

# Installation Manual

Balboa Bluetooth Audio (bba™ 2)





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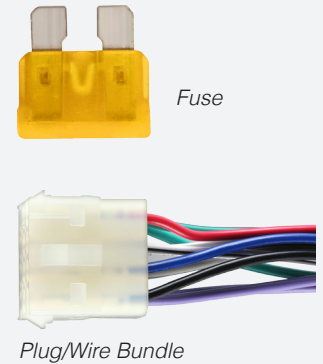
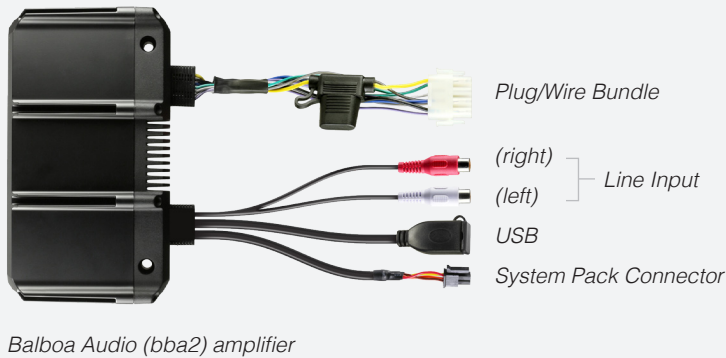
There are no user serviceable parts inside the system pack. All connections must be made by a qualified electrician in accordance with the country or local electrical codes in effect at the time of installation.



*System Pack*

# Parts List

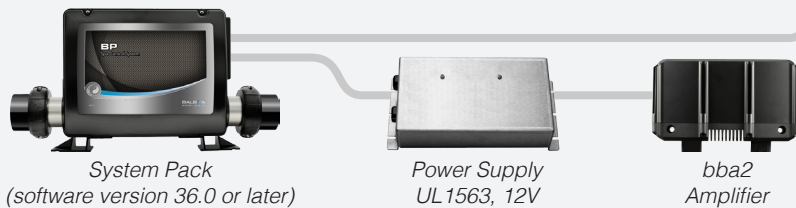
## Equipment included in the box



## Spa Equipment

The system pack and all electronic components connected to the system pack are referred to as "**system**" in this manual.

The power supply connects to the system pack at the circuit board connector labeled "A / V." Refer to the system pack wire diagram for circuit board connector positions. The wire diagram is inside the system pack.



### Topside Panel Options



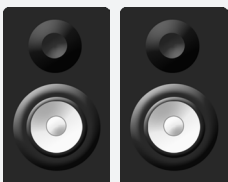
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Graphical User Interface: "Icon"  
(software version 2.0 or above)



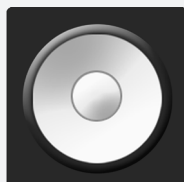
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View other topside panel options in later pages.

## Audio Equipment



Speakers



Sub woofer



Smart Device  
(iOS, Android, etc)

# bba<sup>™</sup>2 New/Redesigned Features

The following features are compatible with the spaTouch1 topside panel, GUI: "Icon," software version 3.36 or above, as well as the spaTouch 2.

Song and metadata display:

- Artist
- Song
- Song length and elapsed time

Audio EQ (equalizer) modes:

- Jazz, Rock, Hall, etc.

USB input

Enhanced bass

## Redesigned Module

New Bluetooth Radio

- BT3.0-HS/BT4.0 EDR
- Range: up to 100 feet in open air.

Ranges vary as they are dependant on installations.

New plastic enclosure

- IPx5 waterproof

## Tech Specs

Speaker impedance

- 2-8 ohms

Output power

- (2 ohm load) 4x55W (80W max)
- (4 ohm load) 4x30W (50W max)

Operating voltage

- 10.5V-15V DC

Max current draw at full power out

- 9-15 amps

Dimensions

- 8"wide X 3" high X 4.3" deep
- (20.32 cm X 7.62 cm X 10.92 cm)

Weight

- 2.0 lbs. (0.9 Kg)

4 channel Amp

- Sub woofer from the rear 2 channels

# bba2™ Amp Connections

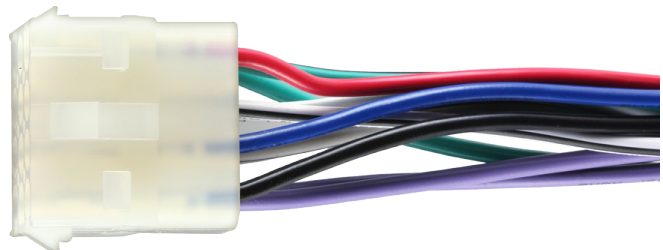
**Plug/Wire Bundle Chart**

Wire Color	Wire #	Wire Function
Red	12	B + (+ 12VDC)
Green w/stripe	11	Rear Left Speaker -
Green	10	Rear Left Speaker +
no wire (blank)	9	no wire (blank)
White w/stripe	8	Front Left Speaker -
White	7	Front Left Speaker +
Blue	6	B + (+ 12VDC)
Gray w/stripe	5	Front Right Speaker -
Gray	4	Front Right Speaker +
Black	3	Ground (neg)
Violet w/stripe	2	Rear Right Speaker -
Violet	1	Rear Right Speaker +

Wire the plug/wire bundle to the 12VDC power source, left and right speakers, and sub woofer. The numbers in “Plug/Wire Bundle Chart” correspond with the numbers in “Plug/Wire Bundle Diagram 1” and “Plug/Wire Bundle Diagram 2.”

