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## Kubo 15BBT Guitar Amplifier with Built-In Battery



## User Manual

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# Introduction

Thank you for purchasing this Fazley Kubo 15BBT combo guitar amplifier. Before you unpack the amp and any included accessories, we recommend reading this manual in full so that you fully understand all the functions that this amplifier has to offer. If the Kubo 10 does not function as it should, or you have any problems while using it, immediately switch it off and unplug it before contacting your retailer for further help and information.

## Box contents:

1x Fazley Kubo 15BBT Guitar Amplifier  
1x cable (USB A to Micro B)

## Check the amplifier and any included accessories

If you notice that the amplifier or any included accessories are defective or have been damaged in transit, immediately contact your retailer.

*Please note: The products seen in the images included in this manual may differ slightly from the product received.*



## Contact:

Fazley Musical Instrument Products and Accessories  
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The Netherlands

*Please do not send any products directly to the correspondence address above  
If you need to return your product for a repair or refund, please contact your retailer and make an RMA  
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# Safety Instructions



## WARNING!



**Keep this device away from moisture, water and rain to avoid the chance of electric shocks.**

Everyone involved with the installation, operation and maintenance of this device must:

- Be qualified
- Be skilled
- Have read the instructions in this user manual
- Be sure that neither the device nor the included accessories are damaged. Should the device or the included accessories be damaged, please contact your dealer for more information.
- Ensure that the device is in good working condition and safe to operate. Please follow the advice and instructions as they are described in this user manual.

Damage caused by misuse and/or modifications made to the device are not covered by the warranty. This device does not contain any parts that need to be repaired or replaced by the user. Should maintenance or repairs be necessary, they must be handled by a qualified technician.

### **Important information regarding health and safety:**

- Do not remove any labels or stickers from this device.
- Do not leave any cables lying around.
- The device should not be opened up, and any hardware or software that may be present should not be modified.
- To achieve optimal performance, inputs on this device should not be fed with a signal higher than necessary.
- The device should only be used indoors; contact with moisture, water and rain should always be avoided. Do not place any objects containing liquids on top of the device.
- Remove the device from any nearby flames or heat sources; do not place it near flammable fluids, gasses or objects.
- Disconnect this device from the power supply if it will not be used for a longer period of time, if maintenance is necessary, or if the device needs to be cleaned.
- Do not pull on the cable to remove a connector, as this could cause damage.
- Do not use any cables other than the ones described in this manual. Do not use defective cables. Please contact your dealer if the included or necessary cables do not function properly with this device.
- In the event that the device is exposed to extreme temperature changes (e.g. transported through a cold outdoor environment into a warm indoor environment), it should not be turned on until it has reached room temperature. This is necessary to prevent moisture from forming in the device, which could lead to electric shocks.

### **Guidelines and operation of this device:**

- This device is intended for indoor use by adults.
- This device is not suitable for use by children, and should always be operated by an adult.
- This device should only be used in a suitable environment where no damage to the device can occur. Do not use the device in moist or dusty environments such as:
  - indoor swimming pools where chlorine is used
  - beaches where there is sand and salt
  - outdoors
  - indoors in spaces where intense heat sources are present, or where it reaches temperature levels that would be considered uncomfortable for a person
- Avoid impacts and collisions during use and transport. Do not transport the device while it is in use. Avoid using excessive force when installing and operating the device.
- The user should become familiar with the functions of this device before using it.

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- The user should be able to stop the device's power supply in case of emergencies. Therefore the power adapter should be within reach at all times to be able to disconnect the power source.
- Please avoid that the power adapter can be covered by blankets, news papers, curtains or any other object. Please keep a distance of at least 5 cm between the power adapter and other objects which may block air circulation. Without ventilation, the power adapter may overheat and could cause permanent damage to the product.
- Should the device not be used in the manner described in this user manual, damages or even injuries could occur. Fazley cannot be held responsible for any injuries or damages that occur as a result of improper use of this product.




**Storage and transport:**

- This product is designed for mobile use. It can be transported separately and without its original packaging as long as it's well-protected against shocks and collisions. For optimal protection and damage prevention, it's recommended to use a matching flight bag or flight case fitted with foam padding.
- This device is not designed for permanent (24/7) use. The expected lifespan of the device will not be affected by occasionally turning the device off. Disconnect the device or turn off the power when it is not actively in use.
- If the device will not be used for a longer period of time, it should be disconnected and stored in a dust-free environment.
- Do not expose the device to extreme temperature differences.

