# **DSB-R100**

## User's Guide

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#### Chapter 1 Installing the DSB-R100

#### 1-1 Hardware installation

- (1). Plug DSB-R100 USB flat connector into the USB port of your PC. If the PC has a sound card, plug the DSB-R100's RCA cable into the existing LINE IN port of the sound card. If not, plug the RCA jack into any speakers. Note that the recording function is not available when running DSB-R100 software in this way.
- (2). The computer will detect DSB-R100 and look for a driver. If a driver is not found, it will then prompt for one. At this time, make sure that your DSB-R100 diskette is inserted into your computer floppy drive.
- (3). The computer is now ready to install the DSB-R100 driver from floppy the drive.



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#### **1-2 Software Installation**

The DSB-R100 comes with user applications for Windows 98. The following installation installs the application into your PC.

#### **Installing under Windows 98**

- (1) Insert the DSB-R100 Utility diskette into drive A or B.
- (2) Click on My Computer icon.
- (3) Select Floppy(A:) (where A: is your selected diskette drive)
- (4) Double click on **Setup** icon.
- (5) After the **Setup** program of the DSB-R100 pops up, simply follow the instructions on the screen to complete the installation.

# Chapter 2 Understanding the DSB-R100 Menus

The DSB-R100 has three: WaveFile, Options and Help. The menus are text sensitive and can be activated easily by mouse clicks.

#### WaveFile Menu

The WaveFile Menu contains the following commands:

New	Creates a new wave file	
Open	Loads an existing wave file	
Save	Saves a current wave file	
Save As	Saves the wave file under a new name	
Wave to MP3 utility	Converts the wave file to an MP3 file	
Exit	Quits the DSB-R100	

#### **Options Menu**

The following commands of the Options menu allow you to change FM DSB-R100's default settings:

Record Settings	Sets the default record settings	
Volume Controllers Setting	Controls the playback volume of	
	the wave file	
Show Station Name	Shows the Station Name on the	
	Preset Channel rather than the	
	frequency	
Sleep Function	Enables/disables the Sleep	
	Function	

Wake Up Function	Enables/disables the Wake Up Function
24-Hour Clock Format	Displays either 24 hour time or AM/PM
LR Volume Indicator	Displays the sound indicator function
Turn off Radio On Exit	Radio will stop playing once DSB-R100 application is closed

## Help Menu

Contents	Explains the key functions of the
	main panels
About	Shows the version and copyright of the DSB-R100



	station		
(2) Preset Channel	Presets your favorite Radio stations for up to 200 channels		
(3) Frequency Slider	Allows you to select the desired radio station		
(4) Tuner	Allows you to adjust frequency at 0.05 MHz intervals.		
(5) Scan	Scans radio stations by clicking mouse button. Click it again to stop scanning.		
(6) Store	Stores the preset channel and station name.		
(7) Edit	Edits the preset channels and station names.		
(8) LED display	Shows sound intensity of both left and right speakers. Clicking on this display will change to wave format.		
(9) Length of the recorded file	Displays the length of the recorded file and current location of the recorded file.		
(10) Sound Recorder Indictor	Acts as FF/Rewind by dragging slider		
(11) Recorder, player	Includes Play, Rewind, FF, Stop and		
control bar	Record functions.		
(12) Animated tape recorder	Revolves while you are using the recorder. You can view free hard disk space by clicking the left mouse button.		
(13)Sleep	Sets sleep time. (turns off power)		
(14)Wake	Sets wake up time. (turns on power)		
(15)Power on/off	Turns on/off power.		
(16)Volume controls	Master volume controls speaker volume. Radio volume controls recording and output volume. Wave volume controls playback volume.		
(17)Stay On Top	Toggles small window as the topmost window. You can move this small window anywhere on your desktop by dragging it with the left mouse button.		

## **Chapter 3** How to Preset your favorite stations

#### 3-1 Tuning:

There are two ways to select your favorite programs -

**3-1-1** Locate your favorite station by clicking the scan button . Click on

**Tune** button **to** fine tune until "**stereo**" appears on the LED display.

**3-1-2** Hold down the left mouse button and drag to your favorite station. Click once to fine tune..

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#### 3-2 Preset channel

Allows you to preset and customize your favorite programs by using their names or the frequency. 200 channels (20 groups) are available. The following explains ways to preset up to 200 channels.

#### **3-2-1.** To preset a channel with station name:

- 1. Select a station.
- 2. Click on **Store** button Store Preset Frequency and Station Name dialog box appears.
- 3. Enter the Channel Number and Station Name
- 4. Click OK.

E.g. To set channel 3 to frequency 100.10MHz and Station Name ICRT. Set Channel Number 3 and enter "ICRT". Then click OK.

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## **3-2-2 Editing preset channels**

1. Click on **Edit** button Bedit and edit preset channel frequency and their station names.

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4.	93.30		
5.	95.40	Taipei	
6.	97.50		Y Cancel
7.	99.60	Center	
8.	101.70		
9.	103.80		
10.	105.90		

- 2.Set the Channel Numbers and enter the desired Station Names.
- 3.Click on **OK** to confirm changes.