**Plug/Wire Bundle**

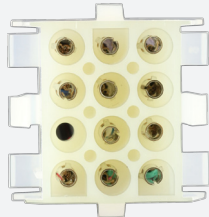
Female Side View (photo)



**Plug/Wire Bundle Diagram 1**

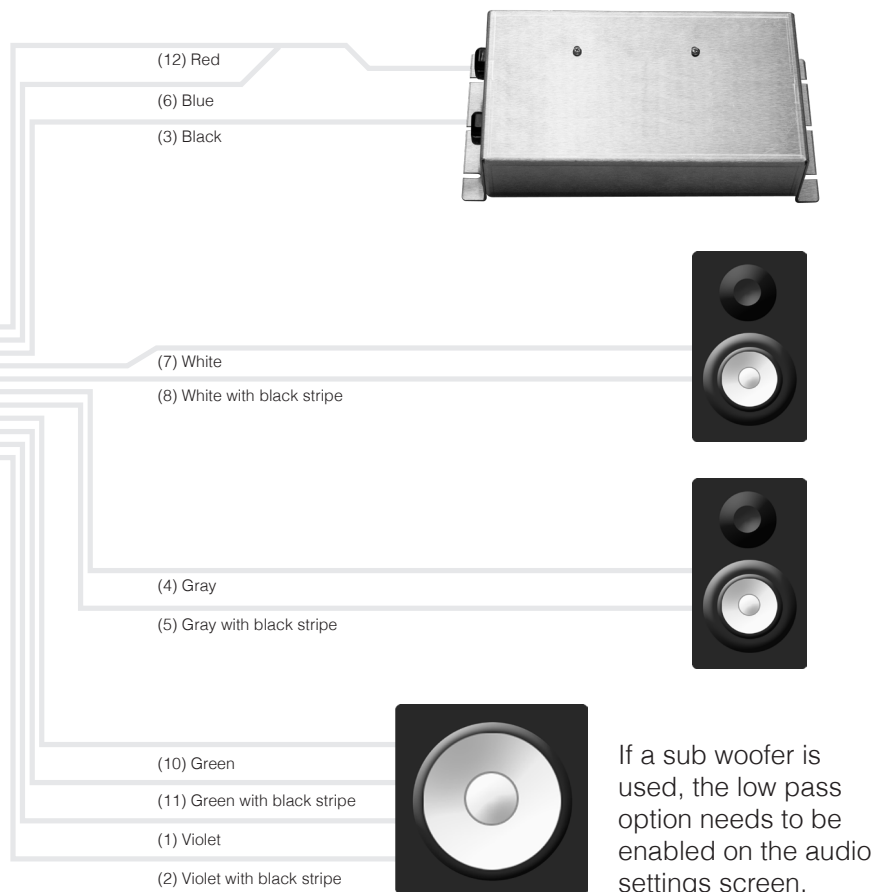
Female Front View (diagram)

Female Front View (photo)



**Plug/Wire Bundle Diagram 2**

Female Side View (photo)



If a sub woofer is used, the low pass option needs to be enabled on the audio settings screen.

# bba<sup>™</sup>2 Mounting Instructions

1 - Choose a well ventilated mounting surface. The bba2 amplifier generates significant heat when operating at high power levels.