**Housing**

- Inspect the device's housing frequently, and always just before use. Avoid operating the device if there are large dents or cracks, or if screws are missing. Do not use the device if the housing is not in good condition. Contact your dealer or a qualified technician if you are unsure about the state of the device.
  - Check the device and the screws for corrosion. Corrosion must not be present on this device. Contact your dealer or a qualified technician if you find any corrosion on the screws.
- Every power and signal connector should be securely mounted. Do not use the device if the connectors are not secure.
- Avoid dust and dirt build-up. Clean the device once a month by disconnecting it from the power supply and wiping it down with a dry or slightly moist cloth. If the device is used frequently, the cleaning intervals should increase.

**Symbol explanation:**

	<p><b>WEEE:</b> Ensure that this device is disposed of properly. This product falls under the WEEE (Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment) directive. The requirements of this directive apply to all manufacturers and producers of electronic devices in the EU. Do not throw this product away with regular rubbish. Please contact your local authority for more information about how to recycle and dispose of these products in your region. By recycling this product in the proper manner, we can work together to ensure that we can continue to enjoy these kinds of products and still protect the environment as much as possible from pollution.</p>
	<p><b>CE:</b> The CE logo indicates that this product meets the European norms and requirements to which it must legally conform.</p>
	<p><b>Only suitable for indoor use:</b> this product was only designed for indoor use. The maximum environmental temperature must not exceed 35 degrees Celsius.</p>

## Battery Safety:

### Warning!



### Battery Use and Prolonging Battery Lifespan

The Fazley Kubo 15BBT comes with a 12V DC lithium rechargeable battery installed as standard. This battery can power the amplifier without the need for the power supply or a mains power socket. After unpacking the amplifier, it is advised that the battery is immediately and fully charged to ensure that the lifespan of the battery is not negatively affected.

The battery has been mounted in a special compartment at the rear of the amplifier. If the battery does develop a defect and needs changing, please contact your retailer. Only experienced technicians are able to replace the battery. Changing the battery yourself is done at your own risk and Fazley cannot be held liable for any damage or injury caused as result of changing the battery by anyone other than an experienced technician.

### PLEASE NOTE!

There is an explosion risk if the battery is not correctly removed.

Only replace a battery with the same battery type and specifications.

Do not expose batteries to intense heat, including sunlight, fire and similar intense heat sources.

Do not leave batteries exposed to high temperatures for prolonged periods as this can cause explosions and the leakage of flammable liquids and gas.

Do not expose batteries to an open flame and do not place batteries in a hot oven.

Do not cut, dent, or try to change the shape of the battery in any way, since this can cause explosions and the leakage of flammable liquids and gas.

Do not expose batteries to extremely low air pressures (high altitudes), since this can cause explosions and the leakage of flammable liquids and gas.

### Recycling

If the battery has reached the end of its lifespan or no longer functions, it must be removed from the amplifier.

***Do not dispose of batteries with the rest of your normal household waste. Batteries may contain substances that are harmful to the environment. When batteries are correctly recycled, they are a valuable source of reusable materials. Contact your local council or government for information about the safe disposal and recycling of batteries.***

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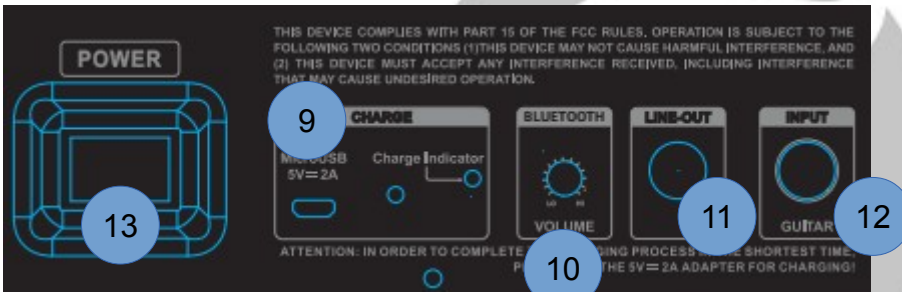
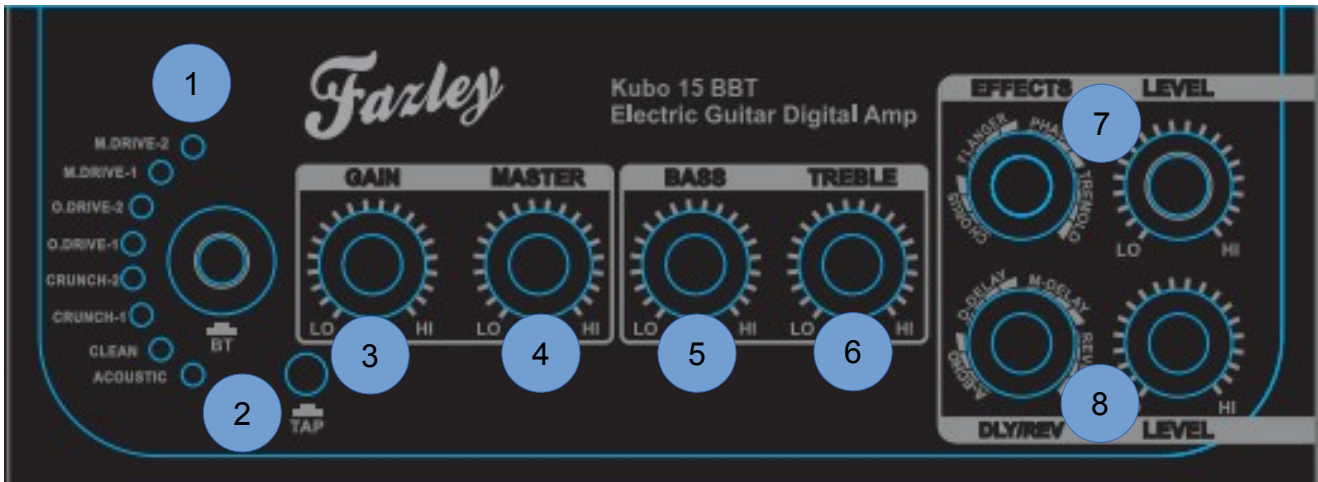
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# Control and Connections Overview



