USER MANUAL

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User manual

The Advance Paris team warmly thanks you for choosing an A-NTC network player.

To enjoy its full performance and ensure optimal operation, we invite you to read this user manual carefully before first use.

Once you have finished reading, we recommend keeping this manual so that you can refer to it at any time. This user manual is available on the A-NTC product page of the Advance Paris website.

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Check that all the items below are present when you open the packaging. If anything is missing, contact your dealer.

A-NTC network player

The unit itself.

USB-C cable

For connecting the power supply to the player.

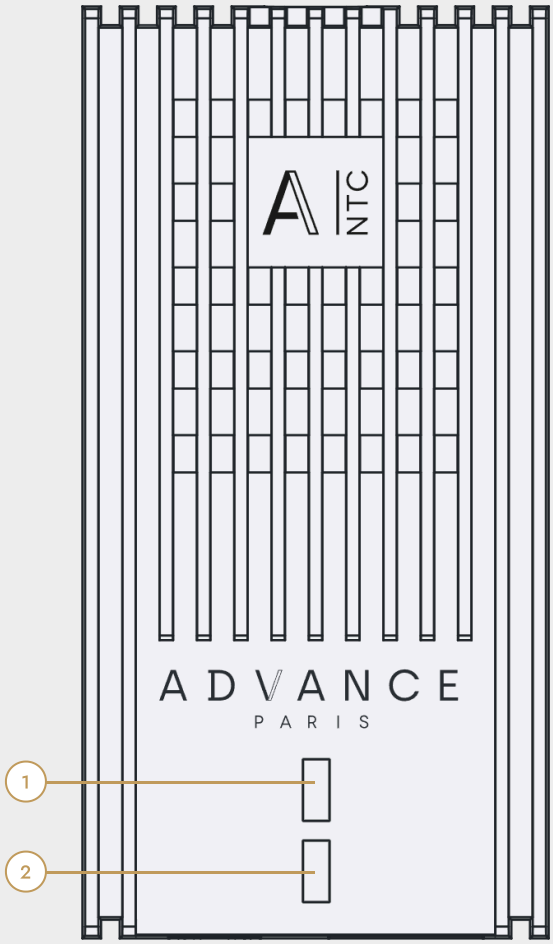
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Supplied with several interchangeable plug adapters to suit the mains sockets of your country.

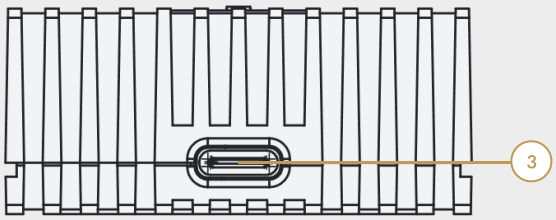
Views of the unit

TOP · FRONT · REAR

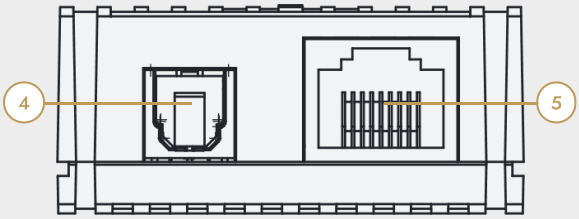
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REAR



KEY

1	Button for pairing or a factory reset — see page 14	2	Status indicator — see page 14
3	USB-C power input	4	TOSLINK optical digital audio output
5	RJ45 Ethernet network socket		

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Important

READ BEFORE MAKING ANY CONNECTION

! Always set up your hi-fi system with the units unplugged from the mains.

! Please connect all your cables — network, optical — BEFORE plugging the A-NTC player into the mains.

! Connecting the optical output while your amplifier is switched on may expose your speakers to loud noise and cause driver failure. Switch the amplifier off before any handling.

TOSLINK optical output

DIGITAL AUDIO OUTPUT

The A-NTC sends the audio signal to your amplifier or converter through its TOSLINK optical digital output. Connect this output to an optical input on the receiving unit using a TOSLINK optical cable.

The output delivers a stereo audio signal up to 24 bit / 192 kHz quality.

Stereo signal only

The optical output does not carry a multichannel signal.

Check the receiving unit

Some optical inputs are limited to 96 kHz. Refer to the manual of your amplifier or converter.

Network setup

FIRST USE

The A-NTC must be connected to your home network to access your files and music services. Two methods are possible.

Ethernet

Connect the RJ45 cable before switching on: the connection is established automatically, with no settings required. This is the best-performing and most stable link. See "Ethernet network", page 10.