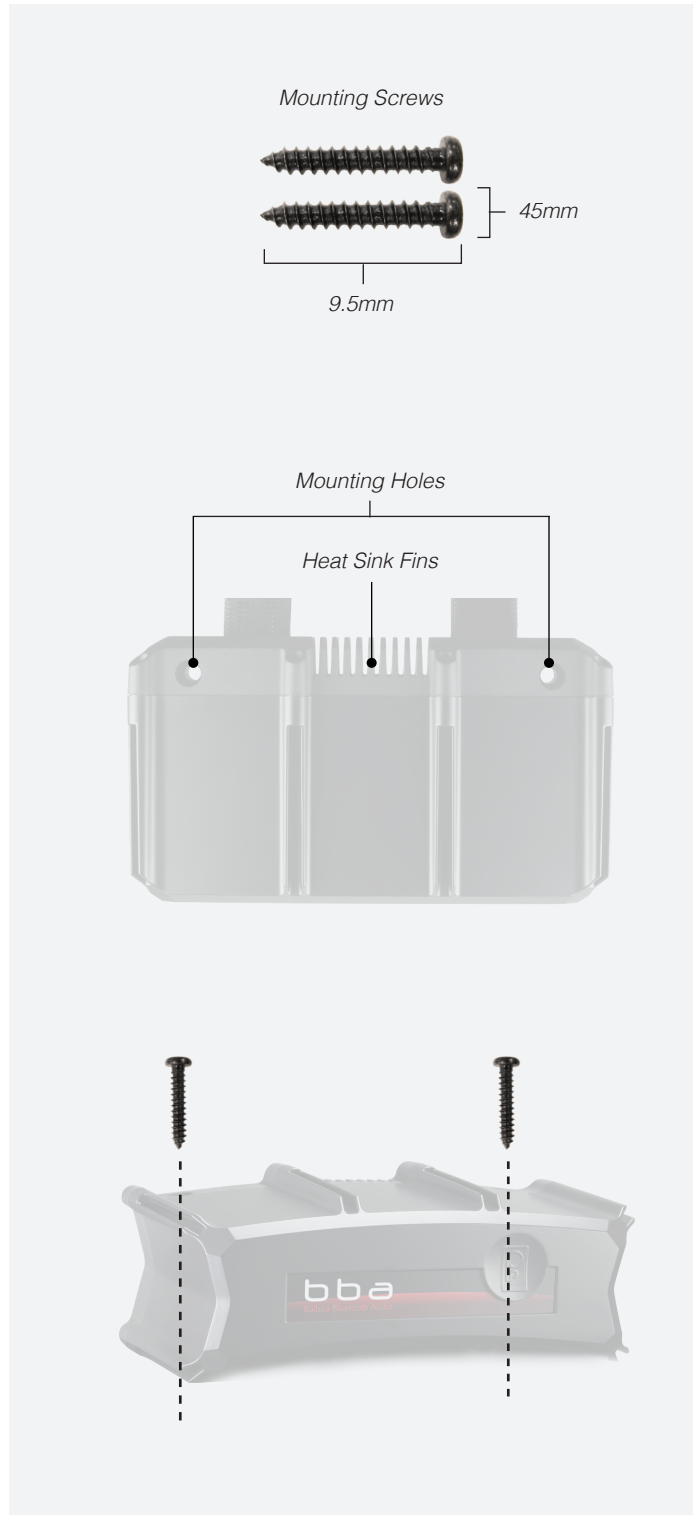
2 - To insure a good Bluetooth connection, the mounting surface should be elevated from the ground.

3 - It is preferable to mount bba2 such that the heat sink fins are vertical or facing upward.

4 - Drill pilot holes in the mounting surface that correspond with the 2 mounting holes in the bba2 amplifier. Be sure not to drill into any critical areas of the spa.

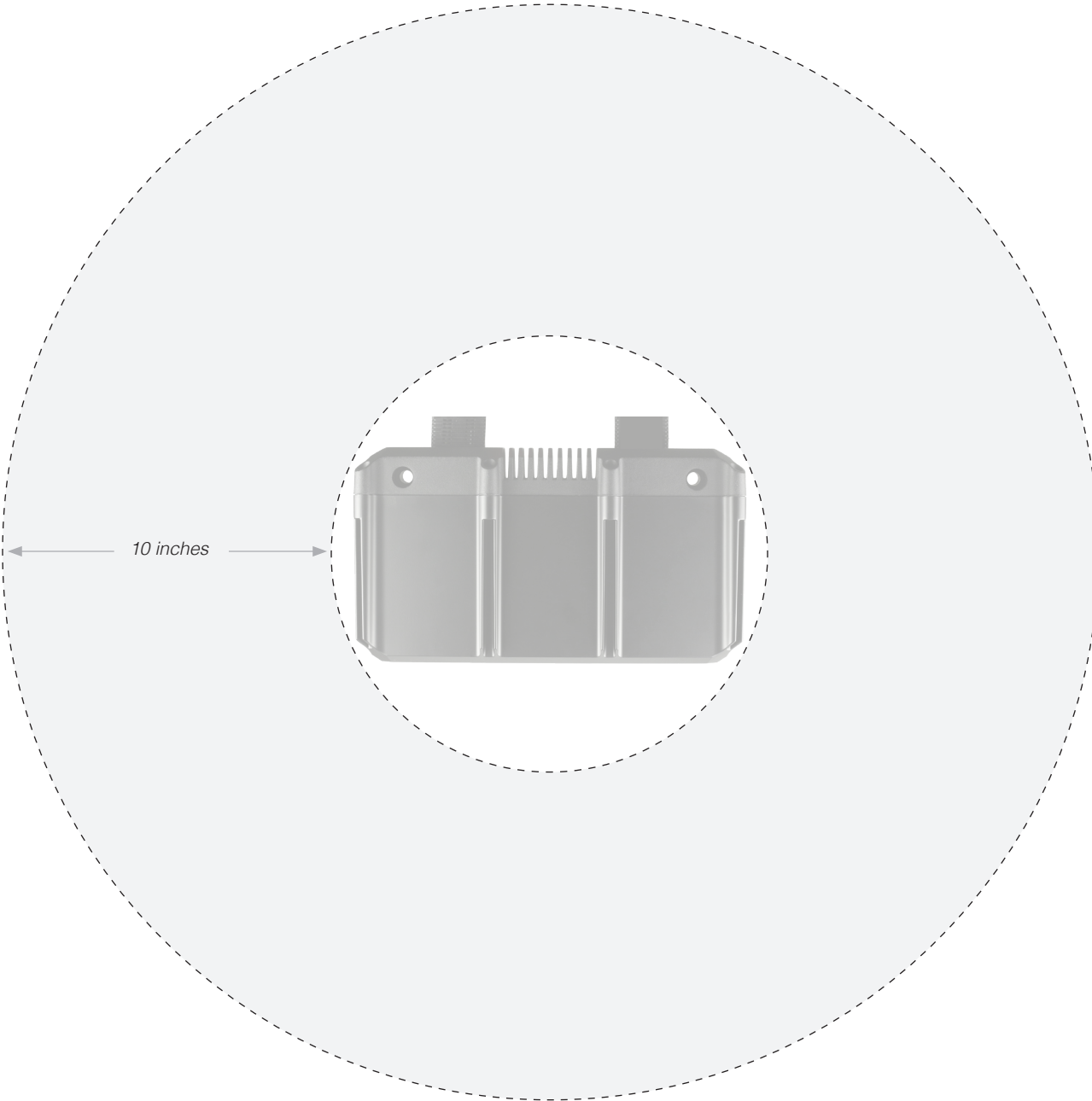
5 - Fasten the bba2 amplifier to the surface securely with the mounting screws.