# Chapter 4 How to use "Sleep" and "Wake up" functions

DSB-R100 provide "**Sleep**" and "**Wake up**" functions to save time and catch up with your favorite programs,.

#### 4-1. Setting Sleep Time

To set Sleep time:

1. Choose "Sleep Function" from the Options menu.



2. Click on the Sleep button 👸 Sleep. The Set Sleep Time dialog box appears as follows:



- 3. Set the time.
- 4. Click on **OK** to confirm the setting.

The radio will turn off automatically at the selected sleep time.

#### 4-2. Setting Wake up time

To set the Wake up time

- 1. Choose "**Wake Up Function Enabled** " from the Options menu.
- Click on the Wake button Wake, The Set Wake
  Up Time dialog box appears as follows:



- 3. Set the Hour and Minute dials to your wake up time.
- 4. Click on **OK** to confirm the setting

The radio turns off automatically at the selected wake up time. You can also set recording time by using this function. (Please refer to Chapter 5, Section 4).

**\*** IMPORTANT: The **Sleep** and **Wake Up** functions are only available when a PC is turned on and this program is in use.

## Chapter 5 Recording and playing

### 5-1. Specifying Wave Formats

Before recording a wave file, make sure the correct format of the file is specified. Wave format refers to the sound channel, Sampling Rate and Size of the file.

To specify the wave format:

1. Select **Record Setting** in the **Options** menu and **Choose Wave Format** dialog box appears.

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Select Mono for one sound channel and Stereo for two sound channels. Select 11025Hz for voice, 22050Hz for cassette and 44100Hz for CD quality recording. Select 8 bits for cassette and 16 bits for CD sound quality.

3. Choose OK.

There is a trade-off between the quality of a wave file and the amount of storage space required for the file. A wave file with better sound quality requires a larger storage space because of its high sampling rate. The message in the dialog box will inform you how much free disk space is available for recording.

#### 5-2. How to record into Wave File

To record a wave file:

Click **Record** button. The animated tape recorder will revolve the length and

current location of recorded file will be displayed.

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To stop the recording, choose the **Stop** button **.**. You can listen to the recorded file by pressing the **Play** 



button  $\blacktriangleright$ . If you would like to know the available free space on your hard disk, just click the Animated tape recorder and you will see the following figure:



Click on Free Disk Resource and Animated Tape Recorder will resume.

## 5-3. Saving Wave Files

To save a wave file:

- 1. Choose **Save** or **Save as** from Wave File menu.
- 2. Enter the name of the file and the path.
- 3. Choose **OK**.

#### 5-4. Preset the Recording

You can preset the recording by using the **Sleep** and **Wake Up** function.

To preset the recording :

Click the Wake button Wake , and the Set
 Wake Up Time dialog box appear:

Set Wake Up Time		×
Hour Minute	🗸 ок	
	🗙 Cancel	
Start sound recording for wake up.		

- 2. Set the time and choose **Start recording for** wake up.
- 3. Choose **OK**.
- 4. Click **Sleep** button set the time to turn off the power of the DSB-R100 when the recording is completed.

DSB-R100 will wake up, start and stop recording according to your procedure.

#### 5-5. Opening a Wave File

To open a wave file:

- 1. Select **Open** from the Wave File menu.
- 2. Type or select the wave file you want to open.
- 3. Choose **OK**.

#### 5-6. Playing Wave Files

DSB-R100 can play any kind of wave file.

To play a wave file :

- 1. **Open** the wave file.
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## 2. Choose Play.

You can also drag slider to listen to the recorded wave file again.

To stop playing the wave file, choose Stop.

## Chapter 6 Converting wave files to MP3

#### 6-1. Selecting the file

Wave files can be converted to MP3 files quickly and easily. In order to play the wave file you will need to download and install Real Player© or other applications that support MP3. You can download the application at <u>www.real.com</u> and <u>www.winamp.com</u>.

To convert a wave file to an MP3 file:

- 1. Go to WaveFile and select Wave to MP3 utility.
- 2. The Enhanced MP3 functions panel appears.



- 3. Browse to the directory the wave file is in and select it the on panel to the right.
- 4. **MPEB Layer 3 format** gives you several ranges to choose from. Click on the down arrow and choose the sampling rate. 48000 Hz gives the best sound but uses the most memory.
- 5. Click on the **Wave to MP3** button to convert the file to **MP3**.
- 6. Check the box marked **Stereo** for stereo sound.
- 7. The MP3 Compressor panel gives you a status report on the file conversion.
- 8. Click Pause to stop the conversion.

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9. Play the file using Real Player or other application to that supports MP3.

## 6-2. Deleting MP3 files

Delete MP3 files by selecting the files and clicking on the Delete selected file button on the Enhanced MP3 functions panel.

## Chapter 7 Using "Help"

To use help:

- 1. Choose **Contents** from **Help** menu.
- 2. Click on the topic that you want to know about then you will see its function and brief description.