Wi-Fi

See "Power supply", page 11, then "Wi-Fi network", page 12.

Ethernet network

WIRED CONNECTION

The wired Ethernet connection is recommended: it offers the most stable throughput, particularly for playing high-resolution files.

Connect the RJ45 socket on the rear of the player to a free socket on your internet box, your router or a network switch, using a category 5e or higher Ethernet cable.

When an Ethernet cable is connected, the wired link takes priority over Wi-Fi.

Power supply

FINAL STEP OF THE INSTALLATION

Once all your network and audio cables are connected, connect the supplied USB-C cable between the power input of the A-NTC player and the power supply unit, then plug the latter into your wall socket.

The power supply unit comes with several interchangeable plug adapters. Choose the one matching the mains sockets of your country and clip it onto the unit before plugging it in.

Wi-Fi network

WIRELESS CONNECTION

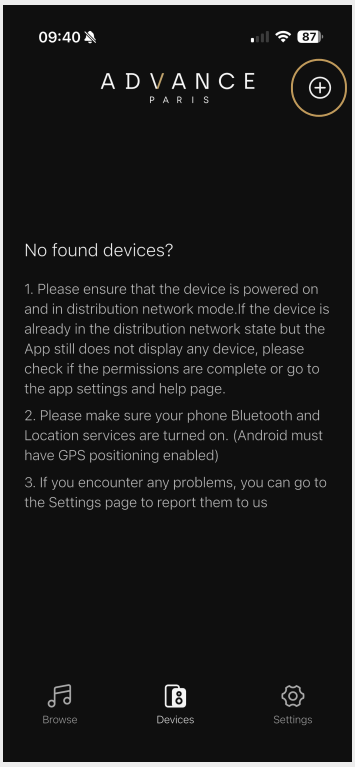
We recommend using the Ethernet connection, which is more stable than Wi-Fi.

If you cannot run an Ethernet cable to your system, the A-NTC connects to your network over Wi-Fi. The antenna is built into the unit.

Place the player at a reasonable distance from your internet box and avoid metal obstacles. Your phone must be connected to the same Wi-Fi network as the one you want to connect the A-NTC to.

1. Download the **Advance Control** app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.
2. Tap the **+** in a circle, at the top right of the screen, to add a product.
3. Select the A-NTC player you want to set up.
4. Select your Wi-Fi network from the list of detected networks, then enter its security key. The status indicator turns steady white once the connection is established.

The player remembers this network and reconnects to it automatically the next time it is switched on.



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Switching on

The A-NTC player starts up as soon as it is connected to its power supply.

On first connection, allow the player time to start up and join your network before starting playback.

STATUS INDICATOR

Flashing red	Starting up.
Flashing white	The player is ready for network setup, or is not connected to the network.
Steady white	The player is set up and available on the network.

RESET

Resetting restores the A-NTC player to its factory settings: all settings are erased, including the Wi-Fi configuration and the product name.

1. Press and hold the button (key 1, page 5) for more than 10 seconds. The status indicator flashes rapidly.
2. Wait about 30 seconds: the player restarts, then the indicator flashes once per second.
3. If you use Wi-Fi, set up the network again with the Advance Control app (page 12).

The A-NTC player has no mains switch. It can be left on permanently, even when your amplifier is switched off. If it is not to be used for a long period, we recommend unplugging the A-NTC from the mains.

Playback

SOURCES AND CONTROL

Once the A-NTC player is connected to your network and its optical output is connected to your amplifier, select the corresponding optical input on the amplifier, then start playback.

STREAMING SERVICES

The A-NTC is compatible with Spotify Connect, TIDAL Connect, Qobuz Connect, AirPlay Audio (AirPlay 2) and DLNA. From the service's own app, on your phone, tablet or computer, select the A-NTC as the playback device: the music is then streamed directly by the player, and your device acts only as a remote control.

A subscription to the service concerned is required. Your smartphone / tablet running the streaming service app and the A-NTC network player must be on the same internet network.

AIRPLAY AUDIO (AIRPLAY 2)

On your iPhone, iPad or Mac connected to the same network as the A-NTC player, start playback, tap the AirPlay icon (in Control Center or in the app's player), then select the A-NTC from the list of devices. The sound is then played by the A-NTC player.

