

UPSAMPLING D/A CONVERTOR

| M6DAC



Instructions for use

Thank you for purchasing the Musical Fidelity M6 DAC.

The M6 DAC consists of two 24 bit DACs arranged in a fully differential (balanced) dual mono topology. It also features a top quality over sampling 24 bit sample rate converter circuit which asynchronously up-samples all incoming data rates to 192 kHz. This moves the digital artefacts to well outside the audio band, allowing easy removal without detriment to the top end of the audio band. Our well tuned filtering circuit gives immeasurably small jitter, noise and distortion artefacts allowing astounding imaging, detail and transparency, to deliver all music types exactly as the artist originally intended. This revised design now takes into account different sampling frequencies with the upper bandwidth now extending to 90 kHz for 192 kHz natively sampled input signals.

The M6 DAC fully asynchronous USB input copes with files up to 24-bit 192 kHz sample rate input. This takes full advantage of the higher quality recordings now available. It works with all personal computers running Microsoft Windows®, Linux and Apple® OS.

An aptX® capable Bluetooth A2DP receiver has been included. aptX® is a high quality Bluetooth link. It features full bandwidth sound, for wireless connection to Bluetooth-capable products, such as mobile phones, computers, etc. The Bluetooth receiver is also backward-compatible with non-aptX® Bluetooth devices.

M6 DAC has been carefully designed to be partnered with other M3 and M6 products. It also matches well with M8 and M1 series products. Using any of these combinations will yield one of the best high-fidelity systems available at any price.

Used carefully, it should give many years of outstanding musical reproduction.

Dust regularly with a soft duster or soft brush, but be careful when using cleaning or polishing agents - they may harm the surface finish.

If there are any questions about the audio system, please consult the dealer who is there to help and advise.



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IMPORTANT! (U.K. only)

This unit is supplied in the U.K. with mains lead fitted with a moulded 13 amp plug. If, for any reason, it is necessary to remove the plug, please remove the fuse holder and dispose of the plug safely, out of reach of children.


It must not be plugged into a mains outlet.

The wires in the mains lead supplied with this appliance are coloured in accordance with the following code:

Green and yellowEarth
Blue..... Neutral
BrownLive

WARNING – This appliance MUST be earthed

As the colours of the wires of the mains lead of this appliance may not correspond with the coloured markings identifying the terminals in the plug, proceed as follows:

- The wire which is coloured green-and-yellow must be connected to the terminal in the plug which is marked with the letter E or coloured green or green-and-yellow, or by the earth symbol: 
- The wire which is coloured brown must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter L or coloured red.
- The wire which is coloured blue must be connected to the terminal which is marked with the letter N or coloured black.
- If connecting to a BS1363 plug, a 13 amp fuse must be used.

WARNING:

**ANY MODIFICATIONS TO THIS PRODUCT NOT EXPRESSLY
 APPROVED BY MUSICAL FIDELITY WHO IS THE PARTY RESPONSIBLE
 FOR STANDARDS COMPLIANCE COULD VOID THE USER'S
 AUTHORITY TO OPERATE THIS EQUIPMENT.**

Installation, Precautions & User Information

This new M6 DAC is designed and built to provide trouble-free performance, but as with all electronic devices it is necessary to observe a few precautions:

- Heed all warnings shown on the back of the product.
- Only connect the M6 DAC to a mains outlet having the same voltage as marked at the back of the unit.
- Always ensure that when disconnecting and reconnecting your audio equipment the mains supply is switched off.
- Position the mains lead and signal interconnects where they are not likely to be walked on or trapped by items placed on them.
- Do not use near water, or place water-filled containers on the M6 DAC, for example, a flower vase or potted plants. **If water does spill inside, immediately pull out the mains plug from the wall socket and inform the dealer, who should then check the unit before further use. Entry of liquid into the M6 DAC is dangerous, and may cause electric shock or fire hazard.**
- Do not place the unit near direct heat sources such as radiators, direct sunlight or other equipment.
- Do not remove any covers or try to gain access to the inside. There are no user adjustments or fuses to change without qualification. Refer all service work to an authorised Musical Fidelity agent.
*** Note: Unauthorised opening of the equipment will invalidate any warranty claim.**
- Dust regularly with a soft cloth or soft brush but be careful when using cleaning or polishing agents - they may harm the surface finish.

The electronics in modern hi-fi equipment is complex and may, therefore, be adversely affected or damaged by lightning. For protection of the audio system during electrical storms, remove the mains plugs.

If after-sales service is required, to help the dealer identify the M6 DAC please quote the serial number located on the rear panel of the unit.

**DISPOSAL**

The crossed out wheeled bin label that appears on the back panel of the product indicates that the product must not be disposed of as normal household waste. To prevent possible harm to the environment please separate the product from other waste to ensure that it can be recycled in an environmentally safe manner. Please contact local government office or retailer for available collection facilities.

**DISPOSITION**

La poubelle sur roulettes barrées X, qui apparaît en logo sur le panneau arrière du produit, indique que celui-ci ne doit pas être traité comme un déchet domestique commun. Afin de protéger l'environnement, ce produit électronique devra être géré séparément et donc recyclé selon les nouvelles normes Européennes Rohs concernant les déchets d'appareils électroniques. Prière de contacter les services concernés gouvernementaux ou votre point de vente pour l'élimination et l'enlèvement de déchets électroniques équipés de composants électroniques.

**DISPOSAL**

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Das auf der Geräterückseite angebrachte Label deutet darauf hin, dass das Produkt nicht mit konventionellem Hauskehricht entsorgt werden darf. Um Schäden und Verschmutzungen an Umwelt und Mensch zu vermeiden, muss das Produkt fachgerecht entsorgt und von anderem Abfall getrennt werden. Wenden Sie sich bei Fragen hierzu an Ihren Fachhändler oder an eine öffentliche Informationsstelle.

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Introduction

Congratulations on the purchase of the new M6 DAC. This unit will deliver the ultimate performance possible from any digital source. It is designed to upgrade CD players, TVs, set-top-boxes, DAB tuners, and any other source providing a variety of digital outputs.

Cleaning

Before cleaning the unit, switch off power at the mains switch and remove the mains plug from the wall socket. Clean the cabinet and remote control unit using a moist cloth. Using solvents, white spirit or thinners is not advised, as they could damage the surface finish.

Installation

Position the M6 DAC on a stable, horizontal surface where there is no risk of it being knocked, or subjected to vibration such as from loudspeakers.

Important note:

In normal operation, the unit dissipates a small quantity of power at all times, and it is important that it is adequately ventilated. The M6 DAC must be protected from humidity – if the unit is moved from a cold place to a warm room, leave the unit for an hour or so to allow sufficient time for the moisture to evaporate.

Power Connections

The M6 DAC is supplied with a standard IEC mains cable which plugs into the IEC socket at the back of the unit.

Audio output connections

RCA audio outputs: Use good quality RCA phono audio cables (fully connected signal and ground), for optimum signal transfer.

XLR audio outputs: Use good quality XLR audio cables (fully connected hot and cold signals and ground), for absolute optimum signal transfer. Recommended wiring is given on P.7

Digital input connections

COAXIAL inputs: Connect RCA digital source to digital input RCA socket. Use a good quality fully connected (signal and ground) coaxial digital cable, for optimum signal transfer.

AES BALANCED input: Connect AES/EBU digital source to balanced digital input XLR socket. Use a good quality balanced DIGITAL cable, for optimum signal transfer. Recommended wiring is given on P.7

OPTICAL input: Connect optical digital source to optical input socket. Use a good quality "Toslink" cable, for optimum signal transfer.

Note: If connecting to Home Theatre Processor, TV or DVD, Blue-Ray, or similar Home Theatre digital sources, it may be necessary to change the digital output of the source to "16 bit stereo PCM", or similar, which is the format the M6 DAC will understand. Please refer to the source's manual for information on how to do this.

This is because the M6 DAC does not recognise the information in a multichannel (e.g. 5.1 surround sound) digital audio stream.

USB input: Connect computer or similar USB "host" source to USB input socket. Use a good quality **USB 2.0** "A to B" type cable (not supplied), for optimum signal transfer. Try to keep USB cable length to a minimum for best reliability. The USB standard maximum for a single cable is 5M, after which repeaters (normally mains-powered USB hubs) are required. We do however; recommend *avoiding* such a setup if at all possible and keeping the USB lead length to the absolute minimum possible for the setup.

Trigger Connections

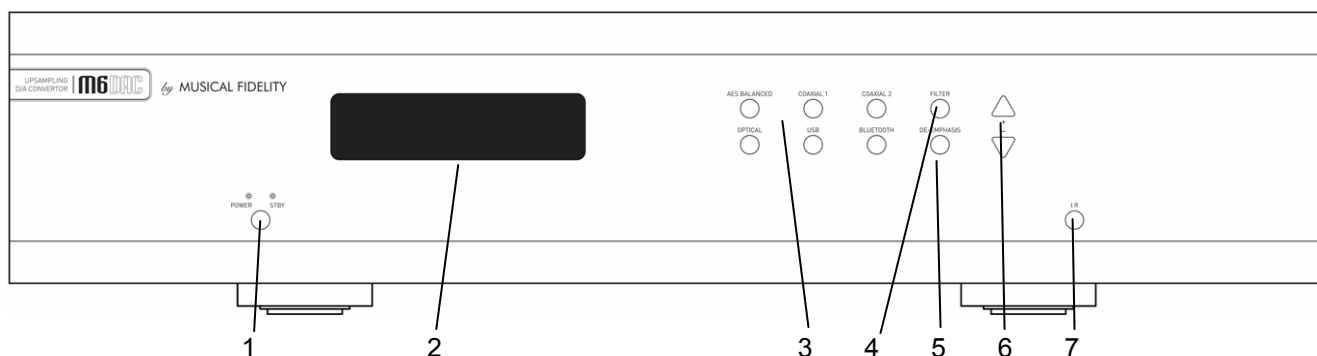
Trigger input: Connect system triggering device output to this socket. Use good quality 3.5mm mono jack cable. Unit accepts 4.5V-15V DC triggering, either polarity.

Trigger output: Connect further devices in the system to be triggered into this socket. Use good quality 3.5mm mono jack cable. Unit passes on +12V DC at up to 60mA, for further devices.

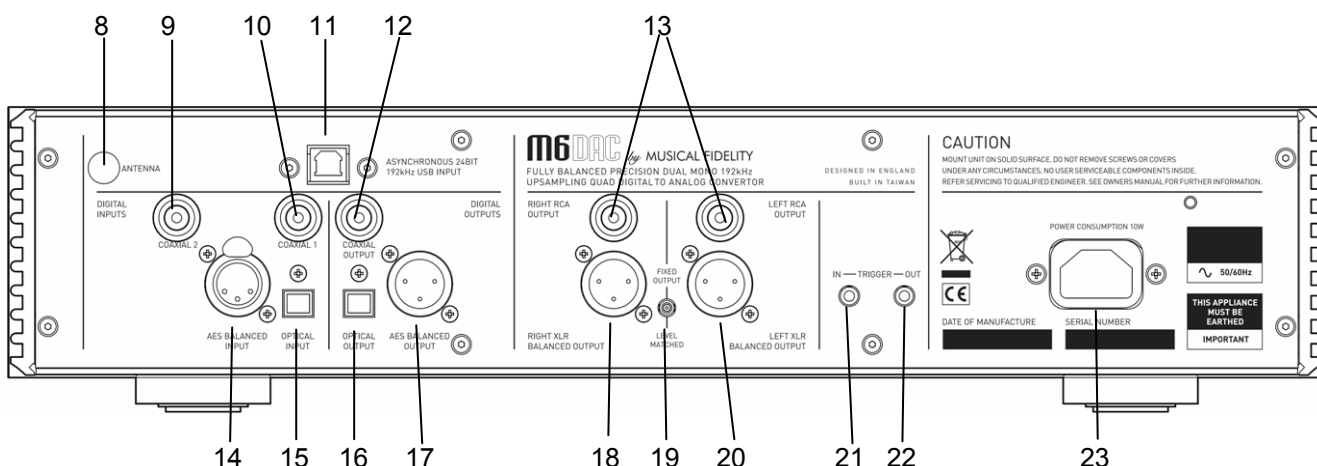
Interconnects

Please note: Musical Fidelity currently do not make any interconnecting cables other than those supplied with the unit. Musical Fidelity does not endorse any other manufacturer's cables.