1. Amp/Cab Simulation Selection Control / Bluetooth Pairing Button
2. Tap Tempo Button for Delay and Reverb effects
3. Gain Control
4. Master Volume
5. Bass Tone Control
6. Treble Tone Control
7. Effect-Selection Knob with Level Control
8. Delay/Reverb Selection Knob Level Control
9. USB Recharge Function via USB micro B Port, with Charge LED Indicator
10. Bluetooth Volume Control
11. Line-Out via 6.35mm TS Jack
12. Electric Guitar Input via 6.35mm TS Jack Socket
13. On/off switch (when the device is powered, the indicator will blink)

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# Use of this Guitar Amplifier

To get the very best out of your Fazley Kubo 10 combo guitar amplifier, please follow the steps detailed below.

## Connecting Up

To connect your electric guitar with this amplifier, you will need a standard instrument or guitar cable. This is usually a 6.35mm TS jackplug cable, with either straight or angled plugs. Unfortunately, this type of cable is designed in such a way that it will always cause a minor short circuit when connected to the input of the amplifier. This usually causes behavior like crackling noises, but can also harm your instrument and amplifier. Therefore it's important to follow the following steps when connecting your instrument to this (or any other) amplifier.

Make sure that the POWER switch of the amp is not activated, the LED indicating the power status should be OFF.

Connect the instrument cable to your instrument.

Connect the cable to the guitar input of the amplifier.

Now switch on the power of the amp, the LED will light up.

If you wish to disconnect the instrument from your amplifier after use, follow the steps in reversed order:

Make sure that the power of the amp is disconnected, the LED indicating power should be OFF.

Remove the guitar cable plug from the amplifier.

Remove the guitar cable plug from your instrument.

## Controls

Make sure that the controls are set to a normal level. Set the gain control and volume level to very low, and the Treble and Bass tone controls to the middle, or 12 o'clock position. After the amplifier has been switched on, these settings can be adjusted.

Set the Effect Controls at their minimum level.

## Amp/Cab Sim

The Kubo 15BBT comes with various built-in amp/cab simulations, that when selected, emulate characteristic sounds that can make your electric guitar sound entirely different.

The amp/cab simulations control section can be found on the left of the control panel. An amp/cab simulation can be chosen using the Selection knob and the selection is indicated by an LED.

Amp/Cab Options:

- Metal Drive 2
- Metal Drive 1
- Overdrive 2
- Overdrive 1
- Crunch 2
- Crunch 1
- Clean
- Acoustic

## Bluetooth®

The amp/cab simulation control knob can also be pushed in and held to enable Bluetooth pairing with a Bluetooth capable device.

Once the Bluetooth function has been enabled, it can be paired with a compatible device like a smartphone, tablet, laptop, or computer.

Your device will find the Kubo 15BBT as 'Kubo 15BBT'.

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On the rear of the amplifier, the volume of the input signal of any device connected via Bluetooth can be adjusted using the control provided, relative to the Master Volume level.

Please note: The Bluetooth signal cannot be sent via the fitted line-output.

### **Gain, Volume, Speaker**

Once the other elements are set up, it's possible to adjust and set the Gain and Volume. While both controls seem to adjust the volume, this is not the case. The Gain control adds extra overdrive to the signal of your electric guitar and the Master Volume controls the overall volume of the sound coming out of the amplifier, no matter what the other amplifier controls have been set to.