DLNA playback

NETWORK PLAYBACK POINT

The A-NTC is a DLNA playback point: it does not store your files and is not used to browse them. Your music is made available on the network by a DLNA server, and a control app selects the A-NTC as the playback device. The player then fetches the file from the server itself and sends it out through its optical output.

The server

A computer, an internet box or a NAS that shares your files on the network. The server software may already be installed, such as Windows Media Player, or added separately: Plex, JRiver, among others.

The control app

It browses the server, chooses the track and selects the playback device. The Advance Control app can act as a controller: in its Browse tab, your DLNA servers are accessible from the NAS tab. The server software itself or a third-party app can also play this role.

The playback point

The A-NTC, which receives the stream and sends it to your hi-fi system.

1. Enable DLNA sharing on your server, then place your music in the “Music” folder created by the server software.
2. Open your control app. In Advance Control, go to the Browse tab, then the NAS tab, and select your server.
3. Choose the A-NTC player as the playback device.
4. Browse your library and start playback.

The server, the control app and the A-NTC player must be on the same network. The Advance Control app is not a DLNA server: it only lets you browse your servers and control playback.

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Firmware information

The firmware version installed on your A-NTC player can be viewed at any time in the Settings tab of the Advance Control app.

The **Advance Control** app is available free of charge from the App Store and the Google Play Store. The device it is installed on must be on the same network as the A-NTC player.

Give this version to your dealer or to Advance Paris technical support with any request for assistance. Each time the Advance Control app is launched, it checks whether an update is available and updates the A-NTC player.

Update

FIRMWARE

Advance Paris regularly releases firmware updates to improve the player's operation and add new functions. The A-NTC player must be connected to your network to receive an update.

When an update is available, it is offered to you in the **Advance Control**app. Follow the instructions shown on screen.

! Never unplug the player from the mains or switch it off during an update.

! Make sure the network connection stays active for the whole operation.

Indicative duration — the update may take a few minutes. The A-NTC player will restart when the update is complete.

Frequently asked questions

No sound comes from my amplifier	Check that the optical input selected on the amplifier is the one the A-NTC player is connected to, that the optical cable is fully inserted at both ends, and that playback has actually started.
The player does not appear on my network	On a wired connection, check the Ethernet cable and the socket used on your internet box. On Wi-Fi, move the player closer to the box and check the security key entered.
The sound cuts out at times	Use the Ethernet connection, which is more stable than Wi-Fi, particularly for high-resolution files.
A 192 kHz file plays silently	Check that the optical input of your amplifier or converter accepts this sampling rate: some are limited to 96 kHz.
I want to change network or start again from scratch	Reset the A-NTC player by holding its button down for more than 10 seconds, then set up the network again. See page 14.

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Glossary

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Bit depth	Precision of each measurement of the signal, expressed in bits. The optical output of the A-NTC accepts up to 24 bit.
DHCP	The mechanism by which your internet box automatically assigns a network address to the player, with no setting on your part.
DLNA	Standard for sharing media files over a home network. The A-NTC acts as a playback point.
Ethernet	Wired network link. The player connects to it through its RJ45 socket.
Media server	Computer, internet box or NAS that makes your audio files available on the network.
Network player	A unit that plays audio files made available on a network and sends them to a hi-fi system.
Optical output	Digital audio output using a TOSLINK optical cable.
RJ45	Standard connector for Ethernet network cables.
Sampling rate	Number of measurements of the signal taken per second, expressed in kHz. The optical output of the A-NTC accepts up to 192 kHz.
TOSLINK	Digital audio link standard using optical fibre, immune to electrical interference.
Wi-Fi	Wireless network link between the player and your internet box.

Technical specifications

Device type	Network player
Network connections	Ethernet RJ45 et Wi-Fi
Digital audio output	TOSLINK optical
Output signal	Stereo, up to 24 bit / 192 kHz
Supported file formats	MP3, MP4, AAC-LC, AAC-HE, AAC-LTP, HE-AACv1, HE-AACv2, AIFF, AMR-NB, AMR-WB, FLAC, OGG-Vorbis, WAV, ALAC, Opus, WMA (wma 1/2, pro & lossless) and APE
Streaming services	Spotify Connect, TIDAL Connect, Qobuz Connect, AirPlay Audio (AirPlay 2), DLNA
Power supply	External power supply unit, USB-C connection
Power consumption	5 W
Dimensions	100 × 50 × 22 mm (L × W × H)
Weight	75 g net, 381 g gross
My DLNA server does not appear	Check that sharing is enabled on the server and that it is on the same network as the A-NTC player. Then restart your control app.

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