If necessary, please refer to the dealer who can advise on quality cables for any particular setup.

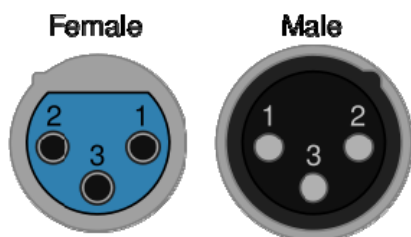


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| 1 POWER Mains ON/STBY button and LEDs | 5 DE-EMPHASIS off or auto |
| 2 DISPLAY Window | 6 INPUT LEVEL matching controls |
| 3 INPUT selector switches | 7 IR remote control sensor lens |
| 4 FILTER digital filter | |



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| 8 BLUETOOTH RP-SMA antenna socket | 16 OPTICAL digital output |
| 9 COAXIAL digital input 2 | 17 AES BALANCED digital output |
| 10 COAXIAL digital input 1 | 18 XLR BALANCED OUTPUT right |
| 11 USB asynchronous digital input | 19 FIXED/VOLUME MATCHED output switch |
| 12 COAXIAL digital input 1 | 20 XLR BALANCED OUTPUT left |
| 13 RCA OUTPUTS right and left | 21 TRIGGER in 3.5mm mono jack |
| 14 AES BALANCED digital input | 22 TRIGGER out 3.5mm mono jack |
| 15 OPTICAL digital input | 23 MAINS IEC socket |

Standard XLR Balanced input/output lead connections:



(for reference only, no XLR signal leads supplied)

Pin functions:

- 1 Ground, 0V
- 2 Normal polarity ("hot" or "+")
- 3 Inverted polarity ("cold" or "-")

Note - in XLR implementation female is normally "input" and male is "output".

The universal remote control shown below enables functions from this and related units to be operated from a convenient distance.

Equivalent buttons on the remote control have the same functions as those on the front panel of the unit. Other functions are only available by remote control.

As the handset uses an invisible infra-red light beam, the front edge must be pointed directly towards the receiver window at the front of the player, without visual obstruction between them.

If the range of the remote control greatly decreases, replace the batteries with new ones. Do not mix old and new batteries – two are required, size AAA, LR03 or SUM-4.

Please dispose of used batteries in accordance to local battery disposal regulations.

D/A converter – blue buttons + power

RENAME INPUT - allows inputs to be renamed to personal requirements

DISPLAY – dims DAC display

AES - selects balanced digital input

COAX1 – selects COAX1 input

OPTICAL – selects optical input

USB-192 – selects USB input

FILTER – choose slow or fast roll-off

DE-EMPH – Enable automatic de-emphasis circuit.

CD player – grey buttons

DISPLAY – dims CD display

0-9 Buttons – Used to select track numbers

CHECK – check pre-programmed tracks

PROGRAM – programs selection and order of tracks

INTRO – plays first 10 seconds of each track

REPEAT – repeats whole disk or selected tracks

SEARCH – fast forward/backward through track

STOP – Stop playing/Eject CD



POWER On or standby DAC only

MUTE - mutes DAC outputs (until pressed again).

LEVEL MATCHED ▲ - increases signal level for input matching

LEVEL MATCHED ▼ - reduces signal level for input matching

COAX2 – selects COAX2 input

BLUETOOTH – select Bluetooth receiver

TIME – displays track time/time remaining

CLEAR – clears selected pre programmed track

A/B sets repeat start/end to repeat section of track

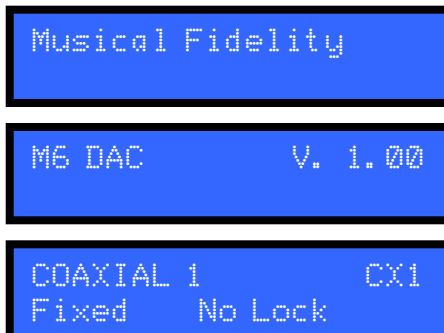
SHUFFLE – plays back tracks in random order

TRACK – next/previous track

PAUSE/PLAY – stop/start CD playback

Once the M6 DAC unit is correctly wired up, and plugged into mains, the orange STBY led should be lit. In this mode the M6 DAC is consuming a minimal amount of power.

To switch the unit on, press the POWER STBY button so the blue POWER LED is lit. The display should also come on, in a similar sequence to below:



FIXED/LEVEL MATCHED

The M6 DAC can be operated as a FIXED output; or with the DAC output separately adjustable for each selected input. The LEVEL MATCHED feature is to match up potentially differing output signal levels from varying sources.



With the FIXED/LEVEL MATCHED switch on the back panel (p.8) in the UP position, the unit is in fixed output mode and shows "Fixed" in the display as shown above.

For variable outputs the FIXED/LEVEL MATCHED switch should be in the DOWN position. Then the display will show a dB scale to show the LEVEL MATCHED feature is enabled.



Pressing the ▲ or ▼ on the front panel (or LEVEL MATCHED ▲ or ▼ buttons on remote) allows adjustment of that selected input's output level. Adjustment of ± 10dB from 0dB is available and is individually remembered for each input, even if unit is switched off and unplugged. These settings are also remembered if switching from level matched to fixed and then back again.



Please note: 0dB in level matched is 10dB down from FIXED level. This is to allow inputs to be boosted relative to each other, as well as cut. Also, with the restricted range of variability, it is not recommended nor intended for use as a volume control.



DISPLAY (blue button)

This button varies the brightness of the display. There are three brightness settings, full, half, and off. To avoid confusion the M6 DAC will always default to full brightness when switched off and on again.



Note: The grey DISPLAY button is in the CD section of buttons and controls CD display only.

FILTER

The FILTER button allows gradual or sharp roll off digital filter characteristics to be used. The button should be set according to personal taste and may vary between different sources/media. Press the Filter button on the front panel or remote control. The filter toggles between slow roll off (default) and the display will briefly show

A blue rectangular display with a black border showing the text "DAC FILTER" on the first line and "Slow roll off" on the second line in a white monospaced font.

DAC FILTER
Slow roll off

and pressing the button again switches to fast roll-off and the display will briefly show

A blue rectangular display with a black border showing the text "DAC FILTER" on the first line and "Fast roll off" on the second line in a white monospaced font.

DAC FILTER
Fast roll off

Pressing filter button once again takes it back to slow roll-off. This feature affects all inputs globally.

DE-EMPHASIS

The DE-EMPHASIS button allows control of the DE-EMPHASIS function. The available settings are OFF or AUTO.

A blue rectangular display with a black border showing the text "DE-EMPHASIS" on the first line and "Auto" on the second line in a white monospaced font.

DE-EMPHASIS
Auto

Pressing the front pane or remote DE-EMPHASIS button once will display "auto". In this mode, de-emphasis is automatically applied to a source containing pre-emphasized audio.

Note If the source does not contain pre-emphasized digital audio, no de-emphasis takes place. Presence of pre-emphasis is indicated by a "flag" within the digital stream itself; and this "flag" is not accessible to the user (unless the source unit allows it, which is quite unusual).

A blue rectangular display with a black border showing the text "DE-EMPHASIS" on the first line and "Off" on the second line in a white monospaced font.

DE-EMPHASIS
Off

Pressing the front panel or remote DE-EMPHASIS button once will display "off". In this mode, de-emphasis is disabled. All sources are treated normally, and no de-emphasis takes place. When a pre-emphasized track is played *and* de-emphasis is set to AUTO, the display will show "Demp." as below.

A blue rectangular display with a black border showing the text "COAXIAL 1" and "CX1" on the first line, and "Fixed 44.1kHz Demp." on the second line in a white monospaced font.

COAXIAL 1 CX1
Fixed 44.1kHz Demp.

COAXIAL1 input

To use the COAXIAL1 input, press the COAXIAL1 input select button on the front panel, or remote control. The incoming sample rate will be displayed if a valid digital signal is present.

A blue LCD screen with black text. The top line reads "COAXIAL 1" on the left and "CX1" on the right. The bottom line reads "Fixed" on the left and "44.1kHz" on the right.

The above example shows successfully connected input from CD player digital (SPDIF or optical) output.

COAXIAL2 input

To use the COAXIAL2 input, press the COAXIAL2 input select button on the front panel, or remote control. The incoming sample rate will be displayed if a valid digital signal is present.

A blue LCD screen with black text. The top line reads "COAXIAL 2" on the left and "CX2" on the right. The bottom line reads "Fixed" on the left and "44.1kHz" on the right.

The above display example shows successfully connected input from CD player digital (SPDIF or optical) output.

Both coaxial inputs are capable of accepting up to 24 bit 192 kHz PCM stereo data streams. The incoming data sample rate is accurately displayed on screen for reference.

For devices with "Surround Sound" digital outputs, it may be necessary to set such outputs to "2 channel" or "stereo" PCM or similar to pass on the correct stream to the M6 DAC.

AES BALANCED input

To use the AES input, press the AES BALANCED input select button on the front panel, or remote control. The incoming sample rate will be displayed if a valid digital signal is present.

A blue LCD screen with black text. The top line reads "AES BALANCED" on the left and "AES" on the right. The bottom line reads "Fixed" on the left and "44.1kHz" on the right.

The AES input is capable of accepting up to 24 bit 192 kHz PCM stereo data streams. The incoming data sample rate is accurately displayed on screen for reference.

For devices with "Surround Sound" digital outputs, it may be necessary to set such outputs to "2 channel" or "stereo" PCM or similar to pass on the correct stream to the M6 DAC.

OPTICAL input

To use the OPTICAL input, press the OPTICAL input select button on the front panel, or remote control. The incoming sample rate will be displayed if a valid digital signal is present.

A blue LCD screen with black text. The top line reads "OPTICAL" on the left and "OPT" on the right. The bottom line reads "Fixed" on the left and "44.1kHz" on the right.

The OPTICAL input is capable of accepting up to 24 bit 96 kHz PCM stereo data streams. The incoming data sample rate is accurately displayed on screen for reference.

For devices with "Surround Sound" digital outputs, it may be necessary to set such outputs to "2 channel" or "stereo" PCM or similar to pass on the correct stream to the M6 DAC.

Outputs

Provision is made for passing on the digital signal to another DAC, processor, or recording unit.

The Digital output sockets all pass on the digital input signal (from optical/coaxial SPDIF or USB) at the same sample rate as it comes into the DAC.

This means the digital outputs are not up sampled or reprocessed in any way.

The Bluetooth digital output is also available when selected, and is internally up sampled to 96 kHz.

Note: The SPDIF coaxial and AES (XLR) outputs are capable of full 192 kHz 24 bit signals. The optical output however can only output signals up to 96 kHz. If input signal greater than 96 kHz is present, there will be no output from the TOSLINK (optical) output.



The M6 DAC features a Bluetooth A2DP audio input (receiver circuit). This can be used to receive Bluetooth transmissions from other Bluetooth Audio (A2DP) enabled devices such as mobile phones, laptop computers or similar Bluetooth enabled sources. If the connecting device supports aptX®, the M6 DAC will use it.

Bluetooth is a digital “radio” link and as such requires an external antenna to function. This antenna is supplied with the M6 DAC. Consult the reseller/dealer if the antenna is missing.