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# bba2™ Mounting Instructions

6 - Leave a 10 inch gap between the bba2 amplifier and other spa components to help heat management.



# bba<sup>™</sup>2 Amp Connections

## Power Wire Specifications

Red wire and blue wire - connect these two wires to a +12V power supply.

Black wire - Connect it to the negative or other good power ground.

## Notes

Use the included plug/wire bundle to connect to the power source and speakers.

The red, blue and black power wires should be 16AWG or larger depending on the length to the power supply. Never operate the unit without the proper power and ground wire. Never ground the speaker leads and never allow the speaker leads to come in contact with each other. The speaker wire should be at least 20 gauge or larger. Be sure to observe the correct polarity on the speaker connections.

Use quality crimp connectors to connect wires together. Seal the connection well with electrical tape.

Never operate the unit without proper fusing. The fuse holder must be located within 2 feet of the power supply. This fuse is to protect the vessel, not the electronics. In case of a short, the fuse will blow instead of the wire burning up. Using other than the recommended fuse rating at the power supply and at the unit may cause damage to the unit and will void your warranty.

Whenever possible, use cable ties, mounting clamps and similar wiring aids. Adding stress relief loop to wiring is also advisable to prevent straining or breakage.

If after reading the directions you feel uncomfortable about installing the unit, or not equipped or competent to do so, you should have this installed by a professional installer.

Connect the white and grey loudspeaker wires to 1 or 2 pairs of loudspeakers. Pay close attention to polarity (black stripe = negative)

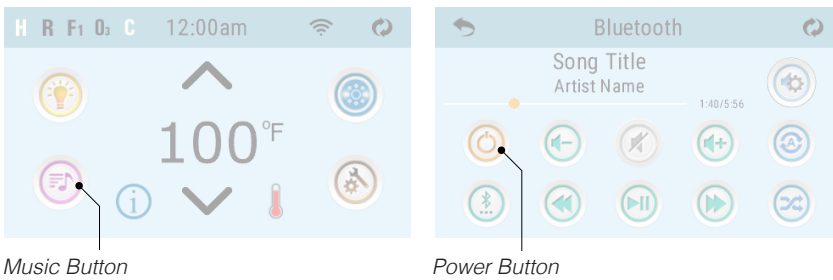
Connect the green and purple loudspeaker wires to 1 or 2 pairs of loudspeakers or to a sub woofer.


# Bluetooth Connection

(Topside panels with “Icon” GUI)



2 - On the topside panel press the music button. Next, press the power button.



3 - Turn on Bluetooth function of your smart device or music device. 

4 - On your smart device or music device, click search for Bluetooth device. Make sure you are close enough to the bba2 amplifier.

5 - Select “PPME70BT” from the pairing list.

6 - Click “Connect.” Once connected, you can now play your favorite music from your smart device or music device.

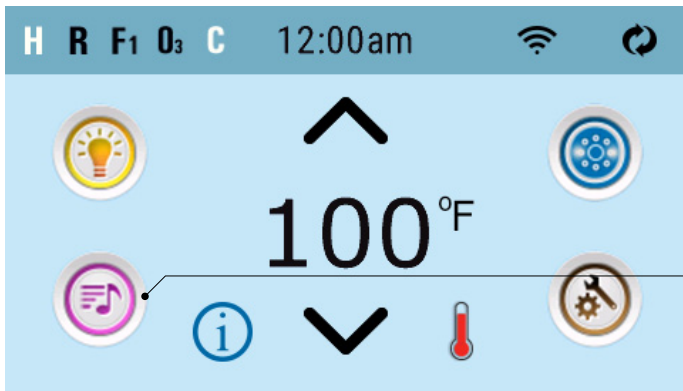
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# Topside Panel Interface

(Topside panels with "Icon" GUI)