### Chapter 8 Warning signs

#### 8-1. Warning signs appear during installation

7-1-1 If your sound card is not installed properly or wave device is being used by other applications, the following warning sign will appear during installation.



8-1-2. If the following warning sign appears when you are running the software then



#### Sound card has not been installed in your PC.



#### Recording and playing function of wave device is used by other application software.

Explanations of the above warning signs: The digitizer will only operate when the sound card record function is running. If the record software doesn't operate, it is impossible for the LR Volume Indicator to display the volume.

#### 8-2. Questions when you are using the software of



#### **DSB-R100.**

## (A) I am running the DSB-R100 software, but I can't hear anything. What should I do?

#### ANS:

- If your software is already running and you can operate the control panel switches, this shows that the radio has been installed correctly. If this is not the case, then the radio receiver/recorder is not operating properly and you should make sure that the DSB-R100 Adapter has been installed properly.
- If you still can't hear anything even though the DSB-R100 is operating normally, one of the following situations may be occurring:
  - A. The RCA jack may not be correctly inserted in the sound card's Line In socket. Please make sure it is inserted correctly.
  - B. The sound card's "Line In" volume may be set on mute or at the lowest value. Adjust the volume dial and the mute switch on the right side of the control panel until you are able to hear sound. (If adjusting the volume dial has no effect, you can try opening the Windows 95 Mixer and making adjustments from there.)
  - C. A problem with the sound card driver may be making it impossible for the DSB-R100's signal to enter the computer. Please re-install the driver software that came with your sound card.
  - D. If the volume indicator on the control panel is blinking but no sound is heard, please see the answer to question B.

- (B). My DSB-R100 's volume indicator is blinking normally, the switches are all functioning properly, and the speaker is on, but I don't hear anything. Why is this?
- ANS: Try turning off the volume indicator. If you are then able to hear sound, this shows that the sound card was unable to transmit sound to the speakers while it was recording a WAVE file. The solution is to turn off the volume indicator. The reason for this is that the DSB-R100 must turn on its record function when the volume indicator is turned on (see question 10 for an explanation). Another solution is to open Win95's Mixer (double click on the speaker icon in the lower right part of the screen to open the Mixer) and change several of the special record options on the record page; see if you can simultaneously hear sound and cause the volume meter to appear. For example, if you use the ESS sound chip, it should be possible to find the volume monitor switch in the mixer control program; turning on this switch will generally solve this problem.
- **★**Testing throughout the design process has proven that the DSB-R100 is completely compatible with most sound cards on the market.



Deleting the check mark will close the volume meter

# (C). I can hear sound from my DSB-R100, but the volume indicator doesn't move.

#### ANS:

The volume indicator is able to display the volume because the radio's sound output is run through a digitizer and then displayed on the screen. Since the digitizer will only operate when the sound card's record function is running, if the DSB-R100 software cannot operate the sound card's record function, then it will be impossible for the volume indicator to display the volume. The following are some possible reasons why the volume indicator will not move:

- A. The volume indicator cannot move because the sound card is already recording (for instance a multimedia program is in the midst of recording) or is already playing (see if you have a simplex or a duplex sound card).
- B. Your sound card driver is not installed properly and other multimedia programs are also unable to use the record function. In this case the DSB-R100 will certainly be unable to record or display the volume level.
- C. Because the earphone's RCA wire is not properly plugged in to the sound card's Line In socket, the volume meter can't move and you can't hear any sound either.
- D. You haven't turned on the volume meter (set from the Options menu as shown above).
- E. The final reason is also the most important: The source of the sound to be recorded has been selected incorrectly. In theory, sound output from the DSB-R100 will go to the sound card's Line In, and the source of sound to be recorded should also be the Line In. Only then will sound from the radio pass through the recording and digitizing unit and be displayed. But if Line In (Line) has not been selected as the sound source, then the sound card won't receive input from the radio, and the volume meter won't be able to function normally. However, because we took this into consideration when designing the DSB-R100 software, this situation should seldom occur. Whenever you run the
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DSB-R100 software, it will automatically select the Line as the sound source. To insure that the situation mentioned above doesn't make it impossible to view the volume, we have made our software compatible with most sound cards on the market. But if this problem does occur, there is a solution you can try:

This solution is to manually change the sound source as follows: Open the "Volume controllers settings" under the DSB-R100 software's "Options"; you will see the following screen. Change the settings to resolve the above mentioned problem.



## (D). Why is it that the volume dial on the right side of my DSB-R100's screen sometimes doesn't move and sometimes moves but doesn't have any effect?

#### ANS:

- A. As described above, the volume control settings may be incorrect. You should use the method described above to change the settings.
- B. Another possible cause is incorrect sound card driver software.

## (E). Why can't I use my DSB-R100's record and play functions?

#### ANS:

- A. Other applications software may be currently using the record or play functions. It is then impossible for the sound card to run the record unit again.
- B. Your computer doesn't have a sound card.
- C. Your computer has a sound card, but the sound card driver hasn't been installed correctly.