BLUETOOTH antenna

M6 DAC is housed in a top quality metal enclosure and therefore requires an external antenna for Bluetooth operation. *Bluetooth is unlikely to work at all without the antenna attached!*

The Bluetooth antenna should either be attached directly to the socket on the back of the unit. For better positioning flexibility, the antenna may be attached to its magnetic base which, is then attached to the antenna socket on the back of the unit.

When positioning the antenna, ensure it is away from potential sources of interference, and in full, plain view from across the room.

When making connections, please ensure the nuts are tightened to “finger-tight” and as such be secure.

It is neither necessary nor recommended to use tools to tighten them any further!

BLUETOOTH device setup

To create a Bluetooth link it is necessary to “pair” and then “connect” the Bluetooth device(s) to the M6 DAC.

This needs to be done every time a new device is introduced to the M6 DAC.

The M6 DAC stores information for up to 16 Bluetooth devices.

The M6 DAC must be turned on; with blue POWER LED and display lit (it is *not* actually necessary to switch to Bluetooth input at this point, but it is easier to see when a valid link is established). The display will show no link. This means that the unit does not yet recognize any Bluetooth device in the vicinity.

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BLUETOOTH    BLU
Fixed  No Link
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Please consult and follow the device (phone, etc) manual instructions for pairing.

You do not need to do anything on the M6 DAC other than ensure it is ON.

If the DAC is not listed, try refreshing the list in the Bluetooth device, and check that the M6 DAC is on (i.e. not in standby). Also check antenna is fitted; positioned away from potential sources of interference, and in full, plain view from across the room.

“Pair” (see device user manual for more details) with the “**Musical Fidelity M6 DAC**” that should appear in the device’s Bluetooth list.

N.B. If asked for a password, please enter “1234” on the phone. This password is not changeable.

“Connect” (see device user manual for more details) with the “**Musical Fidelity M6 DAC**” that should appear in the device’s Bluetooth list.

The device should then be “connected”. Successful connection is indicated by the word “Linked” as shown in the example below.

```
BLUETOOTH    BLU
Fixed  Linked
```

BLUETOOTH input

To use the BLUETOOTH input, press the BLUETOOTH input select button on the front panel, or remote control.

The incoming sample rate will be displayed if a valid digital signal is present.

```
BLUETOOTH    BLU
Fixed  44.1kHz
```

aptX® audio (automatic)

If aptX is available on the *connecting device*, the M6 DAC will automatically implement it for best audio quality. To check if the connecting device supports aptX® please consult the device manuals/support. No user intervention on the M6 DAC is possible and the setting is entirely *automatic*.



```

BLUETOOTH      BLU
Fixed 44.1kHz aptX
    
```

The Bluetooth input is capable of accepting up to 16 bit 48 kHz PCM stereo data streams (aptX® to 44.1 kHz). The incoming data sample rate is accurately displayed on screen for reference.

Caution: If changing the *Bluetooth link sample frequency* from the transmitting device, e.g. computer, it is highly recommended to first disconnect/unpair the two Bluetooth devices *before* making the changes. Once the change has been made, simply reconnect/pair the two devices and carry on using as normal.

Disconnecting Bluetooth device(s)

To disconnect the M6 DAC from the Bluetooth device press and hold the Bluetooth button Until the display shows



```

Disconnect device?
Yes: ▲           No: ▼
    
```

to cancel disconnection press ▼ button or to continue with disconnecting press ▲.



```

Device disconnected
    
```

The M6 DAC will prompt if the device it to be “Forgotten” or not. This is best used to forget devices that are not likely to be used again with the M6 DAC. Up to 16 devices can be remembered so there is plenty of space for different devices under normal use.



```

Forget this device?
Yes: ▲           No: ▼
    
```

Press ▼ to cancel forgetting device (i.e. remember it) or ▲ to forget the device. Forgetting the device briefly shows



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Device removed
    
```

before returning to the Bluetooth input screen.



```

BLUETOOTH      BLU
Fixed No Link
    
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To “forget” all stored Bluetooth devices, press and hold the Bluetooth button when the above screen is displayed.



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Forget all devices?
Yes: ▲           No: ▼
    
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Press ▼ to cancel forgetting devices or ▲ to forget all the devices. Forgetting the devices briefly shows



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All devices removed
    
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before returning to the Bluetooth input screen.

USB input

To use the USB input, press the USB input select button on the front panel, or remote control.



The USB input is capable of accepting up to 24 bit 192 kHz USB data streams. The incoming data sample rate is accurately displayed on screen for reference.

N.B. This shows the actual raw sample rate of the digital data going into the M6 DAC; which is not necessarily the same as the original source material sample rate as stored on the computer!

Computer settings for USB

A good quality **USB 2.0** A to B cable is required to connect the unit to the computer. Normal USB standards stipulate that this should be 5M or less; and we recommend keeping it as short as possible.

Plug the B (square) end into the socket in the back of the unit, and the A (rectangle) end into a free USB socket on the computer.

The computer should now detect the new hardware:

Linux kernel 2.6.33 or later see P.19

Apple OS X® 10.6.4 or later see P.18

No other drivers are required for the above operating systems.

For PCs running Windows, a *driver disk (CD)* is required. This is supplied with the M6 DAC.

Consult the reseller/dealer if the driver disk (CD) is missing.

Windows® XP (SP3) see P.21 (p. 20 if Windows® XP does not have Service Pack 3 installed).

Windows® Vista, 7 or later see P.29

Earlier and other operating systems are *not* supported.

Additionally, the use of *third party* software such as “ASIO” or similar is *not* supported by Musical Fidelity. In case of difficulty with any of these software types, please consult the relevant software documentation and/or its support services.

CD, MP3, WAV, AAC/+, OGG, FLAC, and any other audio file types played on suitable playback software should now play through the unit.

Please note: This USB input has a high speed serial data processor, and by its nature, requires a very high volume of USB band width. It will benefit greatly from being the only device connected on its USB ‘bus’. Sharing the same bus with other devices include could cause unwanted artifacts such as dropouts or temporary loss of signal. This especially includes the use of the unit on a USB hub/splitter whether alongside other USB components or not. A direct connection to the host computer by shortest USB 2.0 lead possible is very much recommended.

For further convenience the inputs may be renamed to suit the particular setup; and make choosing the right input easier. All inputs can be renamed with custom names up to 20 characters (including symbols and spaces). The renaming feature is available through remote control only, and uses the M6 DAC remote **CD player** section grey buttons in addition to the **blue** DAC buttons.

Note: if a CD player is present: RENAME INPUTS function uses existing CD player codes to “type in” the desired name. To prevent nearby CD player(s) from responding to remote commands, please make sure any remaining disk is fully removed during “rename” process. Alternatively switch the CD player off. This will prevent random tracks from being played while renaming the input. If still on, the CD player display will still respond to the key presses. This is normal, will not harm the CD player and may be ignored.

Once the renaming process is complete, the CD may be reinserted into the player. The CD player may now be used as normal.

Select the input to be renamed using remote or front panel buttons.
Pressing the RENAME INPUT on the remote



RENAME INPUT
COAXIAL 1

clears the screen ready for typing and a white cursor “box” will appear.



COAXIAL 1

Input the letters/characters desired by pressing the alphanumeric keys on the M6 DAC remote. Pressing the “2” button once, for example produces



COAXIAL 1

and then quickly pressing “2” button twice more gives



COAXIAL 1

after a short pause, the cursor moves over ready for next letter input.



COAXIAL 1

All the number keys 0-9 function in a similar manner to produce the required letters, numbers and selected characters as indicated on and above the keys.

Note: SPACE is the 1st character on the “1” button!



COAXIAL 1
CDD

To delete an incorrect character use the “CLEAR ←” button. The cursor jumps back a character automatically clearing the character that was there before, ready for a new character to be input.



COAXIAL 1
CD

For lower case letters, press “CHECK ↑” button. This button has a “toggle” action, so to revert to upper case, simply press it once again



COAXIAL 1
CD Player █

Once the complete name has been typed in; the “RENAME INPUT” button is pressed again to store the input name.



Input renamed

The renamed input(s) now display the stored name. To rename another input, select that input and repeat the above process. To change the name of an existing renamed input, simply repeat the above process.



CD Player CX1
Fixed 44.1kHz

Note: The input names are stored indefinitely; even if unit is switched off and unplugged.

Factory state

The M6 DAC can be reset to factory default. This makes it easy to reset all input names and all level-matched input settings, as well as erase the paired Bluetooth devices list.

This is implemented by switching to standby, removing mains plug from back. The power on button should then be held down while the mains plug is re-inserted. When the display is lit up, release the power on button.



Reset factory state?
Yes: ▲ No: ▼

Press ▼ to cancel reset factory state or ▲ to reset all the settings to factory state. Reset factory state briefly shows



System is now reset

then the unit switches to standby. To switch back on again, press the power/standby button as normal.

Apple OS X®

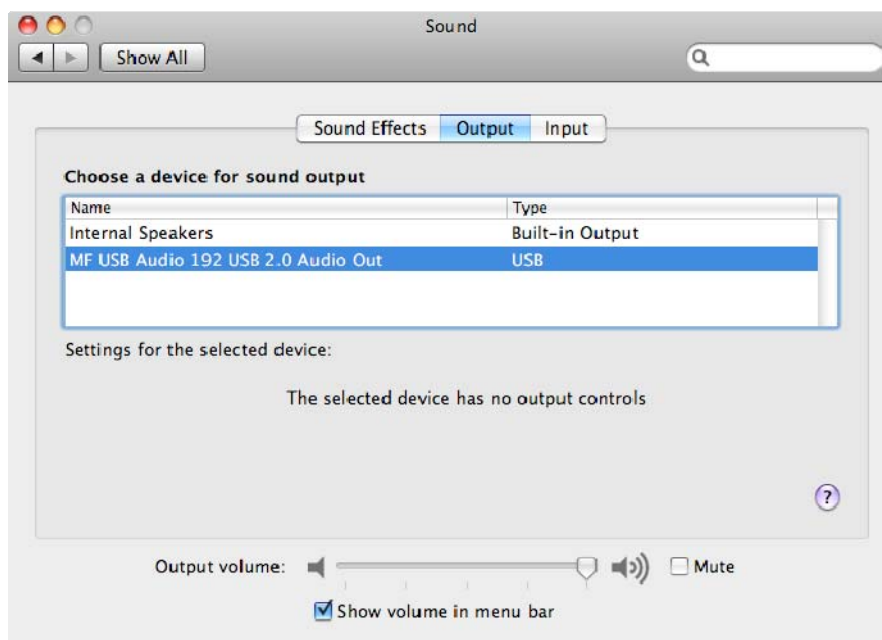
This product has been tested and works with Apple OS X® 10.6.4 or later.

To install into Apple OS X® simply plug the unit into a spare USB port. The unit will then need to be chosen as the default audio device.

Go to “Apple”, “System preferences”



“Sound”, then Output tab to get to the sound window as shown below.



Select the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out entry as your output device. The MF USB Audio output is now ready for use with your favourite media player software.

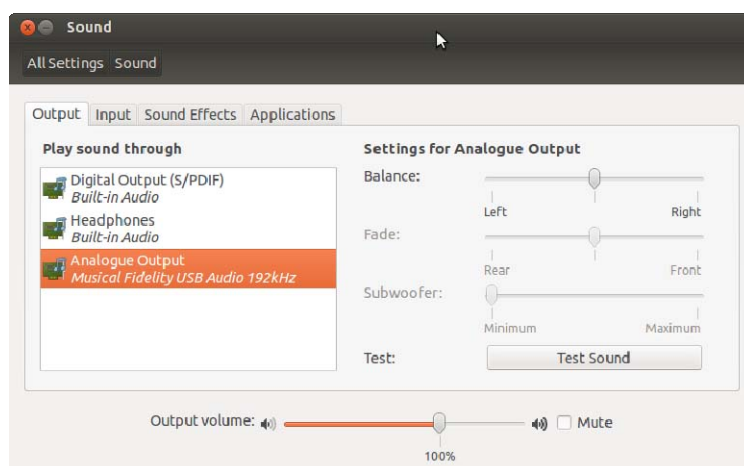
N.B. You may still need to set 3rd party software to “use” the M6 DAC for playback. Consult software instructions for details on how to do this.