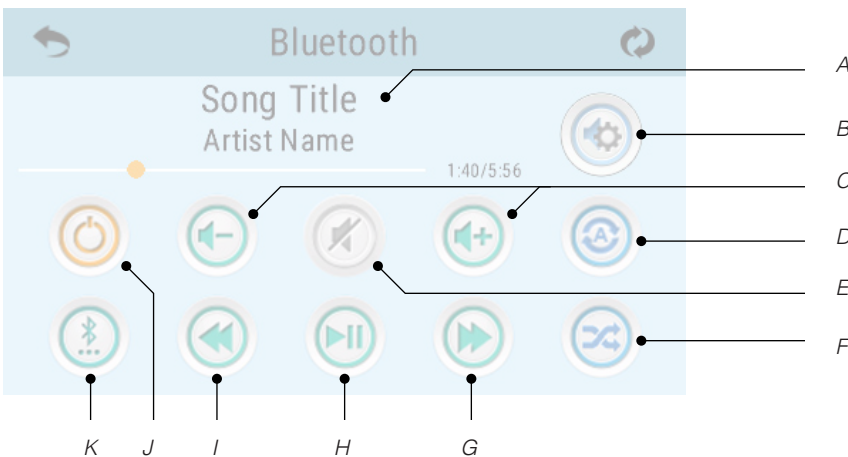
## Home Screen



These are spaTouch 2 screens. spaTouch 1 ("Icon" GUI) has the same icons, but some icons are in different positions.

Press this button

## Bluetooth Screen



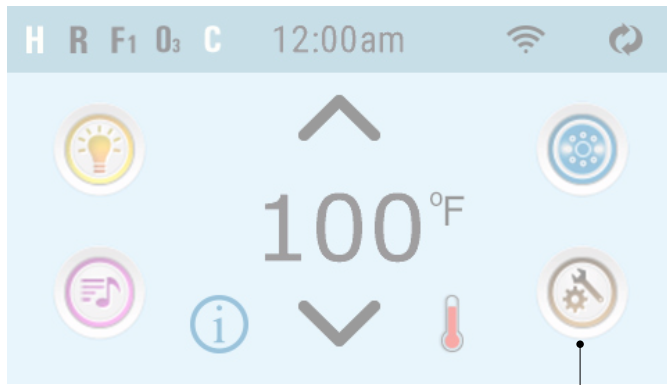
- A - Song, Artist, Song Length, Elapsed Time
- B - Settings
- C - Volume + / -
- D - Repeat
  - Repeat one song
  - Repeat all songs
- E - Mute On/Off
- F - Shuffle
- G - Track forward
- H - Play/Pause
- I - Track back
- J - Power On/Off
- K - Input Modes: Bluetooth, USB, Line in

Some icons such as "Repeat" may not appear if music isn't playing.

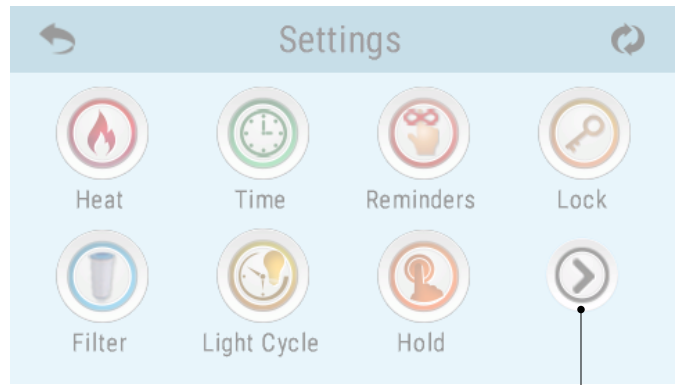
# Determine Software Version

(Topside panels with “Icon” GUI)

## Home Screen

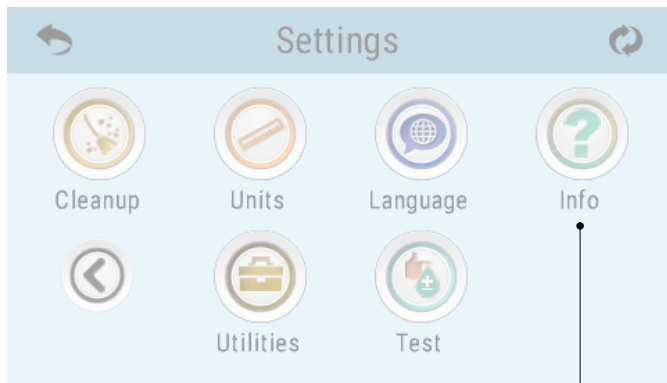


Press “Settings” button.

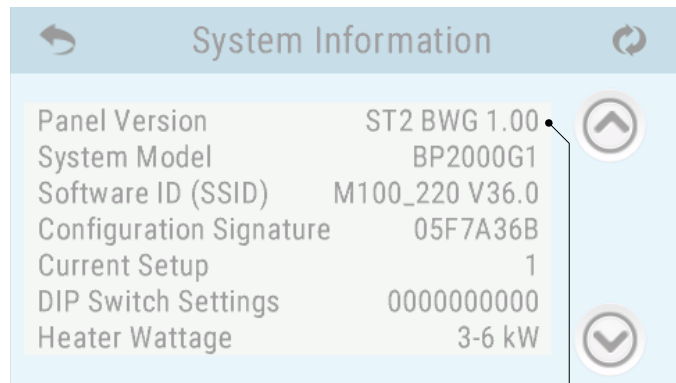


Press “Navigation” button.