Please note that the Kubo 15BBT is designed for use as a practice amplifier and is not designed for live use. If the maximum volume of the Kubo 15BBT is reached, this can cause an overload which can drastically reduce the lifespan of the amplifier. While the Kubo 10 will sound naturally distorted depending on the Gain level, or the amp/cab simulation selected, unwanted clipping may occur when the volume is set to maximum.

When clipping occurs, it can cause unwanted noise and an extreme level of distortion that can put a damaging amount of stress on the built-in speaker.

### **Two-Band Tone Controls**

With the two-band tone controls (Bass and Treble), the amplified sound of the electric guitar can be tweaked until you get the kind of tone you want. The Treble control sets the high frequencies of the sound, and the Bass control sets the low frequencies. Experiment with the settings to find what you like, but it's always a good idea to try to keep the tone controls turned down as far down as possible. Be aware that when the Bass or Treble controls are turned to a high level, this can cause distortion in those specific frequency ranges.

### **Effects Section**

The Kubo 15BBT comes equipped with a separate effects section. This means it's possible to put the sound of your guitar through an amp/cab simulation and then add further atmosphere with unique effects.

A robust multi-functional Effects control can be used to scroll through four different built-in effects:

- Chorus
- Flanger
- Phaser
- Tremolo

The Selection knob can also be used to adjust the intensity and character of the selected effect and how much influence the effect has on the sound of your electric guitar.

Using the Level control, the presence or volume of the effect can be adjusted from very low to very high.

A dedicated delay/reverb effect section is also included with a selection knob to scroll through four further effects:

- Analogue echo
- Digital delay
- Multi Delay
- Reverb

The delay/reverb Selection knob can also be used to adjust the intensity and power of the selected delay/reverb effect. The Level knob next to the delay/reverb Selection knob can be used to adjust the presence of the effect.

### **Tap Function**

On the left of the control panel, a Tap Tempo button can be found. This can be used to set the tempo at which a selected effect reacts. The Tap Tempo can be tapped at least twice to change the speed at which

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you want effects like the Tremolo or a selected Delay effect to react. This can be used to make an effect react in time to a specific beat, for example, and it's always possible to readjust the tempo of the effect by pressing the Tap Tempo button again and at least twice.

### **Recharging the Built-In Battery**

Since it comes fitted with a built-in rechargeable lithium battery, the Kubo 15BBT can be used without the need for mains power. For longer playing sessions without using mains power, the amplifier can be powered by a USB powerbank or a USB power supply. A USB cable comes included so that extra power can be taken from a USB power source. However, a USB power adapter does not come included and can be purchased separately.

Fazley strongly advise using a USB power source that can provide a minimum of 2 A so that the battery is quickly recharged. Weaker power sources (1 A or 500 mA) are likely to recharge the battery very slowly.

### **Use as a Battery-Powered Speaker**

The combination of Bluetooth functionality and a built-in battery means that the Kubo 15BBT can also be used as a portable battery-powered speaker. By pairing up a Bluetooth capable device like a smartphone, music can be played wirelessly through the amplifier.

### **Line Out**

A 6.35mm TS jack Line Out socket is also fitted to the amplifier. This can be used to connect a jack cable to the Kubo 15BBT to connect it to a larger instrument amplifier or speaker cabinet. When connected, the character of sound created by any selected amp/cab simulation is also sent through the output and can be further amplified by any connected and compatible equipment. In this configuration, the Kubo 15BBT operates as a kind of preamp. However, any Bluetooth signal will not be outputted via the Line Out and the Kubo 15BBT speaker is not muted when the Line Out is used.



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# Specifications

## Features:

- compact practice amplifier
- built-in lithium battery for use without needing mains power
- built-in Bluetooth receiver for streaming music wirelessly from a Bluetooth capable device
- compact design, robust construction
- compatible for any model or type of electric guitar
- 8 built-in amp/cab simulation presets
- 4 built-in effects (chorus, flanger, phaser, tremolo)
- 4 built-in delays/reverbs (analogue echo, digital delay, multi delay, reverb)
- built-in 2-bands tone controls
- separate headphone volume control
- line out via 6.35mm TS mono jack for connecting to larger speaker cabinets or amplifiers
- included USB recharging cable, for connecting to a USB power supply (not included), a USB power bank, or other USB power sources (5V DC, 2A recommended)

## Technical Details:

- maximum output: 15 Watts
- speaker: 2x 3 inch, 6 Ohms
- battery: lithium battery, 7.4V / 2200 mAh
- Bluetooth version: 5.0
- dynamic range: 105 dB
- sample frequency: 24 bit / 44.1 kHz
- tuner range: 41.2 Hz – 1318.5 Hz
- dimensions: 280 x 165 x 155 mm
- weight: 2/86 kg

## Included Accessories:

- USB recharging cable (USB micro B – USB A)



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