Linux

This device has been successfully set up and tested with Ubuntu Linux kernel 2.6.33 or later.

Linux is open source and many different versions are available, the latest of which inherently support 192 kHz 24 bit audio. The drivers are automatically installed (other and/or older Linux distributions may require further setup procedures – for such distributions, please consult the distribution support website/documentation).

To enable the device as the default output player, it is necessary to set it up as such in the Sound dialogue box. To do this, click on the speaker icon in the top taskbar, and then click on “Sound settings”. The box below will appear. Select the “Output” tab and highlight the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out as the output device. Close the box and the MF USB Audio out will now play all sounds and music.



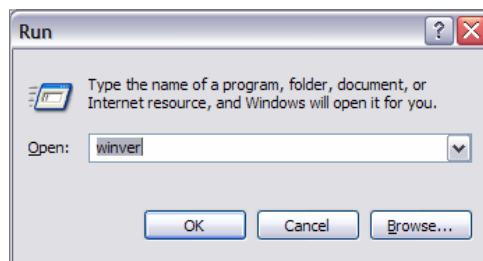
N.B. You may still need to set some media software to “use” the M6 DAC for playback. Consult software instructions for details on how to do this.

Service Pack Requirements for Microsoft Windows® XP

This product will work with Windows XP installations that have been **updated to SERVICE PACK 3** (also known simply as “SP3”).

If you already have Windows® XP Service Pack 3 installed you may skip this section and go on to next page “Installing the Windows® XP driver”.

To check service pack updates, click on start button, click on “RUN” then type “winver” in the “OPEN” box.



Click “OK”. A dialogue box similar to the one *below* indicates service pack 3 is indeed installed by the line stating “Version 5.1 (Build 2600,xpsp_3_gdr.101209-1647: **Service Pack 3**)”



If service pack 3 is not installed please use the Microsoft Updates feature, website, or consult your computer dealer.

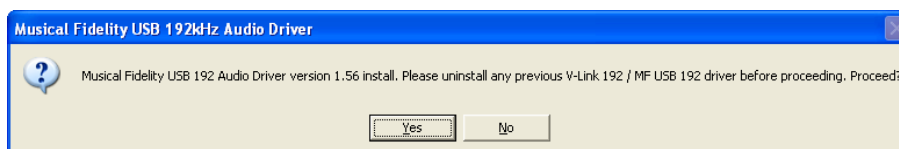


Please note that, at time of writing, it is absolutely vital you have Service Pack 2 installed before attempting to install service pack 3!

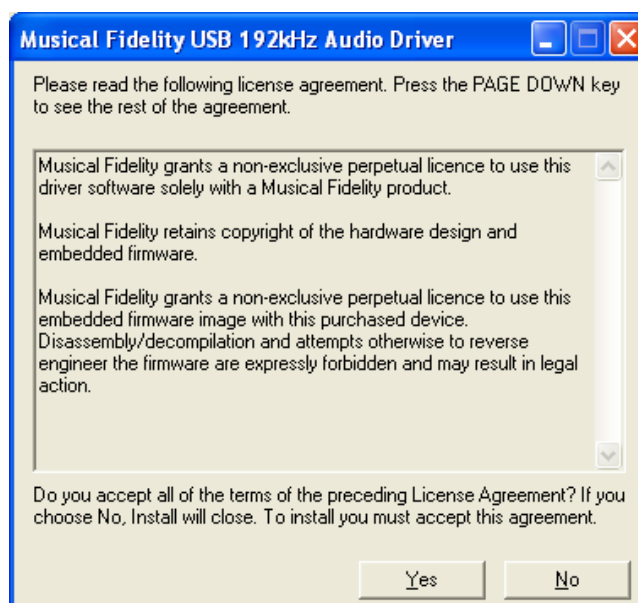
Installing the Windows® XP driver

Connect the MF USB Audio output to a spare USB port on your computer. Insert the Musical Fidelity MF USB Audio driver disk into the CDROM of your computer. It will auto run, if CD auto run is enabled on your computer.

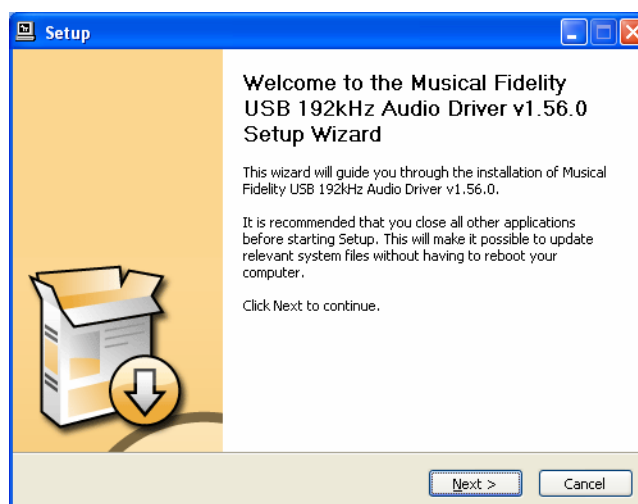
Note: If for any reason it does not auto run, use Windows® explorer or My Computer to find your CD ROM (often D:). Open the CDROM by double clicking it, and then double click on MF-USB-192-V1.56.EXE



Click Yes



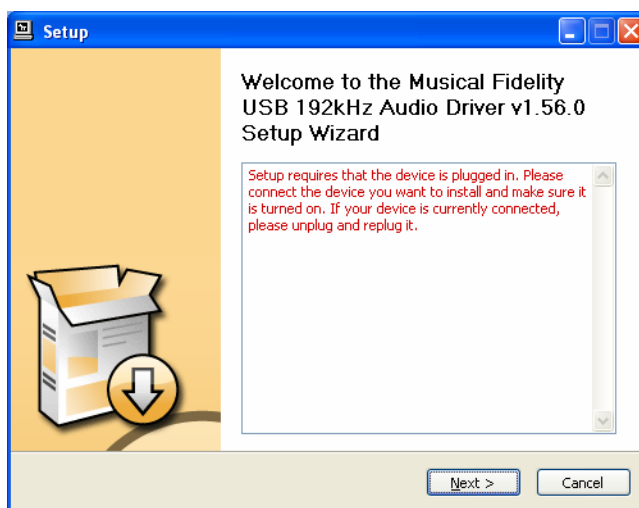
Click Yes and the welcome screen will show:



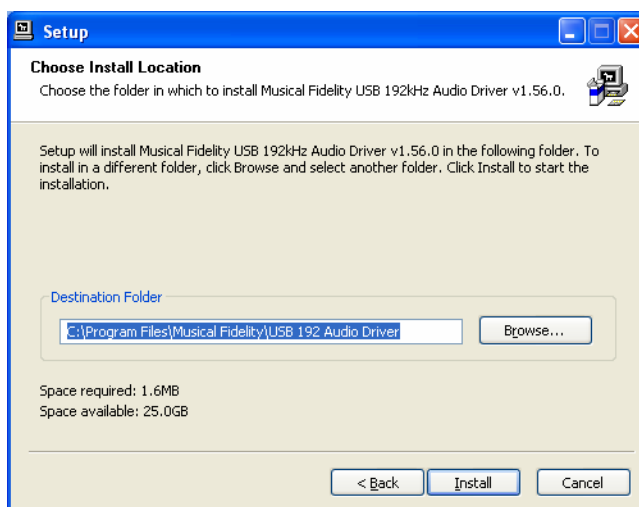
Click Next. The install program will take a look at the system configuration to prepare for setup



If for any reason the unit is not plugged in or not detected, the message below will pop up.

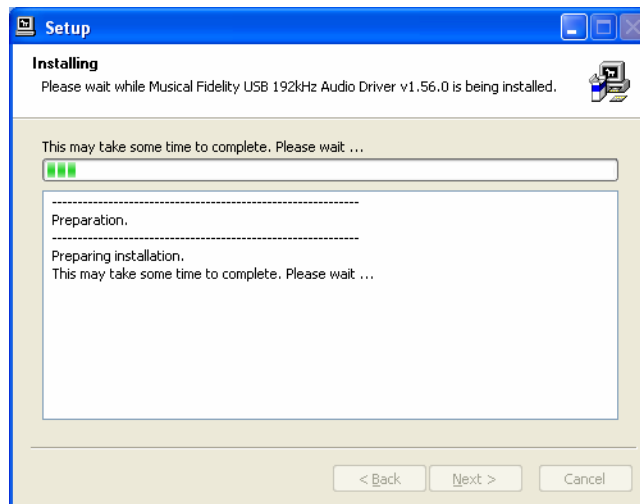


Check the device is plugged in (and switched on, if applicable) and press "Next".

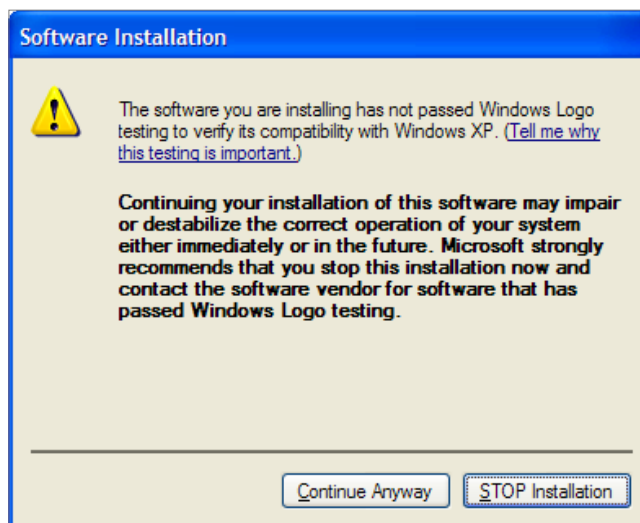


Click "Install" to Confirm install location (There is usually no reason to change the offered destination folder).

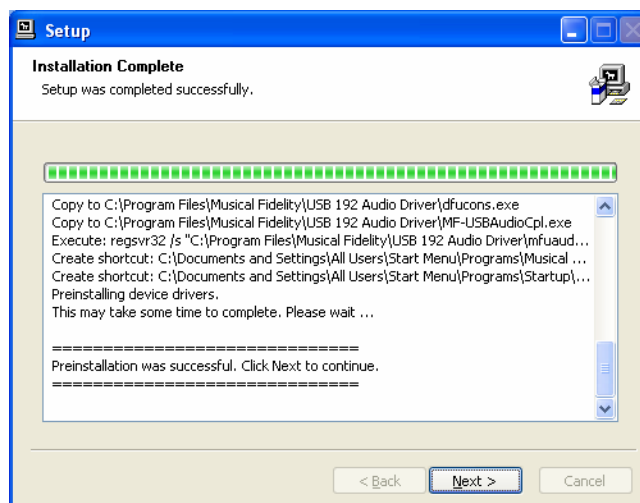
The setup program will copy over files required for the installation.



The below message will show. Please click Continue Anyway.