*“Settings” buttons may vary from system to system.*



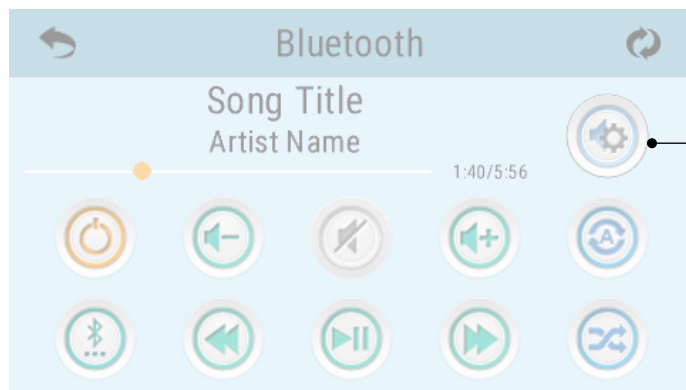
Press “Info” button.



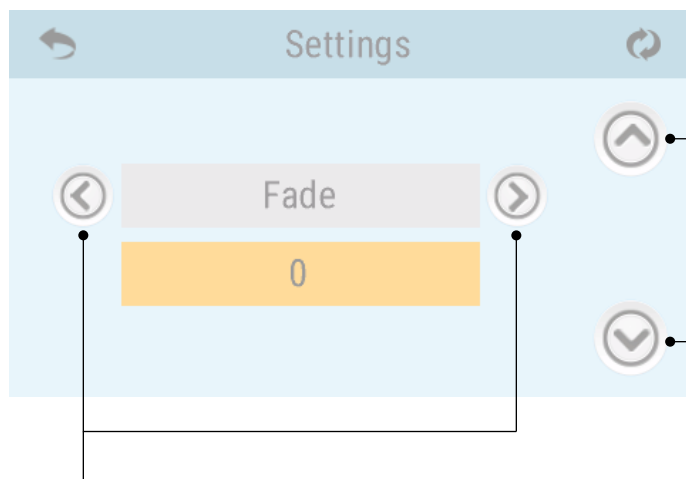
Topside panel software version.

# Adjust Settings

(Available only on topside panels with “Icon” GUI)



Press this button for Settings



These buttons adjust Settings values

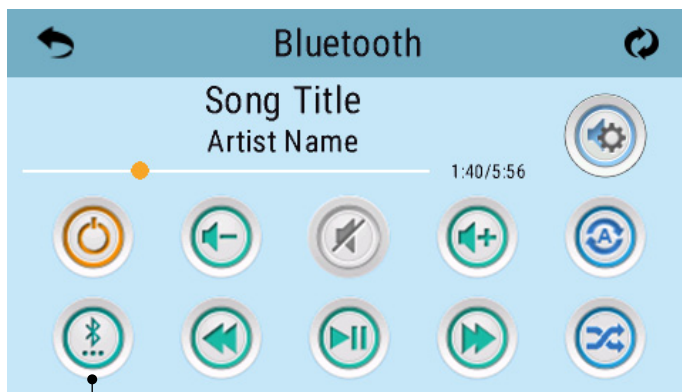
These buttons navigate to the following Settings:

- Balance
- Bass Gain
- EQ Preset
- Fade
- Filter

# Adjust Input Modes

(Topside panels with “Icon” GUI)

The following modes are available: Bluetooth, Line In, USB. All systems are equipped with Bluetooth mode. However, systems may or may not have Line In and USB, as these input modes are optional.



Press this button for Input Modes

## Input Mode Icons



Bluetooth (connected)

Bluetooth (disconnected)

Line In

USB

*Only spaTouch 2 and spaTouch 1 (software version 3.36 or above) have these icons. Earlier versions of spaTouch 1 have one icon.*

# Topside Panel Interface

(Topside panels with “Menu” GUI)



Topside Panel: spaTouch 1  
(software version 2.8 or above)

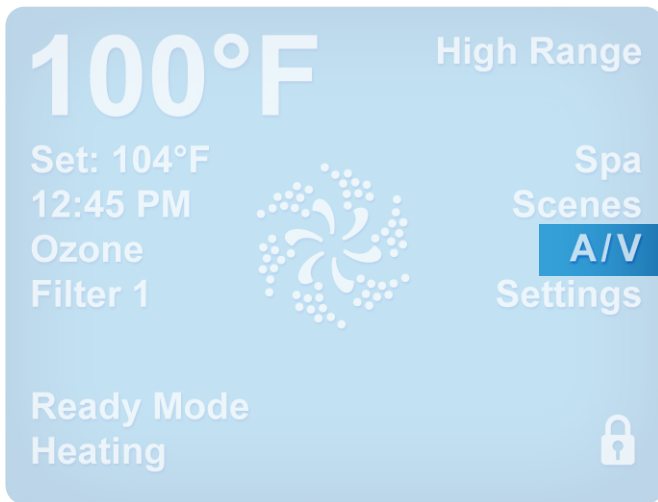


Topside Panel: TP800  
(software version 4.11 or above)



Topside Panel: TP900

## Home Screen



Select “A / V” to navigate to the Bluetooth screen.