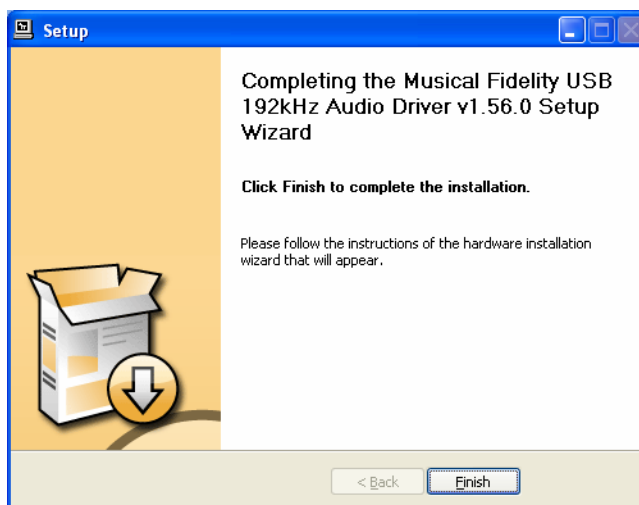


The display now shows “Setup was completed”, and “Preinstallation successful”.



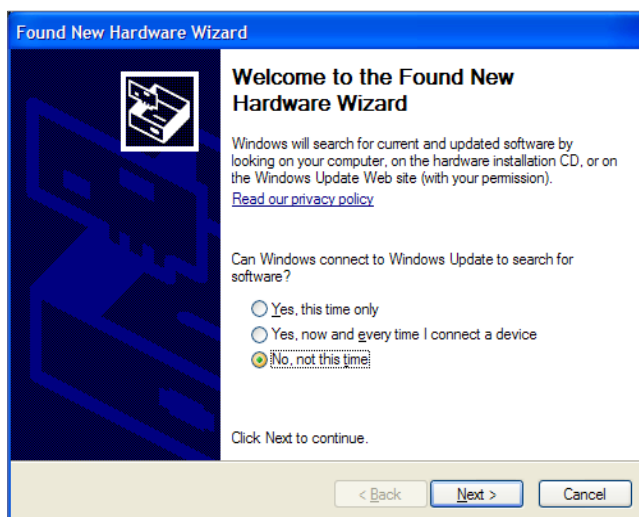
Click “Next”.

The installer then shows.

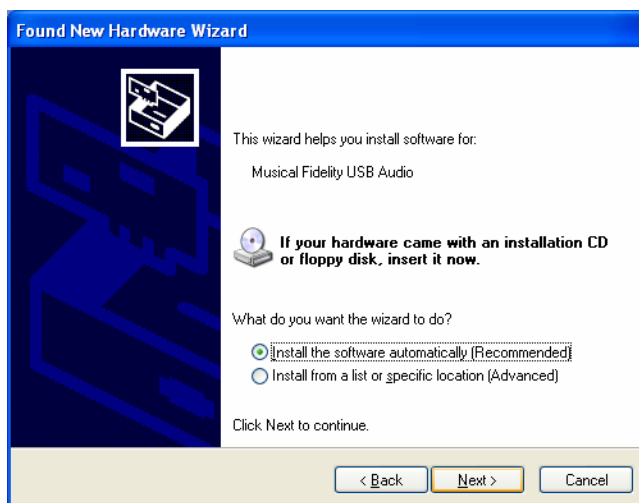


Click Finish.

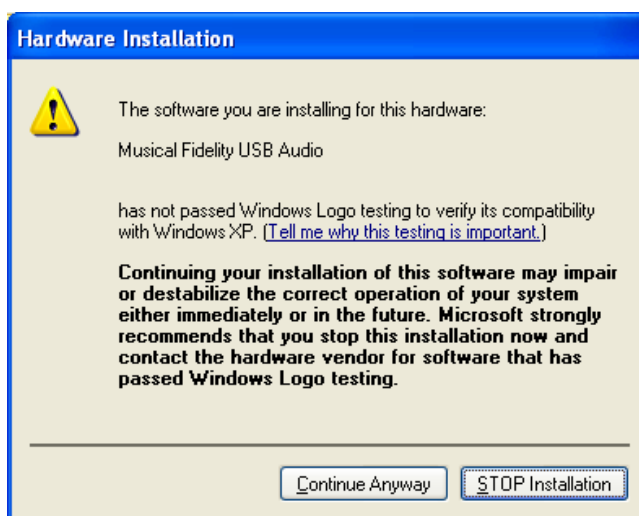
The necessary files have been copied and now need to be picked up by the Windows® system. A dialogue box should shortly pop up as below



Select the 3rd option: “No, not this time”, then click “Next”.



Select “Install the software automatically (Recommended)”. Click “Next”. The “Found New Hardware Wizard” will appear for “Musical Fidelity MF USB 2.0 Audio out”, then a sub-window “Hardware Installation” appears



Ignore the warning and press “Continue Anyway”



Windows® copies the driver files into the correct places in its system directory. When copying is completed the following box will appear:

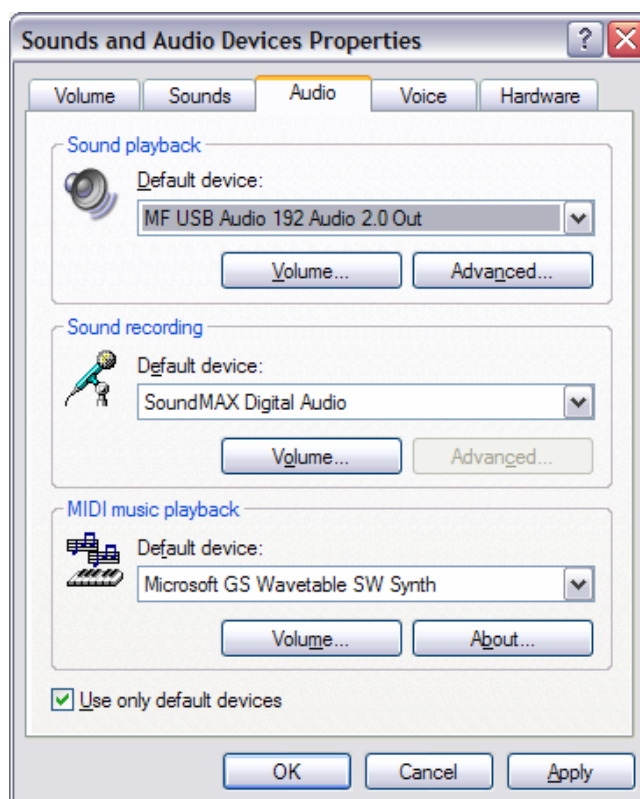


Click “Finish”. A pop-up on the task bar says: “Your new hardware is installed and ready to use.” This indicates the unit has been recognised correctly by the computer and is ready for use.

In order to ensure the device is used for music in Windows® XP, it can set it as the default device in either the preferred media software (please refer to the relevant software HELP or online support) or Windows® itself:

Click the START button and open CONTROL PANEL. In control panel click on “Sounds and Audio Devices Properties”

In the Audio tab, make sure the MF USB 2.0 Audio Output option is selected as the Default device under Sound playback.



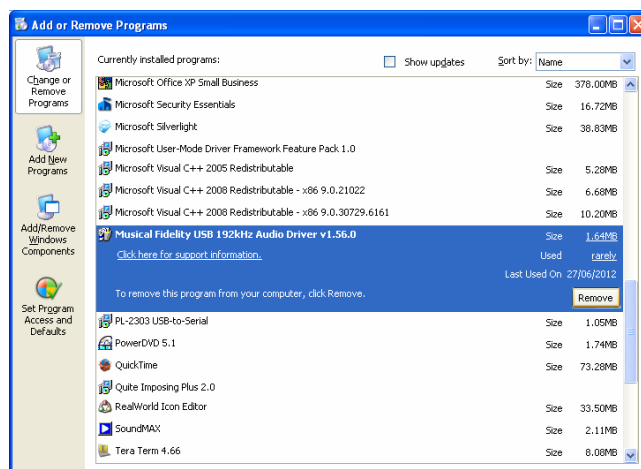
Click Apply and OK.

You may now use your favourite media player software to play all system software-supported file format tracks up to and including 24 bits at 192 kHz sample rate.

N.B. You may still need to set 3rd party software to “use” the M6 DAC for playback. Consult software instructions for details on how to do this.

Windows® XP uninstalling software

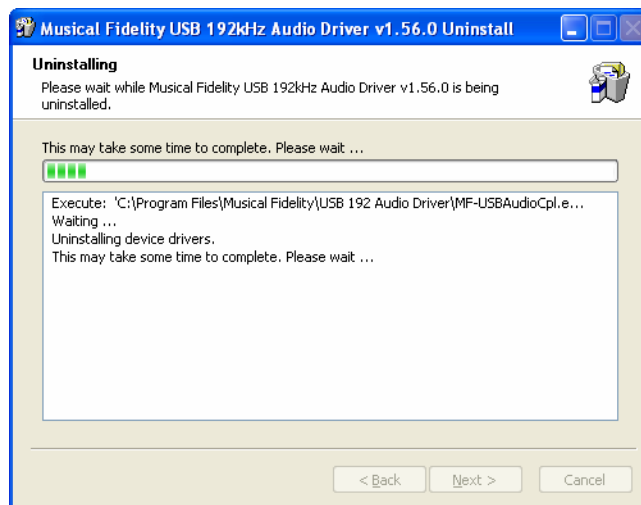
To remove the driver and its associated software, go to Windows® Control Panel.



Click on MF USB 2.0 Audio Out USB Audio Driver then click “Remove”. The uninstaller runs, showing:



Click “Uninstall”



The files are removed, click “Next”

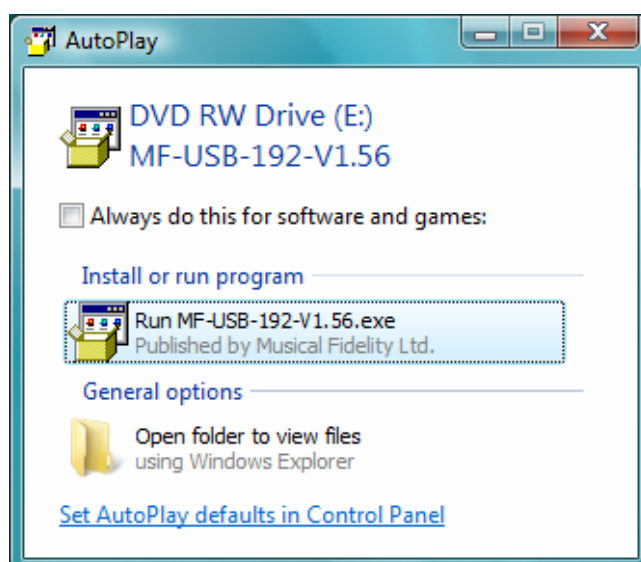


Click "Finish". Driver removal is now complete.

Installing the Windows® Vista or Windows® 7 driver

Connect the MF USB Audio to a spare USB port on your computer. Cancel the pop-up window that may appear asking where to look for the driver. Insert the Musical Fidelity MF USB Audio driver disk into the CDROM of your computer. It will auto run, if CD auto run is enabled on your computer.

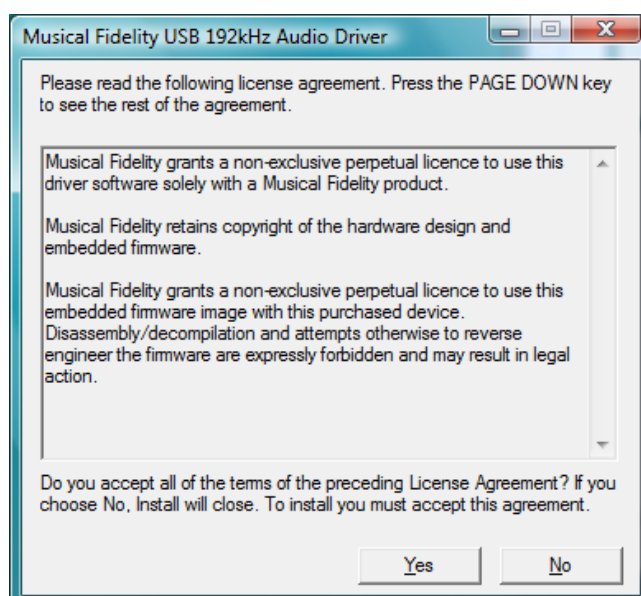
Note: If for any reason it does not auto run, use Windows® explorer or “Computer” under Windows® button to find your CD ROM (often D:). Open the CDROM by double clicking it, and then double click on MF-USB-192-V1.56.EXE



Click “Run MF USB Audio”

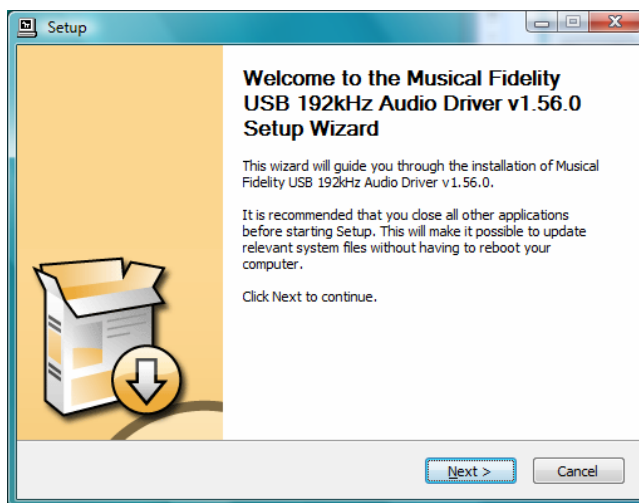


Click “Yes”

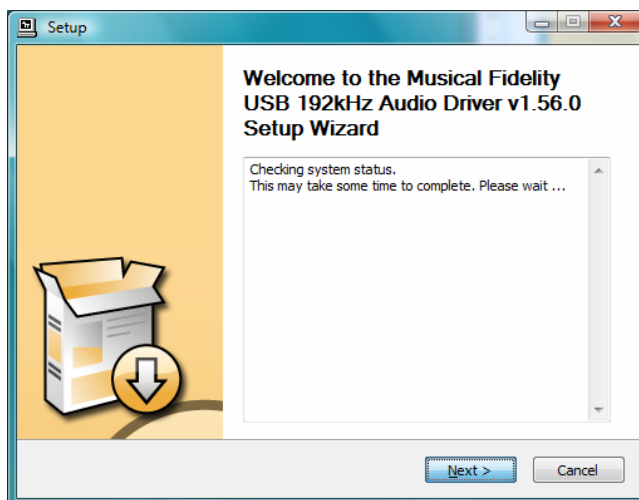


Click “Yes”

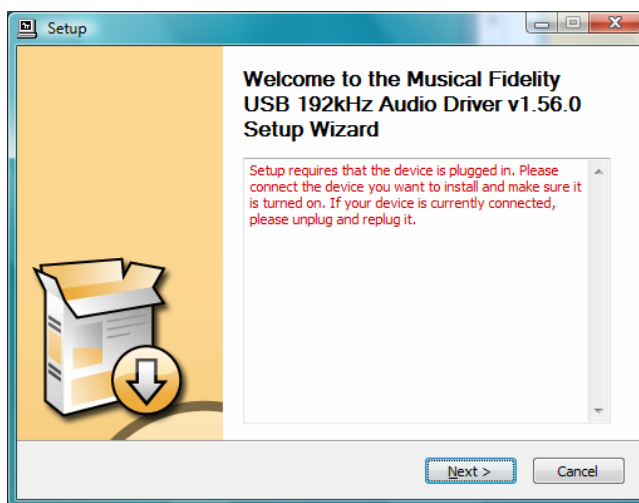
If a “User Account Control” window pops up, asking permission to continue, please press “Continue”.



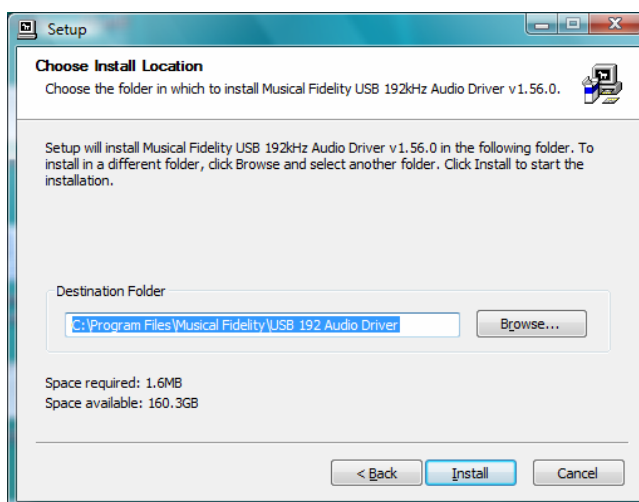
Click Next. The install program will take a look at the system configuration to prepare for setup



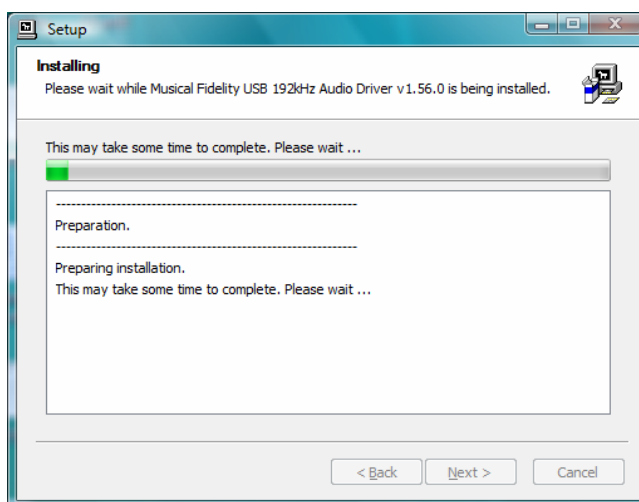
If for any reason the unit is not plugged in, or not detected, the message below will pop up



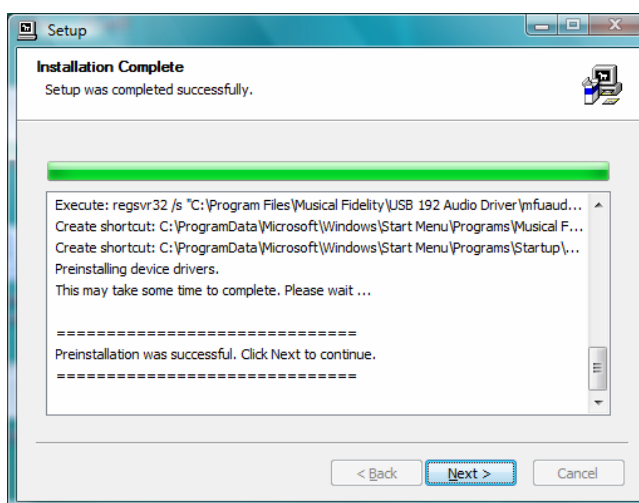
Check the device is plugged in (and switched on, if applicable) and press “Next”.



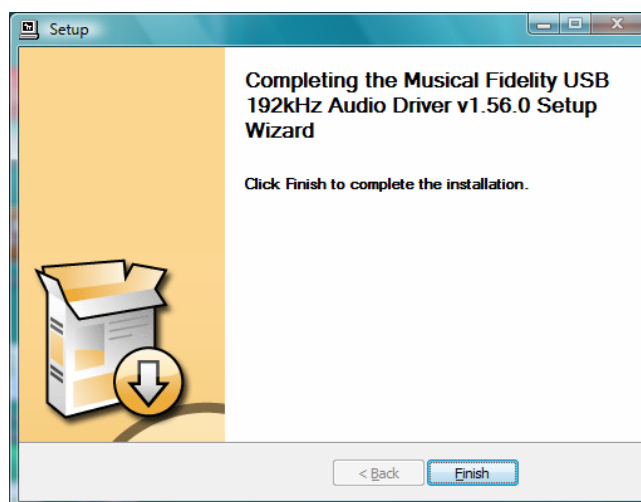
Click “Install” to confirm install location.(There is usually no reason to change the offered destination folder). The setup program will copy over files required for the installation.



The display now shows “Setup was completed”, and “Preinstallation successful”.



Click “Next”. The installer then shows.

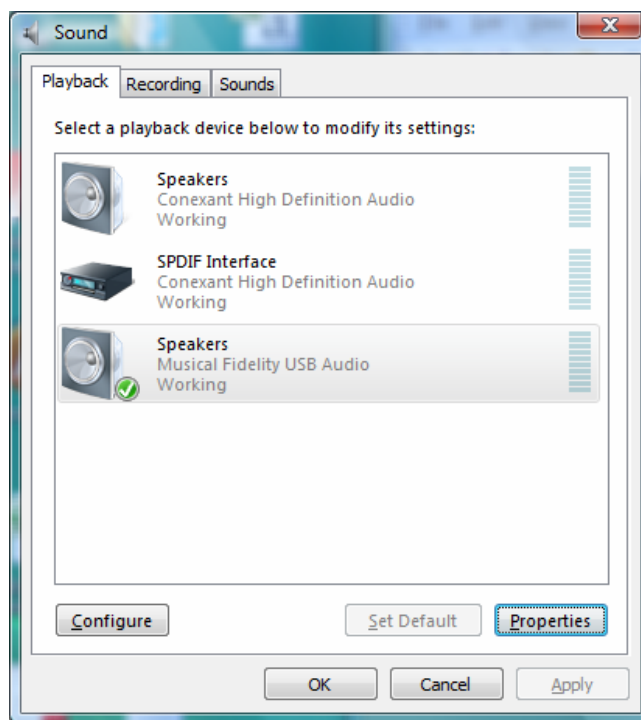


Click "Finish". A pop-up on the task bar says: "Your new hardware is installed and ready to use." This indicates the unit has been recognised correctly by the computer and is ready for use.

In order to ensure the device is used for music in Windows® XP/Vista, you can set it as the default device in either your favourite media software (please refer to the relevant software HELP or online support) or Windows® itself:

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In the Audio tab, make sure the MF USB 2.0 Audio Output option is selected as the Default device under Sound playback.



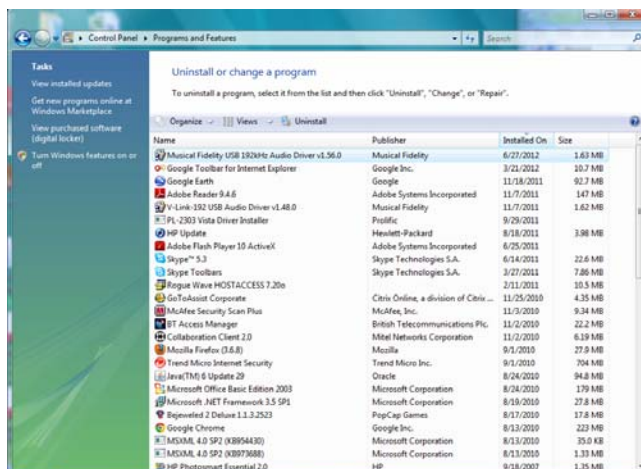
Click Apply and OK.