“A / V” only appears on the topside panel display if bba2 has been properly connected to the system.

## Bluetooth Screen

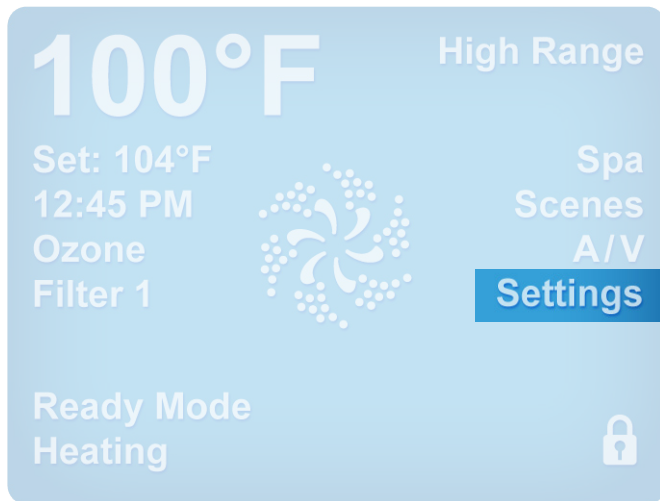


The “Source” button switches between Bluetooth, USB, and Line In input modes.

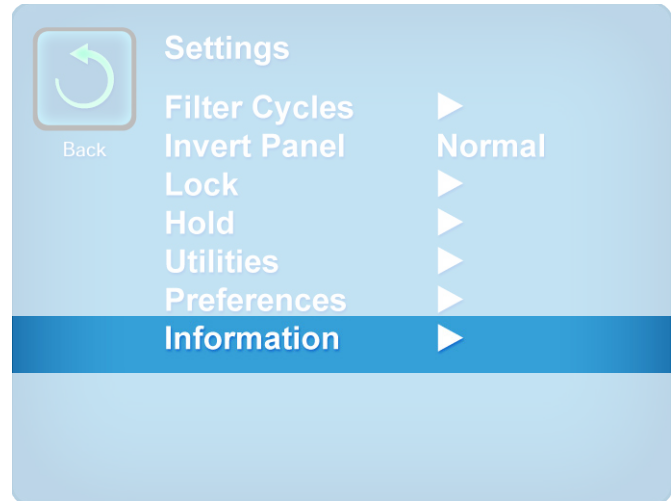
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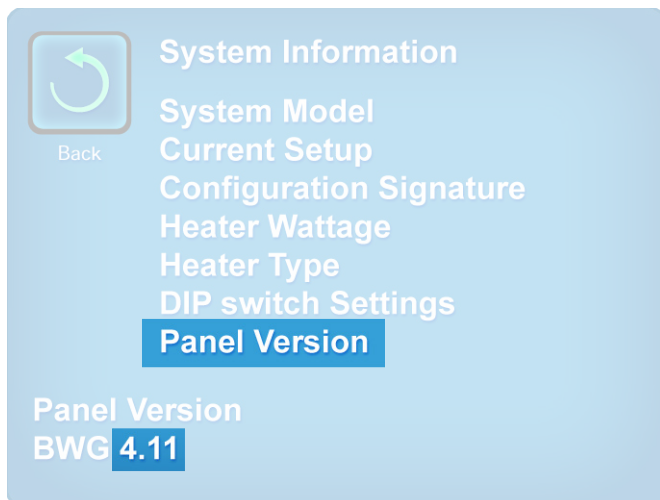
## Home Screen



Begin navigation by selecting “Settings.”



Select “Information.”

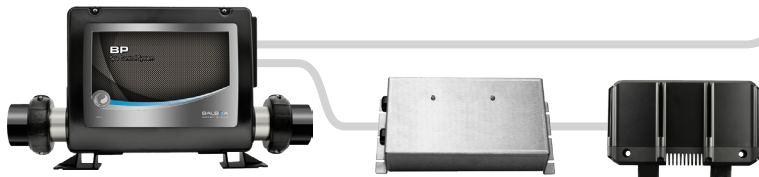


Select “Panel Version.” The software version appears at the bottom of the screen. In this example it’s 4.11.

# Bluetooth Connection

(Topside panels with “Menu” GUI)

1 - Power up the system pack with bba2 already connected to the system pack.