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Windows® Vista / Windows® 7 uninstalling software

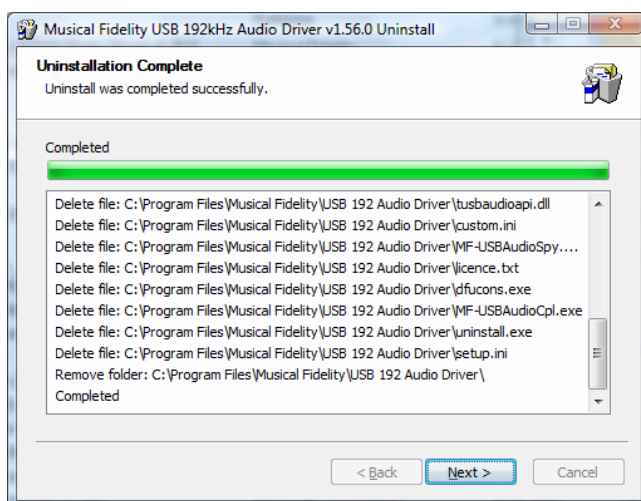
To remove the driver and associated software, go to Control Panel - Programs and Features.



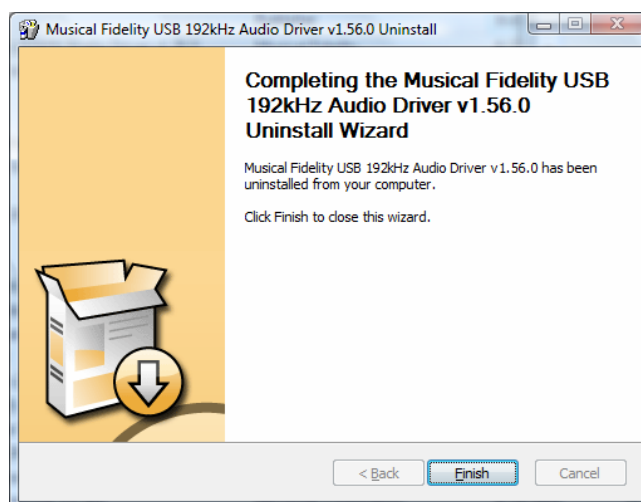
Click on MF USB 2.0 Audio Out USB Audio Driver then click “uninstall”. The uninstaller runs, showing:



Click “Uninstall”



The files are removed, click “Next”

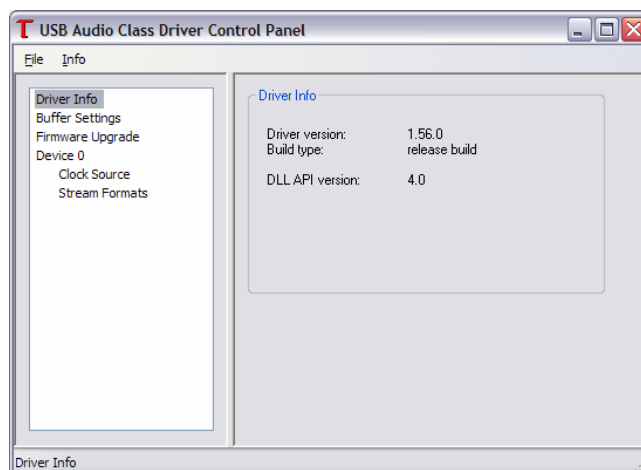


Click "Finish". Driver removal is now complete.

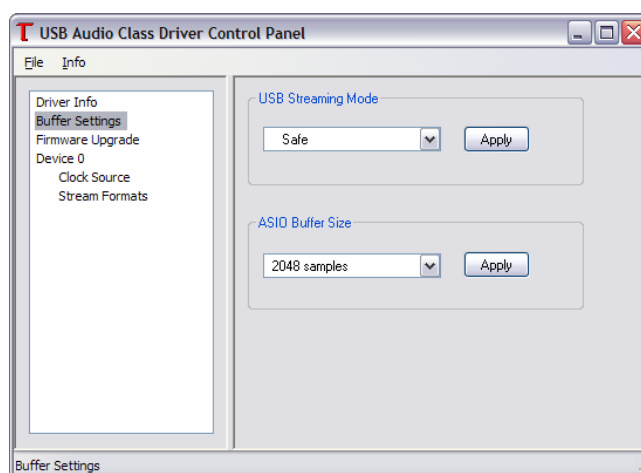
Software Overview for Windows® Machines

These settings are for advanced use only. In most cases the default settings are suitable for normal playback. The following is given for reference only. Third party software if enabled may override or be affected by changes in these settings.

USB Audio Class Driver control panel



This shows version of the driver (and the version of the API provided by tusbaudioapi.dll)



USB Streaming mode offers the following options:

- Minimum Latency
- Low Latency
- Standard
- Relaxed
- Safe
- Extra Safe

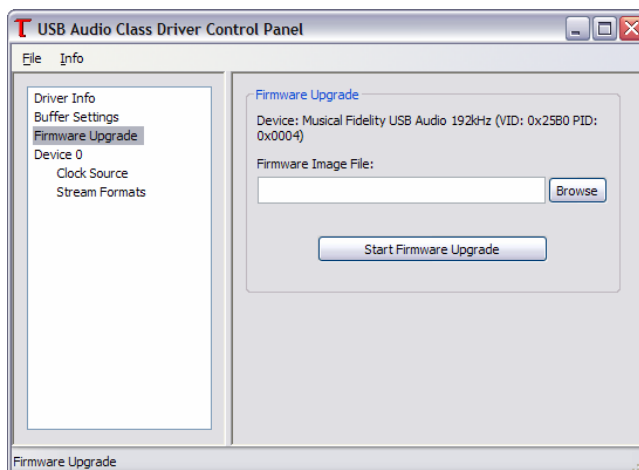
This setting affects the amount of buffering that the audio driver uses between decoding samples from a file and sending them to the USB device, when using the Kernel Streaming mode of USB driver operation; this is used by Direct X and WASAPI.

Windows® is not a real-time operating system and so does not make absolute guarantees of the time and priorities given to task execution. This means that under certain circumstances, particularly on older hardware, it is possible that the operating system fails to deliver samples to the audio device in time for it to send them out when it needs them. If, on average, the PC is fast enough but, on occasion, it does not respond immediately to sample requests then this problem can be mitigated by having the driver buffer samples. Having a larger buffer makes playback more resilient to operating system delays. This buffering has a drawback: it introduces a delay between the samples being delivered to the operating system driver and their being received by the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out hardware. This delay is small and, when one plays pre-recorded digital audio from a CD or file, this is not a problem. There are real-time applications, for example when synchronising audio to an external video source, where such a delay would be undesirable.

When choosing this setting there is a compromise to be made: the minimum latency setting will delay samples the least amount of time but there is more chance of pops or clicks if the host PC is not fast enough; the safest setting makes the probability of audio drop-out least likely, but at the expense of having the greatest audio latency.

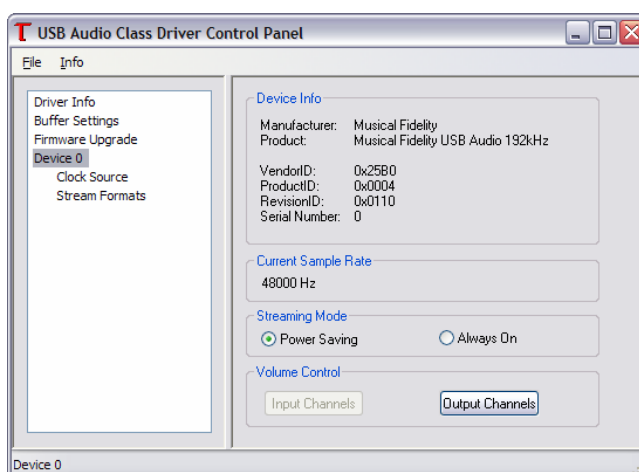
The ASIO Buffer Size

This provides similar functionality when using the USB driver through its ASIO interface. A smaller buffer size means the operating system must stream data to the driver more frequently and in a more timely fashion; this achieves the shortest audio latency. A larger buffer size means that demands on the operating system are less, but at the expense of increased latency.



Firmware Upgrade

This provides a facility to upgrade the firmware within the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out. One browses to a firmware file of type .bin and clicks “Start Firmware Upgrade”. The MF USB Audio new firmware is sent to the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out and if the operation is successful then the MF USB Audio reboots, with the new firmware. A firmware upgrade does not erase the original factory firmware image. If an upgrade fails then the factory firmware continues to run as before; if an upgrade succeeds the new firmware is run in preference to the factory image but it is usually possible to revert back to the factory firmware if desired (one needs to use dfucons.exe for this). Firmware .bin image files must be appropriately formatted. Arbitrary files which a user may attempt to use as upgrade images will fail to corrupt the device.



Device Info

This shows the product name and the manufacturer. It also shows the revision (Revision ID) of the currently installed MF USB 2.0 Audio Out firmware. The Musical Fidelity unique vendor ID and the MF USB Audio product's ID are shown.

Current Sample Rate

This is the sample rate that the MF USB Audio is currently playing.

Neither the USB driver nor the MF USB 2.0 Audio out do any sample-rate conversion. Audio will always be played in its native sample rate, as stored on the computer.

Streaming Mode

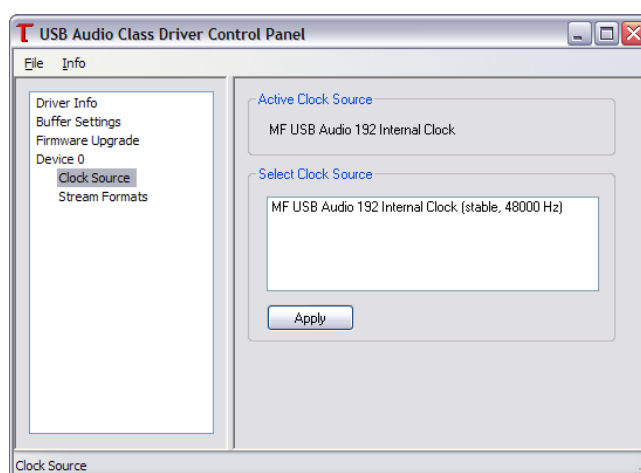
The USB driver provides a facility to continuously stream samples to the USB device even when audio is not being played. When no audio is playing, zero-samples are continuously sent out. In this mode both the host PC and the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out interface will use a little more power and the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out will continue to consume bandwidth on the USB port it's using. This mode may prevent pops or clicks in some audio configurations.

Power Saving

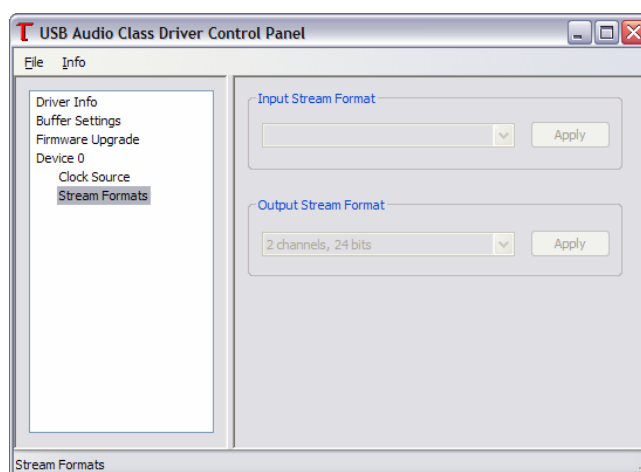
Selecting this will save power when audio is not playing by deselecting the USB audio streaming interface.

Output Channels button.

Clicking this pops up a dialogue showing the MF USB Audio output channels. One can mute the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out output here. The MF USB Audio does not provide any internal volume controls, so these are disabled here.



The Audio2 USB model exposes an internal clock source. This source is programmed by the USB driver to the current sample rate, which is shown in the window here. The actual MF USB 2.0 Audio Out hardware has separate high precision clocks for *multiples* of 44100Hz and 48000Hz, respectively; the appropriate selection is made *automatically* by the firmware and is not directly controlled by the USB driver. Therefore, the “Apply” button here has no utility in this particular design.



This shows the output sample rate format for the MF USB 2.0 Audio Out. The device only supports natively two-channel (stereo) 24-bit samples. Therefore, this setting cannot be altered,

Note: The MF USB Audio driver provides native ASIO support. The use of a 3rd party ASIO driver is not necessary. In Win7 the use of WASAPI in exclusive mode is recommended. This can be configured individually in the player application e.g. J-River Media Centre. Win7 Sounds can also be configured to use this mode. Its possible Win7 may do sample-rate conversion when not playing directly through a media player.

Basic problem-solving with a DAC is similar to troubleshooting other electrical or electronic equipment. Always check the most obvious possible causes first, such as the following examples:

Problem	Probable Cause	Remedy
No power / display	Power plug is not inserted into socket correctly	Plug in securely into unit's IEC socket.
Excessive hum from system speakers	Audio connector plug not fully pushed in Cable Fault Unsuitable Cable (e.g. cable grounds not connected)	Insert plug securely Check cable is connected at both ends. Some "esoteric" cables have internal wiring intentionally disconnected/modified. For best results on all inputs analogue AND digital, please use good quality screened coax; signal and screen directly connected both ends.
Digital input not working	No connection to that input Incorrect input selected Wrong data type sent to DAC	Check connection and cable. Select correct input Check source digital output is set for "16 bit stereo PCM" or similar. This particularly applies to some TVs, most DVD players, and other home theatre type devices that may give a MULTICHANNEL digital output. Refer to the source's manual for further information.
No audio output, or too low level output	Incorrect or missing connections USB Driver not selected	Check connections and make sure they are secure. See P.18-35, software section for relevant OS setup information
Dropouts in sound	Digital input lead not properly connected Faulty digital input lead Faulty optical lead	Check input lead is fully secured Change lead. Please use a good quality straight-through signal-and-ground phono to phono lead. Optical lead breakage. This can occur if the optical lead is bent into a radius too small. Avoid tight corners in routing optical leads.
No audio output from USB input	USB Cable not connected M6 USB Driver not selected	Check connections and make sure they are secure. See software section for relevant OS setup information Please check device is listed in device manager (Windows®) or in Sound, audio devices for MAC OS X. Make sure the Musical Fidelity USB audio device is selected as the default OUTPUT device. Check USB port functions with another device.
Not detected when connected to USB	USB Cable faulty USB not working/enabled on computer Correct USB drivers not installed	Check and replace cable Check USB port functions with another device. Install the supplied device driver for Windows® XP/Vista 7. These operating systems do not, at time of writing support 24 bit 192kHz USB audio.
Dropouts in sound (USB input)	Shared USB port with another device Computer busy with another application Computer low on resources	Avoid sharing the USB port with other devices, if possible. At times an application (program) may intervene, sometimes invisibly e.g. a virus scanner. When this happens, computer resources are temporarily used up, and playback may suffer. This is not a fault. Try running fewer applications if possible.
Not connecting - or dropouts in sound(Bluetooth)	Devices not paired and/or connected No or bad antenna connection Antenna masked by surrounding equipment Bluetooth range exceeded Local interference and/ or structure(s) causing loss of signal and/or range	Make sure Bluetooth device can "see" M8 DAC and is paired and connected with it. Check connecting device manual for further information. Check antenna is connected and fittings are as finger-tight as possible. Move antenna to above equipment stack if possible. Ensure that no metallic units or reinforced walls interfere with the line-of sight communication from normal usage positions. Also position unit and antenna well away from potential sources of interference and other Bluetooth/Wi-fi devices. Bluetooth range up to 30M dependant on local conditions, building structure(s) and connecting unit power. Try again from a couple of meters away with no obstructions i.e. clear line of sight.

Output

Output impedance	47 ohms
Output, digital 0dB level	RCA output - 2.2V R.M.S. nominal (RCA) 4.4V R.M.S. (XLR)

DAC

DAC circuit	32 bit Delta-Sigma (bit stream) dual differential 64x over-sampling with asynchronous up sampling on all inputs to 192 kHz
Digital filter, fast roll off	-3dB @ 0.49 x sampling frequency, ± 0.0002 dB pass band ripple
slow roll off	-3dB @ 0.45 x sampling frequency, ± 0.001 dB pass band ripple
Total correlated jitter	<12 picoseconds peak to peak
Linearity	< ± 0.1 dB down to -96dB
Frequency response	<2 Hz to 90 kHz typically, -3dB (192 kHz input sample rate)
Channel separation	>105dB 20 Hz to 20 kHz
Signal to noise	>120dB "A"- wtd.
Total harmonic distortion	<0.0012% 10Hz to 20 kHz

Connections

Line level outputs	1 pair line level RCA (phono), left and right 1 pair line level XLR (balanced), left and right
Digital inputs	1 XLR AES balanced digital in, 32-192 kbps (16-24 bit stereo PCM) 2 RCA coaxial SPDIF in, 32-192 kbps (16-24 bit stereo PCM) 1 TOSLINK optical in, 32-96 kbps (16-24 bit stereo PCM) 1 USB 2.0 in, type 'B' connector for computer/PDA/other "host" 16-24 bits, 32-192 kbps fully asynchronous (Actual data determined by source file/computer software settings)
Bluetooth receiver	Bluetooth specification v2.1 + EDR aptX® 16 bit 44.1/48 kHz (dependant on connected device) Carrier frequency 2.402 to 2.480 GHz ISM band Transmission power -2dBm (min) to +2dBm (max) Class 2 (up to 30M (90ft) dependant on connected device) Receiver IF 1.5 MHz centre frequency Antenna socket type RP-SMA Antenna input impedance 50 ohms
Digital outputs	1 XLR AES balanced digital out, 32-192 kbps (16-24 bit stereo PCM) 1 RCA coaxial SPDIF out, 32-192 kbps (16-24 bit stereo PCM) 1 TOSLINK optical out, 32-96 kbps (16-24 bit stereo PCM)
Trigger input	3.5mm (1/8") mono jack ± 4.5 to ± 15 V DC
Trigger output	3.5mm (1/8") mono jack 12V DC

Power requirement

Mains voltages	90-250V AC 50/60Hz universal switching power supply
Consumption	10 Watts maximum

Weight

Unit only, unboxed	10.6 kg	(23 1/3 lbs)
In shipping carton & inc. accessories	14.8kg	(32 2/3 lbs)

Dimensions

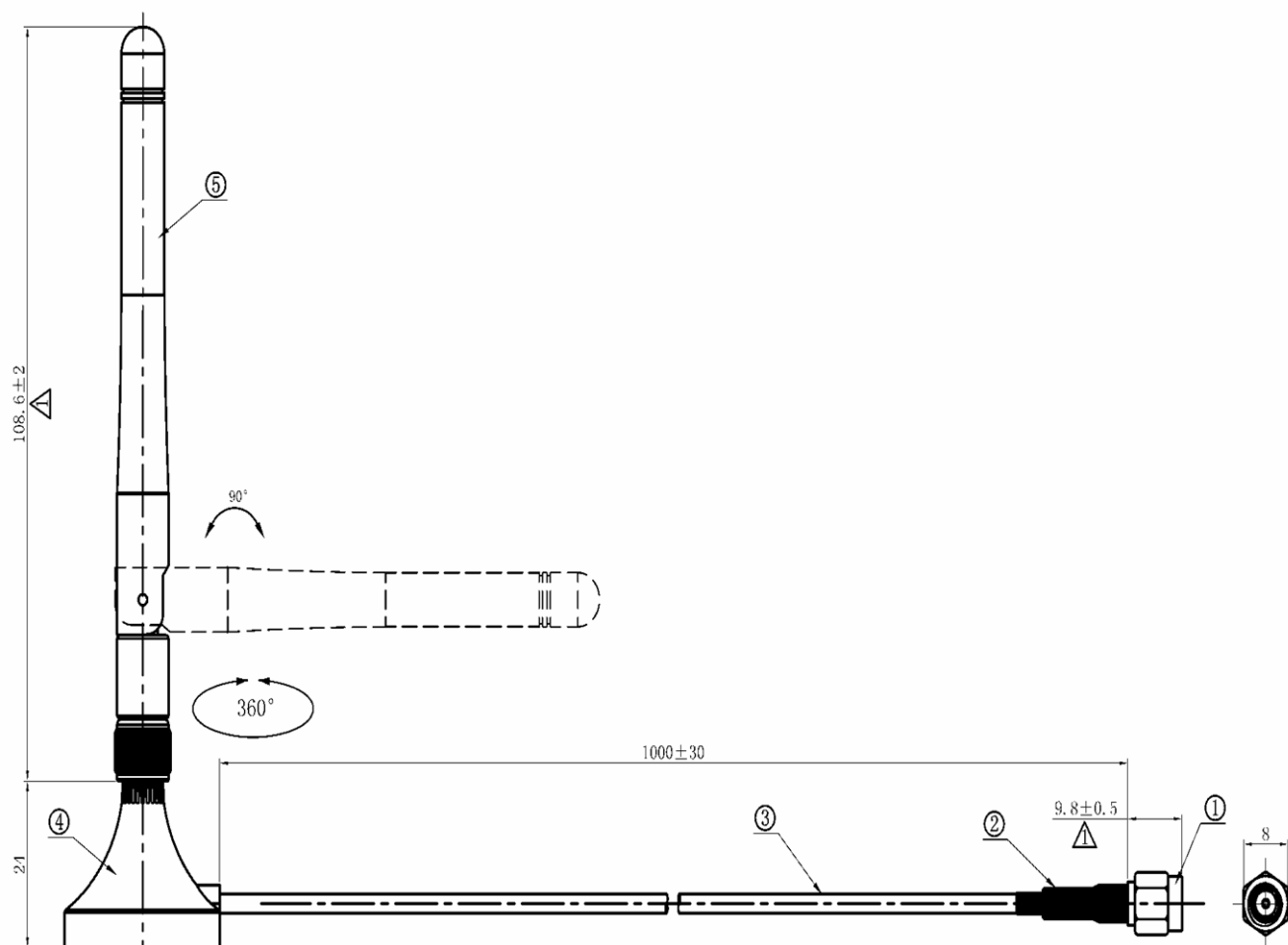
Wide	440 mm	(17 1/3")
High, including feet	102 mm	(4")
Deep (front to back) including terminals	380 mm	(15")

Standard accessories

Mains lead	10 Amp IEC
Antenna and detachable base with lead	
Personal computer driver CD	192 kHz Asynchronous USB Audio support driver for Windows® XP, Vista and 7.
Remote Control	M6 DAC type
Batteries	AAA type (2 off)

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Bluetooth Antenna

The Bluetooth antenna pictured above is supplied with the unit. The antenna is supplied as a one piece antenna-and-base assembly.

If the base is not required, the antenna part may be unscrewed from the base and re-attached directly to the unit. To do this, grip the knurled nut towards the top of the base and firmly twist anticlockwise. The antenna will eventually detach cleanly from the base and reveal another connector for the antenna input at the bottom of the antenna itself. Please keep the base in a safe place for future use!

BLUETOOTH range note.

The range of the built-in Bluetooth receiver is dependant on the connected device, e.g. the mobile phone or Bluetooth enabled computer.

The device contained within the M6 DAC is **Class 2** which works up to 90ft. (30 Meters) assuming clear line of sight with a similarly specified **Class 2** transmitter devices. Walls, partitions and local interference may reduce this range somewhat.

If the device (phone, computer, etc) to be linked has a different class Bluetooth device that can manage e.g. only 15ft. (5 Meters), then the link will be limited to the SHORTER of the two ranges, i.e. 15ft. (5 Meters).

Position the Bluetooth antenna as high and clear of obstructions as possible to maximize range. Use the supplied antenna base as required. Nearby radio-frequency interference can also have an effect on Bluetooth. Make sure the unit and especially the antenna are positioned as far away as possible from any potential sources of electrical and electro-magnetic interference, as well as other Bluetooth or Wi-Fi devices

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