## Topside Panel Options



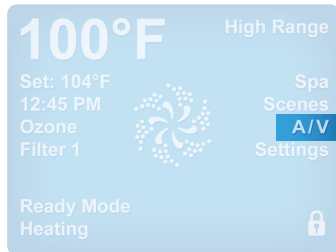
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Topside Panel: TP800  
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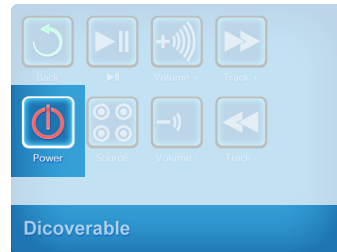
Topside Panel: TP900

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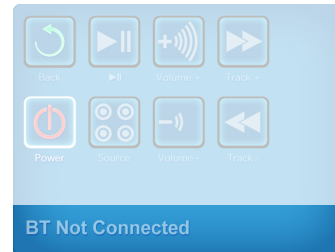
2A - Select “A / V” on the topside panel.



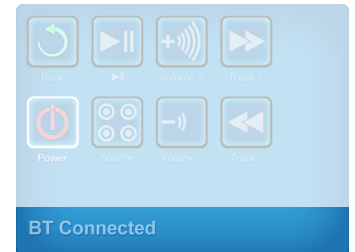
2B - Select “Power.” “Discoverable” appears.



2C - Next, “BT Not Connected” appears.



Refer to step 6 below.



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5 - Select “PPME70BT” from the pairing list.

6 - Click “Connect.” Once connected, you can now play your favorite music from your smart device or music device. “BT Connected” appears on the topside panel display.

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# Using USB

Plug a USB drive in here (image 1). You can select tracks with these buttons (image 2 & 3). Volume control is also available (image 2 & 3). If your topside panel has a shuffle button, that should also work.

## USB display on panels with “Menu” GUI

With a newer TP800 (software version 4.11 or above) or with a newer “Menu” spaTouch 1 (software version 2.8 or above), the USB input is selectable and displays as “USB”. With an older TP800 or an older “Menu” spaTouch 1 or a TP900, the USB input is selectable, but it displays a Bluetooth indication.

To work with BBA at all, a TP800 or TP900 must be version 3.13 or above, and a “Menu” spaTouch 1 must be version 1.7 or above.

Image 1

Balboa Audio (bba2) amplifier

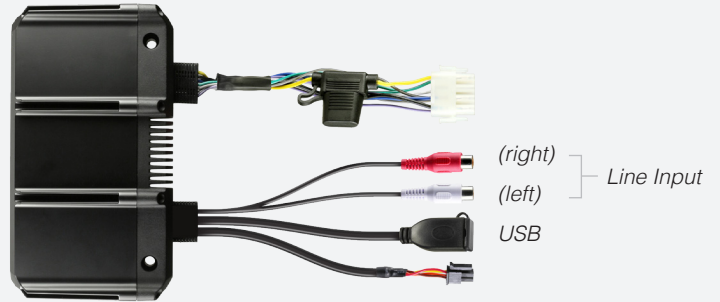


Image 2

Topside panel display with “Icon” GUI

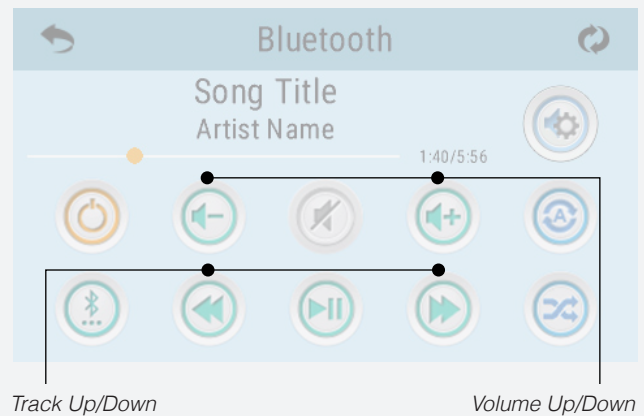
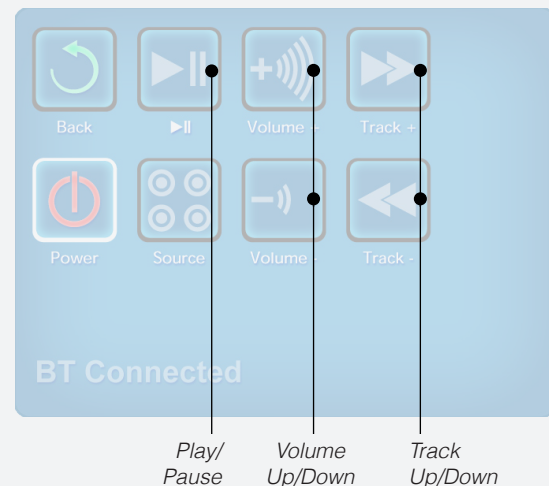


Image 3

Topside panel display with “Menu” GUI



# Using Line In

You can connect any headphone output to the Line In here (image 1), but you will likely need an adapter cable because of the different connectors. Volume is the only controllable feature when using Line In.

# Troubleshooting

**Problem:** Song title appears only sometimes or never.

**Solution:** A few music player apps never send song title and other info over Bluetooth, so try another app. Also, some music player apps don't send song title if playing automatically in the background, only if the app is "visibly running" on the device, so try "opening" the app which is playing in the background.

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